



MINNESOTA NORTHERN LIGHT

Minnesota North District
Lutheran Women's Missionary League



Serve the Lord with Gladness! Psalm 100:2

SPRING 2010

**Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Minnesota North District**

24th Biennial Convention

June 28 - 30, 2010

Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center,
Alexandria, MN



Theme: "Come to the Living Water"

*"Whoever is thirsty; let him come, and whoever wishes,
let him take the free gift of the water of life."*

Revelation 22:17b NIV

Bible Study Leader: Rev. Terry Finnern
LWML Representative: Eloise Kuhlmann,
Vice President of Servant Resources

Keynote Speaker: Phyllis Wallace

Phyllis is host of the *Lutheran Hour Ministries* radio program, "Woman to Woman," and speaks nationwide on embracing stress, overcoming your past and opening the gifts you have hiding under your "stuff!" She endorses the priceless value of humor in getting through life. Her upbeat, candidly refreshing enthusiasm for being a "Free Woman" comes through her stories, eliciting laughter and tears as she shares how the Truth sets us free. Phyllis contends, "It may take longer than you want to learn a lesson from life, but it never takes longer than you have!"



Entertainment: Jan Struck

With over 35 years of experience in teaching, motivating, and entertaining her audiences, Jan brings a fresh approach to the journey of faith and uses her sense of humor as she shares her life with fellow travelers – and leaves them laughing. Her trust and faith in Christ is her reason to make a "joyful noise unto God"!!



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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.

The President's Pen



Cheryl Petersen

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!

In a recent Bible study, I learned that 'Hallelujah' is actually one of the most intimate forms of reverence to our God, our YAHWEH. God encourages us to be intimate with Him (Yah).

God is our supplier of all things that we need – physical and spiritual. God encourages our praise to Him. I look forward to spending time with you all at convention in Alexandria to be In the Word, Of the Word and Walking with our God. I can't wait to spend time with you as we learn how He quenches our thirst. There are many activities available for your families at Arrowwood as well, while you are attending the convention.

I invite you all to "Come to the Living Water"!

It has been a few months since the earthquakes in Haiti and Chile, and the response from our Synod, and especially you ladies, has been amazing. You have been diligent in prayer and proactive with your donations to Thrivent and LCMS World Relief and Human Care. There is still so much work to be done. I encourage you to check for updates on the LWML and LCMS Web sites about these countries.

"Come to the Living Water"

Recycle your tote bags . . . Bring your tote bags from previous LWML district or national conventions to our LWML Minnesota North Convention. You'll need the tote to carry your convention materials as one will not be provided this year. Do you have a favorite tote? Is there a story that goes with it? Tell others why you chose the one you brought. Do you have an extra one (or two) to bring? Share your extra totes with friends and newcomers who don't have one.

Bring your family to the convention . . . The Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center has lots of fun activities, including horseback riding, indoor and outdoor pools, water park, tennis courts, volleyball court, bike rentals, putting course, playground, and a full service marina. Nearby is a golf course, kids petting zoo, and an amusement park. There's fun for everyone in the family!



“Come to the Living Water”

“Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.” (Rev. 22:17b) What an awesome invitation. Jesus, the source of this water of life told the Samaritan woman in John 4:14, “Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water, welling up to eternal life.” And again in John 7:37b-38, He says, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.”

This ‘living water’ satisfies our spiritual thirst. In Matthew 5:6 we read, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”

In our world we often hear ‘there is no free lunch,’ but the cost of receiving this “living water” is “nothing.” As we read in our convention Bible verse above, and again in Rev 21:6b, “To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life,” the water of life is a ‘free gift.’

But everything has a price, doesn’t it? This bill was paid by the suffering, death and resurrection of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. As the blood of the sacrificial Lamb was sprinkled on the altar in the holy place, so the blood of Christ was sprinkled on the altar of our sins, so that we may receive the free gift of the living water and live a full and fruitful life. “For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed.” 1 Corinthians 5:7b

LWML Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp, August 13-15



A full and fruitful life has as its focus, “Sharing the Living Water”, which is the theme for our weekend retreat. The theme Bible verse is: “I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...” Romans 1:16

Got encouragement? Got a team? Got a plan? When it comes to witnessing, we all could use encouragement, a team, and a plan. This year’s LWML retreat will provide all three. Our speaker will be Pastor Phil Bickel from St. Michael’s Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Minnesota. Pastor Bickel will present lots of practical insights on the topic, *Evangelism Can Be Fun*.

