



# Rock Review

**50 YEARS**  
**1964-2014**

James Wagner, Convention Editor

26th Biennial Convention Newsletter

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## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Kathleen Brehmer, Archivist/Historian

The LWML of Minnesota North will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary at this convention. Throughout the convention a video presentation will be shown of memories and highlights from the past 50 years. Tuesday night after the banquet, time will be set aside to honor past District Presidents who have served the LWML. Several women who attended the first convention and others who have attended all of the conventions will be recognized. Stop by the Archivist/Historian table in the Exhibit Hall to see additional 50th anniversary items displayed. It's always fun to look for familiar faces and events.

## CONVENTION CHARMS

Be sure to purchase your Convention Charm or Pendant. This item will be a treasure for



years to come as it is the last of its kind. They will no longer be offered at future conventions of the LWML MN North District. Stop by the LWML Store to get yours while supplies last. Cost is \$8.00

## 26th Biennial Convention God Alone is Our Rock *Psalm 62:1, 2 (ESV)*

### THE 26TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE LWML MINNESOTA NORTH

JoNette Brogaard, LWML District President

May God bless your time at convention, as you gather information, engage in Bible study, vote or observe the business portion of our gathering, worship, celebrate 50 years of LWML MN North blessings, sing, have fellowship with fellow believers, and more.

Something different this year—this is the only newsletter you'll receive while at convention. Voting results and highlights of the convention will be shared in the Summer Edition of the *Minnesota Northern Light*.

My prayer for you is from *Mustard Seed Devotion* - 5/5/14,

*O God, my strong Rock, You provide safe refuge when life overwhelms me. Help me to look to You, because You are my strength and my hiding place. In Jesus' protecting name. Amen*

## HUMAN CARE INGATHERING

Deb Anderson, Human Care Chairman

The ingathering items that were brought from your home congregations will be collected today in Glenn Carlson Hall (found across the hallway from the registration area). Tables will be located at the back of the room. The Human Care Committee extends a big thank you for attaching the summary sheet to the outside of each box brought today. It will be of great help in getting the total numbers to be presented during the convention.

On behalf of the St. Cloud VA, your support for our veterans and their families is very much appreciated! Assistance in purchasing items is certainly helpful, not only to our patients, but to our staff as well. If you



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## Welcome to St. Cloud !

Corky Rainer, Nuclei Chairman

The women in the Arrowhead II Region of the LWML MN North District are excited to have you attend the 26th Biennial Convention here on the banks of the Mississippi River. On behalf of the Nuclei Committee and Teams, it is my privilege to welcome you!

The Nuclei Committee is here at convention to be of assistance to you; they can be recognized by their white tops and black slacks or skirts. Each of the teams has identified themselves with a purple and/or white accessory item. If you have a question during convention, just ask us.

It is our prayer that each of you is richly blessed through this convention as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of LWML MN North.

## You Are Invited to a Reception Monday Night

Join us in celebrating the 50th anniversary of LWML MN North; you'll also get a chance to meet the candidates for BOD positions (Meet and Greet!). The celebration will take place following the worship service; it will be on the east end of the main floor (Riverview Concourse). There is a beautiful view with large windows overlooking the Mississippi River. See you there.



Thank you for all the hard work you have put in your zone banners.

When you arrive at the convention on Monday, please bring your banner to the Glen Carlson Hall. This is the main convention hall and you will find stands and poles with your zone's name on. Place your banner on the pole.

At 5:30 p.m., bring your banner and the pole to the Weidner Suite to line up for the banner procession. The Weidner Suite is located at the rear of the convention area. You may also find it off the hallway that leads to the Kelly Inn.

The order for the banner procession which precedes the worship service will be posted in the Weidner Suite.



## LWML Store

Be sure to stop by the LWML STORE located in the Terry Haws Hall during the breaks and check out the many new items for sale. Do you need a tote bag? Or perhaps a Canvas Briefcase? Among the many new items this year are LWML Baseball Caps, LWML Wind Chimes, Beaded Crocheted Scarfs in Dark and Light Purple as well as selected Bible Studies, Devotional Books and more.

Be sure to check out the LWML Catalog that is in your registration packet. If we do not have what you want, we can order it for you. Remember, all sales are cash or check. Credit cards can only be accepted for catalog sales. Your purchase of LWML products and resources assist the national organization in paying for programs and administrative expenses. Thank you and see you there.

## Human Care Ingathering continued...

would like more information regarding on-going donations please coordinate with voluntary service (320) 255-6365, St. Cloud VA Health Care System.

The clothing savers collected will be distributed to private care facilities, nursing homes, and the like. Just think of the great witness the LWML is making when contacting these many facilities to offer clothing savers out of our love for Jesus.



