

"Serve the Lord with Gladness..." Psalm 100:2

President's Message

Greetings Dear Sisters in Christ!

The season of Spring LWML Rallies is here! So many great rallies are being planned by zones across the district. Hopefully you are planning to attend your zone rally and maybe even another zone's rally. "For mutual encouragement and inspiration, regional and/or zone rallies, mission fairs and/or workshops shall be held." (LWML Minnesota North District Bylaws, Article IV, Sec.3a). The list of rallies can be found under the "[Events tab](#)" on the District website.



Coming very soon is the LWML 40th Biennial Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22-25, 2023. An exciting convention is being planned for us by the host districts of North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois and South Wisconsin. The convention will be held at the beautiful Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee. The Bible verse chosen is:

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!
The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man (Psalm 33:12-13).*

Make your plans now to "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations." More information can be found at lwml.org under the [News](#) and [Events](#) tab (click on Convention Central). Our district will be having a caucus on Thursday afternoon, June 22 at the convention center, and all attendees are encouraged to attend. More details will be available as we draw closer to the convention.

As always, please contact me for any questions or concerns you may have regarding anything LWML.

Blessings on your service to our Lord!

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Gifts From The Heart: Milwaukee Info

Now is the time to start collecting “Gifts from the Heart” (donations for many organizations) to put in your suitcase to bring to Milwaukee. Recipients include; A Place of Refuge Ministries (Milwaukee); MOST Ministries; Phil’s Friends; and Orphan Grain Train. Items to bring include puzzle books, journals, playing cards (regular), fuzzy socks, hats (knit, crochet or baseball), gift cards in any denomination (Walmart, Target, or Kohl’s. The amount must be written on card in permanent marker), eyeglasses, and completed hygiene kits.

Check the LWML website at www.lwml.org/2023-convention for more information about these gifts. Space will be available on the bus for these items.

2023 Upcoming Events

Apr-May	Spring Rallies
May 15	Scholarship application deadline
June 15	Minnesota Northern Light Fall Issue articles due
June 22-25	LWML Convention in Milwaukee, WI
July 11	BOD Meeting, Baxter, MN
Aug 11-13	MN North District 2023 LWML Retreat - LIC

Submit an article

Does your zone or society have an event or story to share? Please send your article and pictures to the Editor at: editor@lwmlmnn.org.

Minnesota Northern Light

Sign up to receive an email notice each quarter announcing when the *Minnesota Northern Light* is ready to download from the district website: www.lwmlmnn.org.

Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar

A great help in your prayer and praise life – especially remembering the mission grants we’re supporting. Download this month’s calendar from the [Publication](#) menu.



Mustard Seed Devotions can be sent directly to your email daily. Visit www.lwml.org/mustard-seed-devotions to sign up.

Milwaukee Convention Bus



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LWML Convention June 22-25, 2023 Bus Travel to “Lord of the Nations” LWML Convention in Milwaukee

Two buses will be going to the LWML Convention in Milwaukee and there is still room available for more people to ride. The response has been excellent. The convention attendees riding the bus are people from the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts. It will be lots of fun.

Everyone interested in riding the bus thus far has been contacted. Some that originally made plans to attend have had to change their plans. I say “people” because we do have some men that are going along. That’s great. The buses do have bathrooms on them. We are planning to provide bottled water on the buses.

One bus will be starting from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Fargo, ND and the other bus will be starting in Bemidji, MN (exact site to be determined). We will begin the travel to Milwaukee on June 21 and return on June 26. Exact times for pickup and drop off have yet to be determined. Several stops along the way will be made to pick up and drop off attendees.

Plans are for a comfort stop each morning and afternoon and a noon meal each day. The evening meal will be either a fast food stop on the way or at the hotel area, depending what’s available.

Wednesday night we will begin our stay in Milwaukee. The hotel registration is being worked on. It has not been determined where we will be staying. There will be 14 buses going to the

convention from the different states, so the Housing Committee has to work to get everyone placed. Most likely both of our buses will not be staying in the same motel. Shuttle service will be provided by Anderson Coaches to and from the hotel each day. The once-a-day departure time from and return time to the hotels each day will be determined on our trip to Milwaukee. After the Convention we will depart Milwaukee from the Wisconsin Center after the closing worship on Sunday. There will be time to pickup something for lunch before departing the Wisconsin Center.

