



MINNESOTA NORTHERN LIGHT

Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Minnesota North District

Serve the Lord with Gladness! Psalm 100:2



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The July Prayer and Praise Mite Calendar may be downloaded from the MN North District website.



The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the world.

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



You're invited!
June 23–June 26, 2011
Peoria, Illinois

34th Biennial
LWML Convention

Worship Proclaimer
Dr. Ken Klaus

Katie Stam
Miss America 2009

Sibling Harmony

Keynote Speaker
Deb Burma

Song Leader
Lana Gibbons

Bible Study Leader Dr. Reed Lessing

Mission Speakers
Servant Connections

Gifts from the Heart
Mites in Action

Camp BWJ
(Being With Jesus)

LWML Plays in Peoria!

Flat Jan Visits MN North

In the children's book *Flat Stanley*, Stanley Lambchop is accidentally flattened during his sleep one night. Flat Stanley has a special advantage now because he can visit his friends by being mailed in an envelope. In 1995, the Flat Stanley Project was established to provide school children a project similar to pen pals. Many of your children or grandchildren have enjoyed mailing a Flat Stanley to friends and family around the world and receiving photos of where he's been. To learn more about the Flat Stanley Project, please visit www.flatstanley.com.

In the spirit of Flat Stanley, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League now introduces our much loved President, Janice Wendorf, in the form of "Flat Jan."

Flat Jan arrived in the MN North District at President Cheryl's home on April 2, after visiting the North Dakota district. On Sunday, April 3rd, President Cheryl took Jan to church with her at Christ Lutheran in Elbow Lake where Cheryl spoke about the 2009-2011 Mite Marathon.



President Cheryl Petersen



On Monday, April 4, Flat Jan went to work with Cheryl. Cheryl works for a Christian school in Fergus Falls. For the past few years, the first grade class at Morning Sun Christian School have been participating in the Flat Stanley project. Cheryl and Flat Jan visited the class and talked about Mites and about how a

few coins when multiplied around the country, turns into many dollars for people and organizations in need.

Cheryl then took Flat Jan to the Kindergarten class, where the students had many questions about Mites. Specifically, they were relieved to know that we were not talking about bed bugs. We also discussed the LWML's term - Servant Events and about our organization's mission to assist other people around the world.

On Tuesday, April 12, Flat Jan traveled with Cheryl over 100 miles to the MN North District Office for the MN North LWML Board of Directors meeting. While at the meeting, many board members shared the excitement that is spreading throughout the district about a new Human Care project - Pillowcase Dresses. Some of the dresses were brought for display. Here in this picture, Flat Jan is 'modeling' one for us.



It was a pleasure to have Flat Jan with us and now she is traveling on to the North Wisconsin District.

2011 LWML Convention offerings chosen

The four designated recipients selected for the convention offerings collection in Peoria are:

- Convention Offering #2 - LWML Mission Goal 2011-2013
- Convention Offering #3 - Three Mission Central Projects, Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa
- Convention Offering #3 - Amigos de Cristo Mission Outreach Project, Sedalia, Missouri
- Convention Offering #4 - Specific Ministry Pastor Program (SMP), Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne.

More information on these convention offering recipients is available at www.lwml.org/conventions.

Young Woman Representatives going to Peoria

After a great deal of prayer and consideration, the Young Women Committee has chosen two women to represent the Minnesota North District at the LWML Convention in Peoria this summer, Kari Kremer and Kristina Kuhnau. I asked Kari and Kristina to introduce themselves to you so when you see them in Peoria (or on the bus) you can greet them.



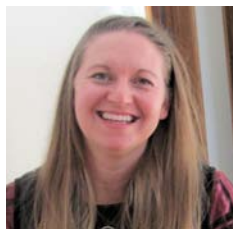
Hi! My name is Kristina Kuhnau, and I am the wife of Jon and the mother of three beautiful girls, Audrey (age 6), Evelyn (age 4), and Olivia (age 1 ½). I am a former Lutheran school teacher at Zion Lutheran School in Alexandria, MN, and

now have the joy of being a stay-at-home mom to my three girls.

I grew up in Esko, MN, and am a graduate of Esko High School. I was a member of the Apostolic Lutheran Church in Esko while growing up. After high school, I attended Concordia University, St. Paul, where I graduated with my Elementary Education degree and met Jon. We married after finishing college in 2001. We lived in the Twin Cities Area for about one year before moving to Alexandria, where I became the fourth grade teacher and a member of Zion Lutheran Church.

