



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT

Minnesota Northern Light

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Psalm 100:2



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From the President's Pen...



Greetings in our God of hope who has filled us to overflowing with all joy and peace by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our 22nd biennial convention experience was a joy as we accepted the challenges the Lord placed before us. We elected new officers for our District Board of Directors. May we uphold them in prayer, and support them in their efforts. We set a new mission goal of \$130,000, determined to faithfully and sacrificially give our mites to pay the mission grants selected by the convention delegates.

Our hearts and lives were filled to overflowing with the best spiritual fuel possible – God's Word – in our Bible study sessions led by Dr. Bernie Lutz. We were entertained and uplifted as our keynote speaker, Jan Brunette, guided us to reflect on our internal joy and focus on our TRUE JOY, our Lord Jesus Christ.

We were encouraged to be mentors to one another by the Quarterly news editor, Shari Miller. Mentoring

is for nurturing friendships, for supportive guidance, for love, encouragement and learning. Rev. Larry Miller, senior pastoral counselor, gave an update on the activities of our national organization reminding us that "the LWML is anywhere in the world where you find women praying, planning, mentoring and serving in the name of Christ." Tales from the mission outreach in the world filled our last day. We were enlightened as we heard of the blessings and challenges encountered in the mission fields of our district and our synod. May we go forward in our district, in our congregations, and in our families with "JOY – Jesus Overflowing in You," energized through His powerful Word to live in His design, motivated to joyfully share the hope we have in Christ Jesus.

In His joyful service,

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MN North District President
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Continuing the theme from convention, while focusing specifically on the word hope, I found the following definitions:

1. To wish for something with expectation of its fulfillment.
2. To look forward to with confidence or expectation.
3. To expect and desire.



Using definition #1, I hope that you will all continue to support each other through the Christian Life materials and resources offered through LWML.

Using definition #2, I joyfully hope that you will all come out to Lutheran Island Camp August 11th – 13th, for our annual retreat. This year's theme is: ***Surviving with JOY!***

And finally, with definition #3, I hope that you will all continue to serve JOYfully as Salt and Light within your societies, congregations and communities.

A verse that I have held near to me for many years is: *“For I know the plans I have for you,”* declares the LORD, *“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you HOPE and a future.”* Jeremiah 29:1

I have completed my term as your Christian Life chairman, but I am continuing my service in the district as your Mission-Ministry Vision consultant. I joyfully look forward to visiting with you and seeing you in the future, as we carry out the plans that God has for us. Romans 12:12 says, *“Be JOYful in HOPE, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”* (NASB).

In Christ,
Cheryl Petersen

Resources available from the LWML catalog to give you hope:

- “She Said... He Said” Item #20060
(8 reflections for married couples)
- “Seek His Truth” Item #16355
(bookmark to guide you in marking your Bible)



LIC RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

SPECIAL NEEDS _____

ROOMMATES _____

Check One: _____ Cabin _____ Retreat Center

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

Registration Fees:

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

Friday-Sunday: **\$80**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

AUGUST 1, 2006

SEND REGISTRATION TO:

Lutheran Island Camp

45011 230th Street

Henning, MN 56551

WHAT TO BRING TO RETREAT:

- † Bible
- † Clothes for sun or rain
- † Flashlight
- † Toiletries
- † Insect Repellent
- † Towel & Washcloth

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



FEATURING:

Rev. Rob Jarvis: Bible study/Worship Leader

Sheila Peterson: Music Leader

Surviving with JOY!

AUGUST 11-13, 2006

SURVIVING WITH JOY!

Based on Romans 15:13

(Schedule subject to change)

Friday Evening

4:30 pm

Registration Begins

5:30 pm

Sack Lunch Dinner, Welcome,

Orientation

Opening Devotion

Bonfire

Fellowship & Singing

Snacks

Saturday

7:30 am

Morning Walk

8:00 am

Breakfast

Retreat Session 1

Break

Retreat Session 2

12:00 pm

Lunch

Retreat Session 3

Break

Retreat Session 4

Wrap-Up

Talent Show

5:00 pm

Dinner

Free Time

Sunday

8:00 am

Breakfast

9:00 am

Worship

Christian Life Committee

- Rev. Michael Dagel, Counselor





Gifts of the Heart

JOY – “JESUS OVERFLOWING IN YOU”

“May the God of hope fill you with all the Joy and Peace as you trust in Him. So that you may overflow with the hope by the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13.

