

## Welcome!

Welcome to the 27<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Minnesota North!

May God bless your time at convention, as you gather information, engage in Bible study, vote or observe the business portion of our gathering, worship, sing, have fellowship with fellow believers, and more!

This is the only newsletter you'll receive while at convention. Voting results and highlights of the convention will be shared in the Summer Edition of the *Minnesota Northern Light*.



My prayer for you...

*Heavenly Father, you have called us your children. Help us to live as heirs of your heavenly kingdom and share this Good News with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

JoNette Brogaard

LWML MN North District President

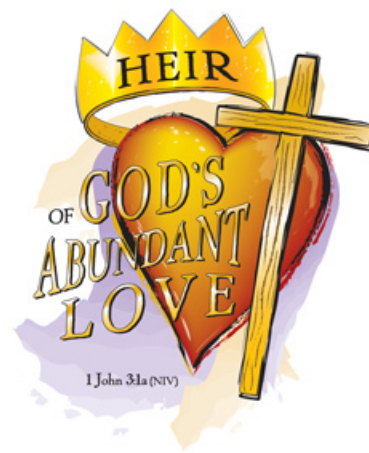
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## Sunday Evening Reception

ALL are invited to join us for a Meet and Greet Reception at Gallery 1-4 immediately following our Monday evening worship. It's a chance to meet and visit with candidates who are running for LWML MN North BOD offices plus enjoy fellowship with others. Great time to meet new people and renew old friendships!

We thank Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) for sponsoring this time of fellowship and refreshments. Also note: LCEF furnished our wonderful convention bags! Please thank George Miller for LCEF's generosity!



## 2016 LWML MN North District

**27<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention**  
June 20 - 22, 2016

Willmar Conference Center,  
Willmar, MN  
Hosted by Lakeland II

## Theme: "Heir of God's Abundant Love" 1

John 3:1a (NIV)

*"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God! And that is what we are!"*

1 John 3:1a (NIV)



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

## ABBREVIATED CONVENTION AGENDA

(See complete agenda in the convention manual.)

### Monday, June 20

- 11-3:15 p.m. Servant Events - Gallery 2
- 1:00 p.m. Breakout Session I
- 2:15 p.m. Breakout Session II
- 5:30 p.m. Plated Dinner (Meal Plan)
- 7:00 p.m. Opening Worship Service with Communion; Convention Offering #1
- 8:30 p.m. Reception (Meet & Greet) All are Welcome (approx. time)

### Tuesday, June 21

- 8:00 a.m. Convention Session Begins
- 8:30 a.m. Bible Study—Rev. Don Stauty
- 9:30 a.m. Convention Business/Voting: Resolutions, Mission Grants, Bylaw changes, Convention Offering #2
- 10:40 a.m. Keynote Speaker: Missionary Gary Thies
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Served (Meal Plan)
- 1:15 p.m. LWML Rep, District Office, LLL (LHM), YWRs, Mites in Action Speakers, Balloting for Officers
- 4:15 p.m. Ingathering Report/Dedication Service; Mites in Action
- 6:00 p.m. Plated Dinner (Meal Plan)
- 7:30 p.m. Chord-Ayres Concert

### Wednesday, June 22

- 6-7 a.m. Kandi-land Krusade Mite Walk
- 8:00 a.m. Opening Devotions by Young Women; Convention Offering #3; Mites in Action Speakers; President's Report
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study #2 with Rev. Don Stauty
- 10:30 a.m. Invitations, Introduction of Nuclei Committee and Workers; Closing Worship and Installation of New Officers.



## Kandi-land Krusade Mite Walk

**Wed. morning, June 22, 6-7 a.m.**

Mite Walk pledge forms and donations will be collected when you register at Convention. Pick up your T-shirt and medical release form from the Mite Walk Registration Table.

Join the 60+ walkers, wearing Mite Walk T-shirts who will enjoy the early morning air on Wednesday morning from 6 to 7 a.m. to stretch their legs before the day's events.

Walkers will meet at the south entrance at 6 a.m. to drop off their medical release forms, pick up water bottles and snack bars and begin the walk on the Valley Golf Course, just off the south parking lot of the Conference Center. The walk ends at 7 a.m.

