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Minnesota Northern Light

See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands. (Isaiah 49:16a NKJV)

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

MINNESOTA NORTHERN LIGHT



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



2018 LWML Minnesota North District 28th Biennial Convention

June 18-20, 2018

Sanford Center, Bemidji, MN

Hosted by Park I Region

"Forever Written in His Hands"

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OUR GOD HAS BLESSED US MIGHTILY!

The \$137,000 mite goal for the 2016-2018 biennium has been exceeded by \$7,593.49! "This overage amount is after the 25% designated to LWML on the national level has been given."

The Board of Directors, at the April 17 quarterly meeting, voted to bring a resolution to the convention floor to send the overage to our two LCMS seminaries—in Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO, and Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. We all benefit from the theological training of our pastors.

Your gracious and generous giving, plus other avenues, have made this overage possible – to God be the glory! Together we say (and sing!): "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

**Delegate Registration
Deadline: May 15
Registration Cost
increases after May 15**

Call To Convention

The voting body of the convention is comprised of two delegates from each congregation, each zone president, voting members of the LWML MN North Board of Directors and past district presidents who reside in MN North.

Each delegate shall have an alternate to the convention. The names of certified delegates (along with their delegate credential forms) and alternates shall be in the hands of the convention registrar at least four weeks before the convention (May 15).

Convention Resources

Delegate credentials forms can be found in the spring packets distributed to societies at the spring rallies. The convention registration forms and housing information are attached to the end of the newsletter and can be found on the District website: lwmlmnn.org.

Convention Highlights

Opening Worship (Communion)

Trinity Lutheran, Bemidji, MN
Monday, June 18, 7 PM

Keynote Speaker:

Cynthia Khan, POBLO
(People of the Book Lutheran Outreach)

Bible Study Leader:

Rev. Bruce Timm, Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, MN

Entertainment:

Slew Foot Family Band
Grey Eagle, MN

Mites in Action Speakers:

DOXOLOGY
C.R.O.S.S. Appeal
Orphan Grain Train

"Walking with Jesus" Mite Walk
Wednesday, June 20, 6:15 AM

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

As I write this article I am truly amazed at how God blesses each and every one of us with special gifts and talents. The Park I Nuclei Committee and the LWML MN North District Board of Directors are using these gifts to prepare for the upcoming convention. There is a lot of hard work that goes on behind the scenes to get everything ready for you, our guests.

As we gather in Bemidji, we will worship together, be in the Word through Bible study, and choose a new mite goal and mission grants. We will also look at changing some bylaws and vote for new officers.

Cynthia Khan will bring new information from POBLO. Debbie Larson, the LWML representative, will encourage us as the LWML goes through changes. The Mites in Action speakers will tell us about some of the mission grants that we have funded.

There is convention information in this newsletter.

- † **Spring Packets** (one per society) will be distributed at the spring zone rallies
- † Your delegates are representing your society, so make sure you get to talk to them about what they will be voting on at the convention (bylaws, mission grants, officers, mite goal).
- † The convention totes and the Meet & Greet on Monday evening are provided by the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Please stop by the LCEF convention display and thank them for their generous donation.



Marilyn Hittel,
LWML MN North District President

In His Service,
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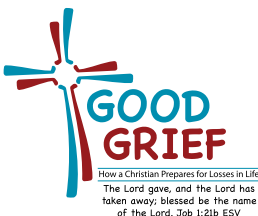


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The *Minnesota Northern Light* is published quarterly. Article submission deadline is December 15, March 15, June 15 and September 15. Sign up to receive the newsletter online. Go to lwmlmnn.org and look for the Subscribe button.

INFORMATION NEEDED:

We are looking for zone and society articles for publication on the district page of the Lutheran Witness supplement. Please send all article and photos to the Editor at: editor@lwmlmnn.org.



2018 LWML Retreat - August 10-12 at LIC

The presenter is **Chaplain Steve Breitbarth** “**Good Grief: How a Christian prepares for Losses in Life**” **Job 1:21b**. Grief is an experience filled with many thoughts and feelings that will naturally occur in a person’s

life. The intensity of the loss may at times may feel overwhelming. In this presentation we will look at the many sources of Grief and practice some faith based skills in coping with our Grief Experiences.

The **Bible study leader** is Rev. Matthew Vrudny, from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Walker, MN.

The Entertainment will be the **Moline Sister Singers**. The Molines were raised in a godly family where music was central to their family life. Over the years, they have been involved in ministry through their singing, both contemporary and more traditional, hearkening back to their Lutheran Brethren roots. As sisters, they often enjoy singing for events and ministering to people who are in hospice and their families. (Registration form online at lwmlmnn.org and on page 20 of this newsletter.)

CHRISTIAN LIFE

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We all have happenings and circumstances in our lives which can be stressful, hurtful, and cause worry in our lives. Turn these over to God. Be sure and stop by the Christian Life table and put your cares and concerns into “God’s Hands.”

Constant Reminders

by Lori Salvhus

The Prayer Service, written by 2013–2017 LWML Pastoral Counselor Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner, is based on 1 Peter 2:9–12.

Many factors come to mind when we think of who we are — our identity. In his first letter, Peter continually reminds his readers of their identity. Rather than focus on inane worldly details, he zeroes in on what’s most important: our standing in the eyes of God or our place in His kingdom.

Peter reminds his readers of who they were prior to being made part of God’s family, contrasting that non-status with the present reality of what God had made them. This was especially important for Peter’s readers as they compared themselves to the unbelievers around them, and as they fought to retain hope in what may have seemed like hopeless times.

The **2018 Prayer Service** is now available below as a free download at lwml.org.

New Program Helps available at lwml.org:

New Devotions	What God Can Do With 57 Cents – This devotion is a great resource as districts focus on meeting their 2018 mite goal.
	Rejoice, Always – Joy, Peace
	The Glad Game – Accent the Positive – Blessings, Gladness, Joy
New Bible Studies	Celebrate Life! – Service, Thankfulness
	Paradoxical Promise – God’s Faithfulness
	Seeing and Believing – Faith, Trust
	Wants or Needs? – Contentment
New Sketch	Shooters, Shiners, and Sparklers — Christian Life, Service
New Litany	Sweet Birthday Celebration — Service, Thankfulness
New Song	“With Joy We Come Together”

2018 LWML Prayer Service

Living as God’s People by Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner



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The 2018 Prayer Service is now available as free download at www.lwml.org/prayer-service.