Plans are to make a couple places of interest stops on the return home. Currently, plans are to stay in the Tomah, WI area on Sunday night.

Be prepared to pay for hotels, meals, and any incidental expenses as incurred. The bus travel expense will be paid to the MNN District.

Bus attendees will be contacted by email when more information is available. If you have any questions, call or email:

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Young Women

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The Young Women Committee is happy to announce the names of the two Young Women Representatives (YWRs) which will represent the LWML MN North District at the national LWML Convention; Shawna Kohls from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Alexandria, and Rachel Franck from Mt. Olive Lutheran Church of Duluth. We pray God blesses their journey.

Speaking of JOURNEY, I would like to share a few words of THE LENTEN JOURNEY! In Romans 3:23 we read *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”* With that verse in God’s Word we began our journey moving along the 40 days remembering our sins. *“Sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men. . .”* (Romans 5:12). We need Jesus.

Prior to the temptation of Jesus, we know He fasted 40 days eating nothing. After those 40 days He, being a man, was famished and weak as we would be. While in the wilderness, Jesus encountered wild beasts, but He feared them not. Why? God already had a relationship with those beasts. *“The wild beasts will honor me”* (Isaiah 43:20). We have fears (beasts) in life. Shall we fear? Jesus, as the Son of Man, was ‘subjected’ to the emotion of fear, but did not fear. He experienced hunger.

In spite of this, after 40 days, He continued on with His ministry, becoming angry, feeling forsaken and abandoned. This vulnerable state presented an opportunity for the devil to devour Jesus. 1 Peter 5:8: *“... alert. Your adversary the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour.”* We, too, feeling angry, forsaken, and abandoned, must be alert for the devil’s prowling as we continue on our journey, *“Serving the Lord With Gladness.”*

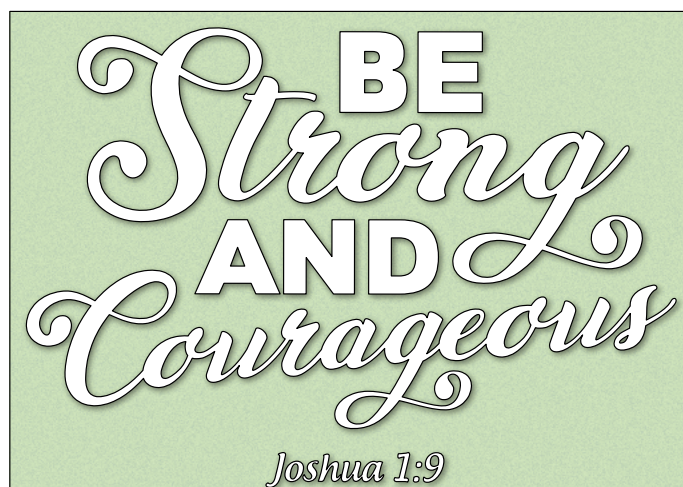
He did not wish to kill Jesus. He wanted to make Him ineffective in the mission that His

Father had called Him to carry out. He does not seek to kill us, but to make us lukewarm, making us ineffective to *“Serve the Lord With Gladness.”* Satan tried to get Jesus to surrender His loyalty to God. Satan tries to derail us, to surrender our loyalty to God as we continue our journey of *“Serving the Lord With Gladness.”*

With each of these temptations, Jesus used Scripture to defeat the devil. He was in communion with God, His Father, being ministered by the angels as they stood guard. Jesus and His angels stand by guarding us, young women and well-seasoned women of the LWML as *“We Serve the Lord With Gladness.”* He is there to intervene when the burden is too heavy, and we risk giving up our loyalty to God.

Recalling our temptations, we are to be careful that we do not allow situations to distract us from the vigilance which God expects of us during our journey. *For as he thinks in his heart, so is he* (Proverbs 23:7) instructs us in reference to the Sermon on the Mount to hunger and thirst after righteousness. We will be filled with righteousness as we continue our journey *“Serving the Lord with Gladness.”*

Ruby Prochnow
Young Women Chairman





What's Your 80? THANK YOU for reflecting God's love by blessing others with 80+ of something, remembering events from the last 80 years, or sharing legacy concepts for carrying forth the LWML mission! We have received photos of the many and wonderful events held over the last year by the LWML MNN District in celebration of the 80 years. Entries are no longer be accepted by national at depcom@lwml.org, but you can still submit them to be published in the Northern Light Newsletter. Send them to editor@lwmlmnn.org

The montage that will be displayed is currently being assembled. It will be located in the Exhibit Hall during the Convention. Be sure to look for it as we "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations" in Milwaukee, WI.