You may decide to come Friday through Sunday, or Friday and Saturday, or even Saturday only. But you definitely will want to “Come...” and share the “Living Water.”

Visit our District Web Site for updated information: www.lwmlmnn.org.



REGISTRATION FORM

2010 LWML Retreat
Lutheran Island Camp

August 13-15, 2010

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Special Needs _____

Roommates _____



Choose your housing preference:

☐ Cabin ☐ Retreat Center

Registration Deadline: August 1, 2010

(There will be an additional \$10 fee for late registration.)

(✓ Check one) Before Aug. 1st After Aug. 1st

- | | | |
|--|------|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday-Sunday | \$80 | \$90 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday-Saturday | \$50 | \$60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Only | \$30 | \$40 |

Make Check Payable To:

MN No District LWML

Send Registration To:

Lutheran Island Camp

45011 230th Street

Henning, MN 56551

ITEMS TO BRING:

- Bible
- Flashlight
- Clothes for Sun or Rain
- Insect Repellent
- Towel & Washcloth
- Toiletries
- Pillow, Bedding or Sleeping Bag
- A Sack Lunch for the Friday Evening Meal

Kids Camps for ages 3-8 are available at LIC the same week-end as retreat. For info visit: **islandcamp.org**

POST ON YOUR BULLETIN BOARD

✓ Got encouragement?

✓ Got a team?

✓ Got a plan?



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Evangelism Can Be Fun...

- when I trust God's outreach promises.
- when I realize God chose me for His witnessing team.
- when I "play" evangelism as a team sport.
- when teams network with one another.
- when churches work together and share their strengths.



Phil Bickel has served as a church planter, a missionary to Venezuela, professor of Christian Outreach, and the Director of the Hoffmann Institute in St. Paul, MN.

He is the author of over 100 titles on evangelism and missions. Phil comments, "My goal is to help Christians overcome their fears, doubts, discouragement, and inertia, so that they may actively and cheerfully share their faith in Christ in words and actions, near and far."

Thanks goes to the **MN No District Lutheran Church Extension Fund** for their continued financial support of this retreat. Their help enables us to provide special speakers and entertainment for this event.



LWML Fall Retreat

August 13-15, 2010

Lutheran Island Camp



"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes..." Romans 1:16

~ FRIDAY EVENING ~

4-6 pm Registration and Sack Lunch

Dinner (no meals provided)

6 pm Evening activities

~ SATURDAY ~

7-8 am Registration

(for Saturday only participants)

8 am Breakfast (included in

Saturday only registration)

9-11:30 am Bible Study and Music

11:30 am Free Time

12 Noon Lunch

1-3 pm Bible Study and Music

3-5 pm Free Time

5 pm Dinner

6:30 pm Entertainment:

"The Mathison Family Fiddlers"

~ SUNDAY ~

9 am Worship

10 am Brunch and Farewell

Note: Schedule subject to change.

For more retreat information contact:

Joan Johnson (218) 326-5913 or visit the District Web Site at: www.lwmlmn.org

Mission Advocacy



Dorothy Abrahamson

Never doubt that your support makes a difference!

We thank you for your continued prayers and support of Lutheran Mission Association efforts in the North District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church Haiti (ELCH) congregations. I can never tell you how much, but what I see and hear in thanks from the very sick visiting the Lutheran Medical Clinic, is the most wonderful thing to be heard -- and it is because of you! Knowing we can help is a blessing. But most of all, knowing our Lord's hand is in the recovery and healing, warms by heart beyond all knowing.

God bless you Women of LWML. Keep Marching!

- Lutheran Mission Association



Carrying donated supplies up to the clinic.

Dear LWML MN North Members,

2010 brought many challenges for Lutheran Mission Association and the North District ELCH in Haiti. We thank LWML for your assistance in the past and in the future. Many I understand are asking how it is going with the Clinic. Well, it remains a struggle, and more so with the current disaster.

There are refugees in Cap-Haitian by the thousands. At this time we are not sending a container due to many obstacles and we recommend following the Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train directives to get material items to Haiti.

