



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT

Minnesota Northern Light

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Psalm 100:2

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Only two months until we hear the majestic music of the opening service of the 2007 LWML convention, until the beautiful district banners triumphantly enter the arena and until we join with thousands of our LWML sisters in prayer and praise to **"ROCK! Rest On Christ the King."** Will you be there? Are your plans made? It's time to finalize your travel, registration and accommodations. Registration for convention and hotels must be postmarked by May 16th, 2007 to avoid late fees.

Start getting those pledges now for the *Rockin' Trail Mission Pledge Walk* or sign someone's form if you don't plan to be a walker!! There are two different times you can walk so you get to choose! All contributions go toward the LWML Mite goal. When LWML members from all over

the United States gather in convention, God always makes great things happen! Be a part of it! Come to Sioux Falls, South Dakota on June 21-24 for the 32nd Biennial 2007 Convention of the LWML. For more details, visit www.lwml.org or check the Winter 2007 *Quarterly*.

The busses from Minnesota North may still have seats available. They depart for Sioux Falls on Wednesday and return to Minnesota on Sunday at the conclusion of the convention. Contact Anne Hansen for more information (320/589-3662) about the pickup locations and the cost.

Opening and Closing Events. Thursday night's opening service and the Sunday morning worship service are open to all people, not just those registered for the convention. Plan to attend if you can.

Ingathering items are listed on page 9.

2007 CONVENTION OFFERINGS

Thursday, June 21 – Offering #1

LWML Mission Goal 2007-2009

Friday, June 22 – Offering #2

65th Anniversary Celebration of the LWML

30% to the LWML Endowment Fund and 70% for Missionary Children's Education.

Saturday, June 23 – Offering #3

Seminary Student Aid

To be divided equally between Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.

Sunday, June 24 – Offering #4

Continued Funding for the Heart-to-Heart Program.

Send offerings with your delegate to the convention or with another woman who plans to attend the convention in Sioux Falls.

Shout Aloud to the Rock of our Salvation

LWML Retreat

August 10, 11, 12, 2007

Lutheran Island Camp

Henning, Minnesota

For further information, contact
Joan Johnson at 218/326-5913
or e-mail: christianlife@lwmlmnn.org

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LWML Conventions = Blessings

Two years have passed since many of us traveled to Tampa for the 2005 LWML Convention. How swiftly the years pass! In Tampa we were challenged to "Live Joyfully as Salt and Light," and blessed with renewed zeal to joyfully live and serve. Now we have another opportunity to be blessed at the Sioux Falls Convention, June 21-24, 2007. At this convention we will be encourage to "ROCK Rest on Christ the King."

There we will be energized to confidently share how Christ has made our lives worth living. We will be blessed with new ideas to take home to "spice up" our society activities. We will experience the blessing of seeing how our mite offerings are at work in God's global kingdom. Through speakers, we will be guided to joyfully respond with a renewed passion for missions and service. Through the Bible studies, worship and singing, we will be compelled to confidently trust our Lord and rest in the security of His Word. We will be blessed with hugs and renewed friendships. We will make new friends within our LWML. We could continue. However, you alone will be able to experience how you will be blessed by attending the convention. Finally, after convention, we will return home blessed with motivation to grow in joyful service to our resurrected Savior.

Now the question: Are you planning to go to Sioux Falls? It is not too late! Registration (with no late fee) is open until May 18th. For more information on what to expect in Sioux Falls, see the insert in the Winter Quarterly, or contact me or one of your district officers. Join us and be blessed as we ROCK— Rest on Christ the King!

Thanks from Your District President Little did I realize when writing my "Thoughts for 2007 – A New Year of Grace" for the winter issue of the Minnesota Northern Lights that health challenges would so soon fill my days.



MEMORIALS

However, with the unexpected challenges came abundant blessing from you, my dear LWML sisters of the Minnesota North District.

Thank you for remembering me in so many ways. Your prayers on my behalf and your expressions of loving concern through letters, cards, e-mails, and phone calls encouraged me more than you will ever know. What a blessing to be upheld

by the family of faith. The love of Jesus shining through you has strengthened me and given me new joy in my faith walk. Together may we continue to pray: Take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.

In His love,
Laurain



Memorials



Given by

Marian Maatz.....

In Memory Of

Carol Maatz

Jeff Redepenning

Buster Goetsch

Elmo Boernson

Marian Timmer

Verene Raaf

Arland & Eileen Klein *Viola Schlecht*

Parkers Prairie, Immanuel LWML *Viola Schlecht*

Bellingham, Trinity *Carol Fieneuse*

Verene Raaf



Memorials



Memorials may be sent to the Financial Secretary, Donna Schleif
8181 269th Ave. NW, Zimmerman, MN 55398-4011



2006 CHRISTIAN LIFE ANNUAL REPORT
MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT LWML

Following are the results of the society Christian Life reports.