I enjoy spending time with my family, taking walks, and reading. I also enjoyed playing sports in high school and I'm hoping to get back on my bike and in-line skates this coming summer. These days I am busy with a small online business with my good friend, making and selling the handmade products she dreams up and creates.

I am a member of Zion's Evening Guild, Zion's Altar Guild, and I am the Zion Lutheran School PTL treasurer. I'm also in the beginnings of volunteering at the Birthright crisis pregnancy center. I am excited about being part of the LWML and supporting the mission work we do, so that all can know about Jesus! Thank you for the privilege of being a Young Women's Representative for the LWML 2011 convention. I am looking forward to it. Thank you!



Hi, my name is Kari Kremer. I live in Alexandria, with my husband Pete and four children. I am currently at home with the kids – Greta who is turning 10 in March, Myah just turned 8 years old, Thomas is four, and Eli is 2 years old.

I spent most of my childhood in Alexandria and graduated in 1992. I went to undergraduate school at the University of North Dakota, which led me to Pahrump, Nevada, not only to teach but to my first Missouri Synod church.

When I moved back to Minnesota, the death of my great aunt led me to Good Shepherd Church. Before I was an official member of the church, I attended an LWML meeting – mostly to hear the guest speaker – and from then on I was hooked.

Over the past years I have experienced many new things with my LWML family, and I thank them for their patience as I continue to grow.

I had chosen my major in college so I would not have to take a public speaking class. Now I am leading Bible studies as a Christian Life representative. God works in mysterious ways!

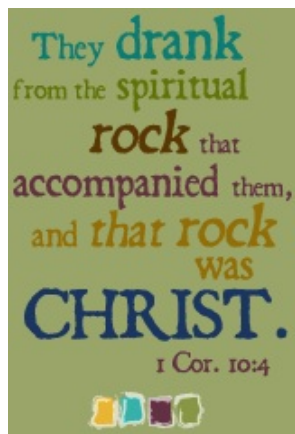
I know that no matter what my situation is, one of the other women has been there and will be able to help me through with love and understanding.

I am very excited to be representing the Minnesota North District in Peoria this June. I look forward to getting to know so many of you. It will be a trip to remember. I can't wait to share it with ALL of you when we get back.

As you can see these are young women who already know how to "Serve the Lord with Gladness." While at the Peoria Convention they will walk in the opening banner processional with our District President Cheryl Petersen, they will sit with the voting delegation, they will have special events to meet other YWRs from around the country and to learn more about the LWML.



Lynnette
Roshell
YWR
Committee
Chairman



ROC'in – in Alexandria

March 18-19, I had the privilege of attending the ROC (Regional Outreach Conference) at Arrowwood in Alexandria. This conference was hosted by Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM). This was the second out of seven conferences that will be

held throughout the nation. The goal of these conferences is to train and encourage God's people to be mission-minded witnesses for Christ.

I was asked by our LWML PR Director, Edie Norris, if I would be willing to also work at the LWML booth while attending the conference. I accepted and also asked Nicolle Kuhn, one of our YWRs that attended the Portland convention, to assist me.

What a wonderful weekend! Friday night was filled with worship, song and fellowship. We had a chance to hear from Rev. Nunes, president of Lutheran World Relief and the new Lutheran Hour speaker, Rev. Seltz. The evening finished with a concert from Erin Bode.

Saturday began with a session with Rev. Nunes again, and then there was time for breakouts in the afternoon. My kids, Kaitlyn and Todd, also attended the conference and participated in the *whatsfive14* program. What is that you might ask? It is LHM's response of ministry to Matthew 5:14 - being the Light of the World. You can view their website at: whatsfive14.com

There were attendees from North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Nebraska. Of course, Minnesotans were there as well. There were over 400 in attendance!

Getting back to the booth - there were many items that we gave away for free, including the new Bible study - Ever, Only, All for Thee. We also had a drawing for a basket full of LWML gifts. Teresa Wolter from St.Cloud was our winner.

One thing that was unique about this conference is that attendees were able to text questions to a number while the main sessions were taking place. This was a chance for the attendees to be involved and have their questions posted right away on the screen. This really provided some interesting dialogue for the concert on Friday night, during the interview with Erin Bode and also during the main session on Saturday when Rev. Nunes and Rev. Seltz were conducting a one-on-one Q&A time.

All in all, this was a wonderful event for LWML to be involved in and I am glad I was able to represent our district there. If you would like to see pictures and/or video clips from this event - go online to: www.lhm.org/roc/newsroom.

