

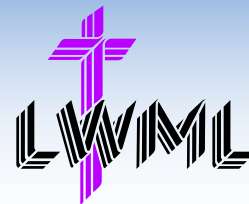


# LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT

## Minnesota Northern Light

*"Serve the Lord with Gladness"*

**Psalm 100:2**



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From the President's Pen...

Dear LWML Sisters in Christ,  
I always thank God for you because  
of His grace given you in Christ Jesus.  
For in Him you have been enriched

in every way – in all your speaking and in all your  
knowledge...Therefore you do not lack any spiritual  
gift... 1 Corinthians 1:4-5,7

I thank God for you! I thank Him for the grace He has  
given you in Jesus Christ. I thank Him for the faith you  
have in Him and how you live out that faith. I thank Him  
for the gifts He has given you to work in His Kingdom.  
I also thank Him for the privilege and opportunity to  
serve Him and you as your District President. I am  
excited about the mission of the Lutheran Women's  
Missionary League and the potential we have as  
mission-minded sisters in Christ. I also thank Him as  
you grow in the Word, resulting in an increased Gospel  
outreach. What a joy to be partners in this kingdom  
work!

In our lives we can make many choices. It is true that  
one thing we did not choose is to come to faith in Jesus  
Christ as our Savior. That is a GIFT of God through the  
working of the Holy Spirit through the Word. However,  
as a believer, I do make choices as to how I will "live  
under Him in His kingdom and serve Him." One of  
these choices is to be active in the LWML in my home  
congregation, in our zone and in our Minnesota North  
District.

I choose LWML for the following reasons:

- God's will is sought before we begin any activity.
- I am inspired through devotions and Bible studies at all meetings.
- We share God's love with those less fortunate through deeds of kindness and with much generosity.
- Leaders are trained and mentored for the tasks they are led to accept, enabled to serve God, His people and the community in a responsible way.
- Money is given to support many mission grants for work in the kingdom.
- Retreats are planned for spiritual growth and Christian fellowship.
- No one is turned away from serving because of social or economic status.
- The effects of our service are known only to God and reach to all parts of the earth.

Now, why do you choose LWML? How can  
you get others to also choose LWML and  
serve alongside you?

May God bless you as you joyfully and  
thankfully respond as Joshua did: "As for  
me and my house, we will serve the Lord." I  
hope to see many of you at your fall rallies.  
Introduce yourself to share with me why you  
choose LWML.

In His joyful service,

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# CHRISTIAN LIFE

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## Power of Prayer

As I began to think about writing my first article for the Minnesota Northern Light, I realized I needed to spend some time in prayer and there was my answer: Prayer is an essential part of our Christian life.

Prayer takes many forms in our daily life: formal prayer done in corporate worship, private prayer done in the quiet of our homes, frantic prayer when we are faced with a difficult situation. It may be a detailed request or a simple, "God help me."

Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "Pray without ceasing". It is awesome to be continually linked, by every thought and action, with our Heavenly Father.

Stretch the boundaries of your prayer life. Find a prayer partner, someone to share your needs and joys, someone to pray with and for you. If you need to set aside specific times during your busy schedule to pray, by all means do that. But remember, also, you can talk to God anywhere, anytime.

Join in prayer with our fellow LWML's nationwide at noon every Monday, "Linked in Prayer".

If you have internet service, send an e-mail to [christianlife@lwmlmnn.org](mailto:christianlife@lwmlmnn.org) and ask to have your name included on the prayer e-chain.

At your next society meeting, hand out prayer cards. Each person signs their name and prayer requests, redistribute the cards and pray for the person on the card you receive. *"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."* James 5:16

Encourage your society to participate in the prayer service provided by LWML. In closing, remember the words of St. Paul to the Ephesians, *"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."* (Eph. 6:18a)

In Christ,  
*Joan Johnson*





The annual LWML retreat held at Lutheran Island Camp was, once again, a wonderful time for the 36 attendees.

## Surviving with JOY!

AUGUST 11-13, 2006

Pastor Jarvis led us in Bible study, exploring the book of Philippians to discover how Paul (as an example to us) Survived with Joy!



Sheila Peterson led us in song and told of how her ministry with the Fond du Lac reservation is a joy-filled experience as people learn how to survive day-to-day with the JOY of the Lord.

