



DAILY ILLUMINATION

**Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Minnesota North District**

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Convention Highlights

WEDNESDAY

- Invitation to 2014 Convention Arrowhead II
- Installation of Officers
- 12:00pm Adjournment
- 2:00pm Transition of Officers



LWML Mission Statement

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 people of the world.



Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. (Isaiah 60:1-3 NIV)

\$135,000 Mission Goal Adopted!

Delegates selected the following mission grants to be given for our 2012-2014 biennium:

- 1 - Orphan Grain Train - \$8,500 (B)
- 2 - Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students - \$50,000 (J)
- 3 - Financial Support and Staff Training for Lutheran Island Camp - \$10,000 (I)
- 4 - Food and Clothing Co-op, Ft. Wayne - \$10,000 (D)
- 5 - Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination - \$5,000 (K)
- 6 - Vehicles for Pastors and Vicars in Haiti - \$20,000 (E)
- 7 - Christian Education at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch RRV - \$5,000 (A)
- 8 - Construct Classroom Building in Yambio, South Sudan (LHF) - \$10,000 (F)
- 9 - Christian Storybooks for SE Asia (LBT) - \$1,000 (M)
- 10 - Anyuak Ministry, Sauk Rapids - \$5,000 (L)
- 11 - Servant Events on the Fond du Lac Reservation - \$5,000 (H)
- 12 - Mary Okeyo Student Scholarship Fund for Travel (partial) - \$5,500 (G)



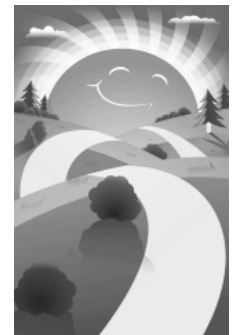
SON Rise Mite Walk

"Arise!" - Many of you did as we had over 50 walkers.

"Shine!" - to tell the Gospel.

"Your Light has Come" - The walkers met at the Fawcett House as the sun was rising in the sky at 6:00 a.m.

Together, over \$1,500 has been collected in pledged donations for the 2012-2014 mite goal.



"Your Light has Come ..."



The Reverend Don Stauty, our Arrowhead Region Counselor, led our Bible study on our convention theme. One of his points was that "God doesn't act in a vacuum." God's main purpose throughout Scripture is to show us the Savior and why we need Him.

God continually tells us through His Word, "Be calm. Don't be afraid." Yet we, like Peter, when he took his eyes off Jesus in the storm, start to sink.

"Faith in God's promise and Word has always been the issue of mankind." We are not a patient people. We want things now. Even in the New Testament, the disciples following Jesus left Him when He told them to do hard things. He did not say, "Wait, we can find a compromise."

We also need to remain true to the Word of God. Have faith. The Lord will stand between His people and their sins.

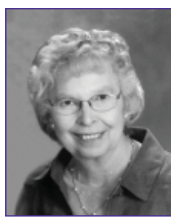
At the close of our Tuesday Bible study, Rev. Stauty shared Romans 6:3-4, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

Jesus is our Light! He has come! We were in darkness and now we have life in and through Him.

New Leaders Elected



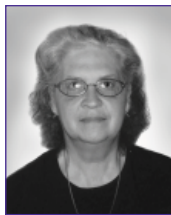
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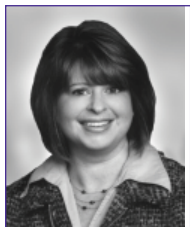
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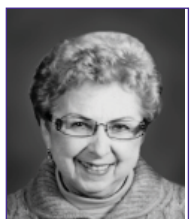
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We thank the nominating committee for their work: Karena LaPolice, Sharon Gieske, Carol Ann Sander, Mary Schirm, Theresa Warnsholz, Janet Miller (Board Advisor), Phyllis Jastram (Chairman)



LWML Representative

Edie Norris brought greetings to us from LWML. With humor, she shared some attributes of Minnesota she learned.

Edie shared her personal story of becoming active in the LWML, after growing up in an ALC Lutheran congregation and marrying a Methodist. Her husband was an engineer, but then was called to be a pastor in the LCMS. During his time at the seminary, he was supported by the LWML and Edie became an active with the LWML during his vicarage.

In closing, Edie encouraged us to "Keep talking the LWML story—His story!"

