



"Serve the Lord with Gladness..." Psalm 100:2

LWML Individual Membership

Individual membership is designed for women who have an interest in the mission and ministry of the LWML organization, but cannot, for a variety of reasons, attend society meetings.

- A woman who is a communicant member of an LCMS congregation with or without a women's group is eligible for membership as an individual. Individual membership is not considered a group or unit, nor does it confer voting privileges at the national level.
- The privilege of vote at zone or district meetings is at the discretion of those organizations and is determined by their bylaws.
- Requests for recognition of membership shall be processed by the LWML district in which the individual resides.
- Individual members can participate in the activities and events of LWML.

- It is the responsibility of the individual to understand the purpose of LWML and support LWML grants and programs. The mites collected by this person are sent in to the district LWML. They would also get a subscription to the official LWML publication.
- Societies or groups shall invite individual members to attend local activities.
- Zones shall include individual members in zone mailings, and encourage them to attend zone functions.

All of the previous information can be found on the LWML website (lwml.org) under the "About" heading, "Membership" tab.

As our groups and zones decrease in membership, I encourage every woman to be aware of these individual women who need fellowship and have gifts they can offer in service to the Lord.

Marilyn Hittel
LWML MN North District President

Save the Date!

June 22-24, 2020

LWML MN North District Convention

Location: Timberlake Lodge Hotel and Event Center, Grand Rapids, MN

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Brent Smith, Mission Central, Iowa

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deadline is December 15, March 15, June 15 and September 15. Sign up to receive the newsletter online. Go to lwmlmn.org and look for the Subscribe button.



2020 Nominating Committee. L to R: Doris Weispfennig, Sally Grabuski, Lori Salvhus, Elaine Wolter, Tessa Giru (chairman), Linda Meyer, Carla Patton (District Board Advisor)

Looking for leaders?

The LWML MN North District is looking for willing women to use their time and talents to serve on the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee will be meeting in October to begin the process of calling women who want to serve the Lord in this capacity.

The following Board of Director positions will be open:

- President
- Corresponding Secretary
- Treasurer
- Regional Vice Presidents (RVPs) of Arrowhead I, Lakeland I, and Park I
- Pastoral Counselor from the Lakeland Region

An appointment will be made to complete the term of the Arrowhead II Regional Vice President.

If you are willing to serve, please contact Tessa Giru, Nominating Committee Chairman at 218-682-3432 or email her at jgtcgiru@tds.net.



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.

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Who is in charge?

Who and where are the leaders in your society? Do you have society officers, circle leaders, serving group leaders, or someone to send cards and correspondence to those who are ill or mourning? Does someone take care of kitchen supplies, Bible studies, in-gatherings, cleaning and so on? All these positions are leadership positions. People are chosen to be in charge of certain tasks. Where would we be without someone in charge?

Leadership should not be a scary concept. It is simply being in charge of getting something done. A good leader will encourage others, teach others and organize others to complete necessary tasks. At times it can be overwhelming, like when someone needs to head a big dinner celebration or maybe a large convention.

Everyone is a leader at something. Think about what you do every day. What skills do you recognize in yourself or others that you could encourage and develop?

We have all been given gifts from God to be used to His glory. From Romans 12:4-6 we read: *For as in one body we have many members and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts, that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith.* We need to identify those talents in each of us. Who do you go to for making decisions? Do people come to you? Do you have an idea of who to

contact when a task needs doing? Sometimes we don't need to be able to do a task but rather know who to contact to get it done. Leaders do not have to do everything in each job but should delegate tasks to those who do them well.

Do not feel that you don't have the qualifications to lead. We have a mighty God who sent his Holy Spirit to guide and direct us in every challenge in life. Pray, read His Word, and follow His lead to use the gifts we have been given.

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Season of thanks and giving

As I write this article, autumn is here, the leaves are bursting forth in a glorious array of colors while some of the leaves have started to drift to the ground. It is one of my favorite seasons and I thank God for the beauty of our earth.

