



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

Fall has always seemed to be the season of new beginnings. School begins again, lake cabins are readied for cold weather, crops are harvested, and we clean up our yards and homes in anticipation of winter. Group Bible Studies put "on hold" for the summer start again, as well as confirmation instruction and Sunday School. LWML is no different. We step up our meeting schedule and plan for our fall rallies.

Zone rallies are a wonderful way to connect with your LWML sisters. Consider bringing a friend and sharing the rally experience with them.

On our LWML MNN website (lwmlmnn.org), under the Events tab, you will find a listing of the fall rally information we have received. Fall rallies are very important because so much information is distributed at that rally. All the report forms are in the fall packet. Please pay attention to the deadlines. It is very important to get those reports done and returned to the committees in charge, as most of the statistics are used to plan the next year and beyond.



October is the traditional time for LWML Sunday, and 2021 is no exception. This year the theme is "Our Hearts in HIS Hand", based on 1 Peter 4:8, written by Dr. Dale A. Meyer, recently retired St. Louis Seminary President and Lutheran Hour Speaker. Be sure to make arrangements with your pastor to use this service. The materials are downloadable at lwml.org.

Our gracious and loving God has blessed us in the past and will continue to bless us in the days to come. May we respond and continue to "Serve the Lord with Gladness!"

Blessings,
Kathy Brandt,
President LWML Minnesota North District



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2021 UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct-Nov	Fall Rallies
Nov 15	Group Reports due to Zone Officers
Dec 1	Zone Reports due to District Officers
Dec 15	<i>Minnesota Northern Light</i> Winter Issue articles due
Jan 11	Board of Directors Meeting



Mustard Seed Devotions can be sent directly to your email daily. Visit www.lwml.org/mustard-seed-devotions to sign up.



2022 CONVENTION June 20-22, 2022

The 2022 LWML Minnesota North District Convention will be held June 20-22, 2022, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Moorhead, Minnesota.

The keynote speaker will be Debbie Griffith from International Falls, Minnesota. Debbie has a one minute radio talk show –"Everyday Matters"– heard on over 100 radio stations. She is a story teller, humorist, and most importantly, a speaker who wishes to share the joy of following Jesus Christ.

More details will follow in the months to come.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9b).

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On August 13-15, 2021, Minnesota North District LWML women gathered at Lutheran Island Camp for their annual retreat. There were 50 participants, including 13 first-timers. This year's theme was "The Way Home – A Study of the Book of Ezra."

The weekend started on Friday night with a Bible study titled "Heaven is My Home?" and the theme continued on Saturday as Pastor Bruce Timm led a study of the Book of Ezra. On Sunday morning, a prayer service was held in the chapel.

Despite not having a campfire due to the drought, there was time to enjoy evening snacks in the Fireside Room while visiting with friends. Other weekend activities included relaxing, participating in numerous crafts, touring Christ Serve Ranch, and exploring the beauty of the Island. Mark your calendar – next year's retreat is scheduled for August 12-14, 2022.



LWML Retreat First Timers



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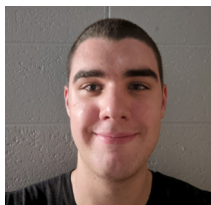
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The Scholarship Committee met in June 2021 to review the applications for Church Work and Seminary students for the 2021-2022 school year. We reviewed the applications and presented them to the Board of Directors at the July BOD meeting and approved all five applications - three Church Work and two Seminary students. The recipients are as follows:



Madison Patrow

Madison Patrow – She is from Cohasset, MN; Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cohasset, is her home congregation. She is in her final year at Concordia University St Paul and is majoring in Christian Ministry. She plans, with the help of God and guided by the Holy Spirit, to follow His example of loving and serving others, while spreading the Good News of the Gospel Message. She plans to pursue full-time church work.



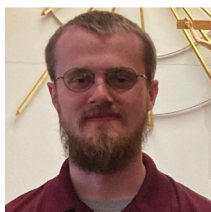
Jacob Frank

Jacob Franck – He is from Duluth, MN; Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Duluth, is his home congregation. He is attending Concordia University Chicago, majoring in Theological Languages. He has enlisted in the Army Reserves to help him be a chaplain in the army. He is planning to become a pastor.