We began purchasing items in June 2009 from the gracious grant toward the Lutheran Medical Clinic. Some items were taken with Lil Splide in February 2010. We have been able to provide medication with the grant to support Nurse Mary Tankersely on her trip this past Fall 2009 and Nurse Susan Martin on her trip last Winter 2009. We are so happy to be able to provide something in the wake of this enormous disaster because of you...

Deb Larson RN, LMA VP and Health Advisor

Dear friends in Christ,

Your support of Concordia Seminary makes an eternal difference! Please know that every penny you send is used carefully to advance this mission of preparing those who will serve the Lord and His people for decades to come. Your gift is a great encouragement to all of our students. Perhaps someone preparing here now will one day serve in your own congregation or the congregation of one of your loved ones.

God's richest blessings, Melodie Bostic
[Grant Project #10: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Food Bank - \$5,000. Over 600 students and their families benefit from the free service of the Food Bank, which supports the physical needs of adequate food and toiletry items. Spouses who volunteer their time received food items as payments.]

Thank you for the grant that allowed me to go to China for my 7th assignment teaching English as a second language to Chinese English teachers in July 2009. The teaching assignment was for four weeks. In 2009 we had 103 students, with many opportunities to plant the seeds of what Christ means to us...I do hope that we can continue to encourage others to step out in Christian love and meet the needs of others.

Shirley Stelter, Moorhead

Grant Project #8: Financial Assistance for Food & Clothing Co-op at Fort Wayne Seminary - \$5,000.

The Co-op plays a key role in helping students feed and clothe their families during their seminary years. Nearly 70% of students are married, second career with families. The Food and Clothing Co-op operates as an actual co-operative with each family working a certain amount of time each month in either the food or the clothing area. They receive points in exchange for their work. The student and their family may spend their points on items in the food area. No points are necessary in the clothing area.

Leader Development



Mildred Helmrichs

Leader Development Chairmen: Here are some tips from ZOOM (Zone Officer Orientation Manual) to assist you in your position.

1. PRAY regularly for the zone president and other leaders.
2. ATTEND or report to meetings of the zone executive committee or board of directors as directed.
3. ATTEND zone events such as rallies and retreats.
4. ENCOURAGE and promote the organization of LWML groups in zone congregations who do not have an active group.
5. RESEARCH and share with the societies ways to gain and maintain members.
6. ENCOURAGE involvement of society members in zone events through attendance and/or participation.
7. MAINTAIN a zone Personnel Resource Form file, gathering information that can be forwarded to the District Executive Vice President.
8. MAINTAIN an enthusiastic, cooperative, joyful spirit.
9. KEEP files in good order to be given to your successor.

Leadership Requires...

Love	Unconditionally	Matthew 22: 37-39
Envision	Exceptionally	Proverbs 29:18
Affirm	Continuously	1 Thessalonians 5:11
Discipline	With Determination	1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Energize	Others Enthusiastically	Proverbs 3:5-6
Risk	Faith-FULL-y	Matthew 14: 28-32
Serve	Selflessly	Ephesians 6: 7
Hope	Relentlessly	Isaiah 40:31
Imagine	Immeasurably	1 Corinthians 2:9
Pray	Persistently	1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Come to the Living Water" Breakout Sessions

You will have the opportunity to choose from these engaging topics. A summary of the sessions is found in the registration materials and at our District Web Site.

- ✓ "Remembering Your Baptism" *presented by Pastor Terry Finner*
- ✓ "Shepherds and Sheep" *presented by Pastor David C. Cloeter*
- ✓ "Sharing Jesus...Here, There, and Everywhere" *presented by Carol Benson*
- ✓ "Finding Purpose and Place as a Mature LWML Woman" *presented by Eloise Kuhlmann (LWML) and Frances Wittnebel*
- ✓ "Proclaim His Message - Provide His Word" *presented by Pastor Ken Bunge, LBT*

Scholarships



Anne Hansen

"Dear Lord, the school year is almost over. What am I going to do, Lord? Wait, let me rephrase that. What path have you shaped for me? I need to figure out this college thing! Pour into my head and heart what you have prepared for me. And how am I going to pay for college? Maybe I should back off the idea of attending Concordia College. What now?"