There is still time to join us if you'd like. You can purchase a shirt for \$10. Pick up a medical release form and pledge donation form from a team member wearing an orange scarf.

## Exhibits for the 27th Biennial Convention

The Exhibits for the 2016 LWML District Convention will be located in the hallways of the Willmar Conference Center. Please make time to visit each booth.

### The Exhibit hours are as follows:

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| Mon, June 20 | 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Exhibitors Open                    |
| Tue, June 21 | 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. - Exhibitors Open                           |
|              | 12:00 - 1:15 p.m. - Exhibitors Open                          |
|              | Exhibitors are open from end of Tue. session until 7:30 p.m. |
|              | Exhibitors tear down begins at 7:30 p.m.                     |



## Zone Banners

To Zones: Thank you for bringing

your beautiful banners to convention! We'll be inspired as your Zone President or Zone Representative carries them in our Processional at Monday's Worship Service.

If you have your zone banner "in hand", you will be directed to the area where they will be collected and hung. Zone Presidents: Please report to this area again at 6:30 p.m. on Monday evening to pick up your banner and find out where to line up for the Processional.

Don't forget to take your banner with you when you head home on Wednesday. Thank you for sharing with us—and please share with the societies in your zone!

## Nuclei Welcome Message

We are so excited to welcome you to Willmar, MN for the 27th Biennial Convention of the MN North District LWML! We are eager for you to take part and participate in all aspects of the convention hosted by the women of Lakeland II.

Whether you are a first-time attendee or a frequent flier to conventions, we hope and pray that you will find moments of celebration, reflection, and inspiration, as you participate in worship services, listen to speakers, sing with the music, make tracks in the mite walk, learn from Bible studies and Breakout Sessions, view exhibits, and take part in other convention activities. As Sisters united in faith through our Mission, Vision, and Values, it is a time to make new friends and renew previous friendships.

Be sure to read your manual and convention newsletter for important information and listen for verbal announcements for updates. Please seek out Nuclei team members for answers to any questions that may come up! They can be identified by different colored scarves. We are

here to help you!

**Special thanks to:** Our District Board and District Pastoral Counselors; Society and Zone Pastors and Pastoral Counselors; District President, JoNette Brogaard; District Financial Secretary, Corles Rainer; Webmaster, James Wagner; Redeemer Lutheran Church Women, our speakers; our exhibitors and sponsors; Willmar Area Visitors Bureau; Willmar Conference Center, and all of the wonderful Team leaders and team members of Lakeland II Region. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, all of these special people were moved to combine their time, energy, talents, ideas, resources, prayers, and encouragement, to make this event possible.

During and after convention, please tell of the knowledge you've gained and the assurance you've received and share with everyone that we are all "Heirs of God's Abundant Love!"

Again, on behalf of Lakeland II, welcome!

*Julie Schlecht and Lois Sather, Nuclei Co-Chairmen*



## LWML Store

You'll want to visit the LWML STORE to check out the many new items

for sale. The store is located in the Atrium area near the Registration desk and will be open during normal exhibit times. Among the new items this year are Butterfly Logo items and "Paint the Planet Purple" items. Of course, there are some of the traditional items including Mustard Seeds, Devotionals, Post-It Notes and an assortment of shirts.

**Remember:** All sales are cash or check. Your purchase of LWML products and resources assist the national organization in paying for programs and administrative expenses.

**Note:** A supply of charms and tacks from past District Conventions will be located at the Public Relations Exhibit and available for a donation to Mites.



Visit the LWML website go to:  
[www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)



## Can you find the hidden crown?

Somewhere in the Conference Center a crown has been hidden. When you find the crown bring it to the Financial Secretary/Treasurer Exhibit for a prize!

## Breakout Session Information

Breakout Sessions will be offered on Monday. On the bottom left corner of your nametag you will find a two-letter code for the breakout sessions you will be attending. The first letter represents the first session that starts at 1:00 pm. The second letter represents the second session that starts at 2:15 pm. If one of the two letters is an X means you did not sign up for that session. Session Letter Code and Breakout Room Location Assignment:

CODE	LOCATION	SESSION LEADER
A	Galleries 3-4	Cheryl Mattil
B	Galleries 5-7	Rev. Jeffrey Lee
C	Gallery 1	The First Rosa DVD
X=	No session. You are free to participate in Servant Events or view the exhibit booths.	