LIC Director Ken Erlandson and Program Director Rev. Tim Vaughan joyfully shared the upcoming retreats and the excitement of additions to the buildings at camp.

A thought that we pondered throughout the weekend: Can you still feel joyful even when you are grieving, sad or feel “hope”less? YES! JOY does not equate to happy. Rather, we are filled with the eternal hope that our Heavenly Father has given us, through Christ, which gives us the JOY of knowing that we are never forsaken.

God did not say our lives would be easy, nor did He say that we would always be happy - yet His plan for us is bigger and better than we could ever hope to plan on our own.

So, my dear friends in Christ, *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”* Romans 15:13

Blessings,  
*Cheryl Petersen*



# HUMAN CARE

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## Stamps for Missions

THANK YOU to Jo Plinke, the Stamp Chairman for our District. Jo has moved to Texas and will be unable to continue. We appreciate everything that she did.

The new coordinator and Stamp Chairman is:

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Keep saving the Stamps for Missions. You may bring them to the fall rally or give them to your Regional Vice President.

*"May the God of Hope fill you with all Joy and Peace."*  
*Romans 15:13*

*Heavenly Father, fill us with joy and peace, as we continue serving You in all that we do and say. You have given us Hands to serve you, Hearts to love others, and Your Word as our guide. Help us always to keep You as the center of our focus in everything. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.*

## Reflektions on Human Care

*"Each of you should look not only to your interest, but also to the interest of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus."* Philippians 2:4-5 Let us reflect on the scriptural meaning of human care:

**H - HANDS:** *"She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy."* Proverbs 31:20. A woman extends her arms and hands to those in need, whether it is the extending of a reassuring hug to a hurting child or to a friend in need.

**U - USEFUL:** *"He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with the needy."* Ephesians 4:28. Do we steal from God by not wisely using the time he gives us? Perhaps we could use more of our time doing something for someone in need.

**M - MAKE:** *"Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you."* 1 Thessalonians 4:11. Open your heart and mind; listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Keep your hands busy doing helpful things. Make a conscious effort to help others.

**A - ABLE:** *"And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful."* 2 Timothy 2:24. God has given each of us special gifts with which we are able to do what he has called us to do. Let us use our special gifts to do His will.

**N - NEGLECT:** *"So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables.'" Acts 6:2. We must constantly seek God's will in our lives. We must not neglect His Word. We must reach out to others.*



**C - CARE:** *“Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, serving as overseers not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve.”* 1 Peter 5:2. God places certain people and certain circumstances in our lives for us to care for. We must be willing to follow His calling.

**A - ACTION:** *“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”* James 2:17. How is my faith? Do others see God in me because of my actions?

**R - RESCUE:** *“Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”* Psalm 82:4. Look around. There are many people around us that are weak and in need. Not only do they have physical needs, but they may also lack knowledge of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Put all your efforts into rescuing them from the evil one.

**E - ENTERTAIN:** *“Keep on loving each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.”* Hebrews 13:1-3. We can reach out to many different people. We don’t even have to know their names. We just need to help (entertain) them, even those who are in prison.

These are just a few of the many verses in Scripture where God speaks to us regarding our service to others. As you search the Scriptures, you may find even more, but think on these as you continue to serve Him through your acts of Human Care. Closing Song: “Oh That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” (TLH #416, LW#392) Adapted from With Care and Compassion, p.81. Written by Nancy Fischer-LWML

*Gladys Wagner*



### Letter of Thanks

Dear MN North LWML District, St. Paul's Lutheran LWML and LMA (Lutheran Mission Association) wish to thank the MN North LWML women for their gracious outpouring of gifts from the ingathering at the LWML Convention for the school, women's center, donations, and the gift of a grant toward the generator project. It was with great joy we were able to pass this on to Pastor Bernard, his wife Linda and the Lutheran Church in Haiti.

The Cap-Haitian Lutheran Church wishes to thank you for the wonderful gifts and the gift of the grant toward the generator project. They are welcomed with great joy and gratitude. In the Lord's Service, St Paul's Lutheran LWML and Lutheran Mission Association





# Mission Advocacy and Grants

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A big silver dollar and a little brown cent rolling along together went rolling along on the smooth sidewalk. When the dollar remarked, for dollars do talk, "You poor little cent, you cheap little mite, I'm bigger than you and twice as bright. I am worth more than you a hundredfold, and written on me, in letters bold, is the motto drawn from a pious creed, "In God We trust" which all may read."

