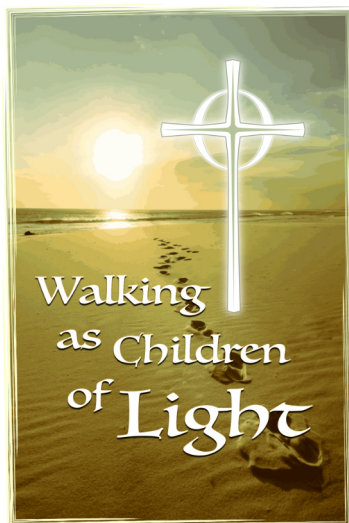




*"Serve the Lord with Gladness..." Psalm 100:2*



## LWML MN North District 31<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention

Cragun's Resort  
11000 Cragun's Drive, Brainerd, MN  
June 3-5, 2024

*For at one time you were darkness,  
but now you are light in the Lord.*

*Walk as children of light*  
(Ephesians 5:8).



**Praise God!**  
**The 2022-2024 Mission Grants**  
**of \$145,000 are Paid in Full**



Greetings Dear Sisters in Christ!

The 31<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention of the LWML Minnesota North District is fast approaching. Final plans are being made to make this a memorable gathering. We have interesting breakout speakers, Mites in Action speakers, and our Keynote Speaker is nationally known author, Katie Schuermann. We are excited to bring this program to the ladies of the LWML.

There will be a worship service on Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Cragun's. Following worship there will be time to socialize and meet the nominees for new officers. Cookies and lemonade will be served.

Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> is a very busy day with our meetings, speakers, voting, and Bible Study with Rev. Dr. Patrick Lovejoy. In the evening our entertainment will be presented by Rev. Matthew Meyer who will perform vocal music for us. He is the pastor at Beautiful Savior Lutheran in Callaway, MN.

Wednesday morning we have a skit from the Young Women, Bible study, a report from scholarship recipients, and installation of new officers.

Every day there will be time for singing with Janna Kietzman, delicious meals, as well as socializing with our friends, old and new.

Don't forget the silent auction which will be run Monday and Tuesday.

Make your plans now! This newsletter includes the registration form for the convention. Food and lodging reservations need to be made at the Cragun's link:

[https://craguns.formstack.com/forms/lwmlr\\_2024](https://craguns.formstack.com/forms/lwmlr_2024)

I look forward to seeing you all at convention in June!



Kathy Brandt  
LWML MN North District President  
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**Attached Documents & Convention Downloads**

- 2024 Convention Registration Form
- Housing Form
- 2024 Convention Flyer
- Young Woman Flyer
- Mite Walk Pledge Form
- Mite Walk Medical Release Form
- LWML Retreat Flyer

These files are also available to download from the convention web page on the district website, [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org).

**2024 Upcoming Events**

May 15	Scholarship Application Deadline
June 3-5	MN North District Convention at Cragun's Resort, Brainerd, MN
June 15	<i>Minnesota Northern Light</i> Summer Issue articles due
July 9	BOD Meeting

**Submit an article**

Does your zone or society have an event or story to share? Please send your article and pictures to the Editor at: [editor@lwmlmnn.org](mailto: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](http://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.



Mustard Seed Devotions can be sent directly to your email daily. Visit [www.lwml.org/mustard-seed-devotions](http://www.lwml.org/mustard-seed-devotions) to sign up.

**Christian Life**

Valerie Johnson, Chairman  
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**JOY!**

The acronym for JOY is Jesus, Others, You. That is a great way to think about having joy. Real joy comes from helping others. Putting Jesus first and others ahead of ourselves, we can find joy.

John 15:11 says *"These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."*

Joy is reading the Christian Life reports sent to me and putting that information together on what you all do for others. The Zone Christian Life and Group Christian Life will receive what was done in the zones and groups to give a copy to the groups.

Ninety groups reported with activities from within their groups, congregations, and communities. Listed are some unique things that were done and how the Christian Life Committee could help.

Activities that nurture Christian growth in group, church or community:

- Lefsa making event with proceeds going to LWML
- Support Lutheran Mission Association in "Adopt a Student"
- Support youth groups in attending youth rallies
- Start a Helping Hand Fund
- Sewing/quilting circles
- Going on an outing to local business with lunch and fellowship
- Start a Christian book club with lunch and fellowship
- At meetings members assigned a task "Paying It Forward" (taking someone out to lunch/treat)

How can District Christian Life Committee help you?

- Like receiving a compiled list of activities from groups in the district
- Updating events happening in the district on website
- Mite calendar
- Keep the retreat at Lutheran Island Camp going
- Send information by mail like *Minnesota Northern Light* newsletter
- Groups needing support in hosting a LWML event
- Workshops at conventions for growth
- Make information available on podcasts or blogs that would be available for young women

Joy is announcing the annual Women's Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp August 9-11, 2024. Mark your calendar, you don't want to miss it. The theme is "A Time For Everything" Ecclesiastes 3:1. Storyteller Pati Kachel will be the keynote speaker. Pastor Lovejoy will do Saturday morning Bible study. Friday evening includes servant events, skits, and a campfire. There will be time to relax, meet and renew friendships, and sing hymns.

Joy is the spring Joy Shops coming in April and May. Be sure to attend your zone's spring Joy shop and receive the joy others can give. Prayer gives joy; joy gives strength. A joyful heart is one which is a result of a heart overflowing with love. Our greatest joy is to remember and celebrate Christ's dying on the cross for our sins and His resurrection. That gives us real joy!

Submitted by: Valerie Johnson  
Christian Life Chairman

**Leader Development**

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Additional leadership  
information can be  
found at:  
[www.lwml.org/  
developing-leaders](http://www.lwml.org/developing-leaders)

Sometimes I find myself disliking technology, the internet and FaceBook – for many reasons, but there are days when “good stuff” comes to me to teach or encourage me. With the many ministry opportunities facing me, I needed a message of encouragement. Today this devotion came to me...at just the right time. May it be an encouraging message for you too.

Submitted by: Carole Borchers  
Leader Development Chairman

**Who Pushed Me?**

**Courage.** I recently heard a story about an older man who demonstrated great bravery on a cruise ship. Early in the morning, he witnessed a young woman fall overboard into the cold, dark waters below. Within seconds, he was by her side and holding her up. His courage saved the young woman's life, and he became an instant hero. While at a celebratory dinner that evening, everyone on the ship praised him for his courage and asked him to say a few words. Somewhat embarrassed, he slowly approached the microphone, looked at the admiring crowd, and said, “I only have one question. **Who pushed me?**”

His question implied that he didn't feel brave at that moment. Sometimes we need a push to move us out of our comfort zone. Like him, we must do all we can to help others despite our feelings. Fortunately, God prepares His children to live courageously by giving us promises, people, and problems to push us.

**Promises.** Feeling brave in a world filled with uncertainty, conflict, and danger can be challenging, so we must turn to the truth. Scripture is a lifeline that holds us up and gives us hope, comfort, and courage. When our Heavenly Father trusts us with an assignment that pushes us to be fearless, we must not trust our feelings but His promises. When we step out in faith, our courage grows when we remember that the Lord our God is with us wherever we go.

**People.** First Thessalonians 5:11 says we are to encourage one another and build each other up. Using our words to encourage others means that

we are adding courage to someone to help them be confident and unafraid. In the Bible, we see a beautiful example of this in Hezekiah 32:8 when the king countered the enemy's lies by speaking words of truth over all those who “didn't feel brave” when he said, “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or dismayed before the king of Assyria and all the horde that is with him, for there are more with us than with him. With him is an arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God, to help us and to fight our battles. And the people took confidence from the words of Hezekiah, king of Judah.”

