



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



*"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."
(Joshua 1:9b)*

Carefully Laid Plans

What a year this has been so far! All of our carefully laid plans have been tossed out the window. I truly miss all of the hugs I would have received in Grand Rapids! You are all such an inspiration to me!

Since our future is securely in God's hands, let us move forward into this new territory He has given us with confidence and lots of prayer. We will surely find new ways to do old things. Psalm 139:16 lets me know that all of my days are written in God's book. I will live until He calls me home.

There are still many who do not know Jesus in this world. We have a lot to do!

Here are a few items to think about:

- At this time, there will still be the LWML Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp August 7-9. The theme is "Count Your Blessings, See What God Has Done". If for some reason it is canceled, we will let you know. Registration deadline is August 1, 2020.
- I am hoping all of you will have fall gatherings of some kind. We are learning a lot about social distancing; I think we can gather with this in mind. It is so important that we meet as Christian women for encouragement and Bible study.
- Mission grant proposals are being accepted for the LWML 2021-2023 biennium. Electronic submission deadline is August 15, 2020. Mission grant guidelines are posted on the LWML website (lwml.org).
- LWML Sunday 2020, "Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit", is written by Rev. Larry Krueger, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Waco, Texas. *The kingdom of God will be...given to a people producing its fruits* (Matthew 21:43).
- The 39th Biennial LWML Convention will be held Thursday, June 24, thru Sunday, June 27, 2021, in Lexington, Kentucky at the Rupp Arena. The theme is "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus" from Hebrews 12:1-2.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again!

Marilyn Hittel

LWML MN North District President (2016 – 2020)



The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the world.

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CONVENTION RESULTS

New mission grant goal is set!

A new mission grant goal of \$140,500 was set by the LWML Minnesota North District voters in June. The delegates selected the following mission grants to be funded for the 2020-22 biennium:

1. Orphan Grain Train \$9,000
2. Lutheran Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch \$10,000
3. Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination \$8,000
4. C.R.O.S.S. Appeal \$18,000
5. Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students \$32,000
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11. LSF Haiti Jacmel Lutheran Home and Center of Refuge Orphanage \$10,000
12. Connecting People in an Inclusive Christian Housing Community \$2,700 (Partially funded)

Meet the new officers



Kathy Brandt



Carole Borchers



Kathy Steinmetz



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Mary Scott



Rev. Reed Stockman

New officers elected:

President: Kathy Brandt
 Treasurer: Kathy Steinmetz
 Corresponding Secretary: Mary Scott
 Lakeland I RVP: Carole Borchers
 Park I RVP: Marcia Wittenburg
 Lakeland Region Pastoral Counselor: Rev. Reed Stockman

The new officers were installed at the BOD meeting in Baxter, MN, on July 14, 2020.

Special thanks to the Balloting Committee for all of their work counting the ballots: Lois Sather, Peggy Pasche, and Marlys Wollschlager. Thank you to those who prepared the ballots and assisted in this voting process.

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Experiences

As the end of my four-year term as Park I Regional Vice President and Leader Development Committee Chairman comes to a close, I would like to share some of my personal thoughts with you.

Working at this level with the LWML has been one of the best experiences I have ever had. The commitment of the ladies of the Minnesota North District is impressive. I have met so many wonderful women with the common cause of furthering the Gospel of Jesus Christ and showing the love of Christians locally and all over the world. The unselfish giving and caring is remarkable. I have felt the support and prayers you have given me through some tough times in my life. During the past four years, I lost my mom and my sister; you prayed and cared for me. My son-in-law went through two difficult medical situations; my granddaughter dealt with two difficult diagnoses. Your prayers were there to lift me up and help me deal with it all. That has meant so much to me. Thank you all.

I have made some truly wonderful friends throughout the district. The Leader Development Committee has not only done a wonderful job with our projects but they have become dear friends. The Follow MY Lead regional events introduced me to hundreds of women "Serving the Lord with Gladness". What treasured memories I have!