## Message Board

We also want you to leave messages on the message board for individuals at convention. Please make sure you write up a note at the registration desk and include contact information. We want everyone to check the message board throughout each day of convention in case someone is trying to contact you.



### Prayer Chapel and Prayer Requests

This year we will not have a central chapel location. However, each day there will be pastors "on call" to visit with you. Prayer requests that you would like Pastor Klatt to share during our sessions can be placed in one of the two prayer boxes in the main convention hall. If you have a need to meet personally with a pastor, check the Message Board for the name/phone number of which pastor to contact.

## Joy is Like the ...?

You, as convention attendee, will have a blue paper "raindrop" in your convention packet. Please bring it to the Christian Life Exhibit. There will be pens for you to write a special blessing which God has given you. Share these blessings as an "Heir of God's Abundant Love."

## Attention Rum River Zone members!

Please meet at the Rum River Zone Banner for a quick photo opportunity after the afternoon sessions are complete on Tuesday, June 21.

## Convention Tote Bags

We are thrilled this year to have our totes furnished by The Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Admit it, we are all "bag ladies" at heart and a new one is a treasure chest for all of our precious finds during convention. Inside each tote among other things, you will find these special items: note pad and pen furnished by the Willmar Visitor's Bureau, bookmark designed by James Wagner commemorating the convention theme, wooden heart cross for use as bookmark or ornament made for us by Mr. Ralph Milbrandt of Bellingham, MN, and a button fridge magnet made by our decorations team. We hope you find use for all of these special items as they bring back fond memories of 2016 district convention!



### First Aid Station

This year we will be having a mobile nurse station and designated nurse on call during convention hours to assist with minor first aid needs. We will have a kit with basic supplies in located at the registration table. The name and nurse on call each day will be posted on the message board.

After the daily convention hours, you will need to seek care at the area hospital or call 911 for assistance. The Hospital phone number will also be available on the message board.

## Choir Rehearsal information

Choir rehearsal will be held at 4:00 pm on Monday, in the main convention hall (Galleries 5-7).

## Lost & Found

There will be room on the message board to post lost and found items. Any items you find can be turned in at the registration table, and they will hold on to these throughout convention. If a purse is found, we will respectfully look through it to see if we can find out who it belongs to. If you misplace an item, please describe the item onto a note at the registration table and then post on the board. We encourage you to put your names on your convention totes right away when you receive them.

## Stacey's Nursery of Willmar

Stacey's generously allowed us to "borrow" some of their beautiful live greenery, shrubs, plants for decoration at convention.

## Kandi-land Mite Walk

Wal-Mart and Cashwise Foods of Willmar both contributed to providing snacks, etc. for our Mite walk so if stopping in either location during convention, please take the time to thank the managers for their support!

## Need more to do or places to visit while staying in Willmar?

Check out the display at the registration area sponsored by the Willmar Visitor's bureau for activities and sites to visit while here at convention!

## Zone/Society Group Photos

We will not be offering scheduled times for group photos. Instead, we encourage societies and zones to plan their own group photos session.



## Transition Meeting

There will be a transition meeting for all current Board members and all newly elected Board members directly after the closing of the convention. Information will be shared regarding responsibilities and helps available for each Board member. More information will be announced during the convention as to time and location.

Thank you to those who have served and we welcome the new officers to this time of sharing!

*Deb Anderson*  
Leader Development Chairman

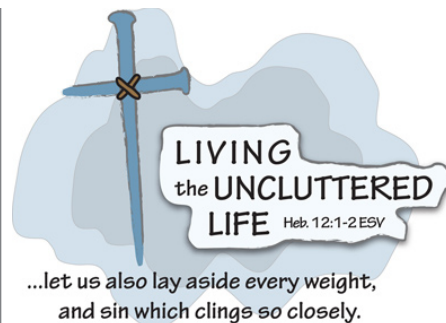
## Chord-Ayres Concert

The Chord-Ayres Concert takes place on Tuesday evening, June 21, at 7:30 p.m. If you know of a non-registered person who would like to attend, pick up a "ticket" for \$10 at the registration area.