Convention Banner Specifications

Download the convention banner specifications and information from the District convention page at lwmlmnn.org.

MISSION GRANTS

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Mites Can Do “Mitey” Things

by Susan Zeige

By the time you read this, the final mite offerings for this biennium will have been gathered for our district. Your generosity and willingness to support the mission efforts of the LWML Minnesota North District mission grants for 2016-2018 have been awesome. I am excited to announce that we have exceeded our Mission Grant Goal of \$137,000! Thank you for your prayers and generous giving to make this happen.

However, we still need your mites and what a thrill it would be at convention time to see that we have a surplus of mites to give to new projects.

We cannot forget, however, that we still have national grants to support as well. Many of you are engaged in making quilts and putting together various kits that are sent throughout the year to many countries. One of the grants for our national mites is to provide \$80,000 to support the cost of shipping these quilts throughout the world. Can you believe that 35,500 quilts are sent throughout the world each year? Another national mission grant is to construct a

seminary/university in Monrovia, Liberia. This country has been plagued by war, and this grant of \$97,000 will provide a building that will enable education to be provided for future pastors and deaconesses to serve the 137 Lutheran congregations in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea.



Yes, “Mites Can Do Mitey Things” and know that your giving is blessed by God as you reach out to make a difference for others.

Mission Grants Committee Report

A total amount of \$12,500 in mites were raised for LWML MN North grants this past quarter. The Mission Grants Committee recommended and the BOD approved the payment of grant allocations as follows: \$5,000 for Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students, \$2,500 for Caring for Our Pastors (DOXOLOGY), \$5,000 for Love Works! Lutheran Braille Workers The chart below details the current balance remaining for the 2016-2018 biennium.

Mission Grant Goal Exceeded !

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow!” Our district has met our Mission Grant Goal and surpassed it by \$7,593.49. We thank all LWML members, district officers, zones and societies for their mission efforts in gathering Mites for missions.

	MISSION GRANTS FOR THE 2016-2018 BIENNIUM (Balance as of March 31, 2018)	GRANT AMOUNT	BALANCE REMAINING
Grant 1	Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$15,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 2	Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students	\$50,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 3	Orphan Grain Train	\$9,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 4	Lutheran Island Camp’s Christ Serve Academy	\$10,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 5	Caring for Our Pastors (Doxology)	\$10,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 6	C.R.O.S.S. Appeal	\$14,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 7	Gloria Dei School and Church Building in Cap Haitian, Haiti	\$15,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 8	Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Chapel Furnishings	\$5,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 9	Love Works! Lutheran Braille Workers	\$5,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 10	Bible Translation Field Testing (Partially Funded)	\$4,000	PAID IN FULL
	TOTALS	\$137,000	PAID IN FULL

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Convention Ingatherings

Village of Hope (www.villageofhopebemidji.org)

Village of Hope promotes self worth and independence by providing temporary shelter and supportive services for families experiencing homelessness. They assist in breaking the cycle of homelessness and encourage families to achieve their goals and dreams.

Northwoods Battered Women's Shelter (www.mnshelter.org)

Their Mission is to provide crises shelter, victim-center advocacy and supportive services for victim of intimate partner violence. This shelter serves Beltrami and Cass Counties in Minnesota. They provide emotional support, meals, items to meet basic needs (personal hygiene products and clothing) and transportation.

Ingathering Items (All items on list below need to be new.)

- Store gift cards (Walmart/Target), gas cards, & hair cut cards. (\$10-\$20 cards)
- Toilet paper
- Bleach
- Laundry Detergent
- Reams of paper
- Trash bags 33 gallon size
- Towels & wash clothes
- Full size shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lotion, bars of soap
- Diapers (all sizes) & wipes
- Nail care products (files, clippers, polish)
- Hair care products (dye, combs, brushes, hair spray, mousse, hair ties)

Convention Servant Events

Servant Events will be taking place, beginning at 11:00 AM and running until 3:00 PM on Monday, June 18th. You can choose how much time you want to spend in this area!

- Tie baby quilts for pregnancy center
- Cut and tie fleece blankets for hurricane and fire victims
- Cut and loop and roll plastic grocery bags for those who crochet mats Bring P or Q crochet hooks.
- Make rolled bandages
- Count, sort and pack items from the Convention Ingatherings

Items to bring: P or Q crochet hooks. Scissors - please mark your name on scissors if you bring one.

LEADER DEVELOPMENT

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Rev. Matthew Vrudny - Pastoral Counselor
Jean Tester • Marcia Wittenburg

Being Prepared

by Kathy Brandt

The 2018 LWML convention is approaching quickly! The planning is being finalized and everyone is busy with the tasks they have been assigned. One of the tasks I have been assigned is to prepare a display for the convention relating to Leader Development. Here is a little preview of what will be presented.

- **The Ten Commandments of Leaders.** Lots of good advice for those who lead groups.
- **Ideas for alternate LWML groups.** The goal of this presentation is to find ways to involve those who do not presently attend or participate in LWML events.
- **Basic Parliamentary Procedures.** Helps for smoother meetings.
- A plan to rotate leadership responsibilities so that no one is overwhelmed and that will involve more members.
- **Treats!** Come by and visit and have treat from me.

I look forward to meeting new friends and old at the convention June 18-10 at the Sanford Center in Bemidji.

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8)

See you there!



Keynote Speaker

Cynthia Khan, POBLO

Cynthia Khan serves as the director of Community Engagement of POBLO. She is actively involved in helping churches establish

outreach strategies for immigrant and refugee populations. Cynthia also provides awareness training in Islam and outreach to Muslims and other non-Christian populations and manages POBLO's women's ministry. Born and raised in Pakistan and having lived in four countries, Cynthia has first-hand experience interacting with Muslims and people from other Eastern religions. She has a bachelor's degree in education and psychology, Parish Lay Specialist training from Concordia University, and an English as a Second Language Trainer certification. Cynthia's culturally diverse background has enabled her to develop novel ideas for cross-cultural grassroots community engagement that she is helping to implement across the country. Cynthia conducts numerous workshops and has speaking engagements regularly.