Is this, perhaps, the prayer of a high school student you know? Maybe God plans for you to be the one to "pour into the head and heart" of a college-bound student. In sharing your interest in that person, and your challenge that they consider a full-time church work profession, you can encourage them and their pursuits. Reminding that student about the LWML scholarships may be just the nudge that person needs to heed God's call for 'workers in the harvest field.'

"Lord, do you have a path for me that I've been avoiding? I thought I was walking with You, but it seems something is missing when I try to convince myself that Your Light will shine through me where I am now. But in this economy, and with my growing family? I saw that LWML scholarship poster at church. Did you do that so I'd think about that church professional idea again? I suppose it really wouldn't take that many semesters to get me on the way. And next year I'd probably be even more frustrated if I don't check this out. Lord, I'll be hanging on to Your hand intensely. First, I'll check out that LWML scholarship."

Perhaps you are the person who would like to pursue a career as a full-time church worker and have had these same thoughts and fears.

Whether you know someone, or you yourself are thinking about a church-work career, go to our District Web Site, www.lwmlmnn.org, click on "Committees," then "Scholarships," then click on the "Scholarship Application Form."



"Come to the Living Water" Be a Mite'y Mission Mover!

Plan to participate in our Convention Mite Walk early Wednesday morning.

- Support our LWML Minnesota North District mission projects by collecting mite pledges before coming to the convention.
- The Mite-Y Walk Pledge Donation Form is found in your society convention packet. Turn in your pledge donation sheets when you check in at the convention.
- You'll get a T-shirt to wear on your morning walk!
- On Wednesday morning you'll get a bottle of water and a granola bar to make sure you have "go power."
- Walk, jog, jaunt, or stroll at whatever pace you enjoy. Breathe some fresh air, get your body parts moving, and reflect on the previous day's activities.
- Come to the Walk with a friend, meet someone new, or walk on your own.

Check out the scholarship booth at the convention!

The essays of the newest group of scholarship applicants will be on display. Recipients from past years may spend some time in the booth. They can tell you about their Concordia experiences, as well as what opportunities are shaping their vocational direction.

**Convention Call to Young Women**

Women will spend hundreds of dollars this year on quilt retreats, scrapbooking retreats, and shopping getaways with girlfriends. We love spending time with women who share our passions. We need time away from the family and the job. While these pursuits may fill a need, they will have no lasting spiritual significance.

I challenge you to come away to a different kind of getaway, one that will fill your soul.

“Come to the Living Water “

At the convention in Alexandria, young women will be helping with the ingathering, working on a mission project, participating in the convention, going on a "Mentor Walk," and sharing a meal with President Cheryl.

We'll have some time to meet and get to know other young women from Minnesota. There will be exhibits to explore – and inspirational speakers.

The most important thing we will do at this convention is to join other women who share our passion for the Lord. We will worship and praise our Heavenly Father, and do all to His glory.

Reflect on these additional references to thirst (NIV):

- *for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.* Psalm 107:9
- *Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.* Isaiah 55: 1-3
- *On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink."* John 7:37
- *He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life."* Revelation 21:6

Scrapbooks and quilts are wonderful ways to pass on history to our families and friends. Passing on your faith is more valuable than any earthly gift you can give.

**Join your sisters in Christ in Alexandria June 28-30.
Quench your thirst for the Lord!**

Human Care



Joanne Beiswenger

Convention Ingathering

Spring is here! Although it is still very cool outside, it reminds us that GOD is in charge. Life is a journey, full of a myriad of experiences. A life experience you should be looking forward to is our Minnesota North Convention in June. You have this opportunity to “Come to the Living Water” in Alexandria through two Human Care projects for the ingathering:

Someplace Safe is a safe place when home isn't safe. This organization has been in operation for over 25 years. The children who arrive here have just left their homes and have nothing. By supporting Someplace Safe, you will be helping victims of violence find comfort and a violence-free environment.

Operation Happy Notes is a unique volunteer effort to send musical instruments to deployed servicemen and women throughout the world. This organization's purpose to share the gift of music, peace and joy.

Delegate packets will contain additional information and lists of needed items. You may also visit our District Web Site for updated information.

Human Care – children of God give from a generous heart. Living to help others is living for God. No matter how small it may seem to you, your work and generosity for Christ has great value.