A special mention of the pastors who have served as District Pastoral Counselors is needed also. These men have been our



Outgoing President Marilyn Hittel and new LWML District President Kathy Brandt

mentors and guides throughout all of our events, as well as leading our Bible studies and worship times. They have been there to answer our questions and keep us true to God's Word. We have been blessed!

Now we are dealing with a pandemic and the cancellation of many events, including our spring rallies and our district convention. I will miss the convention and seeing all the friends I have met – and making new friends. If you happen to know or see our co-chairman of the convention - Irene Eckert and Carla Taylor of the Grand Rapids area--be sure to thank them for all the hard work and time they put into the planning of the convention. How disappointing for them that the convention had to be cancelled.

Thank you all for making my term as Regional Vice President an uplifting and growing experience. I encourage you to think about serving in your society and/or zone—and on the district level. The rewards are amazing. I look forward to seeing many of you in the future at rallies, retreats, and conventions as we together continue to "Serve the Lord with Gladness".

Kathy Brandt, Park I Regional Vice President

2020 UPCOMING EVENTS

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| August 7-9 | LWML MN North District Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp, Henning, MN |
| October 13 | BOD Meeting |

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LWML Retreat

Dates: August 7-9, 2020

Location: Lutheran Island Camp, Henning, MN

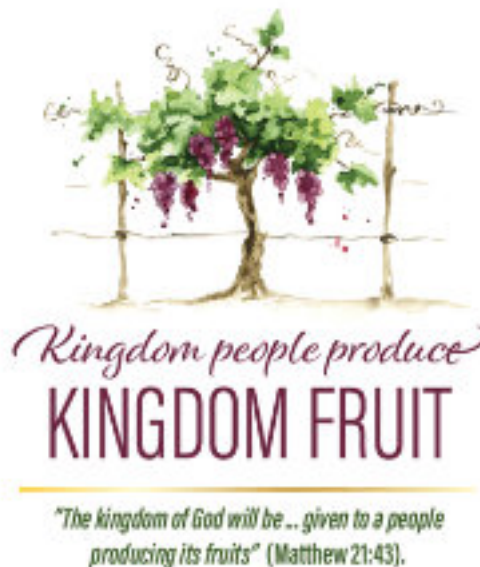


This year's LWML Retreat will give participants time to explore blessings of many kinds. There are spiritual blessings and material blessings, blessings received and blessings shared. Participants will discover that blessings play an important role in both this life and the next.

In addition, there will be time to relax, connect with old friends, and meet new friends. Because of the restrictions imposed by the state of Minnesota during the Coronavirus Pandemic, there will be adjustments made to the schedule. Be assured that the management and staff at Lutheran Island Camp are adhering to all mandated protocols.

We will have a selection of some of the new LWML items available for purchase at the retreat.

A registration form can be found on the LWML MN North website or at the end of this newsletter.



Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit

The theme for LWML Sunday 2020 is based on Jesus' words to the chief priests and Pharisees found in Matthew 21:43 that ... *The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people producing its fruits.* As people of the kingdom of God, God graciously nurtures us and generously gives us everything we need to produce fruit for the kingdom during the fruit-bearing season of our lives. In response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Kingdom People (in the LWML) Produce Kingdom Fruit for the season of our whole life on this earth.

About the author

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The Gifts

The year 2020 certainly has been an interesting year so far – the COVID-19 pandemic, protests, rioting, natural disasters, to name a few, have certainly brought about change for many. Yet, God's love never changes, it is constant; we need to remember to call upon Him in a time of need. As God's people we need to serve others as He would serve us. The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 12:6-8: *We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy; in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.*

It is gratifying to be part of a group that has continued to use their individual God-given gifts:

- The gift of creating: when the need for face masks became known, members got busy collecting fabric, cutting out masks, sewing masks and distributing them to places and people in need.
- The gift of human contact: as the stay-at-home guidelines were set in place, our members called others to see if they were ok or in need of anything.
- The gift of reaching out: some wrote letters, even to people they didn't know, to let others know they cared.
- The gift of helping: many helped take care of yard work, delivering needed items, bringing meals and other things to those who were either unable or confined to their homes.
- The gift of prayer: perhaps the greatest gift is to know someone is in prayer for you, whether you are ill or healthy; in need of something or not – it is wonderful to know someone is remembering you in prayer.