Last night I thought of my parents and how they loved the season of autumn. We would take long drives to look at the beautiful colors that were transpiring on the trees. As I have grown older, I reflect on those memories and think about how blessed I was to have had parents who taught me to appreciate all that God has provided.

My parents also taught me that we are to use our God-given talents and to share our abilities. Each person is unique and has a different set of talents and abilities, which we are to be thankful for and to use them in giving service to others.

During my time of reflection, I started a list of people who have helped me personally and

people who help make in this journey of life meaningful. Of course, there are family members, friends, doctors, pastors, mentors, etc. and then our service men and women, law enforcement personnel, first responders, etc. These people all deserve our thanks for what they do.

With this season of thanks and giving, I want to encourage everyone to be sure to say “thank you” for the things these people have done to enhance our lives. Also, think of ways we can assist others. For example, how about providing fleece blankets or stuffed tops to the first responders to help give comfort to children in stressful situations? Or how about spending time visiting with an elderly neighbor? The gift of time is priceless. Think of ways you can give back to some of the people that have made an impact on your life.

Most of all, don’t forget to thank God for all the blessings He has provided; He is the one from whom all blessings flow!

Oh, give thanks to the Lord: call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! (1 Chronicles 16:8-9)

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Changes for Good

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. (2 Peter 3:18)

Aristotle said, “We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”

As Christians, our goal is to keep growing and maturing. According to research, establishing a new habit takes, on average, 21 days. One popular method to build habits is called the 21/90 rule. This rule is simple. Commit to a personal or professional goal for 21 straight days. After three weeks, the pursuit of that goal should have become a habit. Once you've established that habit, continue to do it for another ninety days.

Max Lucado, in his book, *When God Whispers Your Name*, has identified four habits worth establishing.

1 The habit of prayer

In our prayers, we include prayers of thanksgiving, prayers for forgiveness and prayers of intercession for ourselves and others.

2 The habit of study

We are encouraged to regularly study God’s Word through Bible study (either privately or in groups) and to read His Word daily.

3 The habit of giving

Because we have received God’s grace through Jesus, we glorify God through giving of ourselves in service to others with our time, talents and treasures.

4 The habit of fellowship

The importance of true Christian fellowship is that it reinforces our beliefs and helps us to focus on Christ and His desired goals for us.

Some of us may have mastered some or all of these habits. But it is important to our Christian life that we continue each of them as we strive to become more like Jesus. There are Bible studies, devotions, skits, etc. available on the LWML website to assist us in these habits. Feel free to contact me if you need help locating a resource.

“You can’t go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.”

— C.S. Lewis

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Mites can do “Mitey” Things

How exciting it is that the LWML Mission Goal for the 2019-2021 biennium is \$2,100,000! Remember that the mite money that is given to the LWML Minnesota North District is divided into both national and district grants, and the national percent is 1/4th of the monies that are received. Needless to say, we have a good goal in working together to meet the needs of both our national and district grants. One of the projects that was adopted on the

national level of the LWML is *“Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya”*. This project will receive \$80,000 in mite monies over this biennium. We have been blessed in so many ways that we take for granted on a daily basis. Can you imagine not having clean water to drink and needing to travel miles to obtain water as well? That is something that occurs on a regular basis for students in schools and orphanages in Kenya. Thankfully, a process was developed utilizing water harvesting equipment in the form of gutters and tanks. Through this process, children are receiving hand-washing stations and clean water “buckets” in these facilities that are offered through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya, as well as developing good hygiene practices. In addition, pastors desire to share and extend their ministry to the people of this country, and this grant will also help in that way as well.


One last thing—please keep in mind that **February 15, 2020** is the deadline for any grant proposals that will be considered for our district convention next June. Any grants postmarked after that date will not be considered. We are aware that there are many wonderful grant proposals that will come before this committee, and we would hate to see your proposal discarded if this deadline was not observed. We look forward to receiving your proposal. The Mission Grant Application Form is available to download from our district website (lwmlmnn.org) under Resources or the Mission Grant web page. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me; my information is also on the district website.