**Problems.** While walking through this life, we will encounter problems that will push us to grow physically, spiritually, and mentally. Problems change our direction and guide us in ways we may not understand at the time. In the Old Testament, Joseph may have been frightened when he was sold into slavery by his brothers and later sent to prison for a crime he didn't commit. However, every situation he encountered pushed and prepared him for a future God had planned for him. His faith in God's timing and methods led him to a place of power, courage, and purpose when God used him to save many lives, including his whole family. In forgiveness, he later comforted his brothers when he declared, “As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today” (Genesis 50:20). God's purposes always prevail. Knowing this, let's be thankful for promises, people, and problems that push us for a purpose.

*by: Jennifer McAlister for My Faith Votes*



**Church Workers**

Jolene Henning, Chairman  
churchworkers@lwmlmnn.org

**Church Workers**

Meeting new Church Workers is an opportunity to welcome new workers to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League community and distribute information regarding LWML work within the church and the district. It is also a great opportunity to share the LWML visions.

Kathy Brandt and I had an opportunity to meet thirteen new Church Workers and their families in August, 2023. We shared with them the many avenues that the LWML serve. Each worker was given the following material about the LWML:

*Who are We, What is LWML, Lutheran Women in Mission Basic, Mite explanation and History, LWML Mission Grants, Strategic Plan - Proclaim Christ, Support of Missions, and general information regarding LWML.*

To those who were not able to attend the information was sent to them. We are always available if there are any questions. We also send a follow-up email to make sure there are any questions regarding LWML.

It is God's Blessing that we continue to see new Church Workers in the LWML North District.

Submitted by: Jolene Henning  
Church Workers Chairman

**Public Relations**

Jolene Henning, Chairman  
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**Getting the Word Out**

This is an exciting time for Public Relations. I am excited to gather with our LWML North District members.

We have been working on announcements and newsletter articles to be placed in bulletins throughout the north region.

The district convention to be held June 3-5 at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd will be a wonderful experience. This is a great opportunity to meet with our sisters across the north district and to share the word in this celebration of our God.

One of the things that I enjoy about Public Relations is meeting new Church Workers. Explaining to them the work of LWML is very important as they begin working in the district.

I look forward to meeting everyone at the convention. See you there!

Submitted by: Jolene Henning  
Public Relations Chairman



Join with your fellow mite walkers at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, MN on June 5, 2024. Enjoy an early morning walk with your Lord and Savior, as his light guides your way. The relaxing walk will take you through the beautiful landscape around Cragun's Resort.

**Structure**

Karen Gorentz, Chairman  
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**Convention Reminders**

As we inch closer to convention, I would like to remind you of some common courtesies and orders with which to conduct business during the LWML MN North District Convention.

**Delegate Orientation** (Monday, June 3 from 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.) All delegates are required to attend!

**Convention Offerings** will be taken at the doors to the Main Convention Hall at the following times.

Convention Offering #1: (7:00 p.m. Monday, June 3) At the entrance to Opening Worship

Convention Offering #2: (1:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 4) At the entrance to Convention Meeting #2

Convention Offering #3: (8:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 5) At the entrance to Convention Meeting #3

**Speakers**

- Please give yourself ample time to reach the stage. There will be seats available next to the stage so you can participate in the presentations before you. Speakers are to be seated next to the stage when there are at least two presentations ahead of you.
- At the time of your presentation, please wait at the microphone. The Convention Tech will adjust the levels.
- You **must** have permission from the Chair to speak. Once acknowledged, say "Madam President." c.i. The president of the assembly will address you.
- Please speak directly into the microphone for the best sound quality. Before you speak, adjust the height of the microphone if needed.

**Assembly**

- Be courteous. Do not raise your voice if you can't hear the speaker. The Convention Tech has control of the microphone volume and will adjust it accordingly. This process takes a few seconds to do. Please be patient.
- If you would like to address the assembly, proceed to the nearest microphone located in the aisles. Delegates will have priority to speak, unless otherwise designated. You may speak once. If you have another point to address, you must wait until all others are heard.
- To speak, you must have permission from the Chair. To do this, stand by the microphone located in the aisle and wait to be recognized. Once acknowledged, say "Madam President."

**Motions and Points of Order:** Remind yourself of the following motions that may be relevant to the convention business:

Motion	What to Say?	Can Interrupt Speaker?	Need a Second?	Can be debated?	Can be amended?	Votes Needed
Introduce main motion	"I move to..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend a motion	"I move to amend the motion by (add and/or strike words...)"	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
End debate	"I move the previous question..."	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Object to procedure	"Point of order"	Yes	No	No	No	Chair Decision
Request information	"Point of information"	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote
Enforce rules or point out incorrect procedure	"Point of order"	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote
Verify voice vote with count	"I call for a division"	No	No	No	No	No Vote
Consider something out of its scheduled order	"I move to suspend the rules and consider..."	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 Vote
Personal preference (i.e., noise, room, temperature and distractions)	"Point of privilege"	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote

**Scholarships**

Teresa Klatt, Chairman  
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The LWML Minnesota North District provides scholarships for college students that are studying at our LCMS Lutheran schools to become full time church workers. It provides scholarships for anyone who is attending a synodical college with the goal to become one of the following:

- Pastor
- Lutheran Schoolteacher
- Director of Christian Outreach
- Director of Family Life Ministry
- Director of Parish Music
- Director Church Ministries
- Deaconess

Applications are accept for students who attend the following schools:

- Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri
- Concordia University Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Concordia University Irvine, Irvine, California
- Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, Wisconsin
- Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Illinois
- Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Concordia University, Nebraska, Seward, Nebraska

**NOW ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR! ALL APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 15, 2024.**

The district offer two scholarships:

1. The Scholarship for Full-Time Church Work Students
2. The Scholarship for Men Preparing for Ordination



Applicants for these scholarships must be preparing for full-time church work in the LCMS, be a resident of the MN North District, and be a member of a Missouri Synod congregation.

Applicants are asked to submit a Scholarship Application Form with written references from their pastor and two non-relatives and an essay by May 15 for the same year's collegiate classes.

The applications, essays, and references will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. The Committee will make recommendations to the LWML Minnesota North District Board at their July meeting.

If you are a winner of a scholarship, you will be notified after this July meeting and a check will be sent directly to your school.

Scholarship forms and further details can be found at <https://lwmlmnn.org/scholarships.html>  
Email questions to [scholarships@lwmlnn.org](mailto:scholarships@lwmlnn.org).

Submitted by: Teresa Klatt  
Scholarships Committee Chairman



**Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
MN North District LWML Retreat**

August 9-11, 2024

Lutheran Island Camp - Henning, MN

*For everything there is a season, and a time for everything under heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:1).*

## Memorials & Honorariums

Memorial gifts and honorariums should be sent to the Financial Secretary, Jan Carlson, 408 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave S, Princeton MN 55371. Phone: 763-631-0399 (C), [financialsec@lwmlmnn.org](mailto:financialsec@lwmlmnn.org).

The financial remittance form can be downloaded from the resources page of our district website at [lwmlmnn.org](http://lwmlmnn.org).

### January 2024 to March 2024

#### *In memory of...*

Orlin Fenske from Ottertail, St. John's  
 Bev Huot from Sauk Centre, Zion  
 Bonnie Leis from Elbow Lake, Christ  
 Ardella Triebenbach from Jon & Paula Triebenbach  
 Marion Brenk from Frazee, Bethlehem  
 Marlyce Loibl from Frazee, Bethlehem  
 Dorothy Willprecht from Frazee, Bethlehem  
 Kathy Spandgenske from Frazee, Bethlehem  
 Paul Elmstrand from Arnie & Diane Althoff  
 Wayne Leverkus from Arnie & Diane Althoff  
 Florence Ell Loeschke from Marion Goetsch  
 Robert Bolland from Ottertail, St. John's  
 Dorothy Goetsch Vangness from Marion Goetsch

## Mission Grants Report

### Mission Grants

Marcia Wittenburg, Chairman  
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### \$145,000 Mission Goal Reached!

