



MINNESOTA NORTHERN LIGHT

Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Minnesota North District

Serve the Lord with Gladness! Psalm 100:2



FALL 2013

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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.

Visit the LWML websites:
www.lwml.org
www.lwmlmnn.org

President's Pen

[Jesus said:] "... *but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life*" (John 4:14). And so our 2013 LWML Convention Bible verse continues to inspire us to be "Quenched! by the Water."

Since the convention, a number of women have been PINGed in the LWML Minnesota North District! Our PING session participants in Bemidji, Esko, and Alexandria are fired up to Pursue, Inspire, Nourish, Go! Lynn Lahd, Mary Kuhnau, and I are thankful for the gracious hosts and enthusiastic participants who attended the sessions!



President
JoNette Brogaard

What's happening in the LWML Minnesota North?

Celebrate LWML Sunday--traditionally done in October, but can be done anytime!

- **Attend** your fall rally--zone or regional! Check the LWML MN North website at www.lwmlmnn.org to get the date, time, speakers, and more information.
- If you're an officer, **be alert** to the Fall Packets and the report forms/information included. TAKE NOTE: Report deadlines are earlier (November 15 and December 1) than in the past.
- **Pray** about your gifts/talents and using them on the district level. The following positions are "up for election" at our next district convention: Executive Vice President/Christian Life Chairman, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Regional Vice President--Arrowhead II, Lakeland II, Park II, Pastoral Counselor (Lakeland Region). Contact Elizabeth McTighe, Nominating Committee Chairman, at emmctighe@yahoo.com if you have a name or names to submit. Names can also be given to a district officer and they'll pass it on to the Nominating Committee.

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President's Pen continued ...

- **Be aware** that we have an opening in the Appointed Personnel area--EDITOR of our district newsletter (Minnesota Northern Light). If you or someone you know is interested, have them contact me at president@lwmlmnn.org. Questions? Ask Kristin Olsen, the current Editor, at editor@lwmlmnn.org.
- **Save the date(s)**: June 23–25, 2014. Why? So you can attend the 2014 District Convention, to be held in St. Cloud, at the St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center. Theme: "God Alone Is Our Rock."

Above all, continue to grow in God's Word, serve Him daily, and pray continually.

*In His Service,
President JoNette Brogaard*

Structure

The Structure Committee has been busy reviewing the many zone and society bylaws which we have received. You will be receiving the comments soon, if you have not already received them. Everyone is doing a good job and is responding to the suggestions well.

While reviewing your bylaws, we noted that the required name stops when it gets to "is an integrated auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod." We corresponded with LWML Structure Committee and they said that it should continue to be in the bylaws and with the name. Most of you have been doing that, or at least indicating that the congregation belongs to the LCMS.

There was a question about how to include numbers in the bylaws. I corresponded with LWML on this. The committee responded, "All numbers should be printed and spelled out, such as 4 (four). That way there is no confusion. The written out amount provides absolute clarity."

Let us continue to "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Cor. 14:40 KJV).



*Doris Weispfennig
Structure Chairman*

A Thanksgiving message

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:27 ESV).

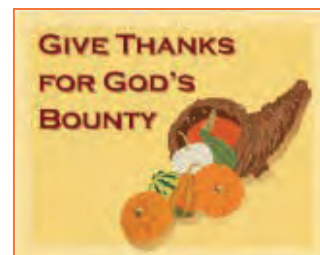
At this time of thanksgiving, we set aside time to thank God for His wonderful gifts to us. If we list the things that God has provided us with and for which we are thankful, we would have quite a lengthy list.

But what would be at the top of that list? Would it be thanks for the bounty of the last year? Might it be thankfulness for the people God has put in our lives to help us, or even for us to help? Would good help and protection from evil be there at the top?

All of these things are very worthy of thanksgiving, but the best is always the gift of Jesus Christ. For through His life, death, and resurrection for our sins, we have the greatest gift ever. We have victory of sin, death, and the devil. We have a restored relationship with God our Father. We have Eternal life with God!

There is no greater gift that we can give thanks to God for than the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Rev. Anthony Cloose
Park Region Counselor*



Mission Grant Prayer Cards Available

Mission Grant Prayer Cards—one for each of the 18 mission grants for the 2013-2015 biennium—have been designed as a tool to remind everyone to pray for those serving as missionaries and those who will hear and see the love of Christ through these grants.