"Yes, I know" said the cent, I'm a cheap little mite and I know I'm not big, nor good, nor bright, and yet," said the cent, with a meek little sigh, "You don't go to church as often as I."

## A Letter of Thanks

Dear Ladies,

A word of thanks for your partnership in the Gospel with us here at St. John's.

Your prayers and support have enabled us to work with hundreds of kids on the White Earth Reservation. As we prepare for our 11th summer on the reservation, we continue to ask God to open hearts and homes to the precious message of Jesus and His love for all people.

As a side note, it is with great joy I tell you that in the fall we will have 13 students attending Concordia University in Seward. For a congregation of 340, that is a special blessing. I tell you this because I truly believe your support of our mission trip has helped make this possible, as our young people have learned that there is great joy in serving Jesus.



## Mite Calendars

The November, December and January 2007 Mite Calendars can be found on pages 22 - 24 of this newsletter. The Mite calendars are also available to download off our MN North District website at :

< [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org) >

Many societies distribute them to encourage the LWML members to remember the Mite projects in prayer as well as to praise God for the many blessings He has showered upon us.

If you do not use a computer, ask someone to download it for you or contact your zone president or regional VP.

Thanks again! God bless!  
Pastor Brad Birtell



**MISSION PROJECTS FOR THE 2006-2008 BIENNIUM as of October 10, 2006**

<b>MISSION PROJECTS</b>	<b>GOAL</b>	<b>PREVIOUSLY PAID or ALLOCATED</b>	<b>PAID OR ALLOCATED THIS QUARTER</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Summer Staff Training – Lutheran Island Camp	\$10,000		\$2,965.34	\$7,034.66
Scholarships for Full-Time Church Worker Students	\$50,000		\$6,875	\$48,125.00
Scholarships for Seminary Students	\$11,000		\$2,000.00	\$11,000.00
Orphan Grain Train Transportation	\$7,000		\$3,000.00	\$7,000.00
Outreach to the Muslim	\$6,000		\$2,000	\$4,000.00
Trinity/Hope – Feeding children in Haiti	\$4,750		\$1,000.00	\$3,750.00
Generator for Cap-Haitians, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Haiti	\$10,000		\$2,500	\$7,500
Audiocassette Materials for blind and visually impaired people	\$5,000		\$2,000	\$3,000
VBS for Native American Children White Earth Res. -Nebraska Youth	\$3,000			\$3,000
Transportation of VBS Teams in Ontario	\$5,000			\$5,000
Shepherd of the Lake Mission Outreach, Two Harbors, MN	\$10,000		\$1,782.98	\$8,217.02
Partners in Mission—Outreach to Hmong children in Minneapolis & St. Paul	\$3,250			\$3,250
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$15,157.98</b>	<b>\$8,965.34</b>	<b>\$105,876.68</b>



# MISSION OUTREACH

## MISSION GRANT – \$3,000

### VBS ON THE WHITE EARTH INDIAN RESERVATION BY NEBRASKA YOUTH

The Nebraska youth led by Rev. Brad Birtell have been leading VBS at the White Earth Reservation since 1997. The youth go door-to-door, rounding up the children for a week of classes and activities. There are 2 groups, one from White Earth and the other from Naytahwaush. Because there is continuity from year to year, the children eagerly await the youth from Nebraska.

As the youth study and share God's Word with the children they learn that God loves them and that Jesus died and rose again for each one of them. The children, in turn, share what they have learned with their parents. The Nebraska Youth return during Christmas vacation and distribute winter hats, mittens, coats, and quilts to the children they teach in the summer.

The amount of funds raised determines how many youth can come to Minnesota. The youth raise money at various jobs and through donations and grants that they apply for. The funds buy teaching materials, rent vans, and provide for cabin rental and food.

While the impact on the Native American children is great we also see a another huge blessing. From the young people who have been coming to MN, 6 seniors will be attending Concordia and 5 of these plan on full time church work. There are presently 8 now enrolled at Concordia with 5 majoring in full time church work programs.