## Prayer Requests

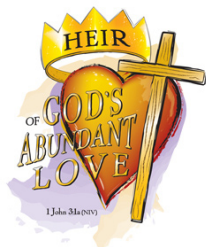
If you have a prayer request, please write it down and place it in one of the two wooden Prayer Request boxes in Gallery 5-7. The boxes will be labelled.

Need a pastor to talk to? Pastor Klatt is our "Pastor on Call" for such matters.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**2016 LWML RETREAT**  
**"Living the Uncluttered Life"**  
**Heb. 12:1-2 ESV**  
**August 12-14, 2016**

The flyers and registration forms are available to download from the district website at, [lwmlmnn.org](http://lwmlmnn.org).



## For Dedication and Service – Thank You !

The 27th Biennial Convention of the Minnesota North District LWML is finally here! The planning for this convention has been going on for many months. The co-chairs, Julie Schlecht and Lois Sather have been "superwomen" this whole time. They have been so well organized and have kept everyone informed of all the things we need know. The Board of Director members each had an assignment and along with LWML members from the Lakeland II Region have been busy also. Our President, JoNette Brogaard has spent a lot of time seeing to all the details of the convention.

The Willmar Area Convention Center and Visitors Bureau has provided a great deal of assistance and the staff of the Best Western Plus have been very helpful and accommodating.

The Mite Walk is being held on the adjacent golf course and we thank them for allowing this. Thank you to the LCEF for providing the totes for this convention. It's always fun to see all the items and information at the various vendors' booths. Thank you to them for coming to the convention.

The Chord-Ayres are providing entertainment for us on Tuesday evening. Thank you for sharing your God-given talent of music.

All of the speakers, presenters, session leaders, and choir members are very much appreciated. And of course all of the LWML members who attend this convention. It is so uplifting to see everyone gathered together praising and thanking God for all His blessings. It's fun to see old friends and meet new. Thank you to all who contributed to the Minnesota North District LWML Convention.

*Elizabeth McTighe, Lakeland II Regional VP*

## "Extra, Extra, Read All About It"

The next issue of the "Heir Herald" will be available after the BOD meeting in July. The convention newsletters are a "special editob" of the district newsletter. Sign up to our eNews announcement list for the *Minnesota Northern Light* newsletter. Go to [lwmlmnn.org](http://lwmlmnn.org), and look for the subscribe button!

## Gifts, Chosen for You

Every Christian has spiritual gifts. What are yours? Learn about the spiritual gift of administration, faith, generosity, mercy, prophecy, service, teaching, and wisdom. 8 sessions. Includes notes for leaders. Available for purchase or as a FREE download.

Visit: [www.lwml.org/bible-studies](http://www.lwml.org/bible-studies)



## "Mites in Action"

Our Leaguers like to hear personal testimonials of people and groups that have received financial support through our mites grants. We will be hearing "Mites in Action" speakers share their experience and gratefulness throughout the convention.

- **Lutheran Mission Association**
- **Scholarship Recipients**
- **Orphan Grain Train**
- **Lutheran Island Camp**
- **Yambio Lutheran School, Sudan**
- **And who is this Miss Mitey Mite Box who's bopping around here?**

## The Decorations Team

Behind the scenes over the last 5 months, our "super stitchers" were hard at work putting together our handmade table runners and table decorations in use at meal times and the little commemorative fridge magnets you found in your totes. The centerpieces/vase combo's will be for

sale on the last day of convention after breakfast. Please watch for the announcement on price and where you go to pick one up. This team is not appearing together during conference and will not be wearing a designated color scarf, but if you want more information on these items, please contact Lois Sather, Nuclei Co-Chairman.

## Nuclei Team Identification

At convention, you will be able to identify various Nuclei teams. For the most part, our team members will be wearing some type of black outfit with various scarf colors or caps as explained below:

Nuclei Co-Chairmen: Heart Print Logo  
 Banner Team: Zebra Print Scarves  
 Break Out Team: Turquoise  
 Exhibits Team: Red Scarves  
 Ingathering Team: LWML Scarves  
 Mite Walk Team: Orange Scarves  
 Music Team: Purple Scarves  
 Photography Team: Wearing Caps  
 Prayer Request Team: Lime Green  
 Registration Team: Multi-Color Scarves  
 Stage Team: Pink Scarves  
 Sales Team: Maroon Scarves  
 Ushers: Bright Yellow Scarves

## Attention Women Between the Ages of 18 and 35

There are special evening events planned for the young women that will be held Monday night after the Reception and on Tuesday night following the Chord-Ayres Concert. Join other young women to learn more about the LWML and meet new women. Watch for signs/listen for announcements so you can find the room designated for Young Women gatherings.