Sheila Peterson - Heart to Heart Sisters Trainee

In response to one of the LWML's targets of 'Embracing Diversity', the Heart to Heart Sisters Program was formed. This



program is an intentional effort to include ethnic women into the life and work of the LWML. The first Heart to Heart sisters participated in the 2003 LWML Convention in Oklahoma City. Since that time, over 100 women from a variety of ethnic groups have participated in the Heart to Heart Sisters program at LWML conventions.

This year, at the Peoria convention, the Heart to Heart Sisters Task Force is providing a training prior to the convention for district representatives. These trainees will receive information and learn how to launch a Heart to Heart Sisters program at the district level.

We are so thrilled that Sheila Peterson, our MN North DCO who works with the Fond du Lac Reservation, has agreed to attend this training. Sheila's dedication to her ministry with the Native Americans makes her a key asset, not only to our district, but is the perfect candidate to help bring a Heart to Heart Sisters program to Minnesota North.



Ellen Strickler
Human Care
Chairman

Got Snow? That was the question asked recently as I was reading a daily devotional. As I write this, yes, we have more than enough snow on the ground. Daily, I check the fields for a hint of black dirt. When that is visible, I know spring is not far away.

We each have our own gauge for telling when spring will appear. Some look for tulips, some wait for the robins to return, and others mark Easter on their calendar.

At any rate, in Minnesota, it is the most appreciated and anticipated time of the year. Not just for the weather conditions, but for celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What a wonderful time to renew our faith and trust and accept the forgiveness God promised. With Jesus as our guide, we are free from being lost to the darkness of sin. *When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12 NIV).*

Recently, I received an e-mail that listed bloopers that were printed in church bulletins. My favorite was, "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands." While that brought a smile to my face, I really thought that was a good idea – bringing your husband's, that is. Why not involve them in the many projects that occupy your time. I know there are many events that need set up or kitchen crews. There are boxes of mission items to be carried, packed, loaded and stored. Host a "Men's Night Out" with supper first and then an evening of mission work geared especially for men. Include them when visiting the nursing homes and shut-ins. Promote a collection of used tools for Haiti with a "Tub of Tools" project. Mission work is not a gender driven activity, nor is it exclusive to only married men. Include everyone in your activities. *"It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice" (Ps. 112:5 LSB).*

Peoria convention

The excitement for the convention in Peoria is building. As Human Care Chairman, I am looking forward to an abundance of items that will be brought with us from Minnesota North. Items that are needed for the Ingathering are listed in this newsletter. Take heed of the packing instructions. I challenge you to give from your heart as unlimited quantities will be accepted. *"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?" (1 John 3:17 NIV).*

Items will be distributed to Orphan Grain Train and agencies in Peoria. If you have questions on how to get these items to Peoria, contact your Regional Vice President. *"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7 NIV).*



Sharing our talents

We each have many talents. They are a gift from God and should be shared. For those of you that are blessed with the talent to crochet and knit, I have two websites that will be of interest to you:

- www.operationtoastytoes.org lists patterns to make items for our troops serving overseas.

- www.warmupamerica.org has patterns for knit and crocheted blankets for the homeless.

Gifts from the Heart for April, May and June

- Items for the LMA Haiti container that will be shipped by the end of May. Contact Lil Spilde at 218-333-1560 for pick-up or delivery instructions.
- Monetary gifts for the Lutheran disaster response efforts for Japan's earthquake and tsunami may be sent to LCMS World Relief. Three options available! Mail checks (noting "Japan Disaster Relief" in the memo line) to: LCMS World Relief and Human Care, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6681; or call toll-free: 888-930-4438; or go online to <http://givenowlcms.org>.



LWML Lending Library

(These publications are available by contacting the Human Care Chairman, Ellen Strickler at 218-281-5946.)

- *Hear My Voice, Oh Lord* (devotions on the Psalms).
- *Actions Speak Louder than Words--sometimes* (a Bible study based on James 1, 3 & 4).
- *Tool Time* (a skit based on the power of His kingdom).