Blessings abounded with mite donations this past quarter. A total amount of \$22,815.36 in mites for LWML MN North district was received. The remaining grants are paid in full!

The Board of Directors approved the payment of grant allocations as follows: \$4,000 for Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students; \$7,000 for DOXOLOGY Pastoral Care and Well-Being; \$2,800 for Project 24, Christ's Care for Children - Kenya; \$1,000 for New Shepherds for South Sudan; \$6,200 for Connecting People in an inclusive Christian Housing Community.

	MISSION GRANTS FOR THE 2022-2024 BIENNIUM (Balance as of April 9, 2024)	GRANT AMOUNT	BALANCE REMAINING
Grant 1	Orphan Grain Train	\$10,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 2	C.R.O.S.S. Appeal	\$18,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 3	Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$8,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 4	Lutheran Island Camp, Summer Camp Program Updates	\$10,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 5	Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students	\$32,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 6	Swaddling Clothes	\$10,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 7	"Main Street Living North" Ministry Outreach TV Program	\$10,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 8	Doxology Pastoral Care and Well-being	\$15,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 9	Project 24, Christ's Care for Children - Kenya	\$10,800	PAID IN FULL
Grant 10	New Shepherds for South Sudan	\$7,500	PAID IN FULL
Grant 11	Promoting an Inclusive Christian Housing Community of Faith	\$13,700	PAID IN FULL
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$145,000</b>	<b>PAID IN FULL</b>



**Young Women**

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**Encouragement For Each Other**

Christ has given each of us a gift to use to serve the Lord with gladness and encourage our sisters in Christ. These unique gifts are meant to be used to serve the Lord in different ways and share the love that He has for us with the people that we meet.

*"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but the same God who empowers them all in everyone." 1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

I regularly go on walks with a really great friend. I thank God for her and the difference she makes in my life. I like giving gifts and regularly give her small gifts and cards. She often tells me that she feels terrible when I give her gifts because she is not a gift giver. I remind her that I don't need gifts to know that she is my friend and loves me. At Christmas, my friend gave me a gift because she knew that was a way that I feel love. She is a true gift from God and loves and encourages me.

The different gifts that are given to each of us by the Lord are to be used to share His love with other people in our life. The LWML is a great place to meet women and to share gifts and talents with each other. In what ways can you help in your society? Do you love to cook and want to help with church meals? Do you love to craft and want to share that with other people in your congregation? Let us love one another and encourage one another and use the gifts that God has given to us.

*Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness Romans 12:6-8.*

Submitted by: Stacy Larson Young Women Committee Member

***Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.***

(1 Thessalonians 5:11)

**Young Women at Convention**

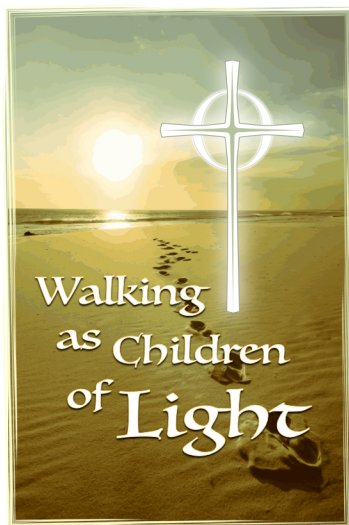
We encourage the young women in our congregations to attend the LWML Minnesota North District Convention June 3-5, 2024, at Cragun's Resort, Brainerd, Minnesota. The convention will be a wonderful opportunity to learn much more about the LWML.

There will be games, door prizes, devotions, Bible studies, fun, and fellowship, which will give you an opportunity to meet many other sisters in Christ who share each other's love of the Lord in a very special way.

Our prayer is that as you attend the convention you will grow in your relationship with Christ. In addition to the inspiring convention, there are many special activities planned just for you!

Submitted by: Ruby Prochnow  
Young Women Chairman

## LWML MN North District 31<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention



"...for at one time you were darkness,  
but now you are light in the Lord.  
Walk as children of light."  
Ephesians 5:8

### LWML MN North District 31<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention

Cragun's Resort, 11000 Cragun's Drive, Brainerd, MN  
June 3-5, 2024

**Theme:** *For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (Ephesians 5:8).*

Our **Keynote Speaker** is Katie Schuermann, nationally known author of several books including the *Anthems of Zion* series. She is a pastor's wife and lives in Champaign, Illinois. Her topic is "Light in the Lord."

The **Bible study** will be led by Rev. Dr. Patrick Lovejoy.

There will be **Mites in Action** speakers, a Mite Walk, singing, entertainment, food, and fellowship.

## 2024 Convention Agenda - Tentative

### Sunday, June 2, 2024

3:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting  
6:00 pm BOD/Nuclei Committee Chairmen Meal

### Monday, June 3, 2024

7:00-11:00 am Exhibitors Set Up (Cedar Room)  
8:00 am Board of Directors Meeting  
11:00 am Registration Opens (Lobby)  
11am-3:00 pm Servant Events (Maple Room)  
Ingathering Begins (Oak Room)  
11 am-6:00 pm Exhibit Booths Open (Cedar Room)  
12:30-1:00 pm Mandatory delegate meeting  
(Pine Ballroom)  
1:00-2:00 pm Breakout Session I  
(Pine and Cedar Rooms)  
2:00-3:00 pm Breakout Session II  
(Pine and Cedar Rooms)  
3:30 pm Silent Auction Set Up (Cedar Ballroom)  
4:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Pine Ballroom)  
5:30 pm Dinner (Lakeside Dining Room)  
7:00 pm Opening Worship (Pine Ballroom)  
8:30 pm Open Reception/Meet the Candidates;  
Young Women Gathering  
(Following Worship)

### Tuesday, June 4, 2024

6:30-7:45 am Continental Breakfast Served  
8:00 am Convention Meeting #1  
Bible Study with Rev. Dr. Patrick Lovejoy  
10:40 am Keynote Speaker Katie Schuermann  
12-1:00 pm Noon Lunch Served  
1:15 pm Convention Meeting #2  
Convention Business;  
Speakers and Guests  
6:00 pm Plated Dinner Served  
7:30 pm Entertainment – Rev. Matthew Meyer  
Young Women Gathering  
(Cedar Room #4)

### Wednesday, June 5, 2024

6:00-7:00 am Mite Walk  
7:00-8:00 am Breakfast Served  
8:15 am Convention Meeting #3  
Bible Study with Rev. Dr. Patrick Lovejoy  
Closing Worship;  
Installation of New Officers  
12:00 pm Adjournment

Note: This is a Tentative Agenda

## Convention Servant Events

### Convention Servant Events

The Servant Events will begin June 3, 2024, Monday morning at 11:00 a.m.



**Fleece blankets** – Single layer, woven edge. Fleece will need cutting and weaving. The blankets will be donated to Perham 180, which provide transitional housing for recovering individuals and to a shelter in the Detroit Lakes area.



**MOST Ministries**  
Mission Opportunities Short Term

**Fabric eyeglass cases** – Simple sewing on a machine. We will be providing a few sewing machines to use. We will provide plug in space if you wish to bring your own machine. These cases are then donated to MOST Ministries

**Witness bracelets** – Stringing beads in the correct order on leather lacing.

These bracelets are donated to MOST Ministries who coordinate Short Term Mission Trips where they distribute eyeglasses and tell the story of Jesus.



**Plastic sleeping mats** – Cut bags, loop plastic strips into 'plarn' and crochet. These mats are donated to Orphan Grain Train for distribution in our country or farther away as they determine the need.