## CONVENTION INGATHERINGS AND SERVANT EVENTS



The **Ingathering** collection area will be near the registration table. The items brought to the LWML

convention this year include greeting cards that will be sorted and distributed (with your help) to various jails and prisons in your area. It will help the incarcerated to keep in touch with their families and loved ones. If you have such a place in your area, please pick up a packet of cards to take with you and leave

them at the facility. This will save considerable time and postage.

The paper products and cleaning products will help an abused woman/mother get set up in housekeeping in her own safe place at the Safe Haven Shelter or in Grace Place, both in the Willmar area.

**The Servant Events** will be held in Gallery 2. Women can sort the greeting cards that are brought in and there will be a representative from the Global Health Ministries to assist in making rolled bandages.

These bandages will be sent overseas where they are in demand.

Also, Sharon Skaro, of the Blue Star Mothers of America, will be there to assist us in making fleece ponchos for veterans. This sounds like a most interesting and exciting project. The ponchos made will be distributed to veterans in the area.

Many thanks to these representatives and their organizations for helping us to be of service to many others through these Servant Events.

## Share Your Convention Experience

Share your pictures and stories with us. If you took an interesting "convention photo", why not share it with us? We are always looking for information to help our district better share and communicate with each other.

If you have society/zone events (and we know you do), why not share them with the other churches and societies in our district? From Mother/Daughter Teas to Aunt Selma's 90th birthday celebration—we'd love to see/read about your activities in the *Minnesota Northern Light* and the *LW Supplement*. Share the joy!



## Young Women

Stop by the exhibit and pick up a YWR Application Form for the 2017 LWML Convention in Albuquerque, NM. Sign up for a chance to win a green LWML tote bag.

## How to Spot a Young Woman

Young Women are identified at this convention by the pretty white headband scarves. Thanks to Ruby Prochnow for creating them. Young Women—if you did not receive a headband in your packet, please contact Karena Lapolice, Recording Secretary/Young Women Committee Chairman.

## Where In The World Do Our Mites Go?



Stop by and visit the places in the world your Mites are spreading the good news of Jesus. The Financial Secretary and Treasurer's Exhibit will show your mites in action for the 2014-2016 biennium. Miscellaneous brochures, forms and financial helps will be available.

## Mustard Seed Devotions

Did you know you can go on the LWML website ([www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)) and sign up to have the Mustard Seeds sent to your email daily? For Free! It's fun to explore the website to see all the things available.

## Leader Development Exhibit

Check out the Leader Development table where some "oldie but goodie" articles will be available. Many of these date back several years but hold wonderful information regarding "your society" and ideas for leadership. "Leader Development, LWML Guidelines",

"Send Me? Send Me!", "ABCs of Effective Leadership" and "Flowering LWML Leaders" just to name a few. New articles, ideas, and bulletins are constantly being made available on the LWML website: [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

Deb Anderson  
Leader Development Chairman



## 2017 LWML Convention

**Date:** June 22-25, 2017

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Theme:** "Jesus Christ Above All"

**Scripture Verse:** Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name (Philippians 2:9).

**President:** Patti Ross

**Convention Goal**

**Statement:** Empowered by the Holy Spirit, through Word and Sacrament, I will proclaim Jesus Christ above all.

**Convention Objectives:** Each convention attendee will be:

- Encouraged through worship and Bible study.
- Equipped to share His message of salvation.
- Engaged in celebrating God's faithfulness while serving the Lord with gladness.



## 2016 UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 20-22 - LWML MN North District 27th Biennial Convention in Willmar, MN**

**July 10 - Lutheran Witness supplement page deadline.**

**July 12 - LWML MN North Board of Directors Meeting, Brainerd, MN.**

**August 10 - Lutheran Witness supplement page deadline.**

**August 12-14 - The 2016 LWML Retreat "Living the Uncluttered Life" at Lutheran Island Camp, Henning, MN.**

**October 11 - LWML MN North Board of Directors Meeting, Brainerd, MN.**