**2010-2012 Mission Goal Status**

PROJECTS	GOAL	PREVIOUSLY PAID OR ALLOCATED	PAID OR ALLOCATED THIS QUARTER	BALANCE
Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students	\$55,000	\$20,625	\$6,800	\$27,575
Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$0	\$7,500
Lutheran Island Camp, Financial Support for Staff Training	\$10,000	\$3,750	\$0	\$6,250
Food Bank at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	\$5,000	\$775	\$1,000	\$3,225
Orphan Grain Train	\$8,500	\$5,000	\$0	\$3,500
Children's Bibles for the People of SE Asia	\$7,500	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$2,500
Medical Clinic, Cap Haitien, Haiti	\$25,000	\$9,380	\$4,000	\$11,620
Food & Clothing Co-op, Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne	\$5,000	\$775	\$1,000	\$3,225
Production of Audiocassette Materials - Lutheran Blind Missions	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$0	\$2,500
Anuak Ministry, Sauk Rapids, MN	\$5,000	\$1,975	\$2,000	\$1,025
TOTALS	\$135,000	\$49,280	\$16,800	\$68,920

All mite contributions should be sent to the Financial Secretary Marilyn Hiltel
6850 Golden Spike Road, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379-9715.



“Flat Jan” visits our board of directors meeting on April 12.

See story on page 2.



*Dorothy
Abrahamson*
**Mission
Grants
Chairman**

"Helping Blind and Visually-Impaired People See Jesus"

Mission Grant #9: Production of Audiocassette Materials - Lutheran Blind Mission - \$4,000.

More than 55 million people in the world today are blind. In the United States alone, there are 12 million blind and visually-impaired children and adults. Of those 12 million people, 95% are unchurched, 50% are under the age of 65, 70% are unemployed, 60% are single and isolated, and 82% do not read braille.

Setting a goal to reach more blind people by the "blind leading the blind" is a clear witness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Blind people trust other blind people because they know and understand firsthand the issues and problems confronting them. The production of audiocassette magazines enables blind and visually-impaired people to read, hear, and share the light of salvation seen through the cross of Jesus. The six magazines that Lutheran Blind Mission produces are *In His Hands-The Blind Mission Society Newsletter*, *The Lutheran Digest*, *Lutheran Messenger for the Blind*, *The Lutheran Witness*, *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* (aka *LWML Quarterly*), and *Portals of Prayer*. The Lutheran Blind Mission duplicates over 11,000 audio-cassette tapes annually through the dedicated efforts of many volunteers.

We would like to thank all of those who applied for the "Go! Share Jesus! Grant."
There were five responses.
The recipient will be announced in July.

Convention Gifts from the Heart

Participants attending the 2011 LWML Convention in Peoria, will be able to reach out with care and compassion with *Gifts from the Heart*. Agencies in Peoria, as well as Orphan Grain Train, have been chosen to receive the gifts from your heart. You may bring these items in unlimited quantities. You will be directed where to place your items when you register.



- 1. Quilts** - any size for Orphan Grain Train (pack in heavy duty clear plastic bag).
- 2. New Bath Towel/Hand towel/Washcloth** - (pack in a clear plastic zip lock bag); 1 Bath Towel, 1 Hand Towel, 1 Washcloth.
- 3. Men's, Women's and Children's Underwear** in original packaging (label correctly).
- 4. New Children's Picture Bibles** (English) or **Arch Books**.
- 5. Kits – Men, Women or Children** (mark which one). All items are to be NEW and regular size – not travel size. Pack in a clear plastic zip lock bag.
 - Men: socks, stick deodorant, disposable razors, toothbrush, bar of soap.
 - Women: socks, stick deodorant, hand or body cream, toothbrush, bar of soap.
 - Children: socks, box of 8 crayons, safety scissors, Christian coloring book, Christian story book, toothbrush.
- 6. Add to bags:** 1 Christian tract or Bible verse (inside bag).



- † Doris Weispfennig in memory of Pearl Rust, Joanne Beiswenger, and Trish Zarbok.
- † Our Savior's, Crookston, in memory of Edna Eknes.
- † Immanuel, Parkers Prairie, in memory of Elmer Hollatz.
- † Marion Maatz in memory of Gerhard Wittnebel.
- † Jane Asche in memory of Eleanor Bacon.
- † Loon Lake, St. Paul's, in memory of Rev. E. R. Wippich.

- † Loon Lake, St. Paul's, in memory of Reynold Fick.
- † Parkers Prairie in memory of Esther Krause.
- † Lois Wellbrock in memory of Evelyn Norgren.
- † Loon Lake, St. Paul's in memory of Robert Fick.

Memorial and honor gifts should be sent to the Financial Secretary Marilyn Hiltel, 6850 Golden Spike Road, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379-9715.