## LWML 41st Biennial Convention

### Logo Explanation:

The 2025 Lutheran Women in Mission Convention logo features green leaves sprouting up and revealing the Lutheran Women in Mission icon to signify Growing in God's Grace. It is based on the convention verse, 2 Peter 3:18 — *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

A fresh, bright green color is used for the leaves and the word "grace" to indicate new growth and to connect it with God's grace. Including the Lutheran Women in Mission icon links the logo with our organization and the convention goal "Through Word and Sacrament, I will grow in grace to serve our Lord and proclaim His glory."



## Convention Ingatherings



**Relationship Safety Alliance (RSA)** Supporting the journey to wellbeing and empowerment of all people exposed to relationship abuse. For a complete list of ingathering items and more information about RSA visit the district website, [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org) and download the convention ingathering flyer.

**Items Needed** - Used Cell Phones & charging cords, Diapers Size 3 & up, Baby wipes and bottles, Non-latex gloves, Trash bags, Tweezers, Nail clippers, Unopened allergy medication, Unopened pain reliever, Oragel, Girls leggings, any size, Fleece blankets, Quilts, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Cleaning Supplies, Mops/Brooms, Laundry Detergent Pods, Shampoo and Conditioner, Feminine Hygiene Products, Coffee Maker, Toaster, Cookware, Dishes, Silverware, Cups/Glasses, Dial-A-Ride Passes, Gas/Retail/Grocery Gift Cards.



**MOST Ministries**  
Mission Opportunities Short Term

### Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries

MOST Ministries is committed to impacting the world for Jesus Christ through short term missions by empowering the found in reaching the lost. MOST Ministries provides recycled eyeglasses to people living in developing countries around the

world. Teams use a combination of finger puppets and witness bracelets in the field during the eyeglass distribution clinics.

**Items Needed** - Prescription eyeglasses, no hard cases please, non-prescription Sunglasses. With every pair of prescription glasses, MOST gives a pair of sunglasses, if available.

Because MOST help resident set-up their new homes, anything is appreciated. In most cases, the come to MOST with literally the clothes on their backs.

## Convention Mite Walk



**Wednesday, June 5**  
**6:00 a.m.**  
**Cragun's Resort**

Join with your fellow mite walkers at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, MN. Enjoy an early morning walk with your Lord and Savior, as His light guides your way. The relaxing walk will take you through the beautiful landscape around Cragun's Resort.

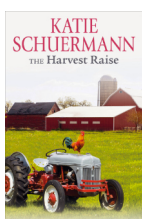
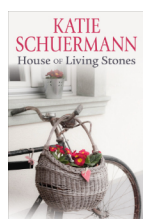
Registration for the mite walk is \$10 and includes a visor cap with the mite walk logo. Bottled water and a snack are provided. Plan to enjoy "Light Walk † Mite Walk" and register for the 2024 mite walk. Be sure to mark and include \$10 on your registration form. A registration form and donation form are included in this newsletter and at [lwmlmnn.org](http://lwmlmnn.org). All monies raised goes toward the 2024-2026 biennial mite goal. Additional donation forms and convention information can be found on the LWML MN North District website: [lwmlmnn.org](http://lwmlmnn.org).

## Convention Keynote Speaker



### Katie Schuermann

Author Katie Schuermann lives in central Illinois with her husband of 20+ years, the Rev. Michael Schuermann. She began her writing career in Mrs. Kaufman's fourth grade elementary class, self-publishing poetry in a treasured yellow, teal, and hot-pink spiral-bound notebook. She has since upgraded her trusty notebook to a Mac on which she pounds out articles for publications such as *The Lutheran Witness* and *The Federalist*.



Schuermann's nonfiction books, *He Remembers the Barren* (LL 2011; 2nd ed, EP, 2017), *Pew Sisters* (CPH 2013), and *He Restores My Soul* (EP, 2018), address the topics of suffering and the theology of the cross for the benefit of her sisters in Christ. Her acclaimed Anthems of Zion fiction books, including *House of Living Stones* (CPH, 2014), *The Choir Immortal* (CPH, 2015), and *The Harvest Raise* (CPH, 2017), tell the story of Emily Duke, a choir director from the big city who moves to a small town in Illinois to direct the local church choir.

Schuermann was given an Award of Merit from the Associated Church Press for her journalistic work on the feature article, "A Light in the Darkness," in the September/October 2013 issue of *Lutherans Engage the World*, and her debut novel, *House of Living Stones*, was a 2015 Christy Award finalist under the category of First Novel. Most recently, her hymn text, "Open Wide the Chapel Doors," was chosen as the winner of the 175th Anniversary hymn competition of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Visit her at [katieschuermann.com](http://katieschuermann.com).

## 2024 Convention Nominees

### Nominating Committee Report:

The following people have consented to being candidates for office. Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee: Chairman Beth Dinger, Marilyn Hittel, Sue Kuseske, Brenda Peterson, and Carol May.

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## 2024-2026 Proposed Mission Grants

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: Marcia Wittenburg (Chairman), Glenice Hall, Mary Ann Bell and Rev. Mathew Vrudny Pastoral Counselor*

**Grant A – Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination – \$8,000** The Lord has blessed the LWML MN North District with the ability to raise money for many missions. This particular mission provides unending benefits. Through God's grace and power seminarians become pastors. Pastors provide the Gifts of the Spirit through Word and Sacrament in the congregation. Anything we can do to help men to become faithful ministers of God's Word is a blessed mission. There are no other funding sources for this grant. The LCMS Minnesota District also has a grant for seminarians of the district.

**Grant B – Scholarships for Full Time Church Workers – \$32,000** The Lord has blessed the LWML MN North District with the ability to raise money for many missions. Through God's grace and power, the students receiving this grant shall serve the Lord and His people with love and faithfulness to the Gospel in the ways they were taught for the benefit of all. There are no other funding sources for this grant. The LCMS Minnesota District also has a grant for church-worker students of the district.

**Grant C – C.R.O.S.S. Appeal – \$20,000.00** This grant will provide on-going support and financial support for the Lutheran Schools in the LCMS Minnesota North District. Our children are the future of our church. If we do not teach them a firm foundation they could tend to wander away from the faith. If we are to have future Pastors and Christian Educators we must start with their primary education. Congregations throughout the Minnesota North District contribute to the support of our LCMS schools in varying amounts.

**Grant D – DOXOLOGY – Pastoral Care and Well being – \$15,000** Pastors report a critical need for sharpening pastoral competencies, and a desire to receive specialized advanced training in the areas for counseling and spiritual care. District Presidents

report that services of this nature, related to enhancing pastoral wellness, are desperately needed but not readily available. Multiple recent surveys document serious levels of depression, demoralization, and ineffectiveness among many clergy. Surveys also document grave misunderstandings between pastors and their people, and the parish suffers. The lay leadership struggles and the congregation loses vitality and the capacity for outreach. Pastors completing the DOXOLOGY program report enhancements of effectiveness, joy in ministry, enhanced relationships with laity and renewed zeal for the work God has given them to do. This grant allows pastors to finance enrollment. Each pastor's enrollment in DOXOLOGY Classic program for 2023 is already underwritten in the amount of \$3,500 contributed by the LCMS and two other funding partners. The remaining cost of \$2,500.00/per pastor is paid by the congregation.

**Grant E – Good Shepherd Lutheran High School – \$9,840** Grant to Good Shepherd Lutheran High School for \$9,840 to purchase interactive boards and personal readers for students. This will assist the teachers in encouraging the students as they learn and grow in their faith in Jesus. Using an interactive board and personal readers encourages our students to learn in a way that works best for them. There are no other funding sources for this grant.