Each of us should use our God-given gifts as it says in I Peter 4:10:

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.



Just a thought...

As a farmer's daughter, I still enjoy seeing the farmers cultivating fields to prepare the fields for planting and then watching the emerging plants! Of course, the farmers work is not done – there is still the continued care of the fields to assure a plentiful crop.

This resembles our lives, doesn't it? The farmer cultivates fields to grow crops. We should cultivate our lives to show the fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.

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Mites can do “Mitey” Things

It is hard to believe that this is the last article that I will be writing as the Mission Grants Chairman for the LWML Minnesota North District. It has been my privilege to have great committee members and strong Board support in this role that I have served since 2016, and for that I am deeply appreciative.



As the Mission Grants Chairman, it has always been exciting to see how faithful our LWML members in our district have been in contributing their mites to support the work of the mission grants that are voted on for each biennium. It is especially thrilling to note that both bienniums (2016-2018 and 2018-2020) have not only met the mission goals that were adopted by each convention, but exceeded them as well.

COVID-19 has deeply affected all of us in ways that none of us could have imagined. It is my prayer that even though we have not been able to attend church regularly for the past few months, and bring in our mite offerings, that mite contributions and prayer support for all of the mission grants—not just for our district, but also for the national mission grants will continue.

By the time you read this, new mission grants will be voted on for the 2020-2022 biennium. On a personal note, I was saddened that we had to cancel the convention that would have been held in my hometown of Grand Rapids this June. Much work went into planning—not just from a Board perspective, but also from the work of countless women in the Arrowhead I Region, and I guarantee, you would not have been disappointed in that convention. I want to publicly thank all those who played a role in the planning process.

My encouragement to all of you is to continue to “Serve the Lord With Gladness”. He is in control, and He never disappoints us in how much He loves and cares for us and the mission of the LWML.

Sue Zeige, Mission Grants Chairman



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MISSION GRANT REPORT

A total amount of \$16,600 in mites for LWML MN North grants was raised this past quarter. The Mission Grant Committee recommended and the BOD approved the payment of grant allocations as follows: \$3,000 for Orphan Grain Train, \$7,000 for C. R. O. S. S. Appeal, \$3,600 for Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students; \$3,000 for DOXOLOGY Pastoral Care and Well-being. The chart below details the current balance remaining for the 2020-2022 biennium.

	MISSION GRANTS FOR THE 2020-2022 BIENNIUM (Balance as of July 14, 2020)	GRANT AMOUNT	BALANCE REMAINING
Grant 1	Orphan Grain Train	\$9,000	\$6,000
Grant 2	Lutheran Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch	\$10,000	\$10,000
Grant 3	Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$8,000	\$8,000
Grant 4	C.R.O.S.S. Appeal	\$18,000	\$11,000
Grant 5	Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students	\$32,000	\$28,400
Grant 6	Financial Assistance for Food and Clothing Co-op, CTS, Fort Wayne, IN	\$10,000	\$10,000
Grant 7	At Just the Right Time - Mission Central	\$10,000	\$10,000
Grant 8	"Main Street Living North" Ministry Outreach TV Program	\$5,000	\$5,000
Grant 9	DOXOLOGY Pastoral Care and Well-being	\$15,000	\$12,000
Grant 10	Project 24, Christ's Care for Children - Kenya	\$10,800	\$10,800
Grant 11	LSF Haiti - Jacmel Lutheran Home & Center of Refuge Orphanage	\$10,000	\$10,000
Grant 12	Connecting People in an Inclusive Christian Housing Community (partially funded)	\$2,700	\$2,700
TOTALS		\$140,500	\$123,900