In the year of 2022, Faith LWML in St. Cloud, Minnesota, approached the *What's Your 80?* thanksgiving project through multiple collections.

- During March and April, 80+ personal care items were collected for area homeless shelters.
- During May and June, 80+ stuffed toys were collected to be distributed to first responders and the Ysleta Mission in Texas.
- During July and August, 80+ diapers were collected for area pregnancy centers.
- During September and October, 80+ socks, mittens, hats, and scarves were collected for area homeless shelters.



Personal care items for area homeless shelters.



80+ socks, mittens, hats, and scarves for area homeless shelters



80+ diapers collected for area pregnancy centers



Stuffed toys for first responders and Ysleta Mission in TX



Pictured with \$80 check for Benson Food Shelf



Altar Guild of St. Mark's Lutheran, Benson, MN, with 80 Sunday School items

What's Your 80? In thanksgiving for God's blessings over the past 80 years, the Altar Guild of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Benson, Minnesota, celebrated the milestone with eight projects (five of which are shown).

In March they collected \$80 for the Benson Food Shelf. In April 80 pairs of socks were collected for Orphan Grain Train. In May, eight dollars in mites per member were collected. They also distributed 160 bottles of cold water to thirsty observers of Benson's Kid Day Parade. In September, they collected 80 items for Sunday School. Guild members provided eight trunks for their church's "Trunk or Treat" event. November found us collecting 80 recipes for a cookbook to thank our congregation for all the help they gave us with our projects. The cookbook was printed and handed out in time for holiday baking. They completed their project by providing eight dozen cookies to serve after Advent services.



Cookbook with 80 recipes



Trunk or Treat



80 pairs of socks for Orphan Grain Train

What's Your 80?

In thanksgiving for 80 years of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, the Mt. Olive LWML in Duluth, Minnesota (along with assistance from the congregation), collected over 80 hats, mittens, and scarves for Duluth school children in early childhood through 5th grade who are in need. These items were donated to Kids Closet of Duluth.



Women from the LWML in Mount Olive, Duluth, MN



What's Your 80?

St. Johns Lutheran LWML, Villard MN participated in the "What's Your 80?" campaign. The group collected over 300 pounds of food for the local county food shelf. They have also been making quilts for Lutheran Island Camp, baptisms, auction, missions, graduation gifts for their High School Seniors, and other local needs.



Women from St. John's Lutheran LWML sewing beautiful quilts



Women from St. John's Lutheran LWML with one of the many quilts they donated



Some of the many quilts sewn by the women from St. John's Lutheran LWML Villard, MN



Women from St. John's Lutheran LWML Villard, MN with collection of food for local county food shelf

Memorials & Honorariums

Memorial gifts and honorariums should be sent to the Financial Secretary, Jan Carlson, 408 3rd Ave S, Princeton MN 55371. Phone: 763-631-0399 (C), financialsec@lwmlmnn.org.

The financial remittance form can be downloaded from the resources page of our district website at lwmlmnn.org.

January 2023 to March 2023

- In memory of* Marlene Beninga Johnson from Marion Goetsch
- In memory of* Arlene Zahn Hoffman from Marion Goetsch
- In memory of* Grace Schoon Scheff from Marion Goetsch
- In memory of* Merl Pexsa from Parkers Prairie, Immanuel
- In memory of* Rose (Bunny) Hein from Carol Walczak
- In memory of* Marlene Schnitzer from Detroit Lakes, Zion
- In memory of* Diane Anderson from Janice Carlson
- In memory of* Lois Gustafson from Janice Carlson

Mission Grants Report

A total amount of \$26,000 in Mites for LWML MN North grants was available this past quarter. The Board of Directors approved the payment of grant allocations as follows: \$2,000 for Orphan Grain Train; \$8,000 for C.R.O.S.S. Appeal; \$6,500 for Lutheran Island Camp, Summer Camp Program Updates; \$2,000 for Swaddling Clothes; \$2,000 for "Main Street Living North" Ministry Outreach TV; Program; \$2,000 for DOXOLOGY Pastoral Care and Well-Being; \$2,000 for Project 24, Christ's Care for Children - Kenya; \$1,500 for Connecting People in an inclusive Christian Housing Community.