One hundred thirty-two societies completed and returned a Christian Life report. These societies reported a total of 2,812 women actively involved in a Bible study group; many led the Bible study.

Seven zones from a possible 17 zones reported holding a Christian Life Workshop (Joy Shop, Share Shop, etc.) A total of 267 women in the District attended these workshops. Eighteen societies held a Mission Festival involving 1,153 people. Thirty-two societies used the 2006 Prayer Service with a total of 728 attending.

Of the sixteen zones that turned in a report, all held at least one rally during the year with a total attendance of 1,048.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above you heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

We thank and praise God for all the wonderful women who are committed to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. I personally would like to thank all those that took the time and made the effort to gather information and fill out the Christian Life report. Statistics can be boring, but they also make us aware of the hundreds of women 'serving our Lord with gladness' in the Minnesota North District LWML

Joan Johnson





What Can Your MMV (Mission-Ministry Vision) Consultants Do For You?



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FOCUS
CONTRIBUTE
ASK
INITIATE
LISTEN
INTERVENE
TRAIN
ALTERNATE
TEACH
ENCOURAGE

We can FACILITATE! ←

Focus the group's energies to the task(s) at hand
Ask open ended questions to encourage more discussion
Contribute suggestions for alternate methods and procedures
Initiate participation from everyone
Listen, not evaluate
Intervene when necessary
Train
Alternate methods are suggested
Teach good usage of time
Encourage!

For further information
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EASTER BLESSINGS "HE IS RISEN." Matthew 28:6

As the winter snow melts away into spring, the whole earth reveals a new appearance: trees are budding, birds are returning, and everyone is getting excited about the change. There is also new excitement as we rejoice in the Easter Resurrection. The Lenten and Easter season has always been very special to me. It is a time to reflect on our lives, repent of our sins, and then rejoice as we live with the assurance that Jesus gave His life for us, died to save us from all our sins. He has promised, "I am with you always." Matthew 28:20 I am always in His loving care.

There is a plaque on my desk that expresses my outlook on life. It has been very helpful to me to keep me focused on how I can let the light of Christ shine in my life. In the last issue of the Minnesota Northern Light I shared with you the first part of the poem*. Today I continue with the next few lines:

"What kindly deed would You have me to do? What lives will I touch before the day is through?"

We know that the peace that we have can only come from Christ. He is with us through every aspect of our life. God does have a special purpose for each of us. We never know when He gives us the opportunity to experience our purpose and share it. *"The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands."* Psalm 138:8 (ESV)

For instance, in the past two months I have had to learn with practice and much patience what Paul states in Colossians 3:12 *"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion,*

Stamps for Missions

REMEMBER: Cut the stamps from envelopes with a margin of no less than 1/4 inch around the stamp. This provides a "handling area" for the collector. (Trimmed too closely, the stamp may be damaged and become worthless.)

Send stamps to:

Mary Voss
2047 470th St.
Tintah, MN 56583
218-479-5727

Stamps in albums, older postcards and envelopes (from 1930 or earlier) and first day covers should be sent as they are.



Pastor Bernard, Haiti

"HE IS RISEN"

Matthew 28:6

LWML

kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13a: Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another." Four of my family members have had medical problems. Two are serious, with more treatment to come. All of them have required hospital stays with numerous tests. This can test one's patience and endurance when this all happens in a period of two weeks. Looking back at the past weeks, I wish to thank all of you for your prayers and support. It has been a time of acceptance for me that "All things will work out for good to those who love Him." (Romans 8:28) God will never let us down, He keeps on giving us strength for each day no matter what comes our way. God is our comforter, our refuge, and our strength.

"What kindly deed would You have me to do?"

Lord, who needs my love and support?

- Is it a pastor's family that is struggling over major changes in their lives?
- Is it our congregations that are continuing to support one another, and are they growing in Christ?
- Are we keeping our military members and their families in our prayers, sending letters, packages and praying for them? Life is very lonely for the families when their loved ones are gone.
- Are we reaching out to those who are incarcerated and struggling to find their place in the world? These people are also God's special children. They and their families are ones we can reach out to with our prayers and support.

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to those who are bound." Isaiah 61:1 (ESV)

"What lives will I touch before the day is through?"