## **National Mission Grants 2005-2007 Bienium**

**RESPONDING TO HIV/AIDS** among  
Congregations in Kenya Baltimore,  
August 14, 2006

Thanks to a generous gift of \$51,000 from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), Lutheran World Relief is carrying out an important HIV/AIDS project with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya (ELCK).

Western regions of Kenya, where the ELCK is active, suffer from extremely high HIV/ AIDS infection rates of 17%, while the national average is 6.7%. Added to and worsening this daunting challenge is the area's tendency to suffer from food shortages. There are few employment opportunities, so many eke out a living by means of petty trade or prostitution. The poverty of these communities, then, exacerbates the HIV/ AIDS problem by encouraging risky behaviors, and is worsened by the resulting infections, which deprive the local economy of its most productive age group (20-45 years old).

In response to the pandemic, LWR and the ELCK are collaborating on the "Responding to HIV/AIDS Among Congregations in Kenya" project. The project's aim is to increase the ELCK's

capacity to offer physical, psychological, and spiritual support to those living with HIV/AIDS, to educate ELCK members along these lines, and to reduce the stigmatization and discrimination that too often comes with HIV/AIDS.

The project has included trainings for pastors, deaconesses, individuals living with HIV/AIDS, and other congregants. Further trainings are planned for these and other groups. Discussions have addressed the practical responsibilities of Christians to HIV/AIDS sufferers in their congregations and communities, these peoples' needs, and local barriers to HIV/AIDS care and services. Assessment surveys have also begun to gather information in order to teach ELCK members about the status of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the region and assess stigmatization and discrimination within their congregations.

In addition, the project has addressed the chronic problems many of its participants face in feeding their families. Some trainings have focused on improved food production and the specific nutritional needs of those infected with the HIV/AIDS virus. The challenges are many, but this project is making a difference.



# MISSION OUTREACH

A number of persons living with HIV/AIDS attended a two-day training workshop designed to better equip them for income generating activities and improve their support systems. Participants talked about overcoming business barriers. They received instruction in essential sound business practices.

They also agreed to work together in groups of five to begin their income generating activities and to provide each other with home visits and care. Groups' plans included growing potatoes and other vegetables for sale, buying and selling cereals, the implementation of self-governance plans, and applying training to improve on prior weaknesses.

"Empowerment is vital to this project," said LWR president Kathryn Wolford. "People who must live with HIV/AIDS can continue to be very active and productive members of their communities. This project helps equip them to do so. Stigmatization is a major obstacle. But education and support for those living with the disease, as well as for those around them, can help tremendously, with the ultimate goal being an end to the spread of this deadly pandemic. Our thanks to the LWML and the many others who make this important work possible."

"The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is mission oriented, and so this is our whole purpose for being,"

said Sylvia Shives, president of the Chesapeake District LWML, which submitted the grant proposal on LWR's behalf. "Our whole purpose is to provide support . . . for responding to people's needs, whether in our district or worldwide. We're very open to supporting LWR in any way we can." The LWML mission grant was awarded by the voting delegates at the 2005 LWML Biennial Convention in Tampa, Florida. LWML members generate funding for their grants through the Mite Box program, inspired by Jesus' parable of the widow's mite, raising more than \$1 million to be issued as mission grants each biennium. In 2001, LWR received a \$46,100 LWML mission grant to provide prosthetic devices to amputees in India, enabling them to continue to provide for their families.

Project trainees are passing along the knowledge they have received. One deaconess, for example, has held weekly discussions with infected and affected widows, where they have talked about behavior changes, counseling, and home-based support and care.

Another participant, a widowed mother of four, said "I have lived with HIV/AIDS for about 10 years now. I know the capacity of Lutheran World Relief. It is our prayer that God will bless them to also help us .[We] pray and hope, that from today on, ELCK will



hold our hands and remember us in all its activities.”

One of the workshop facilitators, who is studying to get her masters in counseling, also has HIV/AIDS. “I can do everything the same way everybody can,” she said, “and will continue to do so for as long as I have the support of church and community at large. I continue to have faith in God who has been my strength.”

## Mites for MISSION

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### **A Word of Encouragement**

This is from a speech that LWML President Linda Reiser gave to the National Committees last year:

Dream big dreams for the LWML and what God can do for our women and our church because of the LWML.