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

April 2020 to June 2020

- In memory of Florence Guse from Ottertail, St John's LWML
- In memory of Roland Thalmann from Ottertail, St John's LWML
- In memory of Darlene Gussigberg from Forest Lake, Lord of Lakes
- In memory of Marion Rutter from JoNette Brogaard
- In memory of Kat Fetting from Kathy Brandt
- In memory of Joann Boushek from Alexandria, Zion
- In memory of Delores Marsh from Sauk Rapids, Trinity
- In memory of Delores Marsh from Sally Grabuski
- In memory of Marilyn Streich from Darlene Rheingans
- in memory of Marion Flatau from Linda Paskewitz
- In memory of Marcia Wesbrich from Sauk Centre, Zion Society
- In memory of Mildred Peterson from Irene Hoffman
- In memory of Lorenz Buntrock from Ottertail, St. John's
- In memory of Paulette Hill from Judy Nelson

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In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Time always goes by so quickly. Mother always told my siblings and myself that the time goes faster the older one gets. I had a hard time believing that, but like many words of wisdom she shared with us, I now believe what she said.

Another two years of serving as the Lakeland I Regional Vice President spun by way too fast. I would like to say "Thank You" for electing me to this position. Many of the LWML sisters in Christ have offered interesting suggestions as to how we could meet our challenge and goal. The challenge of the Public Relations Committee is to inform all LWML societies of the MN North District of the LWML opportunities which are offered. The goal of this committee is to increase the LWML membership across the district as it encourages every woman in our MN North District Congregations to join the LWML to 'Serve the Lord with gladness'. The Public Relations Committee has worked to 'Serve the Lord with gladness' as they journeyed through the past two years with this goal in mind.

For the past 15 years my husband and I have kept our eyes open as we shopped for the perfect picture to add to an empty wall in our dining room. As we shopped for the appropriate addition to this room, nothing met our expectation. On Dec. 23, 2018, our doorbell rang. We opened the door, and to our surprise there our four neighbor children, adopted from a Ukrainian orphanage, stood holding a special gift for us. We anxiously opened the gift to find a lovely two foot oak

cross which the nine-year-old had made himself. These children wanted to show their appreciation of our neighborly and Christian gestures in accepting them to our neighborhood. BANG! There it was - the perfect addition to our dining room.

"IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY!" This has always been a favorite hymn of mine. It came to my mind as I looked at that cross hanging on that empty wall. "...From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day." (vs. 3) So it is with LWML. I cherish the LWML relationships I have made these past years. From the cross, the radiance of these relationships adds more luster to each of my days. Through these relationships, my journey through LWML draws me close to that cross, close to our Savior, Jesus Christ. The goal of the Public Relations Committee is for each woman in our congregations to experience this luster. The Holy Spirit fills our hearts and eyes with this luster. We pray with anticipation, under God's guidance and the power of the Holy Spirit, that the hearts of our congregational women will be stirred, that the LWML MN North District will grow in membership and in the knowledge of God.

God's Blessing to each of you, Sisters in Christ.

Ruby Prochnow, Alexandria
Public Relations Chairman

*Wait for the Lord; be
strong and let your
heart take courage,
and wait for the Lord!*
(Psalm 27:14)



YOUNG WOMEN

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The Silver Lining

HAPPY SUMMER dear LWML friends! I hope that, despite all of the unknowns and unrest that have been prevalent, you are finding joy in each day, and remembering to count your blessings. I often have to remind myself to look for the silver lining during my days, and you know what? It usually isn't too hard to find, if you just remember to look!