Mary Kuhnau
Christian Life
Chairman

Out of Darkness into His Wonderful Light

It is a dark, moonless night. As I am walking, I trip and fall. The shadows seem to hide anything that is 'out there.' I imagine animals or the boogeyman waiting to get me, so I turn on my flashlight. That helps. I can now see the path in front of me so I no longer trip and fall. Yet I am still frightened

of what could be in the shadows.

The next day I walk the same path. I laugh when I see what caused the shadows that frightened me last night.

Life is like that. We wander around in the dark – often straying off the path, stumbling over everything. But God has *“rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves (Colossians 1:13 NIV).”* How did God rescue us? By sending His Son into the world to die for our sins. We are now *“a chosen people ... a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into His wonderful light (I Peter 2:9 NIV ©1984).”*

When we study God's Word, it keeps us from stumbling over life's obstacles by warning us. The Bible shows the right path and helps us to avoid obstacles:

– *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path (Psalm 119:105).”*

– *“We have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts (II Peter 1:19 NIV ©1984).”*

As we keep studying, more and more of God's will and plan for us are revealed through the Scriptures. It is like the sunrise. As the day approaches, we see more of the world around us. The shadows start to disappear. *“The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple (Psalm 119:130 NIV).”*

When we go through the dark times of life, such as sickness, death, divorce, and financial problems, it becomes difficult to see very well. We become

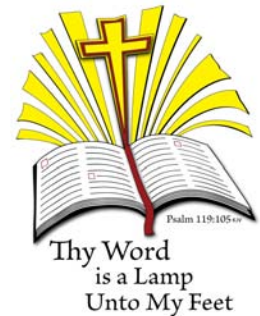
frightened of the shadows. Yet we have a flashlight, God's Word. We can wave that light into the heavens and ask, “Where are you, God?” Or we can shine the light toward our feet, and God will show us, one step at a time, where to go. Plus, He will walk beside us every step of the way. He has promised never to leave us nor forsake us in Deuteronomy 31:6.

There are many people struggling in the darkness without any light. Jesus told us that we are *“the light of the world”* and to let our *“light shine before others”* (Matthew 5:14 and 16). Let's be the light to those in darkness as God has directed us.

Will we ever see fully in this life? No, but through the help of the Holy Spirit and God's Word we can see as much as we need for today.

LWML Minnesota North District Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp

Our retreat will be held August 12-14, 2011. Pastor Stauty will lead our Bible study on the theme verse.



Wanda Hall from the Twin Cities area will tell us about her experiences with bringing the Light to Latvia in her short term mission trips. She will also share how God brought the Light back into her life through LWML.

There will be time for relaxation and music.

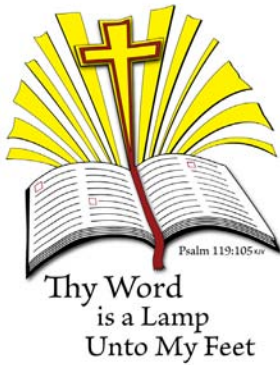
Linda Jeske will teach a class of beginning knitting. New and experienced knitters can make 'chemo caps.'

The schedule and registration form is included in this issue of the *Minnesota Northern Light*.

For mothers who don't have child care for their six to eight year olds, LIC holds 'Sheep Camp' geared for this age group. It will run simultaneously as the LWML retreat. For more details and to register them, go to www.islandcamp.org.

2011 LWML RETREAT

"Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet" Psalm 119:105 KJV



LWML Retreat August 12-14, 2011 at Lutheran Island Camp

Pastor Don Stauty of Virginia, MN will lead our Bible study. He is serving as one of the District LWML Pastoral Counselors and has been an LWML Zone counselor since 2007. He serves both Gloria Dei and Redeemer churches.

Wanda Hall, from the Twin Cities area, will tell us about her experiences with bringing the light to Latvia in her short-term mission trips. She will also share how God brought the light back into her life through LWML.

There will be time for relaxation and music. Mertice Brueske and Laurain Jurchen will share their musical talents on the piano.

Linda Jeske will teach a beginning knitting class. New and experienced knitters can make 'chemo caps'. Items To Bring: 1 skein worsted weight acrylic yarn, Size 7 US (4.5 mm) 16" circular needle, Size 7 US (4.5 mm) set of double pointed needles, tapestry needle, stitch marker, measuring tape, and scissors.