You may download these prayer cards for yourself, gifts, or any event at www.lwml.org/downloads/. You may also order these FREE through the LWML Office at 1-800-252-5955 for the cost of postage.

Human Care

The convention held in Pittsburgh this last June was awesome! Thanks go to each of you as individuals and societies who shared Jesus' love in such a giving way. It's another example of women dedicated to our Lord working together to make a difference!

A complete ingathering list for our 2014 District Convention will be published in the winter newsletter. Just a note: the ingathering will mostly be dedicated to the St. Cloud Veterans Administration Center.

One item to begin working on for the 2014 convention ingathering is "twin size" quilts. We do not need small lap robes and no crocheted or knitted afghans.

Also for the convention ingathering you could begin making "clothing savers." Watch the website for the pattern. These will be donated for private home use, nursing homes and assisted living homes.

Sandy Schroeder (from the Rum River Zone), has this to share regarding the sewing of the pillow case dresses, "Bias tape for the pillowcase dresses is quite spendy. I cut two, two inch strips from the top of another pillowcase. Iron it in half



Deb Anderson
Human Care
Chairman

lengthwise. Then iron down ½ inch on each edge. This works just as good as bias tape. Each piece ends up to be about 40 inches long, which is perfect for around the arm hole and a long tie."

Another hint Sandy shares about the making of the school back packs, "Stringing the clothesline (or whatever is used) takes a very long time. If you tie the end to a knitting needle, it threads through with ease."

The Fall Packets will be distributed at your Fall Rally. Please take the time to fill out the Human Care report form as completely as possible. Each society should mail their form to their own Zone Human Care chairperson. The name and address is on the back of the form. The Zone Human Care chairperson will then compile each society's information on a district form and should mail it to me. My address is on the form.

Thank you for your time! First of all, for "doing" all the human care projects, and secondly, for taking the time to fill out this report and mailing it by the due date. It is greatly appreciated.

Remember that your hints, ideas and pictures are all greatly appreciated! Send them to me via email to humancare@lwmlmnn.org. These will be shared in this newsletter or on our LWML district website.

God's Blessings as you continue to do His Work in your daily life.

Joyful Response® electronic giving program available to LWML Minnesota North District

Now you can donate your mites electronically! "Joyful Response" is a free service provided by Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). Personal or society mites can be directly transferred into the LWML Minnesota North District LCEF Steward Account. Seventy-five percent of the money donated is used for LWML Minnesota North District grants, and twenty-five percent is sent to national LWML.

This program can help societies and individuals plan and fulfill their mite donations in a timely manner. If a society does not meet during certain months of the year, their mites can still be doing the work of the Lord. The enrollment form is available at www.lwmlmnn.org.

If you would like more information on this program, please check out the LCEF website www.lcef.org, or contact Financial Secretary Marilyn Hittel (financialsec@lwmlmnn.org, 320-387-2219) or Treasurer Jenny Biorn (treasurer@lwmlmnn.org, 763-263-1025).

**Joyful
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Making connections

For the most part I am pretty okay with getting older. I have always felt that age is just another number. I know people who act much older than their driver's license says they are and I know people who have decided to never grow up. My biggest problem is that I forget how old I am, when I really need to know this information. Luckily my husband is a month older, so one of his jobs is to remind me how old I am when the facts are really needed. Most days I mentally feel much younger than I am, but then I remember my baby is now 21. (I guess I'm a bit older than I keep thinking I am.)

My involvement in LWML has really helped me develop this attitude of "age-doesn't-matter." It is an organization of women who can range in age from 16 to 106. (Hey, my great-great grandmother lived to be 103 and was driving until 91!) Women of every age can learn from each other and do mission projects together. Our societies have their Mary Circles, their Martha Circles, their Dorcas Circles and their Sarah Circles. God gave us all different gifts, and He expects us to use them to glorify Him through service to others!

At the LWML Convention, the HOPE Committee (Helping Organizations Participate Effectively) had an interesting booth. This is the committee which has brought us LWML 101, 102 and 103. These are fantastic presentations that talk about what LWML is and what it means to belong to LWML. Sometimes it's hard to describe LWML to other people, especially those who don't know the Good News. Go to www.lwml.org and look at their work. Even someone who has been involved in LWML for years will learn something.

At the HOPE booth, they were talking about making connections with other women. The



Lynnette Roshell
YWR Chairman

thought is, that rather than getting women to join LWML in order to meet them, we meet them and then get them to join LWML. It makes sense! People are more apt to join something if they know someone in the group then to come to a meeting to meet people. It is so true.