The mission field is here; the time is now!

www.poblo.org



Bible Study Leader

Rev. Bruce Timm

Rev. Bruce Timm is the pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Saint Cloud. He has served

there since 2001. Prior to that he served Lutheran parishes in Saskatchewan, Canada, for twelve years. Pastor Timm is married to Valerie and they have three daughters and one son. Pastor Timm's favorite subjects of theology study are apologetics and Biblical manhood. His favorite pastime is walking his labrador while listening to podcasts.

Bible Study Overview: Inscribed on the Palms of My hands - WDTM?

We will be studying the theme passage of our convention, using Isaiah 49 as the nearer context and the book of Isaiah as the greater context. Good Lutherans always ask, "What does this mean?" and then look to God's own Word for the answer. Sometimes, what we think or feel a verse means isn't always what God is saying. Is that the case for this verse? We'll find out as we dig into God's Word and examine Isaiah 49:16.



Entertainment

Slew Foot Family Band, Grey Eagle, MN

The Slew Foot Family Band, Duane and Karen Becker and their 8 kids, travel the Midwest playing 150-200+ gigs a year. Playing a variety of styles of music, with a variety of instruments (guitars, fiddles, mandolins, banjo, bass, hammered dulcimer, harmonicas, bodhrán and

the tin whistle) in addition to clogging, the whole family stays involved bringing you wholesome family entertainment. They play Gospel, Irish, Bluegrass, Folk and Country music to bring you a variety of styles.

MORE HAPPENINGS AT CONVENTION:

Worship, Breakout Sessions, Election of Officers, Set Mite Goal for 2018-2020 Biennium, Mission Grants Selected, "Walking with Jesus" Mite Walk, Human Care Ingathering, Servant Events and much more!

**Breakout Sessions begin on Monday,
June 18th, at 1:00 PM and 2:15 PM.**

Be sure to indicate your Breakout Session choices on the Convention Registration Form.



BREAKOUT SESSION - A

Status Quo or Change for Growth

Debbie Larson, LWML Vice President of Organizational Resources

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we want to mentor and inspire other women. We want to share the Gospel with the lost and hurting. We want to encourage Bible study and mission service in our congregations. Are we accomplishing these goals? What changes in how we do things will bring others closer to Christ? Come with an open mind!



BREAKOUT SESSION - C

Unequally Yoked

Cynthia Khan, Director of Community Engagement

It is becoming increasingly common for Christian women in the U.S. to date and marry non-Christian men. While dating a non-Christian man may seem like a harmless exploration of culture, who you date and marry has significant implications. Studies indicate that it is usually Christian women who marry outside their religion, rather than vice-versa. It is critical to understand the profound religious differences between non-believer and Christians when considering such a union.



The mission field is here; the time is now!



BREAKOUT SESSION - B

Thinking Out of the Box!
Carole Borchers

This breakout session comes out of the Titus 2 mandate to train younger

women in Biblical, Spirit-empowered, love-based living. Through group interaction and sharing ideas we will explore ways of moving beyond the things we have always done...not to put them away, rather, use them as stepping stones and build on them; from making “members” to “building relationships;” from “meetings” to “meaningful ministry;” all with lasting value. This is an opportunity to dream big and build on each other’s ideas, walk away encouraged, energized, and ready to try new things.

About Me:

My husband, Glenn, and I are retired and have lived in Moorhead the past 18 years. God has blessed us with a wonderful family of 3 children and 2 grandchildren who live in CO, NE, and MI, all 3 in varying educational jobs. God blessed me with many experiences in life that prepared me for my role as Director of Christian Outreach at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Moorhead for 8 years. We have experienced numerous mission trips to many parts of the world. It is a joy to share the Good News and serve people wherever. My passion is encouraging people, especially women of all ages, in their walk with the Lord. I enjoy facilitating small group Bible studies and working with the LWML. Things I love to do: bring people together, read, and travel with my husband.



2018-20 Bylaw Amendments

LWML Minnesota North District Bylaws state in Article XXII AMENDMENTS, “These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at the biennial convention, provided the proposed amendments have been presented for consideration to the Board of Directors, approved by the LWML Structure Committee, and published in the official Minnesota North LWML publication in an issue previous to the convention. By unanimous vote a proposed amendment may be presented to the convention without previous notice. A three-fourths (3/4) vote shall be required for adoption.”

Submitted by the Structure Committee

Carla Patton, Chairman, Leone Bummer, Nanette Dohrmann, Pearl Dohrmann, Rev. Bruce Timm

Proposed LWML MN North District Bylaws

by Ruby Prochnow

ARTICLE XVI Mission Grant Proposals and Grants Section 5

Proposed Amendment

Rationale: Clarification of the order in which a grant should be cleared.

Existing bylaws read:

In the event that a gift for foreign missions is to be considered as a grant by the district, it shall first have been cleared through the LCMS International Missions office. If then the district adopts such a foreign mission grant, the funds shall be remitted in consultation with the LCMS International Missions Office. The minimum of such a grant shall be five hundred (\$500) dollars.

If adopted, will read:

In the event that a gift for foreign missions is to be considered as a grant by the district, it shall first have been cleared through the LCMS Office of International Mission before it is presented to the Mission Grants Committee. If then the district adopts such a foreign mission grant, the funds shall be remitted in consultation with the LCMS Office of International Mission. The minimum sum of such a grant shall be five hundred (\$500) dollars.

ARTICLE XVIII Finances, Section 3

Proposed Amendment

Rationale: Clarification for the allocation of convention funds.

Existing bylaws read:

Societies shall remit, through the Zone Treasurers, a yearly per member assessment set by the District Board of Directors and approved by the preceding district convention for the National Convention Expense Fund. These monies will fund the travel costs and expenses of delegates and not more than two (2) Young Woman Representatives to the LWML convention. Whatever funds collected for travel costs and convention expenses in excess of the above expenses shall be available for the travel costs and convention expenses of the District Board of Directors. The District Board of Directors shall determine how many and which members of the board shall attend, giving priority to the President and newly elected/appointed board members and one Pastoral Counselor.