Relax and enjoy who God has created you to be. Don't compare yourself with others and don't be worried about what gifts you don't have. Instead, put to use what gifts you do have. Don't be moan your weaknesses but strengthen your strengths!

Are you filling a Mite Box or building a kingdom? Are we working on a committee or are we sharing our gifts joyfully in His service? God loves to take ordinary people and offerings and through them do extraordinary things!

-Submitted by Cheryl Petersen

# Leader Development

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## PIZZAZZ

You've known people who have a "special something" about them. Perhaps you have called it charisma, panache, or style. It is also known as **PIZZAZZ**.

These people radiate energy to others. They bring "sparkle and spirit" into everything they do. It is a joy to be with them, and to work with them.

What is this **PIZZAZZ**? It's having spirit, sparkle or enthusiasm, radiating energy to others, reflecting a variety of interests, knowing when to listen, and when to speak, and really caring about others.

Cultivate **PIZZAZZ** yourself and add that sparkle, energy, and spirit to LWML meetings.

### COMMITTEE BEING FORMED

I was elected Regional Vice President of Park Region II of MN North at the LWML Convention at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, ND June 11-13.

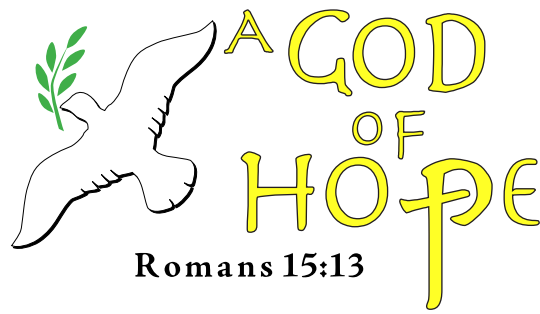
After installation of officers, President Laurain appointed me to be the chairwoman of Leader Development Committee. I'm looking for 3 volunteers to serve on this committee with me. If no volunteers come forth, I will be asking – maybe you!!!

I met with Frances Wittnebel on July 3 at Lutheran Island Camp to learn my new job. She was very helpful in giving me direction for this new undertaking.

Are you a Leader Development person in your society? If you are, I'm praying we can encourage each other to become Christian leaders in our societies.

Rejoicing in Serving the Lord with Gladness,  
*Mildred Helmrichs*





~ Memorials ~

Immanuel, Parkers Prairie in memory of...  
*Irene Thun*

Marian Maatz in memory of...  
*Wally Rein and Almia Karls*

Marian Maatz in memory of...  
*Gordon Letruef and Andrew Schulke*

Zion Evening Guild, Alexandria in memory of...  
*R.L. Olson & Ann Huberty*

Loretta Pfeffer in memory of...  
*Fern Gruenberg and Susan Snyder*

Shirly Diekman in memory of...  
*R.L. Olson and Vivian Bruning*

Gertrude Gunderson in memory of...  
*Jean Anderson*

Linda Paskewitz in memory of...  
*Eleanor Bremer*

*In memory of Dennis Kezar:*

Betty Kezar, Jonette Brogaard,  
Barb Ross, Lori Salvhus  
Gladys Wagner, Frances Wittnebel

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# Structure / Bylaws

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Someone asked me ...”why should we need bylaws for our little organization?” That got me to thinking. Why do we need bylaws - for any organization?

## **So what good are bylaws anyhow?**

- Good for exercise - we many times have to run around to find them.
- Memory helpers- since hardly anyone else remembers where they are.
- Emergency note paper during a meeting - use the back side and erase it later.
- Booster seat at the fall dinner in your church. – if it’s thick enough.
- Loan them to the Library of Congress, after all they are almost antique!

Well, enough of that... you catch my drift.

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A lot of our members (and some leadership too) think writing or amending bylaws is a pretty intimidating and scary thing to do, so why not hide them somewhere and maybe someone else will do it some other year far in the future!! Now that’s scary!!

Amending bylaws is not at all that scary if you plan ahead by appointing a committee who can tackle just a little at a time. And the best part is that there are very clear and easy-to-follow samples of society bylaws in the latest LWML Handbook.