What lives will I touch? Everywhere you go, you are either letting the light of Christ shine through you or you are not reflecting His love. This is an awesome responsibility. It doesn't matter where you are: in the hospital, at home, in our church, our schools, or our community. God has put you in that spot for His purpose: to love and serve one another just as He loved you so much that He died for you.

I pray that God would lead you to take action with your heart. I look forward to sharing the rest of this poem in the next issue.

Gladys Wagner



2006 HUMAN CARE STATISTICAL REPORT
MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT LWML

Every year the Minnesota North District collects information from the societies about the activities and service of Human Care. Listed below are the totals recieved for every societies outreach.

Health and Wellness Activities

| | |
|-----|-----------------------------------|
| 29 | The Blind and Visually Challenged |
| 41 | The Deaf |
| 14 | People with Aids |
| 179 | Physically & Mentally Challenged |
| 219 | Those Hospitalized |
| 97 | Those with Cancer |

Social Ministry Activities

| | |
|-----|-------------------------------|
| 19 | The Unborn |
| 141 | Helping Abused Women-Children |
| 86 | The Homeless |
| 146 | The Hungry |
| 25 | The Jobless |

Outreach Activities

| | |
|-----|----------------------------------|
| 266 | Lutheran Schools |
| 172 | LWML Sisters |
| 109 | Pastors and Families |
| 111 | Missionaries and Their Families |
| 114 | Victims of Natural Disasters |
| 192 | Those in Military Service |
| 26 | Those in Jail and Their Families |
| 218 | Church Related Agencies |
| 284 | Community Agencies |

Inreach Activities

| | |
|-----|-------------------------|
| 145 | Prayer Life and Support |
| 60 | Grief Support |
| 234 | Your Church Family |

Love in Action Activities

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 47 | Helping Mothers of Small Children |
| 151 | Preschool Children |
| 328 | School Aged Children |
| 62 | Encouraging Teenagers |
| 74 | Supporting College Students |
| 157 | Helping older Adults |
| 484 | Visiting Nursing Home Residents |
| 3 | Red Stocking |
| 14 | Fire Victims |
| 24 | Gift boxes for Shut-ins for Christmas |
| 45 | Glasses (pairs) |
| 42 | Children to Lutheran Island Camp |
| 5976 | Quilts |
| 2324 | Kits |
| 22,496 pounds of Food Shelf Donations | |
| \$14,885.65 in Food Shelf Donations | |

2007 Human Care Projects

Minnesota North Projects

The projects for the Minnesota North LWML for upcoming year are:

- The Haiti Project
- Stamps for Missions
- Phone cards for seminary students
- Phone cards for military persons (If you have someone in the service from your area, please send them directly to them.)

For the complete list of the projects, check the Minnesota North District website: www.lwmlmnn.org

Note: Not all societies reported complete totals on their report forms, so the number of activities is much greater than that listed above.



National Convention Ingathering GIFTS FROM THE HEART



Participants attending the 2007 LWML Convention in Sioux Falls will be able to reach out with care and compassion with “Gifts from the Heart.” Agencies in Sioux Falls, as well as Orphan Grain Train have been chosen to receive the gifts. You may bring these items in unlimited quantities. You will be directed where to place your items when you register. Please bring them with you at that time. (If Spanish literature is included, clearly label “Spanish” on the bag.)

The agencies at the conventions need our gifts packaged in a certain way. Please use the list to the right when assembling your ingathering items.

New Bath Towel/ Hand Towel/Washcloth

- Pack in a clear plastic zip lock bag
- 1 Bath towel
- 1 Hand towel
- 1 Washcloth
- Christian tract or Bible verse (inside the bag)

Twin Sheet Sets in the Original Packaging

- 1 set of twin sheets (including pillowcase)
- 1 Christian tract or Bible verse (securely taped onto the pkg.)

Health Kits

Either adult or children’s kits (mark which one)
(All items are to be NEW and regular size...not travel size)

- Pack in a clear plastic zip lock bag
- Bar of soap
- 1 Deodorant
- 1 Shampoo
- 1 Comb
- 1 Toothbrush
- 1 Toothpaste
- 1 Lotion
- 1 Christian tract or Bible verse (inside bag)

Children’s Underwear and Socks

- Pack in a clear plastic zip lock bag
- Children’s underwear (NEW in original packaging)
- Children’s socks (NEW in original packaging)
- Christian tract or Bible verse (inside the bag)

Other Separate New Items

- Shampoo (regular size)
- Toothbrushes (Child and /or adult size NEW in original pkg.)
- Handmade or purchased quilts (Any size)



Notes of thanks and appreciation:**Lutheran Blind Mission for the gift to produce audiocassette tapes:**

We here at Lutheran Blind Mission, the staff, and all the thousands of blind and visually impaired people echo these words of Paul from Philippians 1:3-5: *"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."* There are many people who are isolated, separated and unable to attend church. The Christian Braille magazine and audiocassette tapes of books that share the gospel and message of salvation are delivered free of charge. These become a great source of strength for them.