If adopted, will read:

Societies shall remit, through the Zone Treasurers, a yearly per member assessment set by the District Board of Directors and approved by the preceding district convention for the National Convention Expense Fund. These monies will fund the travel costs and expenses of not more than two (2) Young Woman Representatives to the LWML convention; monies for delegates' expenses and travel costs will be determined by the District Board of Directors. Whatever funds collected for travel costs and convention expenses in excess of the above expenses shall be available for the travel costs and convention expenses of the District Board of Directors. The District Board of Directors shall determine how many and which members of the board shall attend, giving priority to the President and newly elected/appointed board members and one Pastoral Counselor.

(Bylaw Amendments cont.)

ARTICLE XVI Mission Grant Proposals and Grants Section 4, 5 and 6

Rationale: To give direction to shortage and overage of money collected for the district mite goal

Insert new bylaw - new Section 4:

In the event that the district mite goal is not reached at the end of a biennium, the amount owed will be added to the list of mission grant allocations the district will fund in the next two years. If the district mite goal is exceeded, the LWML MN North District Board of Directors has the authority and responsibility to disburse the funds to projects related to missions.

Renumber existing Section 4 to Section 5: As written

Renumber existing Section 5 to Section 6: As written

CONVENTION AGENDA (Tentative. Full agenda will be in the convention manual.)

Monday, June 18, 2018

		1:45 pm	Greetings From LCMS MN North District
6:30-7:00 am	Set-up by Exhibitors		Nominating Committee Report
8:00 am	Board of Directors Wrap-up		& Balloting for Officers
11:00 am	Registration Opens		Greetings from Lutheran Layman's League
11 am - 3 pm	Servant Events & Ingathering Begins		Mites In Action – Orphan
11 am - 6 pm	Exhibit Booths Open		Grain Train, Eugene Pasche
1:00 -2:00 pm	Breakout Session I		YWRs to 2017 Albuquerque Convention
2:15 -3:15 pm	Breakout Session II		Mites In Action – Doxology,
4:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal		Rev. Bruce Timm
5:30 pm	Dinner	4:15 pm	Ingathering Report and Dedication Service
7:00 pm	Opening Worship at Trinity	4:45 pm	Mites in Action – Christ Serve
	Lutheran, Bemidji, MN		Ranch, Ken Erlandson
	Convention Offering #1 -		Exhibit booths open (between
	2018-2020 Mission Goal		session ending and 7:30 pm)
8:30 pm	Open Reception/Meet the	6:00 pm	Dinner
	Candidates at Sanford Center	7:30 pm	Entertainment - Slew Foot Family
	YW Get Together Country Inn & Suites		Band, Grey Eagle, MN
			Young Women Gathering
			(After Entertainment)

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

7:00 – 8:15 am	Registration
7:00 – 8:00 am	Exhibit Booths Open
7:30 am	Singing
8:00 am	Banner Procession
8:30 am	Call To Order, Welcome and Greetings
	Committee Appointments, Recognition
	of Guests, Executive Board Reports
8:30 am	Bible Study # 1 – Rev. Bruce Timm
9:30 am	Adoption Of Resolutions
	Convention Offering #2
	Mission Grants Presentation
	Balloting for Mission Grants
	Proposed Bylaw Amendments/Voting
10:40 am	Keynote Speaker – Cynthia Khan, POBLO
12:00-1:00	Noon Lunch
	Exhibit Booths Open (12:00 noon – 1:15 pm)
1:00 pm	Singing
1:15 pm	LWML Representative Debbie Larson

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

6:15-7:15 am	“Walking with Jesus” Mite Walk
7:45 am	Singing
8:00 am	Young Women Opening Devotions
	Convention Offering #3
8:20 Am	Mission Grant Recipients Named
	Mites In Action – C.R.O.S.S.
	Appeal, Jana Kietzmann
9:45 am	Bible Study #2 – Rev. Bruce Timm
10:30 am	Presidents Message, Invitation to
	2019 Convention, Invitation to 2020
	Convention - Arrowhead I Region
	Closing Worship and Installation
	of New Officers
12:00 pm	Adjournment, Group Picture of New
	Board of Directors, Transition of Officers

2018-2020 Mission Grant Proposals

The following Mission Grant proposals have met the criteria of the LWML MN North District Bylaws and were selected by the Mission Grants Committee to appear on the ballot.

Submitted by the Mission Grants Committee,

Susan Zeige, Chairman, Dorothy Abrahamson, Joan Johnson, Carol Westendorf, Rev. Bruce Timm

A Gloria Dei School and Church Building at Cap Haitian, Haiti

- \$15,000 • Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and School has been able to construct a one story building as a result of previous funding from our district and other gifts from the Lutheran Mission Association, leaving behind the need for rented space. However, a growing number of students now results in the need for a second story to be constructed. Extreme poverty in Haiti does not allow for the needed funding for this addition. If funding were to be procured, this second story addition would provide much needed space to accommodate the growing needs of this church and school.

B Orphan Grain Train - \$9,000

• Throughout the world, natural disasters and hardships have left many without basic needs of food, water, clothing, medical equipment and supplies, and God's written Word. Volunteers gather these materials in the name of Jesus. Funding would provide the high shipping costs of these materials to those in need. Through this program, individuals in our country and throughout the world are blessed with personal and material resources in response to God's command, "I will not leave you as orphans, I

will come to you." (John 14:18)

C Trinity HOPE Haitian Feeding Program - \$10,000 • This

program provides a noon meal to hungry children in our Lutheran schools in Haiti, who may only receive 4-5 meals a week at home. This Christian witness shows Christ's love in action by providing 24,000 meals daily to students and staff in 118 Christian schools throughout Haiti. There are still schools on waiting lists to join this program.

D Lutheran Books for Missionaries Around the World - \$7,500 • Lutheran

missionaries and church partners around the world face a huge obstacle in not having good Lutheran books that can be translated in languages of the people they serve. By having these translations, our missionaries can introduce new believers to Christ, and over 1,500 good Lutheran books can be provided at no cost to our missionaries to aid in sharing the Gospel.

E Project 24 Child Care; Christ's Care for Children Kenya -

\$10,800 • The HIV/AIDS pandemic has affected one-fourth of all people in Kenya. As a result, 2-3 million children are orphaned. Project 24 has been working to serve these children by providing them with

a safe environment in boarding facilities. This grant would provide funding for at least ten additional children to receive an education as well as physical and spiritual care.

F Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students -

\$50,000 • The impact of rising costs in our Concordia University system may hinder the desire of students to pursue full-time church work in roles of leadership and teaching. These scholarships enable students to reduce their concerns and debt load as they prepare to serve in ministries within our congregations.

G Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination

- \$15,000 • Each year "the laborers are few" in going into full-time ministry. As this growing shortage looms, having needed financial support can lessen the debt load for these future ministers, and allow for more workers to share their gifts of ministry throughout the world. Without support, shortages of ministers in our congregations would continue and hinder the Gospel from being proclaimed.

H International Lutheran Electronic Reader Project (ILERP) Confessional Lutheran Education Foundation (CLEF)

- \$5,000 • By providing Kindle Paper-white e-readers to Lutheran

seminary students and staff around the world, each person would receive \$20,000 worth of books for their education and pastoral libraries. These e-readers can hold 2,000 full-size books and course materials. This project would allow for 20 students to receive these electronic readers, and also provide needed training in how to utilize them.

Lutheran Outreach in Puerto Rico in response to Hurricane

Maria - \$8,000 • Hurricane damage in Puerto Rico has necessitated the need for the LCMS Disaster Response team to work with others in establishing and maintaining mercy centers in this country. Funding would provide for physical needs of food, water, children's items, medical needs, and assistance in employment counseling. Spiritual needs would be met at these centers through worship, Bible studies, and counseling.

Equipping Women to be the Merciful Hands of Jesus: Deaconess Training in Latin America and the Caribbean -

\$10,000 • Deaconess training, based out of Concordia Seminary in the Dominican Republic, will enable women to share the Gospel in their congregations and communities and in mercy ministries. Without funding, many who are studying to be deaconesses would not be able to afford this training that will meet the needs for service in Latin America and the Caribbean region.

"Wonderfully Made" - Resources for Sharing Jesus' Love in Word and Deed with

People of ALL Abilities - \$3,800

• A high percentage of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are not members of a Christian congregation. Bethesda Auxiliary would utilize this grant to provide three pamphlets from Concordia Publishing House to individuals and congregations as outreach tools to people with these disabilities and their families, and to help save the lives of unborn children as well.

"Main Street Living North" Ministry Outreach TV Program

- \$10,000 • "Main Street Living North" is a new ministry outreach TV program designed for those who are shut-ins or who live in assisted living or nursing home facilities. It provides a 30 minute LCMS service to those individuals as well as to those without a church to attend. This program also has a 30 minute Sunday School type program, "Kid's Crossing", for children not in Sunday School. Funding for this grant would help purchase air time for twenty weeks or help with keeping equipment updated.

M Lutherans For Life Post-Abortion Crisis Hotline Expansion - \$9,000 • Lutherans For Life provides post-abortion counseling to individuals grieving over their decision to abort and who are in desperate need of God's grace and forgiveness. Expansion of hours for this service as well as promotion of this service in the Minnesota North District would be possible through the funding of this grant. Currently about 300 people call each month for Christ-

centered care, but there is the potential to meet thousands more Lutherans and non-Lutherans if they were made aware of this service.

Sharing Christ With Muslims

N - \$5,000 • POBLO International seeks to bring Jesus to Muslims and others in their communities throughout the United States, and to share the message of salvation with them in their languages. Through this grant, a Jesus video package, as well as the Gospel of John, have been developed for these individuals in their languages, telling the story of Jesus, and are available for individuals and congregations to hand out to these new Americans. It is estimated that if 500 Jesus video packages were given to 500 people, 25,000 individuals would watch the film and 15,000 would read the Gospel of John in the space of two years.

"Bring It Home" Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

- \$5,000 • It has become evident to pastors that there is a decrease in Biblical literacy and knowledge of the great stories of the Bible. Congregations in Minnesota North are being encouraged to read five stories a week with resources from Concordia Publishing House. It is hoped that by providing funding at deep discounts for the cost of these resources that over 500 books could be provided to families to encourage Bible reading through family devotions. It is also hoped that these Bible resources will be shared with neighbors as well.

PLutheran Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch Staff Growth and Training - \$10,000 •

Every year Lutheran Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch staff come in contact with over 6,000 people through their programs. Not all of these individuals are churched, and many children in these programs have difficult living situations, resulting in emotional and physical challenges. Training is needed in CPR, conflict resolution, communication skills, and in leading Bible studies and worship services. This grant would allow training and skills development for staff so that they can have

the needed skills to minister to those involved in the the ongoing programs of Lutheran Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch.

QPost-Seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS) Curriculum Resources

- \$3,000 • PALS is a program that facilitates transition for seminary graduates from seminary life to parish ministry throughout the first three years of their ministries. Wives of ministers are also involved in joint and separate activities with their husbands. Books used in this program would be provided at no cost to pastors and their wives who participate in this program.



Convention Mite Walk

The “Walking with Jesus” Mite Walk will be held early Wednesday morning, June 20th, watching the sun rise across beautiful Lake Bemidji. We will begin at 6:15 am, walking the Paul Bunyan Trail before the day’s events begin.

The cost is \$10 to purchase a T-shirt, which will register you for the Mite Walk. The T-shirt sizes available are S, M, L, and XL. If you would like XXL or XXXL, please add \$2 to the purchase price of the shirt. Please be sure to mark your T-shirt size and the monetary amount on the registration form.

We look forward to seeing you there. We will have a photo at Paul and Babe (at 7:00 am) and a shuttle back for those who wish.

The “Walkind with Jeusu” Mite Walk Donation Form and the Medical Release Form are available to download from the convention page on the district website: lwmlmnn.org.

LWML Minnesota North District Board Nominees for the 2018-2020 Biennium March 20, 2016 Nominating Committee Report

After many prayers and phone calls, the following people have consented to be candidates for office.

Nominees are still being sought for Recording Secretary and Arrowhead II Regional VP. Prayerfully consider submitting names for these positions. If you are feeling a nudge from the Holy Spirit to serve as an board member of the LWML MN North District, please contact Kaylene Motschenbacher, Nominating Committee Chairman, at 72denkaym@rrt.net.