Attention: Mothers of 3 to 8 year old children. Looking for childcare? LIC has 3 programs called Little Lambs, Sheep Camp and Discovery Camp. They will run simultaneously with the LWML retreat. For more details and to register your child(ren), go to: islandcamp.org

FRIDAY EVENING

- 4-6:00 pm Registration
- 6:00 pm Sack supper (Bring your own or \$5 for LIC Box Supper)
- 6:30 pm Evening Activities (games, conversation, singing)
- 8:30 pm Campfire
- 9:30 pm Snacks in the Fireside room

SATURDAY

- 7-8:00 am Registration
- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Singing
- 9:15-10:15 Bible study - Pastor Stauty
- 10:15-10:30 Break
- 10:30-11:30 Speaker - Wanda Hall
- 12 noon Lunch
- 1-2:00 pm Bible study
- 2-3:00 pm Prayer
- 2-5:00 pm Free time (enjoy LIC, knitting, games, conversation, and more!)
- 5:00 pm Dinner
- 6:30 pm Entertainment and music



SUNDAY

- 8:00 am Continental breakfast
- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:00 am Brunch and farewell

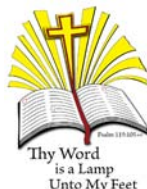
For more information contact:
Mary Kuhnau (320) 834-2135 or visit the
District website at: www.lwmlmnn.org

ITEMS TO BRING:

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

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LWML Retreat
August 12-14, 2011
Lutheran Island Camp
"Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet"
Psalm 119:105 KJV



Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Special Needs _____

Roommates _____

Registration Deadline: August 1, 2011
(There will be an additional \$10 fee for late registration.)

(√ Check)	Before Aug. 1 st	After Aug. 1 st
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday-Sunday	\$94	\$104
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday-Box Supper-(optional)	\$5	\$5
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday-Saturday	\$57	\$67
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Only	\$30	\$40

Choose your housing preference:

- ☐ Cabin ☐ Retreat Center

Make Check Payable To: **LWML MN North District**

Send Registration To: Lutheran Island Camp
45011 230th Street
Henning, MN 56551



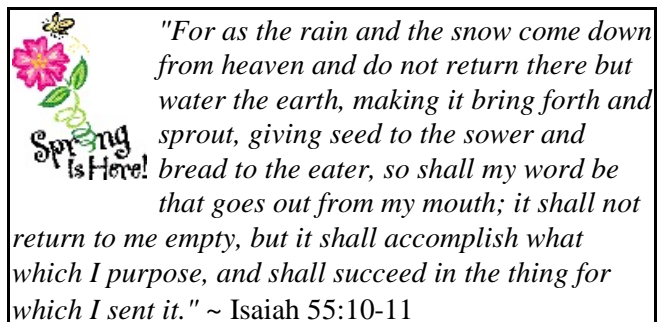
Lynn Lahd
Leader
Development
Chairman

Spring cleaning

As you prepare to do your spring cleaning, dust off your yearly calendar and add these important events to it.

- ▶ First, write down the date of your local zone spring rally and bring a friend with you.
 - ▶ Second, it's not too late to plan on attending the convention in Peoria.
- ▶ In August, reserve the dates for the fall retreat at Lutheran Island Camp. I guarantee you'll be glad you did. Dust off your walking shoes, put on some purple and get out and attend these events. You will have a wonderful time with your LWML sisters and you can learn more about the plans our Lord has for you.
 - ▶ Remember what our Lord tells us in Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV), "*For I know the plans I have for you*" declares the Lord, "*plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*"
 - ▶ While cleaning don't throw out your copy of the **Ten Commandments for Leaders:**
 1. **Thou shalt know the facts.** Be a walking encyclopedia of current and future LWML activities – on the society, zone, district and national level.
 2. **Thou shalt not procrastinate.** Give thyself ample time to handle all matters in an orderly fashion. Do not assume anything: check and double check each step of the way to a successful completion.
 3. **Thou shalt not dominate thy meetings.** Though thou be a leader, do not become overly proud of thyself and bore others with lengthy speeches and endless preaching. Unless thou can tell jokes well, do not subject the people to thy dull wit and wisdom.
 4. **Thou shalt read all thy mail promptly.** Do not store unopened mail on the shelf, expecting to take care of it at a later date. Thou may be missing out on urgent business that requires immediate attention.