Pastor Brad Birtell**St. Johns Lutheran Church, NE**

Thank you for your partnership in sharing the Gospel on the White Earth Reservation. While helping with the VBS program this project has also inspired the young people to consider serving full time in our Lord's church. Currently 11 students are attending Concordia - Seward.

Ken Erlandson, Director**Lutheran Island Camp**

He says, "I can assure you that the Lord is using you and your gift in a special way. Your gift helps us to provide programs for youth and adults that are truly life changing." He states our gift of mites may well make a big difference in the lives of the next generation of pastors and lay people.



Mite Calendars for the months of May, June, and July are on pages 22-24

Some societies distribute the calendars 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. Mite calendars for the months of May, June, and July can be downloaded from the web site at: <www.lwmlmnn.org>. If you do not use a computer, ask someone to download them for you.

The national LWML Mite goal of \$1,625,000 was reached by March 31st.



MISSION PROJECTS FOR THE 2006-2008 BIENNIUM as of April 10, 2007

| MISSION PROJECTS | GOAL | PREVIOUSLY PAID or ALLOCATED | PAID OR ALLOCATED THIS QUARTER | BALANCE |
|--|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Scholarships for Seminary Students | \$11,000 | \$4,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| Scholarships for Full-Time Church Worker Students | \$55,000 | \$12,875.00 | \$6,177.43 | \$35,947.57 |
| Summer Staff Training – Lutheran Island Camp | \$10,000 | \$5,000.00 | | \$5,000.00 |
| Orphan Grain Train Transportation | \$7,000 | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Outreach to the Muslim | \$6,000 | \$3,000.00 | | \$3,000.00 |
| 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 | \$6,000.00 | | \$4,000.00 |
| Transportation of VBS Teams in Ontario | \$5,000 | \$2,000.00 | | \$3,000.00 |
| VBS for Native American Children White Earth Res. - Nebraska Youth | \$3,000 | \$1,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | PAID IN FULL |
| Shepherd of the Lake Mission Outreach, Two Harbors, MN | \$10,000 | \$4,367.67 | | \$5,623.33 |
| Partners in Mission—Outreach to Hmong children in Minneapolis & St. Paul | \$3,250 | \$1,250.00 | \$2,000.00 | PAID IN FULL |
| Audiocassette Materials for blind and visually impaired people | \$5,000 | \$2,000.00 | | \$3,000.00 |
| TOTALS | \$130,000 | \$45,492.67 | \$15,177.43 | \$69,329.90 |

MITE ALERT: We are halfway through the biennium; however, we aren't quite halfway to our goal. Our God is faithful! May we be also!



MISSION GRANT – \$7,000

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN TRANSPORTATION

The Orphan Grain Train was organized in 1992. It is volunteer labor that makes it possible to give humanitarian help (both spiritual and physical) to people worldwide. The Grain Train has reached the needy in 15



regional sites in the United States and Eastern Europe, republic of the former Soviet Union, Africa, Mexico and Central and South America. Since tons of clothing, food and written material are gathered, it is most important to have the monetary means to get this aid to those in need. The cost of sending relief in a freight container is \$7,000. In John 14:18 the Lord tells us “I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you.” The Orphan Grain Train enables us to reach out to those in crisis with physical needs and most importantly with God’s Word.

MISSION GRANT – \$10,000

LUTHERAN ISLAND SUMMER STAFF TRAINING



Our congregations own the outdoor ministry site at Lutheran Island Camp, Henning, Minnesota. The staff at this facility ministers to campers of all ages. These mites assist with materials and training of the LIC staff to emphasize the Christian life style as they work, play, grow, study, and witness to one another. Not only do the campers benefit but the staff workers as well. As they work in God’s service, many are encouraged to follow the Lord’s guidance in their vocational choice.