Why has it taken us 70 years to figure that out?

We are all encouraged to introduce ourselves to that new person in the pew in front of us and to greet the new face we see in the narthex. Have you ever sat in a different area of the church during the worship service and greeted the different people around you? Make a date to meet for coffee or tea. Get to know someone new. Conversation is

becoming a lost art in the world of texting and emails. Have a real discussion with words and facial expressions.

Start this adventure now. Meet one new person each month. By the time the 2014 District Convention is here, you will have at least six new friends to bring with you to St. Cloud. Make sure one of your new friends is a younger woman. Not only can she help you keep up with technology, she will also be able to

participate in the convention Young Women activities.

Keep watch in future newsletters for more information on special activities at our 2014 District Convention for Young Women. In the meantime, start making new friends to bring with you to convention.

HOPE (Helping
Organizations
Participate
Effectively)

*"There is one body
and one Spirit—just
as you were called to
the one hope ..."*
(Ephesians 4:4).



New YWR logo!

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly ... "The stories in the *Quarterly* have opened my eyes to the fact that although I seem to be alone, I have 'sisters' all over the country who have the same aspirations and challenges I do; it's cause for prayers of thanksgiving for God's goodness to me!"

Leader Development

PING: Go out and live

Were you *puzzled, perplexed, and looking for some inspiration* this fall? Those were just some of the word questions answered at the three **PING** events held in September at our gatherings in Bemidji, Esko and Alexandria.

Those who attended learned a new song. The final verse went like this:

Prepare to share the Good News,
Inspired by God's Word,
Nourish all those we cherish, and
Go out and live!

This verse summarizes what **PING** is all about.

Have you been asked to describe LWML? Well, think of **PING** as another way to describe LWML. We “prepare” to share the Good News as we learn how to pursue others, just as God pursues us because of His grace and love for us. He wants us to prepare and to pursue others to tell them the Good News. We prepare by praying and by being “inspired” by God’s Word. In our societies we should be praying, encouraging, and studying God’s Word together. This fellowship should inspire us to want to share it with others. We learn about how to tell others and we learn to “nourish” them..

How do you “nourish” others through LWML? Well, first you learn what LWML is all about. You need to understand how it works and what it is all about, then you befriend other women and invite them to coffee or tea, lunch, or to come to your society meeting, rally, zone joy-shop or workshop. In other words you “go” out. LWML has lots of resources to help you and some of these were explored at the three **PING** events. You nourish with love, friendship, enthusiasm and fellowship.



Lynn Lahd
Leader Development
Chairman

You “go out and live.” Everywhere around us are opportunities to share God’s love and message of salvation. You need to open yourself up to these opportunities. Once again, LWML has many resources that will help you “go out and live,” reminding you that you never walk alone, that our Lord is there beside you.

If you want more information about **PING** and the resources it offers you, please contact Lynn Lahd at leaderdevelopment@lwmlmn.org.



Fall Scholarships

Scholarships

It is fall once again. After the extreme heat of August and September, the cooler temperatures are welcome. It is unusual to see the trees changing color so early, but that is no doubt due to the high temperatures and low moisture we have been experiencing. When I write again, no doubt we will have seen some frost, and almost certainly snow. This brings to mind the verses from Ecclesiastes, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven ..." (Eccl. 3:1 ESV).

With the coming of fall we see students returning to the classrooms at all levels of education. At our 2012 District Convention we voted to continue funding scholarships for people from within our Minnesota North District whose goal it is to enter full-time church work either as pastors, teachers, deaconesses, directors of Christian education or directors of Christian outreach within The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. These funds total \$5,000 for Men Preparing for Ordination and \$50,000 for Full-time Church Work Students. These amounts are then divided by half, with one-half being distributed each year of the biennium, and then divided again by the number of scholarships awarded.

This year we were able to award scholarships as follows:

Men Preparing for Ordination: (each receiving \$833.33 for the school year)

John Bakou	EIIT	Concordia Seminary St. Louis
John Koopman	Pastor	Concordia Theological Seminary Ft. Wayne
Jeffrey Manthe	SMP	Concordia Seminary St. Louis

Full-Time Church Work Students: (each receiving \$3,125.00 for the school year)

Jessica Borchardt	DCE	Concordia St. Paul
Andrew Coop	Pre-Sem	Concordia Wisconsin
Laura Kester	Teacher	Concordia St. Paul
Mackenzie Lindquist	Teacher	Concordia St. Paul
Josef Muench	Pre-Sem	Concordia St. Paul
Anna Schield	Teacher	Concordia St. Paul
Casey Stage	Teacher	Concordia St. Paul
Stephanie Wilde	DCE	Concordia Nebraska

*Serve the Lord
With Gladness*

Thank you notes have been received from many of these students. They often include glimpses into their lives and their dreams. Our support of them is so very much appreciated. Remember to keep them in your prayers. They have all been blessed with many different talents and the common desire to serve the Lord through His church.