Continue to *“Serve the Lord with Gladness”*.




Mission Grant: \$80,000

WATER AND THE WORD FOR RURAL SCHOOLS IN KENYA
Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenya



I was thirsty and your grace was drink.
(Matthew 13:12)



And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.
(Matthew 10:42)


The children in Kenya struggle to have water in their schools and often walk miles each day to gather water that is not necessarily clean water. Very often, the children must leave school and walk to the local water source. These water sources can be miles away from the school. Children are not only drinking dirty water and getting sick, but filling bottles in school because they spend so much of their day hauling water.

This grant will help the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) extend their ministry by expanding the clean water project to their schools and orphanages thereby building a relationship with ELCK as they provide sound biblical teachings in their sponsored schools. Every dollar goes to help bring clean water and the Word to the children in Kenya!

WE PRAY TOGETHER...

Jesus proclaimed, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." We praise and thank You, for the clean, healthy and earthly life sustaining water that the Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya mission grant will provide. We pray that this water will strengthen the students as they may receive You and Your eternal water of life. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

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History... intriguing to say the least! Another book on the history of the LWML has been written and published... **“Dedicated” written by Carolyn Blum, with Deaconess Betty Knapp.** It is “A history of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (Lutheran Women in Mission), an auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, emphasizing the years 2003-2017, in celebration of their 75th anniversary in 2017.”

The book was available for purchase (and signing by the author) at the Mobile Convention. However, by the time I got to the booth where they were being sold, the supply brought to Mobile was sold out. I have since ordered it through the LWML Store. If you love history, I strongly urge you to order a copy; visit the website (lwml.org) to reach the LWML Store. Great to read about God working through Lutheran Women in Mission!

Mission Grant Report

A total amount of \$13,000 in mites for LWML MN North grants was raised this past quarter. The Mission Grant Committee recommended and the BOD approved the payment of grant allocations as follows: \$6,500 for Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students; \$2,500 for Sharing Christ With Muslims; \$4,000 for Project 24 Child Care; Christ's Care for Children Kenya. The chart below details the current balance remaining for the 2018-2020 biennium.

	MISSION GRANTS FOR THE 2018-2020 BIENNIUM (Balance as of Oct 8, 2019)	GRANT AMOUNT	BALANCE REMAINING
Grant 1	Orphan Grain Train	\$9,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 2	Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$15,000	\$5,000
Grant 3	Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Student	\$50,000	\$14,500
Grant 4	Lutheran Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch Staff Growth and Training	\$10,000	\$5,000
Grant 5	Trinity HOPE Haitian Feeding Program	\$10,000	\$3,000
Grant 6	Sharing Christ With Muslims	\$5,000	\$2,500
Grant 7	Project 24 Child Care; Christ's Care for Children Kenya	\$10,800	\$3,000
Grant 8	Lutheran Outreach in Puerto Rico in response to Hurricane Maria	\$8,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 9	“Main Street Living North” Ministry Outreach TV Program	\$10,000	\$5,000
Grant 10	Gloria Dei School and Church Building at Cap Haitian, Haiti (Partially Funded)	\$11,200	PAID IN FULL
TOTALS		\$139,000	\$35,000

SCHOLARSHIPS

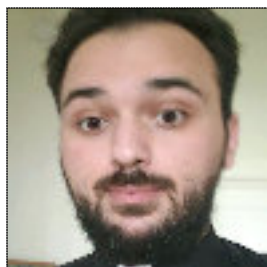
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Scholarship Recipients

In the past fifty plus years, LWML Minnesota North District has, through mission grants, been supporting full-time church work students through scholarships. For the 2019-2020 school year, we have awarded scholarships to two seminary students and eight college students. Pictured are our current scholarship recipients.



Gino Marcheti II is attending his last year at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. His home church is Emmanuel Lutheran, Elk River, MN.