SHOUT ALOUD TO THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION



LWML RETREAT

“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our Salvation.”
Psalm 95:1

Shout Aloud to the Rock of Our Salvation

LWML Retreat

AUGUST 10-12, 2007

“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our Salvation.”
Psalm 95:1

(Schedule subject to change)

LWML RETREAT REGISTRATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

SPECIAL NEEDS _____

ROOMMATES _____

Check One: _____ Cabin _____ Retreat Center

Check payable to: **LWML MN No District Retreat**

Registration Fees:

Saturday Only: **\$40** Friday-Saturday: **\$60**

Friday-Sunday: **\$80**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

AUGUST 1, 2007

SEND REGISTRATION TO:

Lutheran Island Camp

45011 230th Street

Henning, MN 56551

For more information, contact Joan Johnson (218) 326-5913

Friday Evening

4:30 pm Registration Begins
5:30 pm Sack Lunch Dinner, Welcome,
Orientation
Opening Devotion
Bonfire
Fellowship & Singing
Snacks

Saturday

7:30 am Morning Walk
8:00 am Breakfast
Retreat Session 1
Break
Retreat Session 2

12:00 pm Lunch
Retreat Session 3
Break
Retreat Session 4
Wrap-Up
Talent Show







5:00 pm Dinner
Free Time

Sunday

8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Worship

WHAT TO BRING TO RETREAT:

-  Bible
-  Clothes for sun or rain
-  Flashlight
-  Toiletries
-  Insect Repellent

-  Towel & Washcloth
-  Sleeping Bag or Bedding
-  Pillow
-  Sack Lunch for Friday meal
-  Snack for Friday Night
-  Special Talent, Reading, Skit for Saturday Afternoon's Talent Show



Consider this...

You should consider being leader of your society!!!

“Leader? What? Who? Me?
Oh no, I can’t!”

Have you ever answered in that way? I have.

Memorize Psalm 31:3 “Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.”

Before you say “no” when someone considers you for a leader in the LWML, pray about it. Many of you will be approached this spring as zone rallies will be conducting elections. Please respond, “Yes, I will try with God’s help.” Being a leader is rewarding. You will find joy being a leader.

Pray! Make it personal. You can be persistent. Be real--not phony.

Remember prayer is powerful. Fill it with praise.

PSALM 31:3 You are my ROCK and my FORTRESS, for the sake of your name LEAD and GUIDE me.

Let’s attend our rallies and leave energized and ready to “Serve the Lord with Gladness.”

Mildred

A Christian leader will be:

- Connected to Christ
- Committed to LWML
- Open to new ideas
- A servant leader
- An encourager
- Organized
- Maintain an enthusiastic, cooperative and JOYFUL spirit

The 5 “P’s” of prayer

- Personal
- Persistent
- Not Phony
- Powerful
- Praise Filled



Keeping Things in Good Order

This past quarter there have been no bylaws to review! That is really a first. We think though, that it doesn't really mean that all societies have their bylaws up-to-date! Remember that it is advised that you take a look at your society bylaws at least every 5 years. There may be only a few changes, or it may need an "extreme makeover." In either case, you will know that your group is doing things "decently and in order" as Paul advised in I Corinthians 14:40.

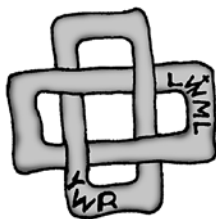
It is wise to take a look at your standing rules more often. These, as you know, are not part of the bylaws and are generally adopted individually as the need arises. They detail and explain how your group does things administratively. They can change annually or even more often, and they make things flow more easily and explain in writing how and when you do things.

One of the exciting things that will happen very soon is that the Minnesota North District Bylaws will be on our website and will be accessed from a link on the Structure Committee page.

The next thing might be to get the Zone bylaws on a link also! What exciting times these are and how awesome is our God to give us the abilities to do things electronically that were not even dreamed of a few years ago. We praise Him and thank Him. Also, remember that in just over a year the Minnesota North Convention will be in session. By October 2007 we need to bring to the Board of Directors any amendments that are proposed. If you have any suggestions, please send them to our committee.

Glenna





These two women were chosen by the Minnesota North District LWML board to attend the 2007 LWML National Convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on June 21-24. They have committed themselves to give of their time and talents to attend the convention. We thank them for their commitment and their family's willingness to live without them for these days.



Rhonda Menze lives in Ottertail, MN. Rhonda is serving the Lord every day in her roles as wife and the mother of two.

She is actively involved in St John's Lutheran Church in Ottertail in choir, Bible Study, LWML in her local and zone levels, and music teacher for the Sunday school. Rhonda is eager to attend the LWML National Convention in Sioux Falls, "to learn what is being done in other places to encourage young women to be involved."