Reflecting on the convention, with the JOY of Jesus overflowing in each of us, we rejoice that we are here at this time, to let the love of Jesus overflow to all around us. We do this in every aspect of our lives. The Holy Spirit empowers us to fearlessly do as our Lord has told us in Colossians 3:12, “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility and patience.”

Help us Lord as your chosen people to clothe ourselves with these qualities. We thank and praise God for letting us be the eyes, hands and feet to do Your work. Through our response to their physical needs, may many learn of Christ’s love for them, which is their greatest need. Our God is an amazing God. Thank you for this opportunity to serve You. Amen.

WAKE US, O LORD, TO HUMAN NEED (Sung to TLH # 261)

Wake us, O Lord, to human need
To go wherever You would lead.
Awake our senses so that we
More sensitive to needs may be

Unstop our ears so that we hear,
The cries of those who live in fear.
The whispered moans of people bound.
Help us respond to anguished sound.

Unblind our eyes so we may see,
The masks that cover misery,
The hidden tear, the worried frown,
The loneliness of those let down.

Free our hands for the healing touch
To reach to those who’ve suffered much:
The challenged child, delinquent, poor,
Your love, in us the cure.

Your Word and Sacrament convey
What’s needed most by all today:
Faith in your Son, who died that we
May live with Him eternally.

Through Word and Sacrament, O Lord,
In which to us Your love’s outpoured,
Equip us all so we may be,
Fully prepared for ministry.

Since You’ve redeemed us from despair,
You’ve freed us so that we can share,
Our neighbors’ problems now we’ll bear,
Because You love, we love and care.



Gifts of the Heart

At the convention we collected:

- 5 1/2 lbs - Stamps for Missions
- 282 Phone Cards for Seminary Students & Military cards of various amounts
- 274 School Kits for the Lutheran Church of Haiti
- 96 Student Sewing Kits for Haiti

Thank you to everyone who has reached out in so many different ways. We will be continuing our current projects to care for those in need.



Have you read the *Quarterly*? There is an article in the Summer 2006 issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* (pages 9-11), "...Because I Know the Author," written by Phyllis Jastram, past president of our Minnesota North District LWML (1996-2000). She writes about caring for her husband over the course of his debilitating illness.



Human Care Committee

- Rev John Grein
- Carolyn Sundbom
- Arlene Krueger



NEW *** NEW *** NEW

A new heart has a new motive, a new agenda and a new purpose.

“I will give them an undivided heart and put a NEW spirit in them.” Ezekiel 11:19

New car, new job, new outfit, new golf clubs - just the word “NEW” perks our interests and awareness. That’s what the Minnesota North LWML has before us - NEW MISSION GRANTS for the 2006- 2008 biennium. This means new avenues for us to see the Lord’s hand at work in many different agendas and many different lands.

So let’s face these new challenges with NEW enthusiasm and NEW dedication to our mite giving. Each day the Lord blesses us abundantly with NEW mercies and NEW grace - may we respond with a NEW zeal for His work.



Our Convention Offerings

Mite Offerings:

1st Offering	4919.56
Joyful Jaunt Pledges	2538.45
Massage for Mites	215.56
Total for Mites	7673.57

Other Offerings:

2nd Offering.....	3545.25
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(Our Divine Savior’s Love for the
Bedouin School/Orphanage, Saad
Neyel, Lebanon

3rd Offering	3297.49
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(Minnesota North District Assigned Con-
gregations for Disaster Relief)

Throughout the next biennium, one of the mission grants will be featured in each issue of the *Northern Light*. Hicham Chehab is a journalist and has written articles about his experiences. One of these articles, “With God all things are possible” is featured on pages 8-10.