Remember, JOY, is an acronym for -

- J - Jesus
- O - Others
- Y - You



- Parkers Prairie Immanuel LWML in memory of Burdeen Johnson & Dorothy Schwanke
- Parkers Prairie Immanuel LWML in memory of Laurence Hedeem and Merlin Hollatz
- Frances Wittnebel in memory of Vern Miller
- JoNette Brogaard in memory of Vern Miller
- Mildred Helmrichs in memory of Vern Miller
- Betty Kezar in memory of Vern Miller
- Yvonne Bardson in memory of Jill Bardson
- Marian Maatz in memory of Loretta Schmies, Marge Sieger and Doug Dempsey
- Donna Schleif in memory of Doris Dols
- Arlene Krueger in memory of Doris Dols
- Lucille Lidbeck in memory of Doris Dols
- Sauk Centre Zion Women's Society in memory of Myrtle Schultz, Delma Judson and Alice Riedel
- Loon Lake (Vergas) St. Pauls Ladies Aid in memory of all members of St. Pauls who passed away in 2009
- Bellingham (Walter) Trinity Ladies Aid in memory of Rosetta Beulter
- Jane Asche in memory of Rosetta Beulter
- Marian Matz in memory of Enid Senkbiel and Rosetta Beulter
- Sauk Rapids Trinity LWML in memory of Sylvia Glasner and Mamie Vernon
- Marian Maatz in memory of Harold Schulz
- Lucille Lidbeck in memory of Adeline Nadrchal
- Elbow Lake Christ LWML in memory of Ellen Holm

Memorials are to be sent to the Financial Secretary, Donna Schleif, 8181 269th Ave NW, Zimmerman, MN 55398-4011. If you wish, you may designate the memorial for mites or Minnesota North Mission Grants.

Structure



Doris Weispfennig

“Come to the Living Water”

Visit the structure exhibit in the Exhibit Hall during the convention at Arrowwood Resort and Convention Center in Alexandria. The Exhibit Hall will be open between sessions.

The structure committee has met and planned some interesting and exciting fun activities. See you there!

Delegate packets will contain:

Bylaw changes

Mission Grant Proposals

Please take time to review these and be ready to vote on them.

But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way. 1 Corinthians 14:40

Structure Committee: Chairman Doris Weispfennig, Phyllis Jastrum, Lucille Philips, Kayleen Motschenbacher, Pastoral Counselor Rev. Ronald Hobbie

Editor



Kristin Olsen

Will you help us go green? We are transitioning from mail-out copies of the *Minnesota Northern Light* to e-newsletters.

- Please contact me and ask that you be removed from the mail-out list and to be placed on the e-mail address list. Send an e-mail to: editor@lwmlmnn.org.
- Remember, you can go to the District Web Site (www.lwmlmnn.org) to get the newsletter and the Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar under the tab “Publications.” There is a delay after the mail-out before it’s posted to the District Web Site. Keep checking.

Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee will be presenting the following slate of officers to the voting delegates of the LWML Minnesota North District convention in June:

Executive Vice President:

- Mary Kuhnau, Zion, Alexandria
- Judy Uran, St. Matthews, Esko

Recording Secretary:

- Lynnette Roshell, Lord of the Lakes, Forest Lake
- Carolyn Sundbom, First English, Fosston

Financial Secretary:

- Mary Ann Bell, St. Johns Lutheran, Ada
- Marilyn Hittel, St. Johns, Sauk Rapids

Arrowhead II Regional Vice President:

- No nominations at this time

Lakeland II Regional Vice President:

- Janet Hasbargen, Immanuel, Wheaton, MN

Park II Regional Vice President:

- Tessa Giru, Emmanuel, Backus
- Linda Jeske, Trinity, Staples

Pastoral Counselor, Arrowhead Region:

- Rev. Robert Frank, Zion, Little Falls
- Rev. Don Stauty, Redeemer, Aurora & Gloria Dei, Virginia

Prayer & Praise Mite Calendars

Find the calendars for May, June and July posted on our District Web Site (www.lwmlmnn.org).

Click on “Publications,” then “Mite Calendars.”

Warm Quilts . . . Warm Hearts

The Winter 2009 edition of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* highlighted how quilting “warms the hands and hearts of those who make them, as well as of those who receive them.” Quilting groups in our district “share the warmth of God’s love” with their beautiful creations.