Mission Grants
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The chart below details the current balance remaining for the 2022-2024 biennium.

	MISSION GRANTS FOR THE 2022–2024 BIENNIUM (Balance as of April 11, 2023)	GRANT AMOUNT	BALANCE REMAINING
Grant 1	Orphan Grain Train	\$10,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 2	C.R.O.S.S. Appeal	\$18,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 3	Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$8,000	\$6,000
Grant 4	Lutheran Island Camp, Summer Camp Program Updates	\$10,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 5	Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students	\$32,000	\$21,000
Grant 6	Swaddling Clothes	\$10,000	\$3,000
Grant 7	“Main Street Living North” Ministry Outreach TV Program	\$10,000	\$4,000
Grant 8	Doxology Pastoral Care and Well-being	\$15,000	\$9,000
Grant 9	Project 24, Christ’s Care for Children - Kenya	\$10,800	\$4,800
Grant 10	New Shepherds for South Sudan	\$7,500	\$3,500
Grant 11	Promoting an Inclusive Christian Housing Community of Faith	\$13,700	\$8,200
TOTALS		\$145,000	\$59,500



Web Links:

<https://www.lwml.org/young-women>

<https://www.lwml.org/heart-to-heart>

Young Women in Mission

This year the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League is celebrating two special programs that share milestone anniversaries. At the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee this summer, both the Young Woman Representatives (YWR) as well as the Heart to Heart — Sisters of All Nations (H2H) programs, will be honored. The LWML celebrates these programs with an anniversary tribute, honoring the involvement of young women and multicultural women in the organization. For additional information, please see the **eNews** newsletter that was posted on April 12. You can find it under the news and events tab at www.lwml.org.

Christian Life

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Finding the Way

Devotion

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
(John 14:6)

It is not fun to be lost. Sometimes we become lost because of faulty memory or we took a detour. Sometimes the landscape has changed or we have not been paying attention. There are times we have no one to remind us how the road goes, and which turns to take. To avoid becoming lost we use maps, GPS devices, or the Internet which don't always help; in fact, these tools can occasionally aggravate the situation. Regardless of the reason for being lost, it is no fun.

Sometimes we find ourselves lost in a lifestyle of our own devices. We are rushing to accomplish so many things. We take a turn because it seems like a good idea at the time, but it is only later on that we discover we made a wrong turn. We seem to be traveling alone without our "navigator" beside us. We feel overwhelmed with things in our life that are beyond our control. That's when our only hope is to step back, take a deep breath, and let God be God for a better direction for our life. The Bible, God's Word, has not changed. *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever* (Hebrews 13:8).

We can depend on Jesus to show us the way to our earthly destination. He does this through our Baptism, Holy Communion, and His Word. He also makes sure that we make it to our heavenly home. He did this by dying on the cross in our place. He gave His life so that we might have eternal life. Our life may not seem easy or scenic or the most direct, but when we think we are lost, we have His assurance that

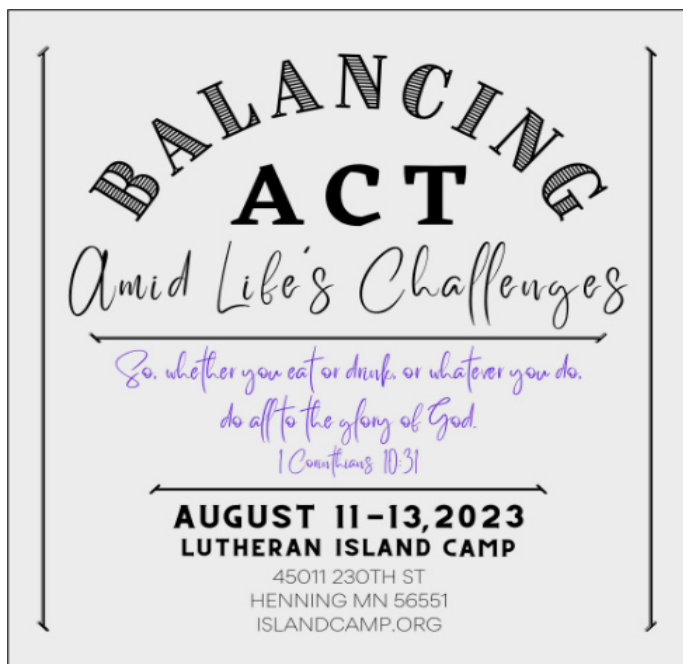
He is with us, *"And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* (Matthew 28:20b). That is a security that is better than Rand McNally, Internet maps, or GPS. Christ is the Way that reaches beyond all of our own devices. He will truly guide us to our heavenly home.