I also want to remind everyone that according to the LWML Minnesota North District Bylaws, Article IX, Nominations, Section 1(e). *Further nominations may be made from the convention floor providing the nominee is an active member of her society and a written consent to serve, if elected, has been secured.*

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

*Kaylene Motschenbacher (Chairman), Carol Ann Sander,
Tori Nerud, Mary Schirm, Jean Tester, Tessa Giru*

SLATE OF OFFICERS AS OF MARCH 20, 2018

Executive VP/Christian Life: Liz McTighe & Corles Rainer

Recording Secretary: Names needed

Financial Secretary: Doris Goldenstein & Peggy Pasche

Arrowhead II Regional VP: Names needed

Lakeland II Regional VP: Valeri Johnson

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Opportunity to Grow
 by Ruby Prochnow

Spring zone rallies have been planned and arranged. Some will have already taken place by the time you read this *Minnesota Northern Lights* article. Notice that adjective describing the rallies – SPRING. Spring depicts “new beginnings”. Trees are budding and plants are peeking through the soil. Those dead tulip bulbs are waking up, sprouting, and will soon show their glory. What a reminder for us of our baptism – coming alive in Christ after being born dead in sin. The tulip continues to grow and bloom. Every LCMS woman has an opportunity to continue growing and blooming in Christ by attending the LWML events in her congregation, zone, and district. The mission statement of the LWML is “to assist each woman of the LCMS in affirming her relationship with the Triune God, so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.”

All women in our congregations have the opportunity to grow in Christ through Bible Study, Christian fellowship with sisters in Christ, and by blooming brightly as God works in their lives as they “Serve the Lord with Gladness.” My prayer is that you will enthusiastically welcome women of all ages in your congregation to be a part of the LWML.

The Minnesota North District Convention is becoming a reality as planning moves forward. I pray you will join us at the Sanford Center in Bemidji, MN, June 18-20. From the convention you will return to your society with renewed strength and full of enthusiasm and information for your local society. May this convention be a God Blessed time of worship, sharing, and growing in Christ.

A Look at Scholarships
 by Elizabeth McTighe

Each year the LWML Minnesota North District awards scholarships to full-time church work students and to seminarians. This past year those scholarships totaled \$33,500.00. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is approaching quickly – May 15 to be exact.

To qualify for consideration, a student must be a member of a LCMS congregation in the Minnesota North District and pursuing a degree in full-time church work at one of the listed Concordia universities or preparing for ordination at one of the seminaries.

Full-time church work includes vocations as Deaconess, Director of Christian Education, Director of Christian Outreach, Lutheran day school teacher, family ministry, lay ministry, music ministry and others.

LCMS concordia universities are located in; Ann Arbor, MI, Austin, TX, Bronxville, NY, Irvine, CA, Mequon, WI, Portland, OR, River Forest, IL, St. Paul, MN, Selma, AL, and Seward, NE.

The two seminaries are; Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO and Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN.



More information and application forms may be found on the website lwmlmnn.org.

Current LWML MN North District scholarships are funded through mission grants that were adopted at the last convention for the 2016-2018 biennium. Mission grants are funded through mite offerings of our members and societies.

Please continue to support our students through prayers.

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What IS District Convention, Anyway?

by Beth Dinger

Two months! There are only two months until the LWML sisters in the MN North District gather together again for our District Convention. WOO HOO! June 18-20th has been marked, circled, and highlighted on my calendar since the dates were set. I can't wait to attend another convention! It is always one of the highlights of my summer. Why am I so excited? What can you expect at a District Convention? There is LWML business, of course. This includes the selection of a new mission grant goal and mission grant recipients, approval of bylaw changes, and new Board of Director elections. On the lighter side, there are reports of how our mites have touched the lives of people throughout the world. There is singing and praising our Lord. There are exhibits to visit. There is entertainment. But most of all, there is the fellowship of hundreds of other sisters in Christ, including other young women in the district. That is what I cherish more than any other aspect of the convention.

**Expect the Unexpected...
 Lifelong friends are found when we
 gather in Christian fellowship!**

I attended my first District Convention in 2014 in St. Cloud, where I met Karen Gorentz, another young woman from our district. I was drawn to Karen because I was alone as my society's delegate, and I noticed Karen with her young daughter at a meal table. I thought that this would be someone who I could talk with, having four children of my own, one about her daughter's age. What began as a meal with a stranger, resulted in one of my closest LWML friendships. I look forward to seeing Karen, and many other friends I have made over the last few years, at the conventions.

It is such a joy for me to spend time with like-minded friends. Friends who understand my Lutheran beliefs, and do not make me feel like I must defend my conservative stances on a variety of current political and cultural trends. Especially for this reason, I look forward to the LWML District Convention.

I encourage you to join us, whether you have already discovered the fun of attending a convention, or you will be experiencing it for the first time. Even if you come on your own, as I did four years ago, I assure you that you will have a sea of purple-clad women happy to see you and make you feel welcome. There really is nothing better. I can't wait to see you soon!

In the sea of purple-clad women, friends are waiting to be caught.

DID YOU KNOW?

- If you are a woman between the ages of 18 and 35, you should fill in the circle for "Young Woman" when completing the convention registration form and join us for special activities! There is no special application to complete for young women attending the District Convention in Bemidji this June. (*The application process occurs for a national convention, not a district convention.*)
- The Young Women will be meeting on Monday and Tuesday evenings, "after the other convention activities," to get to know each other and discuss the convention experience.
- We will have a "Young Women" exhibit at the convention; stop by and meet other young women at the booth!

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History Challenge

by JoNette Brogaard

Time goes by so quickly.. . Recently our Zion Brass Group played at a local nursing home—we like to share sacred hymns/songs. Being a very informal gathering, there was conversation back and forth between musicians and the audience. Someone asked—how long has your group been together? We all looked at each other—we didn't know—because we hadn't kept record!

Are you “keeping record” of your society and its activities? If you haven't been, start now! It just takes appointing (asking) one person to be responsible for keeping/filing items and you're on your way to having a history with memories and items to show it! When the secretary's and treasurer's books are completed, also keep them with your collection of history items.

If you have take photos of your group and activities, record names, location and dates on or with them. (If not, the photo means little to future generations.)