"God Alone Is Our Rock"

The women of LWML Minnesota North District Arrowhead II Region, along with the board of directors, have begun working on the 2014 Convention, which will be held in St. Cloud, June 22—25, 2014. This promises to be an exciting, fun, and informative time for everyone who attends, so save the dates! See details of our convention on page 10 and at our website, www.lwmlmnn.org.

Notice to Arrowhead II Members: We still need team captains for the properties team, the publicity team, the technical team, and the worship team. If you are interested in any of these areas and willing to take on the job, please contact me as soon as possible.

The next Nuclei Committee meeting will be held on February 22, 2014, at Faith Lutheran Church in St. Cloud at 9:30 a.m.

Corky Rainer, 2014 Convention Nuclei Chairman

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Linda Jeske
Scholarships
Chairman



Christian Life

In the Beginning God Created ... (Genesis 1:1)

Looking for inspiration, spiritual growth, fun, relaxation, renewal of old friendships, and building of new friendships? We found it at the LWML Minnesota North District Retreat held at Lutheran Island Camp August 9-11. What a fine host Lutheran Island Camp was—we did not have to cook meals or wash dishes—and we never even saw a washing machine!



Besides the Bible Studies centering around God's awesome creation, we were fed by an inspiring guest speaker, Mr. Brian Young. Mr. Young shared his immense bundle of knowledge with the attendees. His particular knowledge pertaining to God's creation prepared the listeners for the debates they so often encounter on creation vs. evolution. We now feel better prepared to share this subject with our children, grandchildren and others as we face this debate. It is a debate which is becoming more and more prevalent in our school systems and in the secular world. This knowledge, based on God's Holy Scripture, is a solid foundation for our faith in Jesus Christ, our Creator and Savior.



Mary Kuhnau
Christian Life
Chairman

Saturday evening we were entertained by the Minnesota Minutemen. Their situational witnessing sitcoms helped the attendees relate to the Lord's teachings.



Pastoral Counselor
Rev. Don Stauty
led the Bible study

Each evening our hearts were warmed with beautiful sing-alongs around the campfire led by the LIC staff. Following the Friday sing-along, a feast of snacks and Christian fellowship in the Fireside Room added the finishing touch for the day.

The word "retreat" is described as "an orderly withdrawal from a position of threat or danger to a refuge." This was definitely the description of our 2013 retreat. Fifty-five women withdrew to take refuge in their Lord Jesus to fill their needs.

Memories were made! We hope to see you join us next year at the retreat. Mark your calendars for the second weekend in August, 2014.

*Ruby Prochnow
Christian Life Committee*



Mission Grants 2012-2014

#6 Vehicles for Pastors and vicars in Haiti - \$20,000

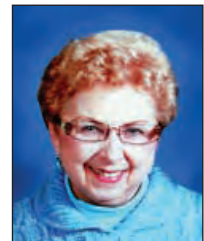
There are five churches in the North District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti (ELCH) in fellowship with the LCMS. Two of the churches are in Cap Haitien and the other three are in outlying areas. These five churches in Haiti North District are served by three pastors and two vicars. Transportation becomes an issue due to poor road maintenance and extreme poverty. Funds will provide motor bikes, four wheelers, and similar vehicles, plus money for repair, to help the church workers with their transportation needs in their ministries.



Notes of thanks from grant recipients:

To the Mn North District, The Lutheran Mission Association of International Falls, MN gratefully acknowledges your cash/grant gift for the vehicles for pastors and vicars in the Cap Haitian area of Haiti. God has blessed our work in Haiti with the help and support we have received from the LWML MN North district. Karen Lueth, LMA Financial Secretary

Dear Ladies of the Minnesota North District: Along with this letter, you will find a report on the partial usage of the Mission Grant which you so generously provided to Concordia Theological Seminary Food & Clothing Co-op. Your gift to the Co-op provides for the bodily needs of the students and their families. Each time they come to the Food Co-op to shop for their weekly items, they are reminded of the faithfulness of you ladies as they pick up produce or milk or cheese or ground beef. You have made those items available to them. On behalf of the students and their family members I say thank you. We pray God's blessings on you as you continue to serve HIM. Please continue to pray for the students, faculty and staff of the Seminary as students are formed into servants in Jesus Christ, who teach the faithful, reach the lost and care for all. Sincerely, Karen Fuelling - Director, Food & Clothing Co-op.