Rachel Vanderplaats lives in Felton, MN with her home church of Trinity Lutheran Church in Ogema, MN. Rachel uses her time

and talent for the Lord in her local church by being the organist for her church. She also cleans the church, teaches Sunday school, confirmation, attends LWML meetings and events, Bible Study, and choir. Rachel is eager to attend the LWML National Convention in Sioux Falls because, "I believe that myself and other young women need to take action for we are the next generation and need to set examples." These women will attend the convention as part of Minnesota North District delegation with the president, the zone delegates, and the pastoral counselor.

Kathleen, Teen LWML



Impressions, is a new e-letter for young women. Visit the Young Women page at www.lwml.org and check out the new resources.

TEENS ROCK IN SIOUX FALLS!!



Are you going to Sioux Falls? Are you between the ages of 11-17? Do you like “hanging out” with the girls? If you answered “YES,” we want to see you at the Friends Into Serving Him Teen “Hangout” on Saturday, June 23. Teens will make new friends from across the country while participating in wild and crazy fun activities! Service, spiritual growth and leadership are the focus of this awesome time together. Mark your calendar and plan to “ROCK! Rest on Christ the King” in Sioux Falls. Watch for more details in the convention newspaper. Meet the Young Women Representatives from Minnesota North...



Young Women's Retreat Lutheran Island Camp

“MOUNTAINTOP EXPERIANCE”

October 5 & 6, 2007

Mark your calendar now!

Complete retreat details in the Summer 2007 newsletter.

Please check the Minnesota North website:
<www.lwmlmnn.org> for updates on this retreat.



From Our Scholarship Recipients at the Seminaries...

Thank you for the greetings, your prayers, and the financial assistance that you have provided. It gives me such joy to know of the work you do and of your dedication to serving the Lord in sharing His Gospel. I am currently serving as Vicar at St. Paul Lutheran Church in McAllen, TX. My year here is going by quickly as I am already half way through. I have gained a great amount of experience in many different areas of the ministry...

Please pray that my last few months of vicarage remain productive and fruitful and that our move and transition back to St. Louis may go smoothly.

In Christ,
Steve Weispfennig (Villard)

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There have been a lot of changes in our lives over the last few weeks. On March 1 we were blessed with our very first child... Noah Michael...

School is finally coming to an end. I am in my final quarter of study at the seminary.... If I have learned anything this year, it is that I don't know very much. There is just so much for us to learn! I guess I'll just have to spend the rest of my life reading the Bible!

Many of us are getting a little bit nervous about Call Day on April 25th. With our class being so large, there is a possibility that not everyone will receive a call on Call Day...

Jamie, Noah, and I certainly appreciate all of your prayers and support over the past few years...I am deeply indebted to you and praise our Lord for your kindness and generosity...

Thank you.

Your brother in Christ,
Joshua H. Jones (Eden Valley)

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I am finishing the academic component of my education and waiting for vicarage placement this April...I just began my last quarter and I will be spending the majority of it reading Luther, which is so exciting and fitting that it is my last quarter training to be a faithful Lutheran pastor...This summer we plan to move wherever we are sent with a new child as well (due May 5th). We await our new child's birth and also its rebirth at the font. God has blessed us here at the seminary, and we are very thankful for all the means that He has used to bless us.

Blessings and peace,
Josh Scheer (Wood Lake)

† † †

Emily and I are currently serving a year of vicarage in Medford, Oregon. It is hard to believe that we are more than half way through our year in Medford. We will be sad to leave, but there is also excitement for the next step in the process of becoming a pastor. I am even excited to take classes again, although last summer I wouldn't have been able to imagine myself saying such a thing...

We also want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We appreciate the support both financially and through your prayers. Emily and I often talk about how blessed we are to come from the MN North District and to have people like you from the LWML supporting us...Thank you again and God's blessing on the ministries you are doing.

Guy Roberts (Moorhead)

Letters continued on page 20.



Updating the files...

What to file?

What to throw away?

What to keep?

How to preserve it?

These are the questions facing the people charged with maintaining history. After serving as district A-H for several years, I have come up with some answers to those questions and would be happy to help those of you who are serving in a similar capacity on the zone or local level.

One thing that would be helpful to me is to have a current list of zone archivist-historians.