Be sure to look at just a small portion at the time, get that worded to your satisfaction and then go on to the next. Sort of like eating a meal...you wouldn’t try to swallow it all at one

time! Remember, it’s no biggie if you take several months or a year to do it right. Really--the roof will not fall in!!

When you think that you’ve done what needs to be done as well as you can, you make five (5) copies and send it to the District Structure Committee Chairman (that’s me for 2 more years), so that our committee can proof it and make suggestions for changes. That’s not because we think we are smarter, but we have some guidelines from LWML national and some experience, and a very good pastoral counselor who is an expert!! We’ll tell you if there are changes that are “required changes”. Most are just “suggested changes” and have to do with grammar, typos, or format. Be patient. We don’t meet often.





So here's advice to make the work of your bylaw committee less haunting...I mean daunting: Take small bites, chew well, and enjoy dessert! And remember that God tells us to *"Let all things be done decently and in order."* I Corinthians 14:20.

In His Service,  
*Glenna Lemke*

## Public Relations

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For information about Public Relations in your zone and society, please contact your zone Public Relations Chairman or your zone president. Information on Public Relations is located in the 2006 Fall Packet and can be obtained from them or downloaded from the Resource page of the MN North District website at < [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org) >.

*Janet Hasbargen*

## Scholarships

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Scholarship Application Forms and scholarship guideline information are located on our district website at < [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org) > and can be found on the Scholarship and Resources pages or contact your zone president for additional information that was distributed in the 2006 Fall Packet.

The deadline for new applications to be submitted is May 1, 2007.

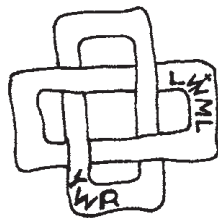
*Anne Hansen*



# Young Women

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Do you want to be a Young Woman Representative to the National LWML Convention in Sioux Falls, SD June 21-24, 2007?

## WHAT IS A YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE?

- Any mature young woman who is preferably 22-35 years of age, a member of the LCMS, and has not previously attended a national convention as a YWR may become a Young Woman Representative.
- A YWR has a deep love and devotion for her Lord Jesus Christ and is willing to participate in the full scope of the convention.
- A YWR will fill out the application completely and honestly, and return it to the district by the date it is due.
- A YWR is willing to be away from home /work for the entire convention and the travel time involved to attend.
- A YWR will attend all sessions of the convention, sitting with her district delegation, though she will not be able to vote.
- A YWR will be asked to report on her convention experience either orally or in written form to the district, zone or society that nominated her.
- A YWR will actively seek to be involved in her local LWML as well as encourage other young women to be active in the LWML.

These and more guidelines as well as the YWR Application Form are available on the MN North District website at <[www.lwmlmn.org](http://www.lwmlmn.org)> and can be downloaded from the Resources Page.

The Minnesota North District LWML will choose two women to attend the convention in Sioux Falls, SD from all applicants and will pay the YWRs expenses for travel, registration, meals and lodging. The application is due December 1, 2006.

Please mail completed form to:

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Impressions, the new e-letter for young women, is available at:  
<[www.lwml.org/committees/ywr/impressions.html](http://www.lwml.org/committees/ywr/impressions.html)>



# TEEN LWML

Teen LWML is for young women who want to grow in their faith and share the love of our God with others through service activities. Teens learn to run their own meetings, plan their own service activities and develop ideas to carry out their plans. All this is done under the guidance of young women mentors.

“Friends Into Serving Him” was introduced at the LWML National Convention in Florida. Since then, a task force has developed the program and various materials for use by those who are interested in starting a “Friends Into Serving Him” program in their area.



Be in **WORD**  
Be a **WITNESS**  
Be in **MISSION**

2006 Young Women's Retreat at LIC



GET TEENS INVOLVED !

## Teens in Service can...

- Develop a Bible story puppet show to present to children
- Assist in sorting and preparing items for missions
- Participate in mission trips
- Hold doors open and welcome worshippers to the church
- Help persons needing assistance during fellowship meals, or moving from one location to another
- Go along on shut-in and nursing home visitations to share time and stories



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Please check the accuracy of the mailing label on this newsletter. September 28th was the day that something went wrong with the database of the 750 addresses for mailing labels of this newsletter. (I know it was probably an errant keystroke command by the computer user – yours truly – that caused the error.) Since that time I have tried to reconstruct the mailing list to the best of my ability. Please check the label and let me know of any inaccuracies that you find.