Jacob Lemke

Jacob Lemke – He is from Lakeville, MN; Messiah Lutheran Church, Sartell, MN, is his home congregation. He is attending Concordia University Mequon, majoring in Theological Languages. Jacob enjoys studying the languages of Greek, Latin and German, with Spanish and French on the side. He is also studying jazz guitar and playing classical piano-mostly Bach. He is studying to become a pastor.



Michael Thomas

Michael Thomas – He is from Parkers Prairie, MN; Immanuel Lutheran Church, Parkers Prairie, MN is his home congregation. He is attending Concordia Theological Seminary, St Catherine's, Ontario, Canada – St. Catherine's is a sister church of the LCMS. He opted out of going in the 2020-2021 year due to covid regulations in Canada. He is taking music/Biblical languages – Ministry Division to become a pastor.



Bruce Maul

Bruce Maul – He is from Vergas, MN; St Paul's Lutheran Church, Vergas, MN is his home congregation. Bruce has a BS in Secondary English Education and will be taking classes to become a pastor as he does God's work at St. Paul's, Loon Lake. He is participating in the Concordia Seminary SMP Program. The Specific Ministry Pastor Program, through the LCMS seminary in St. Louis Missouri, is a four-year program of college courses. Expenses include travel, books, vicarage fees, robes and other costs; the scholarship grant will help cover these expenses.

MISSION GRANTS REPORT

A total amount of \$25,000 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: \$4,000 for Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination, \$6,000 for C.R.O.S.S. Appeal, \$10,000 for Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students, \$5,000 for Financial Assistance for Food and Clothing Co-op, CTS, Fort Wayne. The chart below details the current balance remaining for the 2020-2022 biennium.

	MISSION GRANTS FOR THE 2020-2022 BIENNIUM (Balance as of October 12, 2021)	GRANT AMOUNT	BALANCE REMAINING
Grant 1	Orphan Grain Train	\$9,000	\$4,500
Grant 2	Lutheran Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch	\$10,000	\$5,000
Grant 3	Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$8,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 4	C.R.O.S.S. Appeal	\$18,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 5	Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students	\$32,000	\$1,800
Grant 6	Financial Assist for Food & Clothing Co-op, CTS Fort Wayne	\$10,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 7	At Just the Right Time - Mission Central	\$10,000	\$5,000
Grant 8	"Main Street Living North" Ministry Outreach TV Program	\$5,000	\$2,500
Grant 9	Doxology Pastoral Care and Well-being	\$15,000	\$7,500
Grant 10	Project 24, Christ's Care for Children - Kenya	\$10,800	\$4,500
Grant 11	LSF Haiti - Jacmel Lutheran Home & Center of Refuge Orphanage	\$10,000	\$4,500
Grant 12	Connecting People in an inclusive Christian Housing Community (partially funded)	\$2,700	PAID IN FULL
TOTALS		\$140,500	\$35,300

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MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS WANTED!

Did you know that the first grant was given in 1943 for \$15,000 to Christ Church for the Deaf in Cleveland and the first grant the LWML Minnesota North District gave was in 1944 for \$5,000? Since then, millions of dollars have been received to fund Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Mission Grants. Hundreds of these mission grants became realities because one LWML member or one LWML group learned of a mission need and made the effort to do something special — to submit a mission grant proposal to fund the project.

The deadline for submitting grant proposals for the Minnesota North District is February 15, 2022, for the 2022 – 2024 biennium. An individual or a LWML group can be a blessing to others by continuing to be aware of the needs in her community and submitting a mission grant proposal for them. You can find the application at [LWML Minnesota North District \(lwmlmnn.org\)](http://LWML Minnesota North District (lwmlmnn.org)), click on the **2022 Mission Grant Application Form** (Microsoft Word) to complete on your computer.

Continue to remember our LWML grants—both on the national and district levels—in your prayers and continue to support them through your Mite Box offerings.