Memorials and Honorariums

January 2018 - March 2018

In memory of Lorene Lenz from Immanuel LWML, Parkers Prairie
 In memory of Minerva Anderson from Bethlehem LWML, Frazee
 In memory of Bryton Trosdahl from St. John's LWML, Ottertail
 In memory of Carol Padrta from Zion LWML, Detroit Lakes
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 In memory of Evelyn Burk from Peggy McKeown
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 In memory of Judy Just from Carolyn Just
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Send memorials and honorariums to the Financial Secretary, Corles Rainer.

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Remittance forms can be found on the LWML district website at (www.lwmlmnn.org) under the resources menu tab.



District Website: www.lwmlmnn.org

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2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

April-May - Zone Spring Rallies
(Visit the Rallies web page at www.lwmlmnn.org for dates and times.)

May 15 - Scholarship
Application deadline

June 10 - Lutheran Witness
supplement page deadline.

June 15 - Minnesota Northern
Light newsletter 2018
Summer issue deadline.

August 10-12 - 2018 LWML Retreat

Submit your article

Does your zone or society have an event or story to share? Please send your article and pictures to the editor at: editor@lwmlmnn.org.

Minnesota Northern Light

Sign up to receive an email notice each quarter announcing when the Minnesota Northern Light is ready to download from the district website: www.lwmlmnn.org.

Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar

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

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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.



Lutheran Women's Missionary League
MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT
 28th Biennial Convention June 18-20, 2018
 Sanford Center, Bemidji, MN

2018 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY
COPY AND SEND FRONT SIDE ONLY
ONE REGISTRANT PER FORM

Name: _____ **Date:** _____
Address: _____
 _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
Phone: _____ **Email:** _____
 Region: _____ Zone: _____
 Society: _____
 Church's Name: _____ **City:** _____
Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

CONVENTION PACKAGES		Cost Before May 15th	Cost After May 15th	Amount				
Convention package includes registration and packet for adults 18 and over. If you are bringing children under 18 years old please contact the Convention Registrar.								
Full Convention Registration		\$100	\$110	\$				
Past District Presidents (Free Registration) Must pay for meals.								
Clergy (Free Registration) Must pay for meals.								
Convention Workers and Nuclei Committee		\$50	\$60	\$				
Part-Time (One day attendance, includes packet.)		\$35	\$45	\$				
MEAL PACKAGES ARE SOLD SEPARATELY (Not included in registration fee.)								
Full Meal Package (Meal info is on back of form.)			\$95	\$				
Mite Walk T-Shirt (Cost is \$10 for sizes S, M, L, XL; and \$12 for sizes 2XL, 3XL.)								
Mark <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Size	S <input type="checkbox"/>	M <input type="checkbox"/>	L <input type="checkbox"/>	XL <input type="checkbox"/>	2XL <input type="checkbox"/>	3XL <input type="checkbox"/>	\$10	\$
							\$12	
Make Checks Payable to: LWML MN North District								
Total Amount of Check Enclosed								\$

- Check all titles that apply to you.**
- Delegate
 - Guest
 - Nominee
 - Young Woman (18-35)
 - District Board Member
 - Zone President
 - Past District President
 - Speaker
 - Exhibitor
 - Clergy
 - Nuclei Committee
 - Convention Worker
 - Other _____

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES (Mite Walk will begin at 6:15 AM on Wed. June 20th).

MITE WALK - Will you be participating in the "Walking with Jesus" Mite Walk? Yes

CHOIR - Will you be participating in the Choir? Yes Soprano I Soprano II Alto I Alto II

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - Please indicate your first (1) choice and second (2) choice. Instructions on back of form.

- Session A "Status Quo or Change for Growth"** **Session B "Thinking Out of the Box"** **Session C "POBLO"**
Debbie Larson, LWML Representative *Carole Borchers* *Cynthia Khan*

Do you have any special needs? (Disabilities, Food Allergies, Wheelchair, etc.) _____

DELEGATE INFORMATION **ALL DELEGATES MUST REGISTER BEFORE MAY 15th**
IMPORTANT! - If you are a delegate, please:
 ➔ 1) Give your **ALTERNATE'S** name, _____
 ➔ 2) Include your **2018 DELEGATE CREDENTIAL FORM**, signed by your society president, with this mailing.

2018 Convention Registration Information

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Sessions will be offered on Monday, June 18th. Sessions begin at 1:00 PM and 2:15 PM. Each session is one hour in length and will be presented twice. **On the front page,** please indicate your first choice (1); and second choice (2).

SESSION A “Status Quo or Change for Growth” presented by Debbie Larson, LWML Vice President of Organizational Resources

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we want to mentor and inspire other women and share the Gospel with the lost and hurting. What changes in how we do things will bring others closer to Christ?

SESSION B “Thinking Out of the Box” presented by LWML member Carole Borchers, Our Redeemer, Moorhead

Discover ways of building relationships and ministry beyond the norm through group interaction and sharing of ideas.

SESSION C “POBLO” (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach)

presented by Cynthia Khan, Director of Community Engagement
Cynthia and guest will share testimonies and outreach of POBLO.

OPENING WORSHIP: All are invited to worship at 7:00 PM on Monday, June 18, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 123 29th Street NE, Bemidji, MN 56601 (*Communion Service*); Reception to follow at Sanford Center. Bus transportation will be available.

SERVANT EVENTS: Servant Events will be taking place, beginning at 11:00 AM and running until 3:00 PM on Monday, June 18th. You can choose how much time you want to spend in this area! Additional Servant Event information can be found on the District website: www.lwmlmnn.org.

TUESDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT: You are invited to join us at 7:30 PM for an evening of entertainment provided by the Slew Foot Family Band, Grey Eagle, MN. Non-registered attendees will be able to purchase a ticket (\$10) at the convention registration desk.