**Grant F – Immanuel Lutheran School, Walker, MN – \$10,000.00** Immanuel Lutheran School exists in order to provide a quality Biblical Lutheran education for students and an inviting church atmosphere for their families. Many families find it difficult to afford a Christian education for their children. Immanuel Lutheran School strives to keep our tuition levels low, while still providing a fitting wage for our teachers and aides, as well as a well maintained building space. As we are expanding our

building to make room for additional students, we want to encourage those families by providing them tuition assistance. We pray that the Lord of the Church will bless our efforts in this part of His Gospel mission. Our tuition assistance program receives money from occasional memorials and activity fundraisers. At times, Redeemer Lutheran Foundation money is received and applied to this part of the budget. The amount fluctuates each year, but our current goal is to have \$13,000 available. To help more students attend our school, we are in need of another source.

**Grant G – Shepherds Canyon Retreat –**

**\$10,000.00** Shepherd's Canyon Retreat receives \$80,000 in support from the LCMS and varying amounts from LCMS districts, but more is needed, especially since Shepherd's Canyon is now serving 40% more ministry workers than in past years. Since the ministry reaches church workers in every state and district, applications are being made to about 30 other LWML districts for an average of about \$5,000 per district, for total of \$150,000. Shepherd's Canyon Retreat is an LCMS RSO (Recognized Service Organization) that provides week-long counseling retreats. It helps hundreds of ministry workers in various stages of burnout, stress, depression, compassion fatigue, and conflicts. 10% of churches in the LCMS are vacant. It costs hundreds of thousands of dollars to train new pastors. Keeping church workers healthy, helps them stay in ministry. LWML mites would be used to give scholarships to pastors, teachers, DCEs, ministry workers, and spouses to attend a Shepherd's Canyon Retreat.

**Grant H – Lutheran Heritage Foundation – Providing Hmong Lutheran Books – \$8500.00**

More than 90,000 Hmong immigrants now make Minnesota their home, and LCMS missions are taking bold steps to share the Gospel with these people who came from Southeast Asia and tend to hold on to their animistic beliefs (ancestor worship). With the help of the LWML Minnesota North District, the Lutheran Heritage Foundation stands ready to help by translating and printing books like the Small Catechism, A Child's Garden of Bible Stories, and God's Word for You into two different Hmong

dialects. At a cost of less than \$5 per book, this grant will provide nearly 2,000 Lutheran Bible books for ministries at about a half-dozen Minnesota congregations with Hmong worship services, as well as for LCMS Minnesota South District outreach to Hmong families. Hmong parents and grandparents are eager for these free books, because it gives them the resource they need to teach their native language to the children. As they read the Hmong Bible books aloud, they are reading and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ! To date, no other funds have been secured for this project. Any shortfall of funds will be covered by the LHF General Fund (individual gifts from churches and donors).

**Grant I – Physical Wellness for At – Risk Children – Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch –**

**\$15,000.00** Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch helps at-risk children and their families succeed in the name of Christ. A gift from the LWML Minnesota North District will help make that mission a reality. Mites from the LWML Minnesota North District will be used to transform the gym space on our Minot campus. By partnering with the Ranch, the women of the LWML will play a direct role in creating a safe, wellness-focused environment where children can learn, grow, and build healthy habits. No other funds have been secured at this time. Additional funding will be solicited as necessary from the Ranch's generous donor base and from other LWML groups across the country.

**Grant J – Worker wellness for Chaplain Families**

**– \$10,000.00** The LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces supports LCMS chaplains who represent the church on active duty, the reserves, the national Guard, Civil Air Patrol, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and VA Chaplains meeting the needs of God's people (military personnel and their families) where needed most and who serve in the vocation as members of our Armed Forces; and Church Worker retreats focus on the unique challenges of military chaplaincy, helping the Chaplains and their families feel connected to their Church body, network with other Chaplains, focused on teaching God's kingdom workers to care for themselves and their families, provides much needed resources and training to ensure they are spiritually fit, mentally

tough, and emotionally resilient, so they can continue to bring the gifts of God to those who selflessly serve our Nation in the Armed Forces serve; and The Department of Defense does not cover costs for spouses or children making it financially challenging for families to attend Wellness Retreats. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) is authorized as the mission arm of the Synod to support and serve all military chaplains – active and reserve – their families and the veteran population.

**Grant K – St. Paul's Lutheran School, Perham, MN – \$17,127** At its core, the mission of St. Paul's Lutheran School is about sharing and spreading the love of Jesus, and by doing so, living out the Great Commission. Each child leaves St. Paul's Lutheran School having been taught again and again that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior and died on the cross for their sins.

The existing children and youth (preschool - 8th grade) will benefit through retention efforts. Potentially any child residing in the Perham – Dent School District in or going into preschool - 8th grade could benefit from this grant. The goal of the grant is not only to retain existing students, but also impact the lives of other students in the area currently receiving education elsewhere. St. Paul's Lutheran school does not have another funding source for this grant. St. Paul's Lutheran school is seeking funds to provide a variety of marketing materials to better retain and recruit families.

**Grant L – Swaddling Clothes – Redeemer, Aurora, MN – \$15,000** The Ladies' Guild of Redeemer Lutheran, Aurora, is seeking funding in support of Swaddling Clothes, a mission and outreach effort of the Guild and congregation since 2019. Swaddling Clothes is a program which provides for the free distribution of items necessary for the care and support of newborns, babies, and infants. Swaddling Clothes serves families throughout the Iron Range by providing basic needs for child care such as diapers, car seats, clothing, etc. In the past year [Jan – Dec 2023] 547 families utilized Swaddling Clothes, an almost five – fold

increase in use since 2021. Most users [estimated at 60 per cent] have no church affiliation. Swaddling Clothes demonstrates the love of God through Christ in this mission of mercy and outreach to s Funding sources for the year 2023: LWML MNN grant, LCMS Million Dollar Life Match Grant Volunteer fund raisers, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Christmas gift , Redeemer Lutheran Church Council gift per year, Redeemer Lutheran Parishioner contributions, Occasionally Thrivent cards are used by members for the purchase of needed items to support Swaddling Clothes.

**Grant M – Textbooks and Uniforms for Haitian Children, LMA – \$10,000** Lutheran schools in northern Haiti have been growing with over 1,400 children currently enrolled. Because of the poverty in the country, purchasing textbooks and uniforms are difficult if not impossible for families of the students. This grant would help the students and teachers facilitate more effective learning methods. Though this grant would not be able to meet all the needs, it would have an effective impact. *(The Lutheran Mission Association has a safe means of getting the money to Haiti and a responsible and accountable pastor, Rev. Eliona Bernard, to process the funding. Members of LMA regularly visit Haiti and verify that the funding is being spent as intended.)* There are no other funding sources for this grant.

**Grant N – Motorbikes for Haitian Pastors – LMA – \$5,000** At this time there are three pastors in the northern part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti. Because of the remoteness and ruggedness of the region, transportation is difficult. Motorbikes would greatly help these pastors and allow them to minister more effectively in their congregations and schools. *(The Lutheran Mission Association has a safe means of getting the money to Haiti and a responsible and accountable pastor (Eliona Bernard) to oversee the purchase of the motorbikes. Members of the LMA regularly visit Haiti and verify that the funding is being used as intended.)* There are no other funding sources for this grant.

**Grant O – Comfort Dog Ministry – First Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids – \$20,000.00** We are asking for \$20,000 to fund the startup and first year ministry of a comfort dog from Lutheran Church Charities. These dogs are highly trained to be used in situations where a person is in distress or needs comfort. The people of First Lutheran – Grand Rapids believes the addition of a comfort dog to their congregation would enrich their outreach to their community.

Startup funds we are asking for from LWML: \$20,000 Partial cost of acquiring the dog. Other expenses: veterinary per year \$500 – \$1,000 per year, Grooming by a professional groomer (required by LCC) \$1,000 Food and other necessities annually \$500 other necessities like business cards \$1,000. Travel expenses for training by the top dog and the team handlers \$2,500. Additional funding is from First Lutheran, United Way of 1000 Lakes, Thrivent, and individual contributions.