Joshua Mork is attending his last year at Concordia Theological Seminary, St Louis, MO. His home congregation is Our Redeemer, Moorhead, MN.



Travis Woltmann is attending Concordia University, Wisconsin Mequon, WI. His studies are Theology with DCM Certificate. His home congregation is Holy Cross, St Cloud, MN.



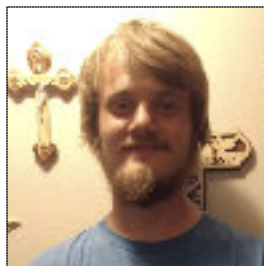
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Cara Schmidtke is attending Concordia University, St Paul, MN. Her studies are Lutheran Classroom Teacher-math. Her home congregation is Immanuel Lutheran, Walker, MN.



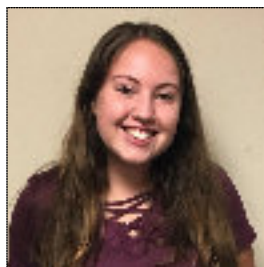
Emily Safarik is attending Concordia University, St Paul, MN. Her studies are Lutheran Classroom Teacher. Her home congregation is Zion Lutheran, Alexandria, MN.



Michael Thomas is attending Concordia University, Chicago, River Forest, IL. His studies are Theological languages/Pre-sem. His home church is Immanuel Lutheran, Parkers Prairie, MN.



LeAnn Gregoire is attending Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne, IN. Her studies are Masters in Deaconess Studies, DP. (She is married; they are expecting a baby this winter.) Her home congregation is Trinity Lutheran, Isle, MN.



Madison Patrow is attending Concordia University, St Paul, MN. Her studies will be in the DCE program. Her home congregation is Our Redeemer, Cohasset, MN.



Jacob Frank is attending Concordia University, Chicago, River Forest, IL. His studies are Pre-sem, Theological languages-major, Philosophy-minor. His home church is Mt Olive Lutheran, Duluth, MN.

Scholarships cont:

How thankful we are for these men and women who are willing to commit to full-time church work and the Great Commission to Go *therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.* (Matthew 28:19)

Fall Packet Deadlines

*Zone President & Society Record Form Due by **November 15**

Send to District Corresponding Secretary:

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TAKE NOTE:

Deadlines are as follows:
Society Reports: Human Care reports are due to their Zone counterpart on or before **NOVEMBER 15th**.

Zone Reports: Human Care reports are due to their District counterpart on or before **DECEMBER 1st**.

Society Christian Life Reports are due to their Zone counterpart on or before **JANUARY 15, 2020**.

Zone Christian Life Reports are due to their District counterpart on or before **JANUARY 31, 2020**

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From eroded banks we grow

After caring for the garden produce I brought in this morning, I looked to the heavens and declared gratitude for the delicious vegetables those little seeds brought forth. A true miracle performed by God, our Creator. Those small seeds die and come forward as little seedlings. They grow, bud, bloom, and bring forth all these vegetables.

So it is with us. We are born sinners. We are buried in our waters of baptism with God coming to us. By the Holy Spirit and His Word He makes us His own children. We grow, bud, and bloom doing the good work He has prepared for us. Through GRACE alone, we come out of the Kingdom of Darkness and come into the Kingdom of Light. This transformation was accomplished by Jesus when He died on the cross for us. (Colossians 1:13) *We have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who lives, but He lives in me.*

(Galatians 2: 20.) We are a new creation, just as that little seed is now a new creation; a carrot, cucumber, cabbage, etc.