## First Aid Station

The First Aid Station is located in the Bell Room just off the convention hall. This will be open during convention sessions. A satellite table will also be set up in the Terry Haws Hall, the room designated for the exhibits and meals. There are nurses and EMTs who have volunteered to help out at convention.



## Day Care

If you registered your child for day care, the room is located in the Hospitality Room on the second floor of the Kelly Inn. Day care is available during convention sessions.

## Message Board

The message board will be located in the registration area. If you have a message for someone, please post it on the board. Be sure to check the board once in a while to see if you have messages.

## PRAYER CHAPEL

On your convention center map, the Prayer Chapel will be located in Board Room



C on the first floor. The Prayer Chapel will be open at all times for private meditation and pastoral staff times will be posted in the Chapel. If a pastor is needed immediately for any emergency, please contact the registration table or an usher. Rev. Cloose, Junior District Pastoral Counselor, will be our Convention Chaplain.

We are available to meet with you should a special need, concern or other reason arise while you are with us in Convention this week.

A Prayer request box will be located in the Prayer Chapel and near one of the entrances to the main convention hall.

## Choir Rehearsal

Choir rehearsal will be held at 4:00 pm on Monday in the main convention hall, Glenn Carlson Hall located on the main floor of the Convention Center near the registration tables.

## Lost and Found

Found items may be brought to the First Aid Station. You may inquire about lost items in the same place or post a message on the message board.

## Convention Bags

If you forgot to bring a bag, there are some bags from previous conventions located at the registration table.

## Exhibit Hall Information

Come visit the Exhibit Hall (Terry Haws Hall). This is the same room as our dining area (located on main floor across from the “convention meeting” hall). There are thirty-three exhibitors who would love to have you stop by their booth and see their exhibits. Exhibit tables are open Monday until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday 7-8 a.m., during lunch, and from 4-6 p.m. (Closed on Wednesday) “If convention is in session, exhibits are closed.”

### List Of Exhibitors Include:

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| - Hope Village                   | Fort Wayne                                      |
| - Most Ministries                | - Lutheran Heritage Foundation                  |
| - Lutheran Mission Association   | - MN North Parish Nurse Program                 |
| - Lutheran Church Extension Fund | - Orphan Grain Train                            |
| - Concordia Publishing House     | - Confessional Lutheran Educational Foundation  |
| - Lutheran Braille Workers       | - Foundation for Called Workers                 |
| - Minnesota Citizens for Life    | - Confessional Lutheran for Christ's Commission |
| - Good Shepherd Community        | - LWML Store                                    |
| - Lutheran Laymen's League       |   |
| - Concordia Theological Seminary |   |

Besides the exhibitors above, the BOD will have exhibits. Check out those of the Financial Secretary/Treasurer, Christian Life, Human Care, Mission Grants, Structure, Leader Development, Scholarships, Young Women and Public Relations/ Archivist-Historian.

### Come See The “Pot of Gold”

Come and visit the “Pot of Gold” at the end of the rainbow. The Financial Secretary and Treasurer's booth will show your Mites in Action, from the 2012-2014 biennium. Updated financial remittance forms and Joyful Response forms are also available.

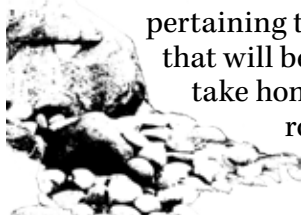


### Young Women

Stop by the booth and pick up a YWR Application Form for the Des Moines Convention in 2015. Sign up for a chance to win a purple afghan. Make a \$2 mite donation and receive a purple pin like the YWRs have.

### Leader Development

We invite you to visit the Leader Development Committee Table “God's Rock Garden” during your free time in the exhibit hall. Come and find some precious gems pertaining to Leader Development that will be available for you to take home from this garden of rocks. We look forward to seeing you there.



### Structure

If you have a question drop it in the question box at the Structure Committee Booth. Committee members will be present to answer questions about bylaws, cover page ideas, and provide helps for your society. Stop by and see a special banner from Japan.

## Granite Country Mite Walk

The Granite Country Mite Walk registration table will be located near the main registration area. Please bring your pledge donation form, and all pledges collected. Be sure to fill out a medical release form that will be available at the table.

You will receive directions to the starting area, a map of the walking, running, hiking paths, which are all easy and handicap friendly. All monies collected go towards the 2014-2016 Mite Goal of LWML MN North.

## “FREE” Bus Rides on the St. Cloud Metro Buses

Riding the Metro Buses is free to Convention participants. To receive free rides, you simply need to show your name badge to the bus driver. Bus route maps will be available at the Visitor/ Tourism table located near the registration tables.

### SOCIETY AND ZONE PHOTOS

There will not be any scheduled photo-taking times for zones or societies. You will need to gather your members together during a break, and provide your own photographer. Thank you.