The LWML Quilters of Grace Lutheran, Breckenridge, had a goal of 100 quilts to be sent to Haiti, via the Orphan Grain Train. That goal was reached March 16th. A number of churches in the Breckenridge and Wahpeton areas joined in gathering quilts to be sent the first part of April.



Pictured (from left) are Marilyn Eichhorn, Irene Dahlen, Mildred Matz, Mary Voss, Grace Affield, Lorretta Pfeffer, Del Walter, Mary Kosel, Arlis Ploeger, Florrie Steenbock and Claudia Matz.



The quilters of Our Redeemer, Moorhead made Christmas lap robes for their members in nursing homes and shut-ins.

Pictured are Paula Baack (seated) and (from left) Sonja Beltz, Shirley Nelson, Doris Grohnke and Lois Motschenbacher.

The quilters of Zion, Little Falls have been shipping their blankets to Afghanistan, where many of our soldiers are stationed in the cold mountain regions.



Pictured (left to right) are Tillie Vickstrom, Pat Johannes, Georgia Johannes, and Ellen Domine.

Every Apron has a Story

A wonderful source of ideas for gatherings and mission projects comes from the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. Zion Evening Guild, Alexandria, took this idea from the Winter 2008 edition. Their theme was “Aprons: Symbols of Service,” based on 2 Corinthians 9:13, *Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, people will praise God.*

Stories included a “grandmother apron,” which hung to the floor so they could cover the long dresses, which were worn 100 years ago. Another apron came to America from Germany. Some of the more familiar aprons were made of feed sacks, and a frilly, white organdy apron worn while waitressing at wedding receptions.

Waiting to tell their apron stories are Edna Anderson, who wore a reversible apron; Vi Backhaus, whose apron was made by a dear friend; and Lorna Fiebranz, whose apron was from the Great Depression.



God Bless LWML

by Sonja Goldsmith, Zion Lutheran, Mora

Lord may Your light shine on us today.
Fill us with courage, show us Your way.
Let Your peace shine upon our face,
So others will see Your amazing grace.
Let Your light shine on the path we take.
Keep us standing for thy namesake.
You have created us for eternity,
You sent Your Son to set us free.
Help us feel blessed this very day,
Knowing You love us in this perfect way.

The 2011 LWML convention poster is available to download at www.lwml.org.



Lutheran Women in Mission of the Central Illinois District

Invite YOU to the 34th Biennial LWML Convention in Peoria, Illinois on the edge of the beautiful Illinois River

This is your opportunity to:

- † **ATTEND** the first LWML Convention in Illinois in the 21st century;
- † **WORSHIP** with an anticipated 6000+ sisters and brothers in Christ;
- † **SHARE** the Good News and fellowship with friends old and new;
- † **PARTICIPATE** in servant activities before and during convention.

Bring your friends and family to:

- † **ENJOY** the “family friendly” venues of the renovated Land of Lincoln sites and Ronald Reagan Library;
- † **VISIT** the many museums, sail on the “Spirit of Peoria” paddlewheeler, and watch the Peoria Chiefs play baseball;
- † **Go** to the Zoo, hike through the Forest Park Nature Center, and visit the Mounds State Museum, a major on-site archaeological museum, and much more.

The prairie lands of Central Illinois with their rich history are waiting to welcome you to convention 2011. Please join us Thursday, June 23 – Sunday, June 26, when LWML “Plays in Peoria”.

Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge

***And they realized they had been with Jesus. “For we cannot
but speak the things we have seen and heard.”***

Acts 4:13b and 20 (NKJV)



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 Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center
 Alexandria, MN

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY
FILL OUT BOTH SIDES OF FORM