Dear Jesus, thank for being with us in this life. Help us to stay close to You through the Sacrament of Holy Communion and Your Word. You have shown us the way and sent Your Holy Spirit to comfort us in times of distress and panic. Be with us until we reach You at the end of our journey. Amen.

Stay close to Jesus through the devotions and readings found on the *lwml.org* website. Also plan to attend your zone's spring rallies, which are in the planning stages. Plan to go to be recharged, renewed, and uplifted.

Valerie Johnson,
Christian Life Chairman

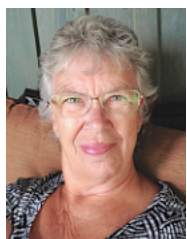




2023 LWML Retreat

Save the dates! The MN North LWML Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp will be August 11-13. The theme chosen for the 2023 LWML Retreat is "Balancing Act Amid Life's Challenges." The Bible verse for this retreat is from 1 Corinthians 10:31, "Whatever you do, do it all for the Glory of God".

The retreat Bible study is entitled "Balancing Life's Challenges". This study is very fitting for all ages of women today, as we are constantly trying to balance life's challenges. The Bible study can be found on the LWML website: <https://www.lwml.org/posts/short-bible-studies/balancing-lifes-challenges>.



The speakers for this years retreat are Deb Vinkemeier and Katie Koplin. Deb Vinkemeier lives in Bigfork, MN with her husband. She is very much involved in LWML.

She is a past president of LWML MN South District and is currently a candidate for office at the LWML National convention in Milwaukee in June 2023. She also writes and publishes devotions and Bible studies on Linked In and Facebook.

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Katie's Podcast

<https://www.1517.org/podcasts/freelygiven>

This year we are focusing on keeping the retreat light and uplifting to all who come, both young and old. We kick this off the retreat with Friday night's Bible study. Besides being in God's Word, there will be time to relax, connect with old friends, and make new friends. We encourage those attending the retreat to bring their daughters, granddaughters and friends who are looking for Gods ever presence – in His Love and Forgiveness in Balancing their Life.

We are looking forward to seeing you all, as we join in Christian fellowship at Lutheran Island Camp (www.islandcamp.org). For more information, contact Valerie Johnson at 320.760-9540 or christianlife@lwmlmn.org. A registration form is included in this newsletter and can be found on the LWML MN North District website (lwmlmn.org) under the Events/Retreat Menu.



Scholarships

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Signs of Christianity

What signs of Christianity do you see while looking around your world? If you are like me, it's hard to see beyond all the evil, sin, decay, and destruction. In fact, it's almost impossible to see how God works through our weaknesses and sin.

One of my favorite books is "How Christianity Changed the World" by Alvin J. Schmidt. Reading it entirely changed my view of being a Christian. Rather than searching for visible signs of Christ working in my life and those around me to give me hope and encouragement, this book helped me to see the big picture of how God is working through all His children for the good of all humanity. It is insightful to learn how God shared His wisdom with Christians and non-Christians for the good of all mankind. The book made it very evident that God has been working from the beginning of Christianity to impact every aspect of my life from music, human rights, health care, science, engineering, language, art, education, etc.

One such example is Friedrich Froebel (1782-1852), a son of a Lutheran pastor and the originator of the kindergarten school. Albert Schmidt writes:

"Froebel was a devout Christian whose beliefs convinced him that the world of man and nature were connected by God. He felt this needed to be taught to children at an early age.