Committee Members

- Rev. Tom Brinkley
- Helen Beck
- Ardyth Pykkonen



MISSION PROJECTS FOR THE 2006-2008 BIENNIUM as of July 11, 2006

MISSION PROJECTS	GOAL	PREVIOUSLY PAID or ALLOCATED	PAID OR ALLOCATED THIS QUARTER	BALANCE
Summer Staff Training – Lutheran Island Camp	\$10,000			\$10,000.00
Scholarships for Full-Time Church Worker Students	\$50,000		\$6,875	\$48,125.00
Scholarships for Seminary Students	\$11,000			\$11,000.00
Orphan Grain Train Transportation	\$7,000			\$7,000.00
Outreach to the Muslim	\$6,000		\$2,000	\$4,000.00
Trinity/Hope – Feeding children in Haiti	\$4,750			\$4,750.00
Generator for Cap-Haitians, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Haiti	\$10,000		\$2,500	\$7,500
Audiocassette Materials for blind and visually impaired people	\$5,000		\$2,000	\$3,000
VBS for Native American Children White Earth Res. -Nebraska Youth	\$3,000			\$3,000
Transportation of VBS Teams in Ontario	\$5,000			\$5,000
Shepherd of the Lake Mission Outreach, Two Harbors, MN	\$10,000		\$1,782.98	\$8,217.02
Partners in Mission—Outreach to Hmong children in Minneapolis & St. Paul	\$3,250			\$3,250
TOTALS	\$130,000		\$15,157.98	\$114,842.02

NOTE: \$2098.11 has been paid to finish the 2004-2006 mission grant for scholarships for seminary students.

Mite calendars are included in this newsletter on pages 12-14. Some societies find them useful in encouraging the LWML members to remember the mite projects in prayer as well as giving God praise for the many blessings He has showered upon us.



MISSION GRANT - OUTREACH TO THE MUSLIM - \$6,000

"From a Muslim Extremist to a Follower of Jesus" is the story of Hicham Chehab. Hicham was trained to kill Christians in Beirut, Lebanon at the age of 12. By the time Hicham was in college his only brother and sibling, by this time a Muslim militia captain, was killed by a Christian militia while trying to negotiate a truce. This drove Hicham and his comrades to vow to kill all their enemies.

While a student at the American University, he had to take a course in cultural studies, which required reading selections from the Bible. Hicham knew the Qur'an by heart, but the Bible was a new thing to him. He wanted to find a way to bring peace between Muslim and Christian. After reading the Bible and visiting Christian churches, Hicham was

baptized into the Christian faith. Sharing the gospel with others in Lebanon is very difficult. In December 2004, POBLO brought Hicham and his son to the United States and in September 2005 his wife and other 3 children followed. There is a death threat hanging over his head if he returns to Lebanon.

Hicham now lives in Detroit, Michigan where he is serving a small congregation and also attending seminary at Fort Wayne, IN. Hicham is a very gifted individual equipping himself for his service to the Lord. This project will assist him with expenses and give Hicham more time to study God's Word and eventually provide a means for Hicham to continue to witness Christ to many Muslims.

With God all things are possible

by Hicham Chehab



Early on a Saturday morning, Sister Cynthia Khan, Outreach Minister at Faith Lutheran Church in Troy, Michigan, called me and said

that a former Muslim, Kuddur Kamal, a Lebanese American, was scheduled to speak at the First Arabic Church (FAC) in Dearborn Heights on Sunday afternoon. "When I heard his testimony, he reminded me of you," she said. "He was a terrorist, and became a follower

of Jesus," she added.

That Sunday, after attending church in Plymouth, I arrived late at the FAC, and sat on the last pew.

A muscular man wearing an Arabic cloak, Kufieh (a Palestinian head gear like that Yasser Arafat used to wear), and an Islamic white cap, arrived with Sister Shahira, a Syrian missionary who works with POBLO in Troy.

I thought then that this guy, coming into the church, wearing a Muslim garb, must be just a performer, trying to put a show for Christian Americans.

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I could only see his back then, not his full face.

After Reverend Wagih Gerges (pastor of the FAC) introduced him, Kuddur took the stage, and stood at the pulpit, I thought that his eyes and powerful chin were familiar. “Do I know this man from Lebanon?” I wondered. But he spoke with a perfect American accent, with nothing to show his Arabic origin. Also, he was fair... maybe fairer than some Lebanese. He said that he used to greet people with Assalamu Alaykum, the greeting of Islam that means Allah’s peace be with you, but now he greets people by saying: “Jesus’ peace be with you.”

Then the speaker pronounced the Arabic version of his name, Khodor, and said that he was the cousin of Lebanon’s Mufti (the highest Muslim cleric)!!!! Then, I immediately recognized him.