### Scholarships

Be sure to stop by the Scholarships Committee Booth and see a brief overview of your Mites In Action for the past biennium.

### HOW TO SPOT A YOUNG WOMAN

Young women are identified at this convention by the pretty purple cloth pins. Thanks to Sandy Schroeder for creating them. Young women – if you did not receive a pin in your packet please contact Lynnette Roshell, Recording Secretary and Young Woman Committee Chairman.





## CONVENTION AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

### Monday, June 23

1:00 pm	Breakout Session I
2:30 pm	Breakout Session II
6:00 pm	Opening Worship Convention Offering #1 – 2014-2016 Mission Mite Goal
8:30 pm	Open Reception
(approx.)	50th Anniversary Celebration

### Tuesday, June 24

8:30 am	Bible Study – Rev. Brady Finnern Convention Offering #2 – The Sower's Fund Mission Grants Presentation Proposed Bylaw Amendments/Voting
11:00 am	Keynote Speaker – Rev. Paul Krueger
1:15 pm	LWML Representative
2:45 pm	Balloting For Officers Mites In Action Speakers
4:30 pm	Granite Country Mite Walk
6:00 pm	Banquet
7:30 pm	Looney Lutherans

### Wednesday, June 25

8:00 am	Opening Devotions – Young Women Convention Offering #3 – Hope Villiage, Minot, ND
8:30 am	Mites In Action Speakers
9:45 am	Bible Study – Rev. Brady Finnern Closing Worship and Installation of New Officers

## MITES IN ACTION

We have invited several Mission Grant recipients to come and share with us what our mites have done in the mission field. We will hear from Scholarship recipients "Church Work Students and Men Preparing for Ordination," John Bakou/Craig Cooper, (Anyuak Ministry), a Mary Okeyo Scholarship recipient (Candice Bicondoa), and a video on the Yambio, South Sudan classroom construction.



Those who attended the Pittsburgh Convention were able to hear stories from some of our LWML Mite recipients and they found it very inspirational! Throughout the convention proceedings, women of the LWML MN North will hear about their district Mites in Action!

## LEADER TRANSITION WORKSHOP

To all the newly elected officers of the LWML MN North District Board of Directors, congratulations and God's Blessings! We look forward to meeting you in the Clarke Room following the close of the convention on Wednesday.

All the outgoing officers will bring their files to assist you with your new position on the LWML MN North District Board. President JoNette Brogaard will be there to give you your new committee assignments. James Wagner, Information Technologist for the Board, will also be there to speak to you.

## BREAKOUT SESSION LOCATIONS

Breakout Sessions are located in the Wilson Suite and Stockinger Suite rooms on the 2nd floor. On the bottom left corner of your name tag you will find a two-letter code for the breakout sessions you will be attending. The first letter represents the first session that starts at 1:00. The second letter represents the second session that starts at 2:30. If one of the two letters is an X means you did not sign up for that session. Signs will be posted and a map of the room locations are located in the registration material.

### Session Letter Code and Breakout Room Location Assignment:

Code	Location	Session Leader
A =	Swisshelm/Whitney Rm	Kim Wagner
B =	American Rm	Geneva Paulson
C =	Mitchell Rm	Debbie Larson, LWML Representative
D =	Schilpin Rm	PING - Facilitated by Mary Kuhnau
E =	Thielman Rm	The CLEF - Rev. John R. Fehrmann and Rev. Jim Anthony
X =	No session	You are free to participate in ingathering events or view the exhibit booths.



## MYSTERY PERSONS



WHO ARE THEY ?

HOW MANY ?

Can you find one, two, or three of them?

Win a prize when you find one!

How will you know – you will have to ask.

*Sponsored by the Leader Development Committee  
Committed to making future LWML leaders.*

## ATTENTION WOMEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 35

There are special evening events planned for the young women that will be held Monday night after the Candidate Reception and on Tuesday night following the Looney Lutherans entertainment. Join other young women to learn more about the LWML and meet new people. These events will be held in the Kelly Inn Hospitality Room, the same room that is being used during the day for Child Care.

Also, there will be special reserved seating for the younger women during the banquet on Tuesday evening. Look for the reserved tables and eat with the LWML Representative, Debbie Larson, and President JoNette up close and personal.



## CROSS ON A ROCK

Can you find the hidden rock with a cross on it?

When and if you find the rock bring to the Leader Development Table for a prize?