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

_____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

Region: _____ **Zone:** _____

Society: _____

Congregation Name: _____

Church Address: _____

_____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

CONVENTION PACKAGES		Cost Before May 28th	Cost After May 28th	Amount
Convention package includes registration and packet.				
Full Convention Registration		\$ 80.00	\$ 90.00	\$
Young Women Representatives		\$ 65.00	\$ 75.00	\$
Past Presidents		\$ 65.00	\$ 75.00	\$
Clergy (Free Registration) Must pay for meals				
Convention Workers and Nuclei Committee		\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$
Part-Time (Includes Packet, NO Meals)		\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	\$
MEAL PACKAGES ARE SOLD SEPARATELY				
Full Meal Package				
Tuesday: Breakfast, Morning Break, Lunch, and Dinner Banquet			\$ 84.29	\$
Wednesday: Breakfast and Morning Break				
Full Meal Package (Minus Breakfasts)			\$ 65.13	\$
ADDITIONAL MEAL OPTIONS		QTY		
Monday	Buffet Dinner Adult		\$ 16.60	\$
	Buffet Dinner Child (ages 4-8)		\$ 8.94	\$
Tuesday	Dinner Banquet Adult		\$ 31.93	\$
	Dinner Banquet Child (ages 4-8)		\$ 10.22	\$
ACTIVITY FEES (If Applicable)				
Child Care (Includes Tuesday Noon Meal)			\$ 10.00	
Mite Walk (Includes T-shirt, mark your size on the right.)			\$ 5.00	
Total Amount of Check Enclosed				\$

☒ **Check all items that apply to you.**

- ☐ Delegate
- ☐ Guest
- ☐ Nominee
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- ☐ Speaker
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- ☐ Other _____

Convention Activities

Will you participate in the Mass Choir? ☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ Soprano ☐ Alto

Mite-Walk T-shirt Size

- ☐ S ☐ M
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- ☐ Other _____

IMPORTANT If you are a delegate, please list your **ALTERNATE'S** name. _____

ALL DELEGATES MUST REGISTER BEFORE MAY 28th
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Do you have any special needs? (*Disabilities, Food Allergies, Wheel-chair, etc.*)

YWR MENTORSHIP PROGRAM:

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YES: Mark (✓) this if you are interested in being a mentor!

Young Women Representatives attending the 2010 convention will be paired with another LWML attendee. "Mentors" will answer questions throughout the convention as well as pray with and for that YWR during and following the convention. If you would be interested in serving as a "mentor" for a YWR, please mark the circle above.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: The following Breakout Sessions will be offered on Tuesday, June 29th. Sessions begin at 2:30 p.m. and at 3:30 p.m. Each session is 55 minutes in length and will be presented twice. Please indicate your first choice (1); and second choice (2).

- ☐ **Baptismal Remembrance** *presented by Pastor Terry Finnern* • Take time to review, reflect, and remember our baptism and it's effect on our daily life. Bring your baptism date to the session. All participants will receive a "Baptism Remembrance" memento as a reminder of their baptism and the "Power God Gives to Us for Daily Living".
- ☐ **Shepherds and Sheep** *presented by Pastor David C. Cloeter* • Having watched a brother shepherd his sheep, having again read John 10, the Good Shepherd chapter, and having worked with congregations going through difficult times, our discussion will focus on the qualities of good shepherds (pastors) and focus primarily on the qualities that shepherds look for in their sheep (congregational members). There will also be some discussion of shepherd and sheep problems.
- ☐ **Sharing Jesus...Here, There, and Everywhere** *presented by Carol Benson* • In Acts 1:8, Jesus commissions His disciples to be His witnesses. How do each of us fit into His plan for His kingdom? Opportunities abound! Short-term missions are one avenue of service. Come to hear about new opportunities available to you and listen to the mission experiences of your fellow LWML sisters.
- ☐ **Finding Purpose and Place as a Mature LWML Woman** *presented by Eloise Kuhlmann (LWML) and Frances Wittnebel* • Baby boomers are retiring from their professional work in droves. All of us are aging. Is there a place for long-time LWML members and mature women who are finding themselves with time now for service activities that are meaningful? You bet there is! We all want to express our faith in ways that will make a difference in the Lord's kingdom. Learn how you can revitalize your LWML for mature women.
- ☐ **Proclaim His Message. Provide His Word** *presented by Pastor Ken Bunge, LBT* • Ken Bunge will speak on the role of Lutheran Bible Translators in providing Scripture to people who do not have the Bible in their own "hear language". Learn the specifics of Ken's translation mission on behalf of Chaldean Christians.



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Please make a copy of this form for your records before you mail it. Registration deadline is May 28th.

Refund deadline is June 17th (*except delegates, no refund*). Please enclose the total remittance.

Any questions? Call Donna at: **(763) 856-4810**

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Mail Registration Form and check to:

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