Like a flash back, it dawned on me. I recalled his whole family, his relatives who went with my late brother and I to Muslim militias’ training camps, and how I last saw him in Beirut, Lebanon, 30 years ago, in a back street, outside the American University Hospital, where I was treated for my broken legs.

Khodor told the congregation how he, in his childhood, dreamt of killing Christians and Jews for the sake

of Allah. When he became a teenager, he added, his dream came true when he received the training he needed, and fought in the Lebanese Civil War, killing Christians (in Lebanon). Then, in the late 1970s, he traveled to Afghanistan in order to fight the “infidel” Russians. He said that he came to the United States of America to make use of the freedom here and transform the US into a Muslim nation: “a dream bigger than 9/11,” he asserted. Khodor said that he did door-to-door “evangelism,” and was able to convert 500 Americans to Islam in a short period of time.

In 1985, Khodor had a terrible car accident. An eighteen-wheeler truck swept his convertible, and he landed on his head in the mud next to the highway. He opened his eyes aware that his neck was busted, and his left side was numb. A man stood above him; took off his shirt, and wiped the mud from Khodor’s face. “Do not worry,” the man said, “I will stay with you until this is over,” the stranger added.

Khodor woke up in a hospital room to see that man, with two other people helping him, one of them a doctor there, and they were calling each other with affection, by Christian names. “Is my destiny to fall into the hands of filthy and sissy Christians?” Khodor wondered in disgust!! However, for more than a month, they overwhelmed him



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with their kindness and love, and paid his hospital bills upon his discharge. Khodor went back to his apartment with excruciating pain in his neck and a numb left side; he could not move much. "Am I going to be partially paralyzed for the rest of my life?" Khodor groaned. He knelt down for hours and cried to Allah in his agony, and asked Him to reveal to him why that calamity befell him, and asked Allah to heal him. "O Allah!! I served you all my life... please answer my prayers." Khodor added. But he had no answer. "Not a stinking word," Khodor commented.

Khodor then went to his closet in order to get his gun, a magnum revolver with hollow point bullets, full of venom. "A shot in the head, I thought, would kill me instantly," Khodor contemplated. Then a still voice came to him: "Muslim, Jews and Christians pray to the God of father Abraham. Why don't you give Him a try?" Khodor said.

He knelt down, reached up with his arms open to heavens, and cried: "God of father Abraham, if you are real speak to me." Khodor started to hear a voice talking to his heart: "Do not be troubled."

"Who are you?" asked Khodor.

"I am that I am," came the reply. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending, and everything in between is mine," the Lord said, "I have called you by name before the foundation of this earth. Before I formed you in your mother's womb, I have known you." Then the Lord said: "Rise up. You are my warrior, not theirs."

"Healing took place instantly. I did not ask for it, and knew that I am standing in front of the God of heavens and earth," Khodor said.

"I am ready to die for you, Lord" Khodor deplored.

"It is not necessary...I died for you," came the reply.

Khodor was filled with Holy Spirit, and ran out in the streets witnessing to people, without knowing one verse from the Bible, and shouted scaring them off: "I am a Christian...I am a Christian." At a later time, Khodor visited Lebanon.

Through his prayers, God healed his sister who suffered from a neck problem and abdominal hernia. "God wrought out many miracles in my life through faith in Jesus Christ," Khodor ended up his testimony.

I (Hicham) edged to the front pew, and



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as soon as Pastor Wagih wanted to wrap up the sermon, I walked up to the altar, and introduced myself to Khodor...He recognized me.

Khodor collapsed and wept. I held him, hugged him, and told the congregation who I was. Khodor and I were Muslim militia comrades trained to kill Christians, but we meet, after thirty years, as servants of the Lord. The Holy Spirit is moving mightily, even in the Muslim world. People broke into tears and applauded us. Khodor added in tears that he had spoken in another church in the morn-

ing, and that a guy openly doubted his testimony, wondering if such a transformation from fanatic Islam to faith in Jesus Christ were possible. "After witnessing 16 times in 6 days, in Michigan, I was so tired and discouraged, and thought of canceling this sermon at the FAC," Khodor said. "But God sent Hicham whom I have not seen for thirty years to verify my story," Khodor added. Yes...God is always in the business of miracles.

With God all things are possible.