2024 Convention Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Article XVI, Mission Grant Proposals  
Grants, Section 1

Proposed Amendments

Rationale: Update mission grant submission date.

Existing bylaw reads:

Section 1

Appeals for mission grants must be submitted by February 15, prior to the district convention.

If adopted, will read:

Section 1

Appeals for mission grants must be submitted by January 1, prior to the district convention.

Article X - Appointed Personnel  
Proposed Amendments

Rationale: Define Human Care Chairman (add section 4) and add consistency.

**Existing bylaw reads:** (not in bylaws)

If adopted, will read:

Section 4

The Human Care Chairman shall:

- a. alert members to opportunities and challenges for mission service in their groups, zones, and district.
- b. encourage active participation and provide materials for mission service programs;
- c. be an advisory member of the district board of directors;

2024 Convention Mites in Action Speakers

Throughout the convention we will hear stories from several Mission Grant recipients telling us how the mites of the LWML have benefited them and those around them. How the simple gift of giving has impacted their lives as they ...*serve the Lord with Gladness! Psalm 100:2*

Mites in Action Speakers

- **Orphan Grain Train** – Eugene Pasche
- **Lutheran Island Camp** – Stacy Lung, Executive Director
- **C.R.O.S.S. Appeal** – Melissa Lamkin, Director of School Ministry, Good Shepherd Lutheran High School, Elk River, MN & Kelly Lamkin, Principal, Zion-Crown Christian School
- **Swaddling Clothes** – Rev. Don Stauty, Swaddling Clothes
- **Scholarship Recipients** – Mark Langton & Rebecca Pumphrey

## 2024 Convention Resolutions

### 2022-2024 MISSION GRANT GOAL RESOLUTION

**Whereas**, We, the women of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in the Minnesota North District "Serve the Lord with Gladness" and contribute our mite money toward spreading the Gospel through funding various approved mission grants; therefore, be it

**Resolved that**, A goal of \$147,000 (one hundred forty seven thousand) be set for the Mission Grant Goal for the 2024-2026 biennium.

### NATIONAL CONVENTION EXPENSE FUND RESOLUTION

**Whereas**, the LWML Minnesota North District Bylaws, Article XVIII, Finances, Section 3 states: Groups 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 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; and

**Whereas**, it is beneficial to have as many board members as possible attend the LWML convention; therefore be it

**Resolved that**, the National convention Fund be increased to \$6.00 (six dollars) per member per year for the 2024-2026 biennium.

### CONVENTION OFFERING RESOLUTIONS

#### CONVENTION OFFERING #1

*(According to the LWML Minnesota North District Bylaws, STANDING RULES, I. PRE-CONVENTION AND CONVENTION OFFERINGS. The pre-convention and the convention offerings received at the opening and/or closing worship at the convention are designated as Mission Goal Offering.)* Offering #1 will be gathered and applied towards the LWML Minnesota North District Mission Grant Goal for the 2024–2026 biennium.



#### CONVENTION OFFERING #2

*Perry Center, Fargo, ND*

This offering will contribute to the well-being of the women who come to The Perry Center for help and healing. Enabling the staff at The Perry Center to carry out and fulfill their statement of purpose: to minister the love of Jesus Christ to single women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy by providing for her physical spiritual, and emotional needs in a residential setting.

#### CONVENTION OFFERING #3

*Lutheran Island Camp, Henning, MN*

This offering will help provide financial assistance to keep camp fees affordable, and launch new initiatives to increase the effectiveness of the ministry, that will strengthen camp for future growth.



**Relief for Human Need Worldwide**

For anyone interesting in having their donations sent to Morris, Orphan Grain Train will have a trailer parked at Cragun's Resort.



## 2024 Convention Breakout Sessions



### **Breakout Session A: "Human Trafficking and Rescue - Operation Freedom"**

*Presented by Caleb Monson.* This presentation will focus on uncovering what human trafficking really looks like in your community, and how it exists in your community even though you have never seen in. We will also cover how you as a church or community member can be better prepared to address this issue locally.

Caleb Monson is the Co-Founder of Operation for Freedom, an organization that exists to eradicate the crimes of sex trafficking and put an end to the cycle of commercial sexual exploitation. Caleb spends most of his time traveling around the US working cases, reaching out to the vulnerable, and offering them hope. Caleb lives in west central Minnesota with his wife, son and two dogs.



### **Breakout Session B: "Parish Nursing And Health And Wellness"**

*Presented by Mary Scott.* What is and is not a parish nurse? What can a Parish Nurse do for you? Resources will be shared that can be used in any church.

Mary has been a nurse for 40+ years. She has been a Parish Nurse since 2006. Being a Parish Nurse has allowed her to help minister to the people of her congregation and in Minnesota North. She has served as District Representative to Synod since 2010. Today she wants to share some areas of nursing that are dear to you and to make you aware of things that a Parish Nurse or a Health Cabinet can do for your church.



### **Breakout Session C: "Compassion and Mercy"**

*Presented by Rev. Mark Peske.* Mark will help us see how the Gospel not only provides forgiveness for the sins we have committed, but also healing for the emotional wounds that the sins of others have caused in our hearts.

Mark Peske worked for 20 years as a missionary to Native Americans in northern Minnesota. For the past eight years, he has shepherded the people of Our Redeemer congregation in Cohasset, MN. Mark and his wife, Sharon, have 6 grown children and 11 grandchildren.



### **Breakout Session D: "Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch"**

*Presented by Rev. Rick Jones, Chaplain, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, ND.* The session will provide an overview of the clinical, educational, and spiritual life services offered at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

Rev. Rick Jones is the Chaplain and Vice President of Spiritual Life for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. In his work at the Ranch he strives to help youth impacted by abuse, neglect, unhealthy home environments, mental health struggles, and other traumatic experiences find hope and healing in the unconditional, unceasing love of Christ.



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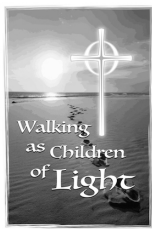
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Region: \_\_\_\_\_ Zone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Society: \_\_\_\_\_  
Church's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

CONVENTION PACKAGES	Cost Before May 3	Cost After May 3	Amount
Convention package includes registration and packet for adults 18 and over. If you are bringing <b>children under 18 years old</b> please contact the <b>Convention Registrar</b> .			
<b>Full Convention Registration</b>	\$75	\$100	
<b>Past District Presidents</b> (Free Registration) Must pay for meals.			
<b>Clergy</b> (Free Registration) Must pay for meals.			
<b>Part-Time</b> (One day only, includes packet.)	\$35	\$50	
Convention T-Shirt (Heather Purple)			
Mark Size S <input type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> L <input type="radio"/> XL <input type="radio"/> 2XL <input type="radio"/> Other _____		\$10	
<b>MEAL PACKAGES ARE SOLD SEPARATELY</b> (Not included in registration fee.)			
<b>Meal Packages</b> (Ordered through Cragun's Registration Link info is on back of form.)			
<b>Mite Walk Registration</b> (Free Visor Cap for Mite Walk Participants)		\$10	
Make Checks Payable to: <b>LWML MN North District</b>			
<b>Total Amount of Check Enclosed</b>			

✓ **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 6:00 a.m. on Wed. June 5).

**MITE WALK** - Will you be participating in the "Light Walk + 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 and second ☐ 2 choice.

☐ **Session A** "Human Trafficking and Rescue - Operation Freedom"  
Presented by Caleb Monson

☐ **Session C** "Compassion and Mercy"  
Presented by Rev. Mark Peske

☐ **Session B** "Parish Nursing and Health and Wellness"  
Presented by Mary Scott

☐ **Session D** "Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch"  
Presented by Rev. Rick Jones

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

**DELEGATE INFORMATION**

**ALL DELEGATES MUST REGISTER BEFORE MAY 3**

## 2024 Convention Registration Information

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS:** Sessions will be offered on Monday, June 3. Sessions begin at 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. Each session is one hour in length and will be presented twice. **On the front page**, please indicate your your first (1) and second (2) choice.