MEAL INFO: (Full Meal Package)

Monday Evening Dinner

Pork Roulade / Chicken Marsala
Loaded Hashbrowns
Vegetable Blend
Corn Casserole, Coleslaw
Rolls & Dessert

Tuesday Breakfast

Caramel Rolls & Fruit

Tuesday Lunch

Soup & Salad Bar
Baked Potato
Rolls & Dessert

Tuesday Dinner

Stuffed Chicken / Beef Tips
Garlic Roasted Red Potatoes
Honey Carrots, Green Bean Casserole
Caprese Salad, Rolls & Dessert

Wednesday Breakfast

Blueberry Scones
Breakfast Breads & Fruit
All Meals served buffet style
and include Coffee & Water

THINGS TO DO: Arriving at the Sanford Center in the late morning or early afternoon on June 18th? After you register, here are some things you can do:

- Attend Breakout Sessions. (Begin at 1:00 PM; please pre-register)
- Do a Servant Event or two (Begins at 11:00 AM)
- Visit the exhibits (Open at 11:00 AM)
- Shop at the LWML Store (Opens at 11:00 AM)



HOUSING INFORMATION

ROOM COST “See Hotel Lodging Sheet”

You are responsible for your own housing arrangements!

A full list of all hotels for convention are located on the **Hotel Lodging** document included in the Spring Packet and on the LWML MN North District website: lwmlmnn.org. When you call for reservations, please inform them that you are with the **Minnesota North Lutheran Women’s Convention**. Room blocks will be dropped on **May 20th**. For more information contact the Convention Registrar.

Questions? Call Corles Rainer, Convention Registrar at: **(320) 743-2131**

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- ➔ **Make a copy** of the front page and mail it.
- ➔ **Registration deadline is May 15th**
- ➔ **Refund deadline is June 4th**
(no refund for delegates)

➔ Please **enclose** the total remittance.

➔ **Make Checks Payable To:**

LWML MN North District

➔ **Mail the Registration Form and check to:**

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For additional convention information, visit the District website: www.lwmlmnn.org



2018 LWML MN North District Convention
 Sanford Center, Bemidji, MN
 Lodging Nights: June 18-19, 2018

Hotel Lodging Sheet



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Hotel (Location)	Rooms Blocked	Room Rates (Taxes Not Included)	Contact Information
AmericInn Lodge & Suites (Cityside)	20 rooms per night	\$109.90	Dana or Gretchen 218-751-3000
Best Western (Cityside)	20 rooms per night	\$89.00	Brenda 218-751-0390
Country Inn & Suites* (Lakeside, Attached to Conference Center)	89 rooms per night	Double: \$99.00 Triple: \$109.00 Quad: \$129.00 Suite: \$139.00	Front Desk 218-441-4800
DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton* (Lakeside)	15 rooms per night	\$159.00	Kayla 218-333-4499
Hampton Inn & Suites* (Lakeside)	40 rooms per night	\$119.00	Chad 218-333-4494 Angie 218-333-4497
Holiday Inn Express* (Cityside)	30 rooms per night	\$99.95	Lesa 218-751-2487
Super 8 (Cityside)	25 rooms per night	\$88.98	Ken 218-751-8481
TOTAL ROOMS	239 rooms per night	Lodging Nights for June 18-19, 2018	

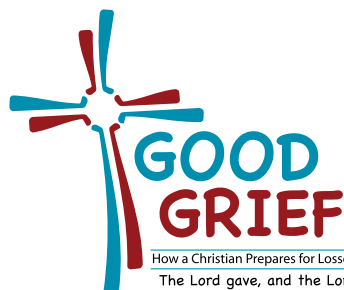
Rooms will be held 30 days prior to Convention

* Handicap Accessible w/ Elevator



2018 LWML RETREAT

The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. (Job 1:21b)



August 10-12, 2018
at Lutheran Island Camp,
Henning, MN

The Bible study leader is **Rev. Matthew Vrudny**, Park Region Pastoral Counselor, from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Walker, MN.



Our speaker is **Chaplain Steve Breitbarth**. The topic is, **“Good Grief: How a Christian prepares for Losses in Life” Job 1:21b**

Grief is an experience filled with many thoughts and feelings that will naturally occur in a person’s life. The intensity of the loss may at times may feel overwhelming. In this presentation we will look at the many sources of Grief and practice some faith based skills in coping with our Grief Experiences.

The Saturday evening entertainment will be **The Moline Sister Singers**. The Molines were raised in a godly family where music was central to their family life. Over the years, they have been involved in ministry through their singing, both contemporary and more traditional, hearkening back to their Lutheran Brethren roots.

SPECIAL OFFERS: Bring a “Retreat First Timer” and you both receive 25% off the registration price. Also, young women ages 12-18 receive a 25% discount.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Salvhus at: christianlife@lwmlmnn.org or call **(218) 784-2475**

Retreat updates and a map to LIC can be found on the LWML MN North District website, lwmlmnn.org

4:00-6:00 pm Registration
6:00 pm Picnic supper provided by LIC
6:45 pm Get Acquainted Activities
7:30 pm Bible study I: *Rev. Matthew Vrudny*
8:30 pm Campfire
9:30 pm Snacks in the Fireside Room

7:00-8:00 am Registration
8:00 am Breakfast
8:30 am Devotions and Announcements
8:45 am Bible study II: *Rev. Matthew Vrudny*
9:30 am Break
9:45 am Program: *Chaplain Steve Breitbarth*
“How a Christian Prepares for Losses in Life”
11:30 am LWML MN North District President Stephen Ministries of St.Paul’s, Perham
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 pm Program: *Chaplain Steve Breitbarth*
2:15 pm Free Time - (*Tours of Christ Serve Ranch, pontoon rides, etc.*)
5:00 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Entertainment
8:30 pm Campfire with Smores

8:00 am Breakfast
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Farewell and Ice Cream Social

ITEMS TO BRING:

- Bible
- Flashlight
- Clothes for Sun or Rain
- Insect Repellent
- Towel & Washcloth
- Toiletries
- Pillow, Bedding or Sleeping Bag
- Snacks



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2018 LWML RETREAT
August 10-12, 2018
at Lutheran Island Camp

Registration Deadline: August 1, 2018

(There will be an additional \$10 fee for late registration. No refunds after August 6. Young women ages 12-18 receive a 25% discount.) **Check here** **if you are a Young Women.**

√ Check	Before Aug. 1 st	After Aug. 1 st
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday-Sunday	\$120	\$130
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday-Saturday	\$70	\$80
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Only	\$50	\$60

Choose your housing preference:

Cabin Retreat Center

Make check payable to: **LWML MN North District**

Send registration to: **Lori Salvhus**
102 Thorpe W
Ada, MN 56510

Name : _____

Address : _____

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Special Needs : _____

Roommates : _____

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Name of person bringing you. _____