5. **Thou shalt keep harmony with the organization.** Do not allow jealousy or hurt feelings to grow. Remind others of their Christian sisterhood and encourage them to show love and kindness to all.
6. **Thou shalt distribute materials promptly.** Make sure each member receives national and district publications on time. Make additional copies for those women in your church who have not yet joined LWML.
7. **Thou shalt constantly look for ways to improve yourself and the organization.** Use resources offered by LWML.
 - Attend leader development seminars, read books and listen to tapes that will aid you.
 - Evaluate the activities to see if they are helping to meet your goals. Retain that which is good. Discard that which is ineffective. Do not continue an activity just because it has been done for years.
8. **Thou shalt start and end thy meetings on time.** Be punctual thyself and set a good example for others. Show thy enthusiasm and joy in working for the Lord so that others will be begging to take thy office next year.
9. **Thou shalt remember to thank members.** Praise and compliment the members who have served on committees and projects. Do not miss an opportunity to recognize a member's contribution.
10. **Thou shalt remember to thank the Lord.** Thank Him for all the assistance He has given you and for exposing all those hidden talents you never realized you had until you became a leader in the LWML.





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Servants of God: Pastor, Teacher, Deaconess

In the last issue of the *Minnesota Northern Light*, I shared information on the career of the lay minister. In this issue we will take a look at the careers of pastor, teacher and deaconess.

A pastor is considered both shepherd and servant of God's flock. On a daily basis, God will carry out His most wonderful work of saving the lost through the pastor. In caring for the members of a congregation, he is active in preaching, teaching, administering the Sacraments, visiting members, comforting the sorrowing, giving godly counsel, and providing a vision of outreach. He may also serve as a military or institutional chaplain, missionary, a church administrator, an educator, or a campus pastor. Pre-seminary programs are available at Ann Arbor, Austin, Bronxville, Irvine, Mequon, Portland, River Forest, St. Paul, and Seward. Seminary training is through Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, or Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

If you have a passion for working with students in a Christian setting, teaching is the vocation for you. A teacher will help each student reach his/her potential, while integrating faith into their learning. A teacher will partner with pastors

and parents in the joy of preparing students for a life of service to the Church and the world. As a teacher, you will also be able to utilize your gifts and talents in coaching, music, drama, art, or other educational arenas. Education certification programs are available on all ten of our campuses.

Deaconess means "servant." As a Christian woman in the role of deaconess, you will share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through acts of human care and mercy. This may include visiting the sick and homebound, teaching Bible studies, or working with individuals with special needs. Deaconesses serve in congregations, hospitals and other institutions, inner cities and foreign mission fields. Pre-deaconess programs are available at Ann Arbor, Bronxville, Irvine, St. Paul, and Seward. Both undergraduate and graduate deaconess programming is available at Concordia University, Chicago.

The women of the LWML Minnesota North District stand ready to help you achieve your goals. Two mission grant proposals for scholarships were accepted at the 2010 district convention in Alexandria: \$55,000 for Full-time Church Work Students, and \$10,000 for Men Preparing for Ordination. Go to our website at www.lwmlmnn.org/scholarships for contact information for our LCMS Seminaries, as well as for the Concordia University System. You can also obtain the necessary scholarship application forms there. Applications need to be received by May 15, 2011.

There is still time to register for the LWML Convention in Peoria!

Not sure how you're going to get there?

How about by bus?

The MN North LWML has two buses headed to Peoria, and there is still room; but you have to act now!



To reserve your spot on the bus, please contact President Cheryl at 218-685-6218.

Attention Bus Riders: You do not need to purchase a shuttle pass as our MN North bus will shuttle us between the hotel and the convention. Another good reason to take the MN North bus!

It's Spring! It is really a pleasure to feel the warmth of the sun after our months of cold weather. This reminds us of the SON, our risen Lord and Savior, who took all sins to the cross and won the victory for everyone by coming out of the grave early on the first Easter.

Thank you for sending us bylaws to review. You are doing great jobs.

Some of you are sending a constitution and bylaws. That is OK to keep them together, but do not change the constitution. The national LWML has the constitution.

When we became societies of the LWML, we formed our bylaws and standing rules. [An example of how to view this: We are like a franchise; the parent company (LWML) has the articles of incorporation, and then there are franchise rules.]

If your congregation had a society of ladies prior to joining the national LWML, then you would have a constitution for that and would list that constitution date (for example: St. John's Ladies Aid, 1910.) Then if you know the date your ladies joined the LWML, put that date under the first date (St. John's Ladies Aid, 1948). The national LWML was organized in 1942.

Watch for the national bylaw changes that will be voted on at the LWML convention in Peoria in June 2011. See you there.

"But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way" (I Corinthians 14:40 NIV).