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The Human Care Committee is directed to encourage women in their service to the Lord, assist them in seeing the needs around them and provide resources to help them meet those needs. I read an article by Pastor Matthew C. Harrison, LCMS President, that said “every layperson ought to be busy in her many vocations, actively encouraging and sharing Christ, loving her family and those nearby at work and home.” Since our Lord and Savior was born, lived a perfect life, died and rose again, we are free of our earthly fears to love and serve our all-powerful God.

Our committee is involved in our local monthly in-gatherings (like peanut butter and jelly go together) for the local group homes and care packages for our college bound students. At the zone level, we are involved in helping to choose destinations for in-gathering items and planning servant events. The Detroit Lakes Zone, at every rally, collects items for Orphan Grain Train and shoes for Lutheran Island Camp. The host group also finds a local organization to support that the women bring items for.

This fall, the Crookston Zone is doing a Servant Event as the opening activity at their Rally. We will make bead bracelets for MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term). There are two in-gatherings. One is eye glasses that MOST distributes with the bracelets to tell the Jesus Story. The second is non-perishable items for the local food shelf.



Pictured is one of the projects our committee is passionate about. It shows some of the 103 boxes picked up in September and the 75 picked up the end of August. The boxes contain the various items for Orphan Grain Train that have been collected. They were sent off from Detroit Lakes. Sheri says it costs an average of \$12.00 per box to ship to it's destination so please remember Orphan Grain Train on your donation list.

Plastic sleeping mats are one of the items that Orphan Grain Train distributes. I got a chance to demonstrate the steps to make them at the LWML Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp in August. The goal was to encourage and teach other LWML women how to get involved in this project. I received a huge boost of encouragement when the organizers of the Pastor's Wives Retreat volunteered to loop loops together to make the 'plarn' needed to crochet these mats.



God has abundantly blessed us. With the Holy Spirit's help we can share the material things that others 'see' our love for Jesus. God grant that we may see the needs beyond our families and see "our neighbor's need as our vocation to mercy", as Martin Luther so aptly put it.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

July 2021 - September 2021

In memory of David Thompson from Ottertail, St. John's LWML
In memory of LeRoy Wiehe from Ottertail, St. John's LWML
In memory of Clyde Hendrickson from Parkers Prairie, Immanuel
In memory of Nancy Oswald from Donald Oswald and Ronald Lehmann
In memory of LeRoy Goetsch from Bellingham, Trinity Ladies Aid
In memory of LeRoy Goetsch from Jeanetta Heinrich
In memory of Bev Dobrenski from Detroit Lakes, Zion
In memory of LaVerna Mackenthun from Arlene Anderson
In memory of Myrna Golnitz from Jeff & Lucy Roste
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In memory of Phyllis Leitheiser from Detroit Lakes, Zion
In memory of Betty Eggert from Parkers Prairie, Immanuel
In memory of Jeanette Fondow from Kathy Brandt
In memory of Rev. Robert Behling from Kathy Brandt
In memory of Norma Heipler from Jenetta Heinrich
In memory of Lyle Wittnebel from Bellingham, Trinity Ladies Aid

Memorial gifts and Honorariums should be sent to the Financial Secretary, Peggy Pasche, 16287 County Road 5, Hoffman MN 56339. Phone: 320-986-2452 (H), 218-731-7629 (C), financialsec@lwmlmnn.org. The Financial Remittance Form can be downloaded from the Resources page of our district website at lwmlmnn.org.

Volunteers Needed:

Elections will be held for LWML MNN Board positions at the 2022 Convention in Moorhead, Minnesota. The following positions are up for election:

- Executive Vice President (Christian Life Chairman)
- Regional Vice President
 - Arrowhead II
 - Lakeland II
 - Park II
- Recording Secretary
- Financial Secretary
- Pastoral Counselor - Arrowhead Region

The following positions are also vacant and need to be filled:

- Regional Vice President - Arrowhead I
- Editor

For further information, contact Beth Dinger, Nominating Committee Chairman, at 612-963-5586, or members of the committee: Marilyn Hittel, Doris Weispfennig, Elizabeth McTighe, Lori Salvhus, and Beth Heller. A description of officer duties is available in the LWML MNN Bylaws at www.lwmlmnn.org/documents/resources/LWML_MNN_District_Bylaws_2021.pdf.

LWML Minnesota North District Board of Directors



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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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