As a child, young Froebel often had to help his father in the family garden. Unpredictably, this experience later had educational relevance. One day while walking in the mountains, he came upon the idea of a school that would allow young children to grow under the care of an expert gardener (a teacher) in a child's garden (kindergarten) ...

Froebel's religiously motivated innovation, the kindergarten school, has been borrowed by educators in Christian and secular schools alike. Today virtually all industrialized countries have kindergarten schools. The influence of Christ

through Froebel, as in so many other instances, greatly changed and improved the world, this time in the realm of early childhood education."

Friedrich yearned for little children to have the knowledge that Christ carried their sins to the cross, that He died and rose again so that they can be in heaven with Him someday. He wanted them to learn that God provides for their daily needs by controlling the rain and sun and causing the seeds to grow into delicious food for their nourishment. He wanted them to learn that God intends for us to work to provide for ourselves and he uses others to teach us the skills to do so.

I'm sure that Friedrich had no idea of how God was working through him to change the world in such a lasting way. How could he? We can't imagine such things with our singular short-term perspectives. When we can look back and see glimpses of God working in the world, it can be jaw dropping, awe inspiring, overwhelming and sometimes even terrifying. We know that we can stand with confidence that God is here with us and has been from the beginning for the good of each of his children, working through His Word and Sacraments to accomplish His good will.

The LWML Minnesota North District provides scholarships for college students that are studying at our LCMS Lutheran schools to become kindergarten teachers. It provides scholarships for anyone who is attending a synodical college with the goal to become a grade school teacher, high school teacher, pastor, DCE, or deaconess as well.

The deadline for applying for the 2023-2024 scholarship is May 15, 2023. As of the end of February, we have one applicant for the scholarship. If you know of someone in the Minnesota North District who will be going to school to be a LCMS church worker. Application forms to be considered for the scholarships can be found on the LWML Minnesota North District website lwmlmnn.org.

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Human Care

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Let Your Garden Grow

Spring is the time to think of planting since the growing season will be here soon. It is also a good time to think about the growth of our spiritual garden. The Mustard Seed Devotion, *Living in the Spirit* by Marcia Gomulka, DCS., Betty Knapp, and Myrna Lou Meyer uses the Bible verses from Galatians 5:22-23.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

Their explanation of some of these fruits reads like a ‘how to’ for Human Care. Goodness is showing kindness to others by identifying with them and helping them if possible. It also expects nothing in return. “The kindness the Holy Spirit enables us to bear with each other, to hold each other up as a stake would hold up a plant, to make allowances for others’ faults, to understand our differences.”

“Patience is a gift of the Holy Spirit, one that must be practiced so it can flourish.” Help us to remember that God asks us to plant the seed (the message of our salvation) and let God, the Holy Spirit, do His part. Help us also to be faithful. The authors of these devotions describe it like this. Trustworthiness (keep secrets, confidences) plus be Reliable (follow through on your words) plus be Loyal (to our Lord Jesus) equals a Faithful person.

“God has chosen us. Jesus Christ has purchased us through His death on the cross. The Holy Spirit nurtures us and helps us to grow, blossom, and produce lasting fruit. The fruit of a Christian is the love and compassion shown to others. It is allowing the Holy Spirit to lead us to be Christ’s disciples wherever we are. What we do for others in God’s name gives Him glory and honor – fruit that will last.”

“O God, I want to be fruitful. I want to be Your hands and feet here on earth. I want to share You with others. Help me, through Your Holy Spirit, to be a true disciple in what I do and say. May the fruit produced in my life give You glory. Thank you, God, for choosing me. In Jesus’ name. Amen”

Jean Tester, Human Care Chairman

Structure

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Spring Greetings! Here are some tips on using parliamentary procedure in your groups, at zone rallies, and at district events. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out. There will be more structure information for you after the National Convention. Have a Blessed Easter Season!