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## News and Notes

### HEART STORIES

The LWML Faith Talk Task Force is preparing a facilitator-led DVD workshop for all women of the LCMS to learn to talk about their faith with others.

They want to include real-life stories from people whose lives have been impacted by another person (preferably a woman) who spoke a Christian message to them. This could be someone who came to faith as a result of a woman sharing her faith, or who was brought closer to the Lord through an acquaintance, friend or family member speaking to them. These do not have to be LWML women, but we are hoping they will be members of the LCMS.

The stories will have to be told in less than two minutes each. The Task Force will work with each person to distill the story into this time limit. Some stories will be selected and the teller videotaped for inclusion on the Faith Talk DVD. Others maybe included in additional written resource material.

Before submitting names, please contact those people to be sure they are willing to tell their stories. After that, send the names and contact information and a short synopsis of the person's Heart Story to:

Barbara Volk [ [bgv@ioa.com](mailto:bgv@ioa.com) or (828) 693-5692 ]



## **GOODSEARCH HITS MILESTONE**

Use Goodsearch for your internet searches! We've passed the \$1,000 mark in raising money for missions on GoodSearch! Since signing up to receive a penny per search in January, thousands of searches have been made that will benefit LWML mission grants. The more we use the search engine, the more we make for mites. Let's see how much we can raise the rest of the year! Visit [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and type LWML under "I'm supporting" to participate.

## **Quarterly Subscriptions**

'Tis the season for Fall Packets to be distributed. Soon we'll be sending in

our orders for next year's subscriptions to the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.

An idea for small societies who order nine (9) or less issues--why not order ten (10 ) or more so you can share them with other members in your congregation? It is more cost effective for the district and you'll be sharing the wonderful articles from the LWML with others.

Larger societies, ordering extra copies of the Quarterly to share with others is a great idea for you too!

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## **Convention Banner Designs Requested:**

The procession of banners at an LWML convention is a time a time of pride and joy both for the districts and for the convention goers. Each banner is special and unique and a beautiful expression of the convention theme.

The theme of this year's convention is "ROCK! Rest on Christ the King." The banner must contain "Minnesota North District" on the front and will be 3' x 5' in size. The convention logo, shown at the top of the left column, cannot be used on the banner.

At the January board meeting in Brainerd, the banner design will be chosen from those submitted by members in our district. Please give your design to your regional vice president by January 1st. You will be contacted after the meeting if your design is chosen.

## **Transportation to National Convention:**

Bus transportation is being arranged for the members of our district to travel together to the convention in Sioux Falls. More details will be forthcoming after we learn how many women are interested and where they live, so that routes and pick-up points can be determined.



# 2007 National Convention

## Lutheran Women's Missionary League

### 32nd Biennial Convention

#### June 21-24, 2007 Sioux Falls, SD



Only 10 months until the Sioux Falls convention, and it's time to get everyone involved. Share the following highlights with your congregations, societies, zones and districts. It's time to ROCK toward convention!!

#### **LWML convention alert!**

Are you making plans to attend the LWML 32nd Biennial Convention in historic Sioux Falls, South Dakota? Begin by setting aside June 21 -24, 2007, so you can join your LWML sisters in Christ to ROCK! Rest On Christ the King! Visit Falls Park , the beautiful cascading Sioux River Falls and the unique shops in the historic downtown district. Make plans to enroll your children (ages 6 months to 17 years) in Camp ROCK! begin making plans now, reserve the date and find some traveling buddies. Get ready, there is much more information to come! Visit <[www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)> for more.

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#### **The Amazing LWML Rock Star Idol Reality Show!**

An exciting opportunity is at hand. If you like to write sketches, sing, dance or perform before live audiences, we want YOU!

**When** – Friday, June 22nd, 2007

**Where** – Sioux Falls 2007 LWML Convention

**Goal** – to celebrate God's blessing on the LWML in the past and look to the future as the LWML ALL STAR Team!

A five to seven minute act will be chosen from those submitted to represent our district. It can have humor, music, dancing, costuming and should have from three to ten LWML district performers and use simple on/off props.