Judy Uran
Mission Grants
Chairman



**2012-2014
Mission Goal
Status as of
September 31,
2013**

	Goal	Balance
#1 Orphan Grain Train	\$ 8,500	\$ 2,000.00
#2 Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students	\$ 50,000	\$20,000.00
#3 Financial Support and Staff Training—Lutheran Island Camp	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,400.00
#4 Food and Clothing Co-op, Ft. Wayne	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,000.00
#5 Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,138.02
#6 Vehicles for Pastors and Vicars in Haiti	\$ 20,000	\$ 8,000.00
#7 Christian Education at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch RRV	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000.00
#8 Construct Classroom Building in Yambio, So. Sudan (LHF)	\$ 10,000	Paid in full
#9 Christian Storybooks for SE Asia (LBT)	\$ 1,000	Paid in full
#10 Anyuak Ministry, Sauk Rapids	\$ 5,000	Paid in full
#11 Servant Events on the Fond du Lac Reservation	\$ 5,000	\$ 900.00
#12 Mary Okeyo Student Scholarship Fund for Travel	\$ 5,500	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL	\$135,000	\$40,938.02



New Mustard Seeds Devotions

From Quiet Times to Noisy Love – Written by humorist Jan Struck, who brings laughter and the love of God to others, these devotions remind us that in our lives of perpetual motion, busyness, lost car keys and noisy interference, we are God's forgiven children. #40218 -- \$2.50

Love, Laughter and Lullabies – DCE and young mother Amanda Stacy writes of God's blessings through babies. From sonograms and baby monitors to blocks scattered all over the floor, these seeds are ideal devotions for moms (and dads, too) through pregnancy to the toddler stage. #40219 – \$2.50

Daughters of the King – These set of seeds, written by the Mustard Seed Task Force, tells the stories of women of the Bible in the beginning, to Rhoda in the New Testament. Because of the unending love of our gracious God, we women of today share in their stories of redemption, forgiveness, and healing. #40217 – \$2.50

Water of Life – Michael Heckmann authored these devotions centered on water— water for thirsty travelers, water in a stormy sea, water and the Word in Holy Baptism. Scripture passages, thought-provoking examples, and prayers remind us that

our loving God offers the Water of Life. #40199 – \$2.50.

These Mustard Seed Devotions can be ordered through the latest LWML catalog or at www.lwml.org.

Check out other new LWML products, including Bible studies, clothing, and jewelry. Some resources are now available online free as a download. Go to www.lwml.org/resources/leaderdevelopment/



- **Sartell, Messiah, for Esther Herzog**
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Memorial and honor gifts should be sent to:
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Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar

The Prayer and Praise Mite Calendars are a fun way to increase your Mite Box giving. Included on the calendar are daily prayer petitions to support the LWML and our 2012-2014 mission grants. These calendars are available on the district website under the "Publications" tab.



Your *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* subscription questions should be directed to our Corresponding Secretary, Tessa Giru, correspondingsec@lwmlmnn.org.

Please send your photos, articles, and information for *The Lutheran Witness* supplement page to: Kristin Olsen, Editor, editor@lwmlmnn.org.

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Lutheran Women's Missionary League
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26th Biennial Convention
June 23 - 25, 2014



Theme: "God Alone is Our Rock"

*"For God alone my soul waits in silence
from him comes my salvation.
He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
I shall not be greatly shaken."
Psalm 62:1-2 (ESV)*

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Paul Krueger

Senior Pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Minot, ND
Director of Hope Village, Minot, ND

Bible Study Leader: Rev. Brady Finner

Pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church, Sartell, MN

Entertainment: Looney Lutherans

Convention Location: St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center
St. Cloud, MN

Hosting Region: Arrowhead II

Some Happenings at Convention:

Breakout Sessions, Mites in Action Speakers, Election of Officers, New Mite Goal for 2014-2016 Biennium, Mission Grants Selected, Mite Walk, Servant Events, Human Care Ingathering and much more!

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