



Ripples and Waves

Minnesota North District
Lutheran Women's Missionary League
24th Biennial Convention

Issue 3

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Convention highlights

WEDNESDAY

- 8:00 a.m.
Opening devotions -
YWR
- 8:30 a.m.
Balloting results
- 8:45 a.m.
Phyllis Wallace, Keynote
Speaker
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study #2
Rev. Terry Finnern
- 10:45 a.m.
Jan Struck
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn
- 2:00 p.m. Transition of
Officers



*"Whoever is thirsty, let him come;
and whoever wishes, let him take
the free gift of the water of life."
REVELATION 22:17b (NIV)*

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.



\$135,000 Mission Goal adopted!

Delegates selected mission grants totaling \$135,000 for the 2010-2012 biennium.

The mission grants will be given to the following projects:

#1 - Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students - \$55,000 (A)

#2 - Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination - \$10,000 (B)

#3 - Lutheran Island Camp, Financial Support for Staff Training - \$10,000 (C)

#4 - Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank - \$5,000 (E)

#5 - Orphan Grain Train - \$8,500 (M)

#6 - Children's Bibles for the People of SE Asia - \$7,500 (N)

#7 - Medical Clinic, Cap Haitien, Haiti - \$25,000 (F)

#8 - Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne Food and Clothing Co-op - \$5,000 (G)



#9 - Production of Audiocassette Materials - Lutheran Blind Mission - \$4,000 (J)

#10 - Anuak Ministry, Sauk Rapids, MN - \$5,000 (P)

Mite-y Mission Movers



Mites collected as pledges for the walk totaled **\$2,700** as of Tuesday Noon.

These collections go to 2010-2012 Biennium Mites for our Mission Grants.



The Spirit and the Bride, “Come”

Rev. Terry Finnern invited us to explore our theme verse and ask, “What is Jesus saying in these words?”

Because we live in a state blessed by water, we often don’t appreciate the importance and value of water. When God created the world, He provided everything humans needed, including water. “A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden and all creation.” Man’s sin polluted that water.

Man tried to ‘fix’ the situation. Jeremiah 2:13 states that God’s people not only have forsaken Him, the fountain of Living

Water, but have tried to store water in broken cisterns. When the cisterns failed to provide the needed water, man cried out, “Help me.”

The Psalmist reminds us that God is our refuge and strength in troubled times; He becomes like a river flowing to us with His peace, forgiveness, comfort and strength. God invites all to ‘Come.’

We Are Together in Mission

Eloise Kuhlmann, Vice President of Servant Resources, reminded us that each time we feed our Mite boxes we fund Mission Grants. She also reviewed with us our organizational goals:

- **Grow in the Lord:** LWMLers should be in the Word daily; they will be made over by the Lord. Because they are walking with the Lord, they can be confident of Christ’s presence.
- **Embrace our diversity:** Heart to Heart Sisters were organized to motivate and equip Friends Into Serving Him (FISH) to involved teens and preteens. They are working to produce literature in other languages.
- **Show the heart and identify of LWML** through service, caring, and Mites. Remember, each of us is the face of LWML.



Eloise Kuhlmann brought greetings from National LWML and President Janice Wendorf.

New leaders elected

The voting members of the convention elected new members to the board of directors. We thank Frances Wittnebel and the nominating committee for their work.

Executive Vice President
Mary Kuhnau

Recording Secretary
Lynnette Roshell

Financial Secretary
Marilyn Hiltel

Arrowhead II Regional VP
Lynn Lahd

Lakeland II Regional VP
Janet Hasbargen

Park II Regional VP
Linda Jeske

Pastoral Counselor Arrowhead Region - Rev. Don Stauty

Leader Transition Workshop

You have been elected to serve on the Minnesota North LWML Board. Congratulations and God’s Blessings! We look forward to seeing you at the Lake Le Homme Dieu Room today at 2:00 p.m. to learn more about your exciting new position.

*Mildred Helmrichs, Outgoing
Leader Development Chairman*



Woman to Woman

When friends asked Phyllis Wallace where she was going, she said she was going to be with some Lutheran women and have a drink – of Living Water, that is. Phyllis reminded her listeners that we need to have balance in our lives, with Christ at the center. Everything in humanity, in the world, in the universe needs to stay in balance. What describes your balance? Who are you going to be? Risk jumping into the Water! Ask God for the courage and commitment to go deep. “If you don’t do you, you won’t get done.” Ask for the Living Water – it’s free!

Past District Presidents

Virginia Ansorge, Betty Wagner, Phyllis Jastram, Lucille Phillips Lidbeck and Laurain Jurchen were present and brought personal greetings to the convention. Written messages were read from Lydia Bode, Thelma Derkey, Kathryn Pipho, Elda Maynard and Helen Beck.



We were Struck with Laughter!

Rex Mindach, a teacher at Zion Lutheran School, introduced his sister, Jan Struck (who reportedly was a perfect student, excelled academically, and was loved by all. . .).



Ruby Begonia of
Morris, Minnesota

Jan kept us laughing with ‘Lutheranisms.’ You know you’re a Lutheran if – our names are taped to the bottom of every casserole we own – we bring Jello to all our potlucks, in the correct liturgical color – we make change in the collection plate for a ten dollar bill – and best of all, she observed that we’ll leave the communion wine out in the open in the sacristy, but the coffee supplies are locked up tight in a cupboard labeled “Property of LWML!!”



Is that Jan
Struck?

Jan concluded by reminding us that we are saved by faith in Jesus, and that He has a place for us in heaven. What a memorable evening!



President Cheryl Petersen



Nuclei Chairman Evelyn
Beulke



“Singing with Kristi” Wussow



“Come Play in Peoria!”

Plans are under way for the 34th Biennial Convention of the LWML to be held at the Peoria Civic Center in Peoria, Illinois, Thursday, June 23 - Sunday, June 26, 2011.

It will be a time to gather with seasoned friends, and new acquaintances, as convention attendees focus on the theme, “Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge,” based on the Scripture verse, *And they realized they had been with Jesus. “For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”* Acts 4:13b & 20 (NKJV)

Mark your calendar; begin making plans with your LWML sisters and brothers in Christ and join in the celebration and fun that always abounds at LWML convention. Watch for more details at www.lwml.org.

Thank you Lori Schultz of Anderson’s Florists for the greenery provided on the convention stage.

Thank you to convention photographer Barb Andring, and reporters Janet Miller, Betty Kezar and Mary Kuhnau for their help in producing the convention issues of *Ripples and Waves*.

Exhibit table drawing winners

Check the message board located outside the convention hall to see if you won!

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We’d Love to be in Park 2

We’d love to be in Park 2,
Park 2, Park 2

We’d love to be in Park 2,
in two thousand twelve

For Bible study and inspiration

For speakers and education

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Birthline, Inc.

Convention offering #3 is dedicated to this Christian based organization providing education, mentoring, support services and referrals to anyone affected by an unintended or crisis pregnancy.

- We respect all human life
- We serve people of all faiths
- We believe in Christian family and marriage values
- We promote alternatives to abortion
- We promote self reliance

H.E.A.R.T Health, Education and Relationships Training is a prevention program of Birthline.

Convention Offering #1

This offering is dedicated to the MN North District LWML Mites for 2010-2012 Mission Goals. **\$4,656.39** has been received as of Tuesday night.

Convention Offering #2

This offering is dedicated to the Sower’s Fund of the Minnesota North District LCMS. This fund is to assist our professional Church Workers who are experiencing an extraordinary financial need. **\$3,949.44** has been received as of Tuesday night.



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Serve the Lord with gladness!