Miranda



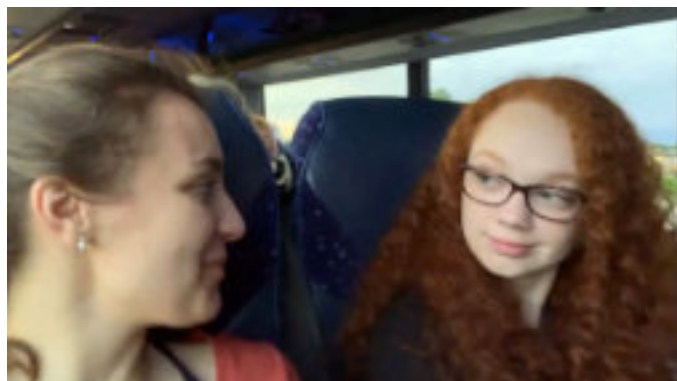
Daylin

One of the disappointments for me has been the cancellation of our District LWML Convention that was scheduled to be in my region, Arrowhead I. The Convention is such a highlight of my summer, and I have been sad with this change to my summer plans. To my delight, I received Miranda Garman and Daylin Paulson's YWR Report that they would have presented to all of you at the convention this summer. This "silver lining" made me smile and appreciate the conventions that we have had, and the conventions to come. Below is the written report from our Mobile YWRs, but their video will also be uploaded to our

district LWML website, lwmlmnn.org , or you can view it at <https://youtu.be/IP5z-tcB48s>. I encourage you to watch it! It'll remind you of all of the wonderful times that we have had together, and why the LWML is such a great organization to belong to. As I told the YWRs, watching their video gave me "ALL OF THE FEELS"! I hope that you enjoy it too! Until I see you again when we are able to return to our usual LWML activities, may God grant you all peace and keep you safe!

Miranda and Daylin's YWR Report from the Mobile, Alabama, 2019 LWML National Convention

The Trip/Arrival



As our mode of transportation, we chose to take a bus down to Mobile with a group from South Dakota. The first day we left the hotel bright and early. We were so excited that we didn't mind the 5:45 AM departure time quite so much. While the hours on the bus were long, it was already so much fun. It gave us time to meet ladies on the bus, hear their stories, and get to know them. We talked, played games, and did trivia. It was a great opportunity to fellowship with the other ladies, and everyone was thrilled to be heading to Mobile! But as fun as the trip was, it was nothing compared to

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the convention itself. On the second day of our trip we arrived in Mobile. We were greeted by so many smiling faces, eager to get us to where we would be staying. The first thing that hit us was how well everyone knew each other. As soon as our bus unloaded, a group was there to welcome us and there were hugs all around and lots of laughing and catching up after years apart. That showed us another cool thing about LWML: the community. The LWML is such a warm-hearted group of women, not just in our zone, but literally across the nation. The second thing that impressed us was their generosity. When we arrived we were brought to the hotel where we would be staying, and we were blown away. Not only had we been given a chance to attend this amazing convention, but they had put us up in literally the most beautiful hotel. We slept well that night, and were excited to start our work at the convention.



Day 1

Thursday was a whirlwind. There was so much to do! We got up bright and early to register for the convention. Then we volunteered working with the Gifts from the Heart. It was such a fun project, and a great opportunity to meet Young Women's Representatives (YWRs) from other districts around the country. We also spend quite a bit of time walking around the exhibit

hall. This soon became one of our favorite parts of the convention. It was so cool to walk around and see all the different amazing ministries that a few days ago we didn't even know existed. We got to talk to so many people and learn about the needs of different ministries around the world and how the LWML has been instrumental in getting so many of them to where they are today.

Later we got to officially meet the other YWRs! At our first meeting we got our prayer partners, and talked about the schedule for the weekend. It was a bit overwhelming. There was so much for us to do! But it all sounded super exciting and we couldn't wait to get started. The rest of the day was just as busy. We attended the caucus meeting, where we received our YWR pins! They are so beautiful. Then we took group photos and went to the opening service (one of the highlights of the day). After that was another meeting with the other YWRs, and by the end we were ready to crash into bed. We had another long day ahead of us!

Day 2

Friday was just as busy. We started bright and early, needing to be downstairs at the YWR breakfast by 6:45. Then we met with Marilyn Hiltel to get ready for the banner processional. It was so cool to see the processional representing all the different districts. It was a lot of pressure for such an important ceremony, but it went very smoothly and was a big success. We had lunch with the other YWRs and the YWR alumni. It was so inspiring to meet these ladies who had been YWRs a few years, or even a few decades ago, and to hear how it impacted their lives and how they had stayed involved in the years since, many becoming leaders back home.