Leader Development – Mildred Helmrichs, Chariman

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It is with very mixed emotions that I write my last article for Leader Development for the Minnesota Northern Light. God put many challenges before me in the past four years and I would like to share some of my thoughts on the path He has led me down. I was elected Lakeland II Regional Vice President in 2002 at the St. Cloud Convention.

At the first board meeting in July, Lucille (Phillips) Lidbeck asked me to chair the Leader Development Committee. I really didn't know which direction this committee should go, but after much prayer God led me to ask Eunice Deitemeyer, Betty Reinke and Kitty Rosin to be on the committee and Rev. Rob Jarvis to be our counselor. When Eunice moved to North Dakota, Lois Sather took her place. The Lord used this committee to accomplish tasks that I never dreamed possible. After doing surveys and looking at several workshops put out by the LWML, the board gave us the "okay" to do the ZOOM workshop right before the Willmar Convention in 2004. With the help of our National President, Linda Reiser, and members of our MN North District Board, we had a very successful workshop.

I was privileged to go to St. Louis and take the Leadership for Tomorrow training in November of 2004. It was very uplifting and challenging. Along with Laurain Jurchen and

Kathy Pinsonneault we planned three workshops throughout the MN North District in the spring of 2005. Cheryl Petersen and JoNette Brogaard, who helped with the training in St. Louis also, stepped in to help us do some of the presentations. The LD Committee was right there to help plan and also help with registrations the day of the workshops.

The workshops have been so well received in our district that Laurain asked Cheryl Petersen and her Christian Life Committee to join the Leader Development Committee in planning a workshop before the Grand Forks Convention. It was quite a challenge, but exciting for all of us, to plan the JOYshops. Thanks to all of you 200+ that attended these sessions. We also want to thank all those who filled out the evaluations, so those that plan the next workshops will know what you are looking for.

By recalling what the Leader Development Committee and I have done in the past four years, I hope you see what a hand God has had in leading us. Personally, I would never have stepped out and taken the



leadership rolls I have been asked to do. But in doing them, God has used me and led me to serve Him in so many ways. My faith has grown by leaps and bounds. He has put such loving Christian women and men in my path to encourage me and help me by being such great examples of Jesus' love. I want to encourage all of you who read this to take a leap of faith by doing a little extra in the LWML. You will be blessed in more ways than you can ever imagine.

Fran Wittnebel



~ Memorials ~

Parkers Prairie Immanuel in memory of ~ Ella Duncan

Marion Maatz in memory of ~ James Richard

Judith Uran in memory of ~ Lloyd Lidbeck

JoNette Brogaard in memory of ~ Lloyd Lidbeck

Alexandria Zion Evening Guild in memory of ~ Vivian Bruening

Barbara Ross in memory of ~ Lloyd Lidbeck

Marion Maatz in memory of ~ Vernon Botker

(Memorials may be sent to the Financial Secretary, Donna Schleif)

Leader Development Committee

- Rev. Rob Jarvis, Counselor



You Are PR!

Each one of you is a walking Public Relations person. When you speak about LWML, use LWML program materials and Bible studies, wear LWML logo clothing, etc, - you are PR- for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League!

Always:

Share your feelings:

- about how your faith has grown through LWML participation
- about the many great opportunities for involvement and leadership
- about the positive feelings you receive from helping others in many service areas
- about the mission grants that we support through our Mites
- about our inspirational conventions, rallies, retreats, etc.

Show your pride in membership:

- by wearing the clothing items offered in the LWML catalog
- by carrying the convention bags
- by using the LWML specific Bibles, devotional materials, etc.
- by having an LWML license-plate cover on your car or carrying an LWML umbrella
- by involving your congregation on LWML Sunday

Invite others:

- to attend LWML Bible studies
- to become a member of your LWML society
- to take part in your LWML Prayer Service
- to form a new Teen LWML group
- to serve others with you

We should be proud of our great organization. Be sure that everyone in your congregation knows about the LWML and what it means in your life. Give other women the same opportunities that you have through the LWML. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless the LWML and its mission.

You are PR for the LWML!

Norma Miller



Our New LWML Board Members

2006 LWML Sunday

"Let there be Light" (John 8:12) is the theme for this year's Celebration Sunday for the LWML. Although this Sunday is traditionally observed on the first Sunday in October, plan to use it on another Sunday if it fits better in your congregation's calendar.