The Roads I Traveled



Cynthia Khan appeared on stage in the mandatory dress of women of Saudi Arabia, a hijab. The cloak was soon removed (it was too hot), and she was glad she was free to do so.

Cynthia was born and raised in a Christian home in Pakistan. She married and moved with her husband to Saudi Arabia, where they lived for 10 years. In this Muslim country, where Sharia law is strictly enforced, women's faces must be covered and they cannot drive automobiles. No Bibles, Christian material, or worship is permitted.

In Saudi Arabia, Cynthia and her husband became acquainted with an LCMS man, from whom they learned about Lutheranism. They also found a way to worship with other Christians, and then decided they could no longer stay in a country so opposed to Jesus. They emigrated to Canada.

Cynthia warned us of the challenges our children face in colleges, where they could be drawn into Islam, unknowing of their teachings. It is especially important to instill Christian values in our children.



Hymn experience

Jilleen Butler, Christian singer from Southern California, finished our day with an inspiring evening of modern renditions of hymns.

During the concert, drawing winners Verna Bachmann and Julie Deyo both received a free CD from Jilleen.

Relaying historical information about each of the hymns, Jilleen brought a fresh approach to these well-loved songs.



Attention! Attention! All Convention Attendees!

Prize winners for the three recycled convention bag categories are:

Oldest MN North recycled convention bag. Winner is Joanne Brockopp for the year 1980. Theme: "Ever Only All for Thee"



Oldest LWML recycled national convention bag. Winner is Doris Weispfennig for the year 1975 from the Mpls/St.Paul Convention. Theme: "Saints Arise!"

LWML recycled convention bag from another district. Winner is Chrystal Davis. Convention location: Oklahoma District bag from 2006

Prizes may be picked up following the close of convention at the front of the stage from Lynn Lahd.

Christian Life exhibit booth drawing

The winners of the drawings are:

- Arlene Anderson for *Your Are Precious* by Alma Kern
- Elizabeth McTighe for *A Woman's Praying Heart*
- Sharon Heiling for *You Make A Difference* by Alma Kern
- Joan Neyssen for "Program Helps" CD

Please pick these up at the Christian Life table. Thanks to all who entered the drawings.

Gospel Outreach drawing

The winner of the wall hanging drawing from the Gospel Outreach exhibit booth is Linda Koskela, Arrowhead I Region, Iron Range Zone.

Correction: The cross above the altar at the Monday worship service was donated by Shepherd of the Lake, Garrison.

Reminder: Transition of Officers Workshop is today at 2:00 p.m. in the Governors Room.



Did you hear that? Did you see that?

That was the sound of fellowship. It was everywhere – and the YWRs were no exception.

Dinner Tuesday evening was filled with laughter, conversation and fun. President Cheryl Petersen, Edie Norris and Rev. Stauty were there to see and hear it all. Dinner began with some light conversation about what to eat after the entrainment. Pizza or ice cream? Ice cream won with a greater than two-thirds vote – there were no by-laws to consult. [Note: The YWRs do understand the importance of bylaws and how they make the LWML strong and concise.]

Then the YWRs were asked what they learned Tuesday. The conversation became serious as fellow YWRs shared their concerns over the Islam plan and what they could do about it. They discussed prayer, educating others and standing up for Christ.

Edie, Cheryl and Rev. Stauty led them in strength and wisdom as they discussed their thoughts. They talked about practical ways of doing this. Some of the suggestions were to write, call, and email their local congress people and let them know they want their religious rights to

be seen and heard. The YWRs expressed the concern that they want their children to be able to wear cross necklaces and T-shirts to school without being told its "offensive." They were reminded that they "don't have to be quiet."

After the beautiful vocal music by Jilleen, the YWRs met once again to chat, laugh and make bracelets for M.O.V.E. The efficiency and willingness to jump in was awesome. Everyone picked a spot and an assembly line was started. Even the crafty-challenged joined in and did outstanding.

The YWRs look forward to serving Him and the gifts tomorrow brings, as once again, they will ARISE and SHINE.



Rhoda Wellbrock of Fergus Falls Zone has attended every convention -- both state and national -- for over 50 years!

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SON Rise mite walk thank you: Granola bars were donated from Trinity Society of New York Mills and the water bottles were an anonymous donation.

A huge Thank you to the entire Nuclei Committee – you have each have been a huge blessing to me.

*Peggy McKeown
Nuclei Chairman*



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