**SESSION A** “Human Trafficking and Rescue- Operation Freedom”  
*Presented by Caleb Monson. This presentation will focus on uncovering what human trafficking really looks like in your community, and how it exists in your community even though you have never seen in. We will also cover how you as a church or community member can be better prepared to address this issue locally.*

**SESSION B** “Parish Nursing and Health and Wellness”  
*Presented by Mary Scott. What is and is not a parish nurse? What can a Parish Nurse do for you? Resources will be shared that can be used in any church.*

**SESSION C** “Compassion and Mercy”  
*Presented by Rev. Mark Peske. Mark will help us see how the Gospel not only provides forgiveness for the sins we have committed, but also healing for the emotional wounds that the sins of others have caused in our hearts.*

**SESSION D** “Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch”  
*Presented by Rev. Rick Jones, Chaplin, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, ND. The session will provide an overview of the clinical, educational, and spiritual life services offered at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.*

**OPENING WORSHIP:** All are invited to worship service at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3, at the Cragun's Resort, Brainerd, MN. (Communion Service). Reception to follow.

**SERVANT EVENTS:** Servant Events will be taking place on Monday, June 3, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and running until 3:00 p.m. You can choose how much time you want to spend in this area! Visit the District website: [lwmlmnn.org](http://lwmlmnn.org) for more information.

**TUESDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT:** You are invited to join us at 7:30 p.m. for an evening of entertainment by Rev. Matthew Meyer. Come listen to songs from Irving Berlin to hymn favorites and more. No cost.

### MEAL INFO:

(Full Meal Package)

Must be ordered through Cragun's  
Registration Webpage

#### Monday Evening Dinner

Southwestern Buffet  
Hard and soft shell Taco with seasoned beef or  
shredded chicken, tortilla chips,  
Ranchero beans or Spanish rice

#### Tuesday Breakfast Buffet

Beverages, Fresh Fruit, Pastries, Cereal,  
Eggs, Pancakes or French toast or Waffles,  
Breakfast Meat, Breakfast Potato

#### Tuesday Deli Buffet Lunch

Soup and Sandwich  
(Chicken Wild Rice Soup)

#### Tuesday Plated Dinner

Northwoods Buffet  
Herb Roasted Chicken and  
Beer Battered Cod  
House salad, dinner rolls, seasonal vegetable,  
and au gratin or mashed potatoes

#### Wednesday Breakfast Buffet

Beverages, Fresh Fruit, Pastries, Cereal,  
Eggs, Pancakes or French toast or Waffles,  
Breakfast Meat, Breakfast Potato

**THINGS TO DO:** Are you arriving in Brainerd early? After you register, here are some things you can do: Attend Breakout Sessions; Do a Servant Event (Begins at 11:00 a.m.); Visit the exhibits (Opens 11:00 a.m.); Participate in the Silent Auction. (Opens 11:00 a.m.); or visit the many attractions in the Brainerd area.

## HOUSING INFORMATION

## ROOM COST “See Hotel Lodging Sheet”

You are responsible for your own housing arrangements and meals through Cragun's Resort online registration! [https://craguns.formstack.com/forms/lwmlr\\_2024](https://craguns.formstack.com/forms/lwmlr_2024)

Instructions and a full list of all hotels for convention are located on the Hotel Lodging Sheet included in the Spring Packet and on the LWML MN North District website : [lwmlmnn.org](http://lwmlmnn.org). Room blocks will only be held until **May 3**. For more information or question, please contact the Convention Registrar Janice Carlson at (763) 631-0399. Additional Online Resources: There is an **Online Registration Information** sheet that contains **Frequently Asked Questions** to help you, as you register your rooms and select your meal plans.

Questions? Call Jan Carlson, Convention Registrar at: (763) 631-0399

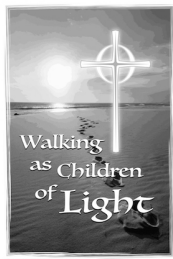
### POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- ➔ **Make a copy** of the front page and mail it.
- ➔ **Early Registration Deadline is May 3**
- ➔ Please **enclose** the total remittance.

➔ **Make Checks Payable To:**  
**LWML MN North District**

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

Janice Carlson, **Convention Registrar**  
408 3rd Ave S  
Princeton, MN 55371



Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
**MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT**  
 31<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention June 3-5, 2024  
 Cragun's Resort, Brainerd, MN

# Hotel Lodging Sheet

Lodging Nights: June 3 -5, 2024



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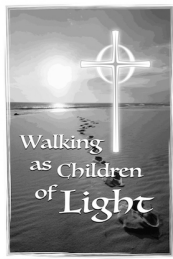
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**Online Registration Information** is located on the back side of this page. A list of Frequently Asked Questions are included to help you, as you register your rooms and select your meal plans.

Hotel (Location)	Rooms Blocked	Room Rates (Taxes Not Included)	Contact Information
<b>Holiday Inn and Suites</b> 15739 Auduon Way Highway 371 N Baxter, MN 56401	20 - Two queen rooms are blocked until May 3	\$124.00 plus tax per night	218-824-3232 Ask for LWML Convention Rate
<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://brainerdhi.com">brainerdhi.com</a> Arrival date: Monday June 3, Checkout Weds. June 5. 48 hour cancellation prior to arrival date to avoid billing of first night room and tax. Check in is 3 pm, Checkout is 12 noon			
<b>Country Inn and Suites by Radisson</b> 15058 Dellwood Dr Baxter, MN 56401	20 - Two queen rooms are blocked until May 3	Cost is \$107.00 plus tax per night	218-297-4816 Ask for LWML Convention Rate
<b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.choicehotels.com/minnesota/baxter/country-inn-suites-hotels/mn288">https://www.choicehotels.com/minnesota/baxter/country-inn-suites-hotels/mn288</a> Arrival date: Monday, June 3rd, Checkout Weds. June 5th. Cancellation must be done by 4 pm, 1 full day prior to arrival date to avoid cancellation penalty. Check-in is 3 pm and check out is 12 noon.			
Other hotels in the area are listed below, no room blocks are available at these.			
<b>Days Inn and Suites</b> 14466 Dellwood Dr Baxter, MN 5640	No Room Blocks	NA	218-829-3080
<b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn/baxter-minnesota/days-inn-and-suites-baxter-brainerd-area/overview">https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn/baxter-minnesota/days-inn-and-suites-baxter-brainerd-area/overview</a>			
<b>Super 8</b> 14341 Edgewater Dr Baxter, MN 56401	No Room Blocks	NA	218-828-4288
<b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8/baxter-minnesota/super-8-baxter-brainerd-area/overview">https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8/baxter-minnesota/super-8-baxter-brainerd-area/overview</a>			







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## Cragun's Online Registration & Frequently Asked Questions

**Where do I register for lodging and meals?** Visit the Cragun's Registration webpage at:

[https://craguns.formstack.com/forms/lwmlr\\_2024](https://craguns.formstack.com/forms/lwmlr_2024)

**How do I register with a roommate or roommates?** On the online form there is a section which asks if you have roommate. Fill in the information with their name/names. Your credit card will be charged full price until your roommates register. Your roommates must register separately and also include a list of their roommates.

**Can I request a specific room?** Yes, list the number of the room in the section Special Requests.

**Can I get a refund if I cancel after May 3?** LWML convention attendees can get a 50% refund after May 3 until May 20, 2024. No refunds will be made after that. Cragun's policy on cancellations are:

### Cancellation/Refunds - Lodge Rooms

- 30 days or more prior to arrival, full refund
- 29-14 days prior to arrival - forfeit 1-night room and tax
- 13 days or less prior to arrival- no refunds
- Name changes/Replacements allowed at no charge
- No show (arrival night) – Room will be held until 11 AM the following day

**Can I get a meal plan with just lunch and dinner?** For those attending only Tuesday, there is a one-day meal plan available for \$70.00.