My files contain the following information for zones:

Iron Range _____ Dorothy Kasson
 Kettle River _____ Lorraine Kent
 Lake Superior _____ Lois Teich
 Little Falls _____ Marjorie Guck
 Rum River _____ Diane Downing
 St. Cloud _____ Esther Neumann
 Alexandria _____ Doris Weispfenning
 Fergus Falls _____ JoAnne Ogren
 Long Prairie _____ Grace Haack
 Appleton _____ Janice Henders
 Montevideo _____ Jeanette Frank
 Wheaton _____ Carolyn Horst
 Bemidji-Park Rapids _____ Fran Lof
 Crookston _____ Patsy Abrahamson
 Brainerd _____ Florence Rice
 Detroit Lakes _____ Lois Wagner
 Wadena _____ JoAnn Reineke

I do not have complete mailing addresses or e-mail addresses and would appreciate hearing from zone historians to update my files. You may contact me by e-mail: <historian@lwmlmnn.org>, by telephone (218) 768-2882 or mail me at 100 S. Third St., McGregor MN 55760.

Janet



It's All for You...

The Minnesota North LWML Board of Directors has two publications to keep you in touch with what is happening on the district level within our organization. This newsletter, Minnesota Northern Lights, is published four times a year, following the quarterly meeting of the Board.

Its purpose is to keep you informed and inspired about your work in the LWML. It is informational. It updates our mite giving. It tells of upcoming conventions and retreats. It is inspirational. Articles by the president and the various committee leaders are meant to give your work in the LWML direction and purpose.

Each issue of the Lutheran Witness features a Minnesota North LWML page in the supplement in the center of the magazine.

The "Counselor's Corner" focuses our attention on the nature of our Christian service.

There's information to inform all church members of our conventions and retreats with an invitation for others to join us. There is also an opportunity to share the activities of your local LWML with members of the District. Please send your articles and pictures to me for inclusion in the Witness.

Carol

Scholarship Letters
contued from page 18.

I am just starting my spring quarter now, and things are going well. This quarter I have my first homiletics course. Once that is done, I will be certified to preach. This spring quarter is definitely proving to be the most challenging of my year...

Please pray that God would continue to guide me through my education to be a good steward of my time to effectively balance all of my responsibilities.

Sincerely,
Aaron Bell (Esko)

† † †

The year has gone quickly. There is so much to learn. Getting acquainted here in Fort Wayne has been wonderful. My wife Markie works at the daycare center on campus and she really enjoys her job. We appreciate knowing there are so many ladies praying for us. We are grateful for everything you do for us. Please know that we will be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

In Christ,
Joel and Markie Koep (Boyd)



Goodsearch

If you use the Internet and use the search engine at www.goodsearch.com, please designate the Lutheran Women's Missionary League as the recipient. Then each time you use Goodsearch, the LWML receives one cent.

Faith Talk

In 2006 the income was \$2,237.91 and will be used for the production of FAITH TALK, a LWML evangelism program that will be completed and distributed in the fall of 2007.

Thrivent Giving Plus

Any unrestricted funds received from the Thrivent Giving Plus program will go to the LWML mission goal.

Crown of Glory

Joyce Bloemker, the former editor of this newsletter, died on April 9th in Omaha, NE. We pray that God would grant comfort and peace to her family.

Redesigned Websites

The LWML websites have fresh new looks. Check out the national site at www.lwml.org. Check out the Minnesota North LWML website at www.lwmlmnn.org.

Limited-Time Gifting Opportunity

LWML has a wonderful opportunity for receiving extraordinary gifts (up to \$100,000) with the recent passage of the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Many charities have worked hard for years to get this bill passed.


Basically, this opportunity means that IRA holders who are 70 1/2 and older can now use IRAs to make gifts to LWML without paying the income tax. (However, the donor receives no income tax deduction.) this counts toward the donor's required minimum distribution.

The time period for completing these gifts is 2007 only. Special care is needed for making these gifts, so please seek a financial professional for advice or call Pat Bilow, Gift Planning Counselor at 888/482-8425 for more details.



Minnesota North District LWML

MAY 2007

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| <i>Prayer & Praise</i> <i>Mite Calendar</i>  "Serve the Lord with Gladness!" Psalm 100:2 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | Thank God for the gift of friendship 25 ¢ | Pray for the ministry of Lutheran Island Camp MN NORTH PROJECT | 10 ¢ for each grandchild you have | Pray for students preparing for full time church work MN NORTH PROJECT | 25 ¢ and thank You, God, for the May flowers |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Praise God for the opportunity to worship today | Pray with your LWML sisters at noon | Pray for seminary students MN NORTH PROJECT | 25 ¢ for each vehicle you own | Pray for Orphan Grain Train outreach MN NORTH PROJECT | 10 ¢ for each cup of coffee you have today MN NORTH PROJECT | Pray for outreach to the Muslim MN NORTH PROJECT |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Thank God for mothers | Pray with your LWML sisters at noon | Praise God for the gift of warm sunshine | Pray for the hungry children in Haiti MN NORTH PROJECT | Praise to our ascended Lord. Hallelujah! | Pray for the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti MN NORTH PROJECT | 25 ¢ and thank God for your garden |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Thank You, God, for today's Bible study | Pray with your LWML sisters at noon and thank God for those who serve in the military | Pray for blind and visually impaired people MN NORTH PROJECT | Spend quiet time with God today | Pray for the Native American children on the White Earth Reservation MN NORTH PROJECT | Pray for an opportunity to share God's love today | Pray for the VBS program in northern Ontario MN NORTH PROJECT |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
| Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit | Pray with your LWML sisters at noon | Pray for the Shepherd of the Lake Mission outreach in Two Harbors MN NORTH PROJECT | Pray for all the graduates | Pray for outreach to the Hmong children in the Twin Cities MN NORTH PROJECT | | |