From left: Rev. Henry Koopman, Pastoral Counselor from Park Region,; Janet Hasbargen, Recording Secretary; Kathleen Brehmer, Regional VP from Arrowhead II; Mildred Helmrichs, Regional VP from Park II; Joan Johnson, Executive Vice President; Donna Schleif, Financial Secretary; Anne Hansen, Regional VP from Lakeland II.



LWML RETREATS



Encourage your members to attend the Christian Life Retreat, "Surviving with Joy!". The deadline is almost here, so do it today!

BE IN THE WORD

BE A WITNESS

BE IN MISSION

Encourage (and send) young women to attend the Young Women's retreat in October at Lutheran Island Camp. Details are on page 18-19.

Public Relations Committee

- Rev. Henry Koopman, Counselor



2006-2007 Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to our 24 scholarship recipients. God has blessed our Minnesota North District with talented young men and women who seek to use their gifts in service to the Lord. May God bless them as they carry out the Great Commission!



CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, ST. PAUL, MN

- Jodie Beck, Fergus Falls
- Amanda Bundy, Cohasset
- Abby Dawkins, Fergus Falls
- Stephanie Hagen, Sturgeon Lake
- Mandy Kuhnau, Alexandria
- Jonathan Lobmeyer, Sartell
- Jennifer Rohr, New York Mills
- Michael Rokenbrodt, Wadena
- Nicholas Sterling, Cambridge
- Daniel Shield, Two Harbors
- Alicia Ulring, Staples

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, MEQUON, WI

- Allison Chandler, Bemidji
- Sara Dagel, Foley
- Elena Wolters, Vergas
- Luke Wolters, Vergas

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, SEWARD, NE

- Julia Mueller, Swanville
- Lindsey Schmitz, Moorhead
- Christina Warnier, Browns Valley



CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS, MI

- Aaron Bell, Esko
- Joshua Jones, Paynesville
- Guy Roberts, Pelican Rapids
- Steven Weispfennig, Villard

CONCORDIA SEMINARY, FORT WAYNE, IA

- Joel Koepp, Marshall
- Joshua Scheer, Wood Lake

From the graduates...



Brady Finnern
Ordination– 7/9/ 2006

As we end our seminary career, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your prayers and financial support these past four year. We have gone through many changes during this time and it has been a comfort for us to know that you have been there to help. We have been humbled by your gracious gifts and pray that we can help others in the same way that you have served us. As we go to North Prairie [St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, North Prairie, Wisconsin], we will keep your ministry in our prayers and may God strengthen and preserve you in His grace through His Son, Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Brady, Amy, and KaySa Finnern



“Test me in this,’ says the Lord Almighty, ‘and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.’” Malachi 3:10



*Kalika with her parents,
Rev. & Mrs. Mark Peske*

I count my experience at Concordia-Seward one of the richest blessings in my life. Thank you for making that experience a possibility with the financial aid you have given me over the last four years! I have accepted a call to teach fifth grade at Zion Lutheran School in Denison, Iowa.

Kalika Peske

Resources:

25 Scholarships are awarded each year, so plan your career choice today.

- Director of Christian Education
- Director of Christian Outreach
- Director of Christian Music
- Church School Teacher
- Church Youth Director
- Pastoral Ministry

The Application Form and Guidelines can be downloaded from the Scholarship's Page on our MN North District LWML Website (www.lwmlmnn.org).

Scholarship Committee

- Rev. Michael Dagel, Counselor



Young Women – Kathleen Brehmer, Chariman

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MN North LWML Young Women's Retreat

Lutheran Island Camp, Henning MN



The **THEME** for this years LWML Young Women's retreat will be Three-fold...

Be in the **WORD**

Be a **WITNESS**

Be in **MISSION**

Each Bible study will focus on being in God's Word, in Wtness, and in Mission.

There will also be two **Servant Events** for the registrants to choose from...



HOODIES with the **Friends Into Serving Him** Logo, will be available for an additional cost of \$25.00. This apparel must be ordered at the time of

your registration and the order must be placed two weeks prior to this event for you to receive your hoodie...



Every registrant will also receive a free gift from the Christ Serve – Thrivent Grant.