LWML 2011 Prayer Service available FREE online

The service celebrates the theme of the 34th Biennial LWML Convention in Peoria, Illinois, and the convention Bible verse, "And they realized they had been with Jesus ... For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:13b, 20). With the convention theme, Bible verse, and goal statement in mind, the prayer service presents seven scenarios where women, motivated by the Gospel of Jesus, have the opportunity to share the Good News with others.

Download this free prayer service at www.lwml.org.



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Your Light has Come ...

Bible Study Leader: Rev. Don Stauty

Get EnLIGHTened!

We are excited to announce that Cynthia Khan, a missionary for People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO), will be the Keynote Speaker at our 2012 convention.

As a life-long Christian born in Pakistan, she shares her journey from Pakistan to Saudi Arabia to Canada to Michigan and to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Cynthia was featured in the Spring 2009 Quarterly, so you can read more about her in that interview.

Those who were at the LWML convention in Sioux Falls, may remember her speaking there. More recently, she was a speaker at the National Youth Convention last year.

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Kristin Olsen
Editor



May 2011


Prayer and Praise Mite Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Greet someone at worship today	2 Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon	3 MNN Project Pray for seminary students	4 Memorize a Bible verse today - 25¢	5 MNN Project Pray for Lutheran Blind Mission	6 Invite someone to worship with you	7 Pray for "Make A World for Christ Appeal"
8 Mother's Day Praise and thank God for mothers	9 Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon	10 MNN Project Pray for the ministry of the Orphan Grain Train	11 Praise God for all volunteers - 25¢	12 MNN Project Pray for students preparing for church work careers	13 Praise God for the blessing of your community	14 MNN Project Pray for the staff at Lutheran Island Camp
15 Pray for the Sunday school teachers at church	16 Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon	17 MNN Project Pray for Children's Bibles for SE Asia Ministry	18 Plant some seeds for Christ today - 25¢	19 MNN Project Pray for medical mission in Haiti	20 Praise God for the hope He gives you in this new day	21 Armed Forces Day Thank God for those who serve in the military - 25¢
22 Pray for the leaders of your church	23 Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon	24 MNN Project Pray for the Food Bank at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	25 Thank God for willing feet to follow Him. - 25¢	26 MNN Project Pray for Anuak Ministry of Sauk Rapids	27 Be thankful for a close sister in Christ.	28 Praise God for our beautiful lakes - 25¢
29 Listen for the signs of God's presence	30 Memorial Day Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon	31 MNN Project Pray for Food & Clothing Co-op at Ft. Wayne seminary				



June 2011

Prayer and Praise Mite Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>Pray for the police officers in your community - 25¢</i>	2 <i>Ascension Day</i> <i>Let your light shine for Jesus today</i>	3 <i>Remember your local food pantry with a gift and a prayer</i>	4 <i>MNN Project</i> <i>Pray for Lutheran Blind Mission</i>
5 <i>Pray for Bible study leaders at your church</i>	6 <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>	7 <i>MNN Project</i> <i>Pray for seminary students</i>	8 <i>God is Love - share it with someone today - 25¢</i>	9 <i>MNN Project</i> <i>Pray for students preparing for church work careers</i>	10 <i>Send an encouraging card to a friend</i>	11 <i>MNN Project</i> <i>Pray for the ministry of the Orphan Grain Train</i>
12 <i>Be a mustard seed - grow in faith</i> <i>Pentecost</i>	13 <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>	14 <i>Flag Day</i> <i>Pray for our national leaders</i>	15 <i>Use your hands in willing service for Him today - 25¢</i>	16 <i>MNN Project</i> <i>Pray for medical mission in Haiti</i>	17 <i>Ask God to give you more patience</i>	18 <i>MNN Project</i> <i>Pray for the staff at Lutheran Island Camp</i>
19 <i>Father's Day</i> <i>Give thanks to God our Father</i>	20 <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>	21 <i>Give thanks to God for the sunshine</i> <i>Summer begins</i>	22 <i>Pray for safe travel to LWML Convention in Peoria, IL</i>	23  <i>Pray for the LWML convention</i>	24 <i>Bless the Bible studies, speakers, activities and attendees of the LWML convention</i>	25 <i>Pray for guidance of the decisions made by the delegates to the LWML convention</i>
26 <i>Grant safe travel to those returning from the LWML convention</i>	27 <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>	28 <i>MNN Project</i> <i>Pray for the Food Bank at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis</i>	29 <i>Thank God for your family - 25¢</i>	30 <i>MNN Project</i> <i>Pray for Anuak Ministry of Sauk Rapids</i>		

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