A river meanders along its path - never going straight. It is constantly being washed and eroded cutting on one of its banks and building deposits, sediments, on the other of its banks. So it is with us. We meander along our Christian journey. We are born in sin and continue to sin daily. Our sins build up on one bank, but are eroded, washed away. God builds deposits, forgiveness and strength, on our other bank as we journey along on our Path of Life. Some days we are weak after sin has eroded one of our banks, but we praise the Lord that He has given us His Word to receive that forgiveness and build our other bank. That bank grows, and because of the deposits and growth, we are able to perform those works He has prepared a head of time. Without those deposits from His Word and Spirit we would only grow, bud, and bloom... **NO VEGETABLES!**

God uses LWML to build up our eroded banks. The LWML is there 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" building the banks of her life producing **VEGETABLES!**

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Transitions

Happy Autumn to the Young Women and my other LWML

sisters of the MN North District! Once again we have arrived to the time of year when the temperature begins to drop, and, with it, the colorful fall leaves. It's a season of transition from the more care-free days of summer to the routine of school once more. This fall in particular has been a bigger transition than usual in our house as my oldest son, James, has begun his senior year of high school as a Post Secondary student at Concordia University in St. Paul.

I would be dishonest if I said that this transition has not been difficult for me: worrying about how he'll manage in the cities after growing up in a small rural community, if he'll make friends, and if he'll be able to keep his grades up, amongst others. However, I find that some of my worries have been assuaged by the kindness shown to my son at the LCMS church that he has been attending in St. Paul. The church is one that we attend while visiting in the cities, and knowing that James would be attending there while at college, we asked the pastors to look after him. Both their assurances, and the assurances of other members of the church – many mothers going through, or having gone through what I am going through – that they would look after him, has been a large

relief to me. I know that God has my son in His hand, but sinner that I am, I still worry, and find comfort in the knowledge that there are other LCMS members looking out for him in his new church home.

This kindness is not only found in St. Paul. There are LWML women in our district who have reached out to me for addresses of our YWRs to encourage them in their new college church homes. What a blessing for our YWRs this will be! However, there are others out there who may be in need of a kind face, and I would like to encourage all of you to be on the lookout for newcomers in your area. I know that we don't all live in college towns, but those who do - reach out to new college students in town. Invite them to church. Welcome them. Help ease the transition for them from home to college.

Yes, we have some wonderful campus ministries, but some college students prefer to attend church off campus. Moreover, even if campus students enjoy worshipping on campus, they may also enjoy being included in other events at local churches. To those of us who don't live in a college town, we can still be mindful of new people in town and offer a kind word. We should also remember to keep our college students in prayer. Emails, notes, and even packages would be appreciated by students from your church who are off to college or serving in the military. And to our young women who are off to college, I pray that you are met with kindness and are welcomed with open arms by your new church homes. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the kind members in our LCMS churches. They will be more than happy to befriend and help you in your new home away from home.

Memorials and Honorariums July 2019 to September 2019

In memory of Leone Lubben
from JoNette Brogaard

In honor of Virginia Ansorge's 100th Birthday
from JoNette Brogaard
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from Willmar, Redeemer

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from Ralph Freudenberg

In memory of Betty Wagner
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In memory of Peggy Mahecke
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In memory of Ann Garbe
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In memory of Joyce Barnes
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In memory of Marion Flatau
from Judy Ellingson

In memory of Georgia Fry
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In memory of Linda Self
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Financial Remittance Form can be downloaded from the Resources page of our district website at lwmlmnn.org.

2019 UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 10	<i>Lutheran Witness</i> supplement page deadline
Nov 15	Society Fall Packet Due
Nov 15	Zone President & Society Record Form Due
Dec 1	Zone Fall Packet Deadline
Dec 10	<i>Lutheran Witness</i> supplement page deadline
Dec 15	<i>Minnesota Northern Light</i> newsletter Winter issue article deadline

2020 UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 15	Society Christian Life Forms Due
Jan 31	Zone Christian Life Forms Due
Feb 15	Mision Grant Application Deadline
June 22-24	LWML MN North District Convention in Grand Rapids, MN



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Submit an article

Does your zone or society have an event or story to share? Please send your article and pictures to the Editor at:
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Minnesota Northern Light

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Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar

A great help in your prayer and praise life – especially remembering the mission grants we're supporting. Download this month's calendar from the Publication Menu.

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