Make a video; submit it to District President Laurain Jurchen by December 1, 2006. The best "act" will be submitted to the Convention Programming Chairman. Selections will be announced in February.

#### **Send to:**




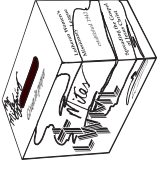



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**SATURDAY**

Be a mustard seed.  
Grow in faith  
today 10¢

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MN North District						
		<b>DECEMBER 2006</b>				
		<i>Prayer &amp; Praise - Mite Calendar</i>				
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Praise & thanks to all those who make our Advent & Christmas services special	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	Pray for outreach to the Muslim in our country <b>MN North Project</b>	Pray that teachers will find extra patience during the holiday season	15 ¢ and remember the sacrifices made by members of the military	Pray for the outreach on the reservations in northern Canada <b>MN North Project</b>	Pray for the ministry of Lutheran Island Camp <b>MN North Project</b>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Thank You for the opportunity to worship today	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	Pray for church worker students <b>MN North Project</b>	Pray for outreach at Shepherd of the Lake, Two Harbors <b>MN North Project</b>	10 ¢ for every figure in your creche	Pray for the hungry children in Haiti <b>MN North Project</b>	5 ¢ for each year you have lived as a baptized child of God
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
25 ¢ for each candle on the Advent wreath	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	Pray for all pastors as they prepare for the Christmas services	Pray for the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti <b>MN North Project</b>	5 ¢ for every gift under your tree	Pray for the blind and visually impaired people <b>MN North Project</b>	Pray for all those who hear the Gospel at church services this weekend
24	<b>Cristmas 25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
"What Child Is This?" ... "It is Christ the King." 	Praise and thanks to God for the gift of His Son	Pray for Hmong outreach in the Twin Cities <b>MN North Project</b>	25 ¢ for each time you sang "Joy to the World"	Pray for outreach on the White Earth Reservation <b>MN North Project</b>	50 ¢ if you plan to go to a New Year's Eve Party	Pray for the ministry of the Orphan Grain Train <b>MN North Project</b>
<b>New Years Eve 31</b>	 As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us remember the mission projects that help to extend His kingdom. We are privileged to be able to share God's great love with others both near and far. Let us sing with the angels: <b>"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."</b>					
Praise & thanks to God for His many blessings in 2006						

# JANUARY 2007

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MONDAY

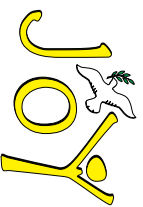
TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



New Years Day		1	2	3	4	5	6
	Have A Blessed New Year	Any resolutions?? Make them to serve the Lord	Pray for our seminary students <b>MN North Project</b>	Pray for the LWML units in your zone 10 ¢	Pray for church worker students <b>MN North Project</b>	Pray for Hmong outreach in the Twin Cities <b>MN North Project</b>	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Invite someone home from church today	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	Pray for the MN North LWML Board of Directors meeting in Brainerd today	Praise God with a song 10 ¢	Pray for outreach among the native Americans in Ontario MN North Project	Pray for your neighbors 15 ¢	Pray for the ministry of Lutheran Island Camp <b>MN North Project</b>	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Greet someone new at worship today	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	Pray for outreach to the Muslim in our country <b>MN North Project</b>	10 ¢ for every phone call you make today	Pray for outreach at Shepherd of the Lake, Two Harbors <b>MN North Project</b>	15 ¢ if the temperature is less than 20 degrees today; 25 ¢ if it is above	Pray for the hungry children in Haiti <b>MN North Project</b>	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
Celebrate life: Life is a gift of God	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	Pray for your church leadership 10 ¢	Pray for the blind and visually impaired people <b>MN North Project</b>	25 ¢ for each television in your house	Pray for the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti <b>MN North Project</b>	5 ¢ for every window in your house	
28	29	30	31	<div><div><p><i>Prayer &amp; Praise</i> <i>Nite Calendar</i></p><p>“Serve the Lord with Gladness.” Psalm 100:2</p></div><div>MN North District</div></div>			
Thank God for the Christian fellowship at your church	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	Pray for outreach on the White Earth Reservation <b>MN North Project</b>	Pray for the ministry of the Orphan Grain Train <b>MN North Project</b>				

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