Then we went to another meeting. One of the best parts of these sessions was getting to hear how LWML mites are helping ministries



around the globe. All the speakers had such insightful and inspiring messages. For dinner, all the YWRs were treated to “Dinner with the President”, where we got to meet the then LWML President Patti Ross. After dinner we went to the evening entertainment which was watching a sand artist, a totally new concept to many of us, which we really enjoyed!

 **Day 3**

Saturday was a lot of meetings. Very important meetings, and also very interesting. But before the meetings started we got to help with the flag processional. For lunch we all split up into sections and ate in rooms with different speakers we had picked ahead of time. It was so hard to choose because they all sounded so interesting! After lunch was another meeting which lasted the afternoon. One of the best parts of the meetings was the music beforehand. It was so much fun to sing together, and to see everyone get so excited and about praising God.

Then after dinner we met up with a bunch of the ladies from our bus and went to the evening entertainment. That night it was a concert by The Voices of Mobile. We were blown away by the talent in these amazing students! Over the course of the whole day, we had the opportunity to talk to so many amazing women of faith. And they were everywhere! Thousands of ladies, eager to learn about us, encourage us and strengthen us in the faith.

 **Last day**

Sunday was our final day in Mobile. We had our final YWR breakfast and said goodbye to many new friends we had met in the last few days. We went to worship and the final meeting and then it was all done. The convention was adjourned, and before we knew it we were on the bus again bound for Minnesota. It’s crazy to think how many amazing opportunities we got just in those few short days. Every single day at the convention was packed with new experiences. But as busy as we were, it all went so fast.

As we were leaving it was hard to believe it was already time to go home. The whole convention was such an amazing experience. We got to meet so many amazing women, hear incredible speakers, volunteer, attend Bible studies, and learn more about the LWML on a national level. We left the convention feeling so inspired. Inspired and thankful. Without your kind support, none of this would have been possible. Thank you so much for supporting and encouraging us in our journey. You have strengthened our faith and given us memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you.

All our love,



The 2019 YWRs: Miranda and Daylin

THANK YOU

Dear Sisters in Christ from Minnesota North LWML,

Greetings in Christ from Nairobi, Kenya. Our family would like to thank you for supporting us as your missionaries. We just learned of your gift of support through Mission Central – we are grateful for your prayers, support and your desire to be part of LCMS mission work in Africa.

Even with the restrictions of COVID-19, the Gospel continues to go forth. You may remember when we crossed paths at Luther Island Camp in October 2018, my colleague John Kissinger and I shared with you about Project 24, the joint effort the MN-N district supports with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya to provide education and Christ-centered environments for orphaned and vulnerable children within the church. Last week, ELCK pastors were praying with families of orphans and vulnerable children of the [P24 program](#) during their third monthly distribution of food packages. And this time, community members who have seen the pastors with their repeated visits, welcomed them into their homes to pray, sing, and share the Gospel. Although church services have not yet resumed and large groups still prohibited, where able, P24 children with their caretakers have been able to meet in small groups with their site managers, pastors, deaconesses, and bishops for encouragement, hearing of God's word, counseling, singing, fellowship, and even reciting their memory work. Kissinger attended to visit a couple homes of the P24 children and was impressed to see the joy of the children, the caretakers, family, and community from the regular visits by the ELCK church leaders in their areas, and be welcomed into these communities in ways the church hadn't before. School resumes in early September, so more visits to come.

Have also been busy with construction for missionary housing, and mercy efforts have started in [11 other countries](#) (now 20 churches in 15 countries) across Africa to allow church leaders to share the Gospel on radio broadcasts while helping many with needed resources. Even during hardship, the Word goes forth!

Many pastors in Kenya have let me know that they are praying for you, our church, and all Americans during this time. As Paul writes, *For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope* (Rom 15:4). It is humbling to be reminded from friends and partner Lutheran churches in Africa that it is in Christ that we have our hope.