WHAT TO BRING: Bible; clothes for sun or rain (for out-door servant event), flashlight, toiletries, towel & washcloth, sleeping bag or bedding, pillow, snack for Friday night, enthusiasm!

RETREAT TIME SCHEDULE



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 5:30-6:30** Check in
- 6:30-6:45** Mixer – St. Cloud LSF Students
- 6:45-8:00** Bible Study
- 8:00-8:45** Ice Cream Social - Concordia St Paul Alumni
- 9:00-9:45** Campfire and Songs - Bill and LIC
- 10:30** Lights Out

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 8:00-8:30** Breakfast
- 8:30-8:45** Singing - Bill and LIC
- 8:45-9:45** Bible Study - Pastor Dagel
- 9:45-10:00** Break
- 10:00-10:15** Skit - Marilyn and Kathleen
- 10:15-10:45** Christ Serve Update - Bill Schultz
- 10:45-11:45** Bible Study with Break-out sessions - Pastor Dagel
- 12:00-12:30** Lunch
- 12:30- 3:15** Servant Event
- 3:15-3:30** Devotions (**Pastor Dagel**)

Wrap up survey - Kathleen



TEEN LWML

GET TEENS INVOLVED !

Teens in Fellowship can...

- Go on a scavenger hunt during an event. Give prizes to the winners.
- Have a cookie decorating party (premade cookies, icing, decorations). Give cookies to shut-ins, pastors and teachers, nursing home residents, pre-schools.
- Have a "craft hour" and make special gifts for friends and family.



A Teen LWML group is a group of teens:

- comitted to study God's Word
- committed to be in mission
- committed to serving God

A Teen LWML member can be:

Anyone who has a desire to grow in her fiath and serve God through mission opportunities.

Young Women's Retreat Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

Cost of Retreat: \$45.00 Early Registration: \$35.00*

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

HOODIES (\$25.00 extra) Please Circle Size: SM M L 1XL 2XL 3XL

Please fill out registration completely along with registration fee of \$45.00 by **September 15, 2006** and send to:

Kathleen Brehmer
905 4th Ave. North
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
320-255-8987

- or -
Marilyn Hiltel
6850 Golden Spike Rd NE
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320-367-2219

*The first eleven young women that register early will receive \$10.00 off of the retreat cost, thanks to a generous donation made by a young woman who has attended the retreat in the past.



Tribute to the Troops...

After the Monday evening program at the convention where we honored military personnel, perhaps you have wondered how some of the pastors and congregations in our district remember the people who are serving their country.

Two pastors in the Minnesota North District have made a commitment to pray for and recognize our military personnel and chaplains.

Pastor Blake Rickbiel from St. Paul's in Bertha and Trinity in Hewitt leads the praying of the litany daily at 8:30 a.m. In addition to praying for all of the troops serving in the armed forces, they also pray for each of our LCMS chaplains by name. Pastor Rob Jarvis from Zion Lutheran Church in Morris prays the litany every Wednesday at 7 a.m. using Psalm 91, known as the soldier's psalm. In addition to praying for those currently serving, Pastor Jarvis and his congregation have special prayers of integration for those returning to their families.

May each of us remember to keep the troops and their families in our prayers.

Mark your calendar now!

Plan to attend the LWML convention June 21-24, 2007 in Sioux Falls, SD.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

32nd Biennial Convention

June 21-24, 2007

Sioux Falls, South Dakota



*"In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
Turn you ear to me; come quickly to rescue;
be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to
save me. Since you are my rock and my
fortress, for the sake of your name lead
and guide me." Psalm 31: 1-3*