**What if I don't have a credit card?** All rooms and meals have to be secured by credit card. You may have to get a pre-paid card or ask a friend or relative to use theirs.

**Where do I send my Convention Registration Form?** The registration for attendance along with the registration fees should be sent to the Convention Registrar Jan Carlson, 408 3rd Ave S., Princeton, MN 55371, postmarked by May 3.

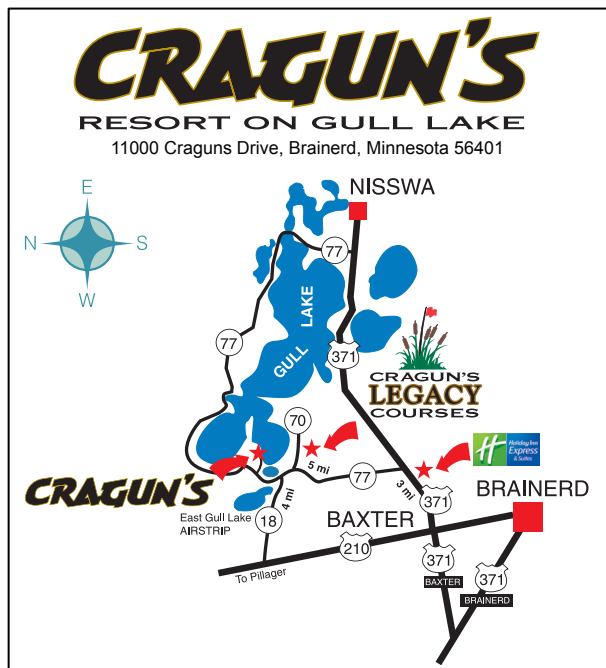
**What is the cut-off date for registration?** May 3 is the cut-off date for registering a room and the meal plan with Cragun's and also it is the cut-off date for the registration for convention attendance.

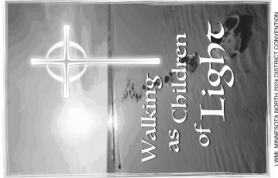
**I'm helping with the convention. Do I get a discount on registration?** No. This year the registration was reduced for everyone because of the increased cost of lodging and food plan. We are doing our best to make the convention affordable for everyone.

**Can I bring my pets with to the convention?** No. Cragun's policy states, "We do not allow pets at our Gull Lake resort other than service dogs. Therapy and emotional support pets are not considered service dogs. We can suggest names of kennels in the area."

**What time is check-in and check-out?** Check-in starts at 5 PM on Monday, June 3. **Please Note:** While the convention starts at 11:00 AM on Monday, June 3, the check-in for rooms is not guaranteed until 5 PM. Check-out is at 11 AM on Wednesday, June 5. For more information visit, [www.craguns.com/resort-policies](http://www.craguns.com/resort-policies).

**I have special dietary needs. Can I request them?** Yes, you may list your needs in the Special Request section.





# Light Walk + Mite Walk

## DONATION FORM

Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
**Minnesota North District**  
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**Walker's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**State** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Light Walk + Mite Walk**

Join with your fellow mite walkers at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, MN. Enjoy an early morning walk with your Lord and Savior, as his light guides your way. The relaxing walk will take you through the beautiful landscape around Cragun's Resort.

Registration for the Mite Walk is \$10. Your registration includes a visor cap with the mite walk logo. Bottled water, a snack are provided. Plan to enjoy "Light Walk + Mite Walk" and register for the 2024 Mite Walk. Be sure to mark and include \$10 on your registration form.

**How to participate...**

Ask your friends, relatives, neighbors or society to support you through donations for the *Mite Walk*. *(Fill out the information below.)*

Please turn in this Donation Form and donations when you register at the Cragun's Resort. All checks are to be made payable to: **LWML MN North District**

Additional information about the *Mite Walk* will be posted on the District website: **[www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org)**

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER and/or EMAIL	AMOUNT
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All money raised goes towards the 2024-2026 biennial mite goal.			
DONATION TOTAL			



## 2024 LWML CONVENTION Mission Walk Medical Release Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEDICAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Please read the waiver and release information on the back of this sheet. If you agree with all terms of the release, please sign below. Bring this form to convention and hand in at the registration table.*

### AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### WAIVER AND RELEASE

I will not enter the walk unless I am medically stable. I agree to abide by all the directives of the walk director relative to my ability to safely complete the walk. I assume all risks associated with walking in this event including, but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, conditions of the walking surface, all such risks being known and understood by me.

Upon acceptance of my entry, I release Lutheran Women's Missionary League, the city of Brainerd, Minnesota, Cragun's Resort, the sponsors: their representatives and successors, from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my own participation in this event.

I grant permission to the LWML to use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this activity for any legitimate purpose. In consideration of the safety of all participants, I agree that baby joggers, baby strollers, headphones, animals on leashes, skateboarders, skaters, and other roller blades are all prohibited. I acknowledge and agree that LWML is a service agency of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod and cannot and does not accept any responsibility for my safety and well-being related to my participation in the walk. Furthermore, by signing this waiver, I consent to such medical treatment as LWML (or any of its authorized representatives) deems necessary or appropriate in the event of my illness, accident, or other medical emergency and I accept full financial responsibility for any fees or expenses relating to such treatment.

**Please Sign the front of this form.**



## Lutheran Women's Missionary League MN North District LWML Retreat

August 9-11, 2024

Lutheran Island Camp - Henning, MN

*For everything there is a season, and a time for  
everything under heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:1).*

### Who should attend?

All women of LCMS congregations are invited to attend. You don't need to be an LWML member. Bring your daughters. Bring your friends. We gather together as sisters in Christ to learn more about Christ our Savior and how to share His love for us with others.

### Keynote Speaker

Pati Kachel, a Christian Storyteller, will join us to share personal faith stories and sing her gentle songs as she shares practical insights of timeless truths in the third chapter of Ecclesiastes. Time will be allowed for small group discussions and sharing. Visit [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org) for more information.



*Keynote Speaker  
Pati Kachel*

### Bible Study and Worship Leader

Rev. Dr. Patrick Lovejoy serves the saints at First Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, MN, and is the Arrowhead Region Pastoral Counselor for LWML MN North District.

### What is planned for LWML Retreat?

#### Friday (Activities from 6:00-9:00)

Registration (4:00-6:00), prayer walk, picnic supper, servant events, campfire/singing, evening fellowship.

#### Saturday (Activities 8:00-9:00)

Bible study led by Pastor Lovejoy, keynote break-outs, campfire/singing, closing worship, time for recreation and prayer walk, evening fellowship, (Breakfast, lunch, and supper served).

#### Sunday (Activities 8:00-11:00)

Breakfast, morning devotion.

#### Recreation Opportunities

Canoeing and kayaking, hiking, lawn games, plenty of swings for chatting with friends or quiet meditation.

#### For More Information

Contact Valerie Johnson at:  
[vwjohnso@runestone.net](mailto:vwjohnso@runestone.net) or 320-760-9540

### Online Registration Information

Register through Lutheran Island Camp at:  
<http://cwngui.campwise.com/Customer/islandcamp/browser-check-reg.html>

	Before 7/25	After 7/25
Friday-Sunday	\$150	\$160
Saturday-Sunday	\$100	\$110
Saturday Only	\$80	\$90

Participants will have a choice of cabin or Retreat Center lodging and may choose their roommates.

### What to bring?

Bible, clothes for MN August weather, insect repellent, towels and toiletries, pillow and bedding, flashlight, snacks to share at evening fellowship.