Minnesota North District LWML


JUNE 2007

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY




Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar

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

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|  | | | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| | | | | | | | Pray for the ministry of Lutheran Island Camp MN NORTH PROJECT | Thank God for your family 20 ¢ |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 25 ¢ if you went shopping today | Pray for Orphan Grain Train outreach MN NORTH PROJECT |
| Praise to the Triune God | Pray with your LWML sisters at noon | Pray for students preparing for full time church work MN NORTH PROJECT | 10 ¢ for each phone call you make today | Pray for seminary students MN NORTH PROJECT | 2 ¢ for each window that lets in the sunshine | Pray for the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti MN NORTH PROJECT | 15 | 16 |
| Worship God today with your offering at church | Pray with your LWML sisters at noon | Pray for outreach to the Muslim MN NORTH PROJECT | 15 ¢ for each of your children | Pray for the hungry children in Haiti MN NORTH PROJECT | 2 ¢ for each window that lets in the sunshine | Pray for the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti MN NORTH PROJECT | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 2 ¢ for each window that lets in the sunshine | 29 |
| Thank God for fathers | Pray with your LWML sisters at noon | Pray for blind and visually impaired people MN NORTH PROJECT | Pray for the Native American children on the White Earth Reservation MN NORTH PROJECT | Pray for the safe arrival of those attending the LWML convention | Pray for the speakers and facilitators at the LWML convention | Praise God for the blessings of the LWML convention | 29 | 30 |
| LWML CONVENTION 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 29 | 30 |
| Pray for inspiration and renewed commitment as the convention attendees return home | Pray with your LWML sisters at noon | Pray for the VBS program in northern Ontario MN NORTH PROJECT | 15 ¢ if you exercised today, 50 ¢ if you did not | Pray for the Shepherd of the Lake Mission outreach in Two Harbors MN NORTH PROJECT | Thank God for produce from the garden | Pray for outreach to the Hmong children in the Twin Cities MN NORTH PROJECT | 29 | 30 |

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JULY 2007

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| 1 Praise God for the Word proclaimed today | 2 Pray with your LWML sisters at noon | 3 Pray for the ministry of Lutheran Island Camp | 4 Thank God for the precious freedoms we have in the United States of America | 5 Pray for students preparing for full time church work | 6 Send a note to someone who needs to know you love them | 7 Pray for seminary students |
| 8 Praise God for the opportunity to gather with fellow Christians for worship today | 9 Pray with your LWML sisters at noon | 10 Pray for the Board of Directors meeting today in Brainerd | 11 Pray for Orphan Grain Train outreach | 12 Thank God for the warmth of summer | 13 Pray for outreach to the Muslim | 14 Pray for the many Vacation Bible Schools being held this summer 20 ¢ |
| 15 Thanks to God for the musicians in your church who enhance the worship service | 16 Pray with your LWML sisters at noon | 17 Pray for the hungry children in Haiti | 18 Pray to God for open hearts for people to receive the Gospel message | 19 Pray for the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti | 20 10 ¢ as you enjoy a summer sunset | 21 Pray for blind and visually impaired people |
| 22 Pray for those in your community who share His Word | 23 Pray with your LWML sisters at noon | 24 Call someone to encourage them in their walk with God | 25 Pray for the Native American children on the White Earth Reservation | 26 1 ¢ for every year of your age | 27 Pray for the VBS program in northern Ontario | 28 Pray for the Shepherd of the Lake Mission outreach in Two Harbors |
| 29 Thanks to God for those who heard the Word today | 30 Pray with your LWML sisters at noon | 31 Pray for outreach to the Hmong children in the Twin Cities | <p><i>Prayer & Praise</i> <i>Nite Calendar</i> "Serve the Lord with Gladness!" Psalm 100:2</p>  | | | |
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