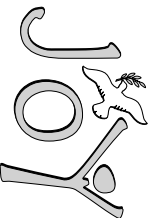




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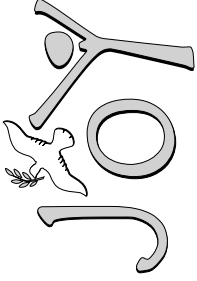
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		¹ Pray for the students a tour seminars MN North Project	² Go for a walk today 25 ¢	³ Pray for outreach to the Muslim MN North Project	⁴ 5 ¢ for every email you sent or received	⁵ Pray for the VBSS being held on the reservations in northern Canada MN North Project
⁶ Give your offerings at church today	⁷ Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	⁸ 10 ¢ if you serve on an LWML committee or as an officer; 25 ¢ if you do not	⁹ Pray for students preparing to be full-time church workers MN North Project	¹⁰ 10 ¢ for each of your children	Retreat ¹¹ Pray for the LWML Christian Life Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp	Retreat ¹² Pray for the LWML Christian Life Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp
Retreat ¹³	¹⁴ Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	¹⁵ Pray for Shepherd of the Lake mission outreach, Two Harbors, MN MN North Project	¹⁶ 50 ¢ if someone in your family got married this summer	¹⁷ Pray for the counselors at Lutheran Island Camp MN North Project	¹⁸ 25 ¢ if you went out to eat today	¹⁹ Pray for the VBS on the White Earth Reservation MN North Project
Pray for the LWML Christian Life Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp						
²⁰ Have a Picnic Today	²¹ Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	²² Send an encouraging note to someone	²³ Pray for the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti MN North Project	²⁴ Plant some seeds for God today 20 ¢	²⁵ Pray for the ministry of the Orphan Grain Train MN North Project	²⁶ Pray for our missionaries 25 ¢
²⁷ Pray for our Educators	²⁸ Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	²⁹ Pray for ministry to the blind and visually-impaired people MN North Project	³⁰ Pray for the hungry children in Haiti MN North Project	³¹ Pray for outreach to the Hmong people in the Twin Cities MN North Project		

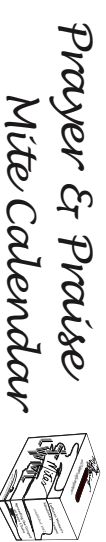


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Pray for our country, our president, and those in authority	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon Thank Christ you can work for Him	Pray for the students a tour seminars MN North Project	Pray for three LWML sisters by name 20 ¢	Pray for church worker students MN North Project	Share a smile with someone today 20 ¢	Tell your family that you pray for them 15 ¢
Look for someone who needs your encouragement today.	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	Pray for outreach to the Muslims in our country MN North Project	Pray for all those who serve in the military 25 ¢	Pray for outreach at Shepherd of the Lake, Two Harbors, MN MN North Project	Be a mustard seed. Grow in faith 10 ¢	Pray for outreach among the native Americans in Ontario MN North Project
Encourage a teacher at church today	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	Pray for the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti MN North Project	Pray for ministry to the blind and visually - impaired people MN North Project	Jesus gave His life for you. You are that special to Him!	Pray today for the harvest 15 ¢	Pray for the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti MN North Project
Pray for your pastor and other church staff people	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	Pray for the outreach on the White Earth Reservation MN North Project	Jesus loves us — this we know! 25 ¢	Pray for the ministry of the Orphan Grain Train MN North Project	Pray for outreach to the Hmong people in the Twin Cities MN North Project	Give 5 ¢ for every Bible you own
						Rain or shine — this is the day the Lord has made 20 ¢

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Pray for the national LWML and its projects	2 Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	3 Pray for seminary students MN North Project	4 Praise God for the beauty of the fall season MN North Project	5 Pray for outreach among the native Americans in Ontario MN North Project	6 YW Retreat	7 Pray for the Young Women's Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp
8 Thank God for the Word that you heard proclaimed today	9 Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	10 Pray for the LWML Board of Directors meeting in Brainerd	11 Pray for outreach to the Muslims in our country MN North Project	12 Pray for church worker students MN North Project	13 Pray for the zone rallies that will be held this month	14 Pray for Lutheran Island Camp MN North Project
15 25 ¢ for each hymn you sang today	16 Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	17 Pray for outreach at Shepherd of the Lake, Two Harbors, MN MN North Project	18 Pray for the ministry of the Orphan Grain Train MN North Project	19 Thank you, Lord, for my health. Pray for all those who are suffering	20 Pray for the hungry children in Haiti MN North Project	21 Pray for Hmong outreach in Minneapolis & St. Paul MN North Project
22 Pray for the volunteers of your church	23 Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	24 Pray for the outreach on the White Earth Reservation MN North Project	25 Pray for missionaries serving in Asia	26 Pray for the first Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti MN North Project	27 50 ¢ for each auto you own	28 Pray for the blind and visually impaired people MN North Project
29 Pray for doctors and nurses who work while we worship	30 Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	31 Reformation Day Freewill Offering	<p align="center">"Serve the Lord with Gladness!" Psalm 100:2</p> 			

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