## LWML WORD FIND

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## HOW TO IDENTIFY

Women from the Arrowhead II Region, along with the Board of Directors, have contributed their talents to making this 26th Biennial Convention an enjoyable experience. Many of the participants can be identified by their unique accessory item as listed below:

Board of Directors  
Name Tag  
50th Anniversary Celebration  
Purple Flower Pin  
Banner Team  
Purple/Green/White Cord  
Necklace  
Board Dinner  
Purple Flower Pin  
Child Care  
Purple Flower Pin  
Decorations/Favors  
Purple Flower Pin  
Entertainment Assistance  
Purple Infinity Scarf  
with White/Purple  
"Entertainment" Ribbon  
Exhibit Team  
Purple Infinity Scarf with  
White/Purple "Exhibit"  
Ribbon  
Mite Walk  
Purple Flower Pin  
Music  
Purple Flower Pin  
First Aid/Nurse's Station  
Red Arm Bands  
Photography  
Purple Flower Pin  
Prayer Chapel  
Purple Flower Pin  
Registration  
Purple Sashes with Gold  
LWML Lettering  
Stage Area  
Purple/Green/White Cord  
Necklace  
Technical  
Purple Flower Pin  
Tourism Information  
Purple Flower Pin  
Ushers/Hostesses  
Purple Infinity Scarves  
Worship  
White Infinity Scarves  
Young Women  
Purple Fabric Button

## For Dedication and Service Thank You !

The following is a list of people and groups who have helped to make this convention, the LWML MN North District 26th Biennial Convention, a great convention. Hard work, long hours, and much dedication and love went into all their efforts. The LWML MN North District Board of Directors extends a heartfelt "thank you" to everyone listed and to those who assisted and are not mentioned specifically.

### THANK YOU . . .

To the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) for supporting us through financial gifts for: printing of our 50th Anniversary Charm/Pins (our last); furnishing the refreshments at our 50th Anniversary Celebration/Meet and Greet Event on Monday evening.

To Faith Lutheran Church in the St. Cloud Zone, for acting as our Hosting LCMS Congregation, allowing us to have communion at our opening convention worship service.

To all the pastors assisting in serving communion at our opening worship service and at our Prayer Chapel.

To the Hand Bell Choir from Redeemer Lutheran Church in St. Cloud for playing at our opening worship service.

To Jessica Bell, soloist from Holy Cross Lutheran Church, St. Cloud for singing in our opening worship service.

To Ruth Sprengeler for acting as our Convention Choir Director.

To Ann Meemken, for donating your time to help document our 50th LWML MN North District Convention by acting as our Convention Photographer.

To Sue Thompson from the St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center for all her assistance in our preparation for and during our convention.

To Judy Okerstrom and staff from the St. Cloud Area Convention and Visitors Bureau for her assistance in preparing for our convention.

To Michelle Borresch and Lindsay Latterell from the Kelly Inn for your assistance with our meal plan, catered meals and the Board of Director's dinner.

To Quality Care Services Inc, from St. Cloud for donating the water and granola bars for the participants of the Mite Walk.

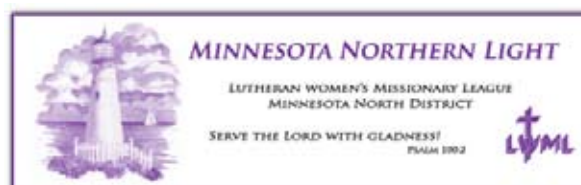
To Jerry Grotes from Messiah Lutheran Church, Sartell for donating the beautiful handcrafted "Jesus" carvings given to each convention attendee.

To all the women on the Nuclei Committee and their committee members and all who have worked on the Host Committee from the Little

Falls Zone, Rum River Zone and St. Cloud Zone for all your dedicated work in preparing for this convention.

In closing, a huge thank you for the many hours spent to Corles "Corky" Rainer for her fantastic job as the Nuclei Chair for our convention.

On Behalf of the LWML MN North District Board of Directors, Lynn Lahd, Arrowhead II Regional Vice President, we thank you.



## Sharing Information With Us...

We're looking for people who are willing to share their convention experiences for our LWML MN North publications. We need photos and articles for the *Minnesota Northern Light*, the District website ([lwmlmnn.org](http://lwmlmnn.org)) and *The Lutheran Witness* Supplement page.

There will be a newsbox on the AV table located at the back of the main convention hall for your comments/information. If you have photos to download, talk to James.



Let's share the experience of the great LWML MN North Get-Together with those who were unable to attend!

Thanks for making the Rock Review the newspaper of choice!



## Special Thank You to James Wagner

The women of the Arrowhead II Region of the LWML MN North District wish to extend their sincere gratitude and thanks to James Wagner, LWML MN North District Information Technologist, for all the many hours of hard work he has put in regarding this convention.

James not only designed the convention logo, but he has also compiled our convention manual and the "Rock Review" convention newsletter, worked on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration materials, managed all the pre-convention technology requests and the implementation of the technical programming for the convention. James has done this with a cheerful, loving, and giving heart. He truly has been a gift from our Lord for the help he has extended to LWML MN North District in all our information technology needs.