1. What is the purpose of parliamentary procedure?
 - a. Ensure fairness and order.
 - b. Protect the rights of the absentees, the minority, and the individual members.
 - c. Facilitate the transaction of business and expedite the meetings.
2. Tips for Chairmen
 - a. Control the meeting as a servant of the group.
 - b. Recognize members who wish to speak.
 - c. Do not allow anyone to speak a second time until all voices are heard once i.e., discussion is not a conversation.
 - d. What is the meeting’s purpose? Help everyone stay on task by making sure topics are relevant.
 - e. Model consistency and respect. Remain impartial.
3. Tips for Group Members
 - a. All members have equal rights.
 - b. A quorum must be present to conduct business. This is defined in your group’s by-laws.
 - c. Only one question at a time will be considered.
 - d. Only one person may have the floor at one time.
 - e. A person must be recognized by the chair to speak to the group.
4. What is a MOTION?
 - a. A motion is a statement of taking action that needs to be voted upon by the membership.
 - b. The following is a Motion Cheat Sheet explaining the different motions. This may be helpful during Zone and District Events.

Structure (Cont'd)

Motion	What to Say?	Can Interrupt Speaker?	Need a Second?	Can be debated?	Can be amended?	Votes Needed
Introduce main motion	"I move to..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend a motion	"I move to amend the motion by (add and/or strike words...)"	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Move item to committee	"I move to refer the matter to committee..."	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Postpone item	"I move to postpone the matter until..."	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
End debate	"I move the previous question..."	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Object to procedure	"Point of order"	Yes	No	No	No	Chair Decision
Recess the meeting	"I move that we recess until"	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Adjourn the meeting	"I move to adjourn the meeting"	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Request information	"Point of information"	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote
Enforce rules or point out incorrect procedure	"Point of order"	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote
Table a motion	"I move to table..."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Verify voice vote with count	"I call for a division"	No	No	No	No	No Vote
Consider something out of its scheduled order	"I move to suspend the rules and consider..."	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 Vote
Personal preference (i.e., noise, room, temperature and distractions)	"Point of privilege"	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote

*Adapted from www.boardeffect.com

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Overcoming Barriers to Leadership Positions

I can do all things through him who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13).

With many groups having elections of new officers this spring, it might be helpful to look at the guidelines for leadership as well as the barriers that stand in the way. The two following excerpts are from Leadership 101 in LWML Resources.

Most nominating committees could give numerous reasons why people refuse to accept leadership roles. The following are probably not the words they hear, but the more basic reasons behind those refusals.

- Fear of the unknown, not being sure what the position entails
- The inherent risk of being “out front” or “on top”
- Modesty, whether true or false
- Previous unpleasant leadership experience
- The feeling that the group is bound by tradition and cannot change

If an organization consistently has difficulty securing nominees for office it might be wise for the group to study the principles of leadership and examine its practices in the light of new knowledge.

- Are all members aware of and in agreement about group goals?
- Are the functions of each leadership position clearly defined?
- Are individual members willing to fulfill “informal” leadership roles to support the “formal” leader?
- Is the group flexible and able to adjust to new ideas?
- Does the group reflect the loving forgiveness of Christ in its personal relationships?

Guidelines for Effective Leadership

While there are no absolute, never-fail rules, here are some dependable suggestions that will help every group leader.

1. PRAY, PRAY, PRAY.
2. Seek to understand the varying styles of leadership.
3. Assume responsibility and encourage other members to share your responsibility for leadership functions.
4. Attempt to evaluate the forces within yourself, the group, and its endeavors which influence your leadership behavior.
5. Try to understand why an individual or the entire group responds in varying ways in varying situations.
6. Cultivate flexibility rather than rigidity in leadership.
7. Seek to understand the needs of individuals and the collective group.
8. Learn the “tools of the trade” so you can assist in carrying out the tasks of the group.
9. Meet necessary deadlines.
10. Keep in mind both immediate priority and long-range objectives.
11. Be thoroughly acquainted with the purpose of the organization.
12. Above all, depend upon God and trust that, with His help, all things are possible.

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1 Corinthians 10:31

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

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6 pm PICNIC DINNER
7:15 pm BIBLE STUDY
8:30 pm CAMPFIRE

SATURDAY (8/12)

7 am BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION
8 am ICE BREAKERS
9:15 am-10:45 am BREAKOUT SESSIONS
10:45-11 am BREAK
11 am PHOTOS
12 pm-1 pm LUNCH
1 pm-2:30 pm BREAKOUT SESSIONS
2:30 pm-2:45 pm BREAK
2:45 pm-3 pm LWMLMNN PRESIDENT
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5 pm DINNER
6:30 pm CAMPFIRE/
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