As international travel restrictions remain in place in Kenya, it appears that our home service may be delayed until fall of 2021 (and we plan to go through MN-N at that time). In the meantime, we would be happy to connect with you for a virtual presentation at a district or zone event sometime.

Sorry for the long note. Please pass our greetings and thanks to the ladies of the MN-N LWML! We pray the Lord of all Creation will guard and preserve you. Thank you again for your support and prayers.

*The Wolf Pack
John & Jenn, Ian, Sean, Thad, Anna & Angus*

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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.

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2020 LWML Retreat



August 7 - 9, 2020
Lutheran Island Camp, Henning, MN

Rev. Bruce Timm, Arrowhead Region Pastoral Counselor, will lead a Bible study based on Ephesians 1:3-10.

Throughout the weekend we will look at blessings of many kinds - spiritual blessings and material blessings, blessings received and blessings shared. We will learn that blessings play an important role in both this life and the next.

There will be time to relax, connect with old

SPECIAL OFFERS: Bring a "Retreat First Timer" and you receive 10% off the registration price. "Retreat First Timers" receive 25% discount. Also, young women ages 12-18 receive a 25% discount.

- ITEMS TO BRING**
- Bible
 - Clothes for sun or rain
 - Insect Repellent
 - Towel & washcloth
 - Toiletries
 - Flashlight
 - Pillow, bedding, or sleeping bag
 - Snacks to share (Friday evening)

 4:00-6:00 pm
 6:00 pm
 6:45 pm
 7:15 pm
 8:30 pm

 7:00-8:00 am
 8:00 am
 8:30 am
 9:15 am

10:00 am
 10:15 am
 11:00 am

12:00 noon
 1:00 pm
 1:45 pm
 2:00 pm

2:45 pm
 3:00 pm

5:00 pm
 6:00 pm

7:00 pm
 8:00 pm

 8:00 am
 9:30 am
 10:00 am

Retreat updates and a map to LIC can be found on the LWML MN North District website, lwmlmnn.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Corles
 Rainer at: christianlife@lwmlmnn.org or call
 320-743-2131

FRIDAY EVENING

Registration
 Picnic supper
 Get Acquainted Activities
 Bible study based on Ephesians 1:3-10
 Campfire
 Snacks in the Fireside Room

SATURDAY

Registration
 Breakfast
 Ice Breaker
 Session I: What are blessings and why are they important to us?
 Sketch: Blessings for Betty - Part 1
 Session II: Blessings we can count on
 Photos (Group photo, First-Timers, Individual groups)
 Lunch
 Session III: Can "bad" things be blessings?
 Sketch: Blessings for Betty - Part 2
 Session IV: How can YOU be a blessing?
 LWML MN North District President
 Free Time - (*Crafts, Christ Serve Ranch tours, pontoon rides, etc.*)
 Dinner
 Sharing: What are some things that have worked in your society/group?
 Entertainment
 Campfire

SUNDAY

Breakfast
 Ice Cream Social
 Worship & Farewell

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Registration Deadline: August 1, 2020
 (No refunds after August 3, 2020.)

	Before Aug 1st	After Aug 1st
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday-Sunday	\$125	\$135
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday-Saturday	\$75	\$85
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Only	\$55	\$65

Choose your housing preference:

- Cabin Retreat Center

Make check payable to:
 LWML MN North District

Send registration form and check to:

Corles Rainer
 8813 - 71 Street SE
 Clear Lake, MN 55319

Count Your Blessings

2020 LWML RETREAT
August 7 - 9, 2020
At Lutheran Island Camp

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Special Needs: _____

Roommates: _____

Check here if you are age 12-18

Check here if you are a "Retreat First Timer"

Name of person bringing you: _____

This is the form for sending in offerings and donations related to the convention.



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LWML MN North District - (2020 District Convention)

DATE _____

Church _____

Address _____

State _____ Zip _____

Region _____

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State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

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Please send this form to:

Peggy Pasche, Financial Secretary
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16287 County Road 5
Hoffman, MN 56339

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