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27th Biennial Convention Newsletter

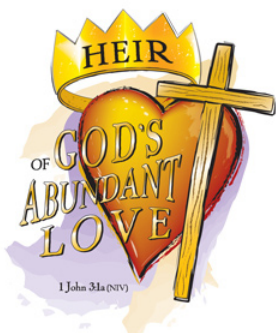


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LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!
PSALM 100:2





2016 LWML MN North District 27th Biennial Convention

June 20 - 22, 2016
Willmar Conference Center,
Willmar, MN
Hosted by Lakeland II

"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!"

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2016-2018 Biennium Mite Goal set at \$137,000

President's Farewell

Thank you for four rewarding years serving as your District President. It was a privilege and honor to serve and work with you as women of the LWML MN North! I am so grateful that 74 years ago, women of the LCMS formed a plan that has worked so well—for women to unite and make a difference in sharing the Good News of Jesus both near and far!

My prayer is that you will continue to serve the Lord with gladness—using the gifts God has given you. We don't all have the same gifts, but we can all do something! Remember these four words from LWML – Engage, Encourage, Equip, Enjoy.

And to God be the glory!



Your sister in Christ,
JoNette Brogaard
LWML District President 2012-2016



LIVING
the UNCLUTTERED
LIFE Heb. 12:1-2 ESV

...let us also lay aside every weight,
and sin which clings so closely.

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

Registration forms are available from the district website at lwmlmnn.org.



2016 UPCOMING EVENTS

July-August - Zone Planning Meetings

August 10 - Lutheran Witness supplement page deadline.

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

September 15 - Article deadline for the *Minnesota Northern Light* newsletter.

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

October - Zone Fall Rallies. Visit the district website lwmlmnn.org for more information.

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

Convention Welcome

Liz McTighe, Regional Vice President Lakeland II, welcomed everyone to the convention. Julie Schlecht and Lois Sather, Nuclei Committee Co-Chairmen, reminded everyone to continue to spread the joy we feel at this convention when we return to our homes.

Laurie Varpness and Beth Fischer portrayed greetings from the Willmar Conference Center. Marv Calvin, Willmar Mayor, welcomed everyone to Willmar and informed us that Willmar Fest starts Wednesday, June 22, 2016.



Elizabeth McTighe, Lakeland II Regional Vice President



2016 Nuclei Co-Chariman.
Julie Schlecht, Lois Sather

Lakeland II—Host Region

The women and men of Lakeland II Region (includes Appleton, Montevideo, and Wheaton Zones) did an awesome job of hosting this convention.

There are lots of details and jobs to be taken care of in hosting such an event—and they did a great job! Thank you, Lakeland II !! Their capable Nuclei Committee Co-Chairmen-Julie Schlecht and Lois Sather are a blessing and very much appreciated!



2016 Convention Nuclei Committee



Outgoing board members. Rev. Don Stauty, Jenny Biorn, Deb Anderson (with Alice), Judy Uran (2012-2015), Carol Westendorf (2015-2016), Tessa Giru.



New board member installation. Kathleen Brandt, Marlys Wollschlager, Lois Sather, Susan Zeige, Ruby Prochnow, Marilyn Hittel; Rev. Don Stauty, Officiating. (Not pictured; Rev. Bruce Timm)



Many thanks to Amie Behlen, who served as our convention photographer. Pictured on the right.



New LWML District President, Marilyn Hittel being pinned by JoNette Brogaard.



New LWML District President Marilyn Hittel closing the convention.



Business as usual... relaxing with a game of Scrabble after a busy day.

Christian Life: Showered with Blessings!

In expanding the convention theme, "Heir of God's Abundant Love," the Christian Life display invited the women to write about a blessing in their lives on a blue 'raindrop' that was in the convention tote. They were to place it on the table. Over the table hung two umbrellas dripping with sparkling droplets and a sign stating, "Showered with God's Blessings." Reading the 'blessing drops' was a blessing to me. I would like to share them all, but can only share a few.

Here are a few words of blessings:

- pastors who taught the difference between law and gospel
- after 29 years son is back in Christ-never give up-pray always
- for family, health
- and most of all—JESUS!



2016-2018 New Mission Grant Goal \$137,000

Our Focus Forwards

by Carol Westendorf

Recently there was a 2-Minute Tuesday devotion, by Betty Dietrich, entitled, "You Can't Be Everywhere - or Can You?" Each day of the week an LWML lady had been somewhere in the world preaching, teaching, distributing Bibles, establishing a church, etc. This person had been "able to go to all these places where God the Holy Spirit was working," because she had been dropping monies in her Mite Box daily.

At our Willmar convention we heard from our "Mites in Action" recipients from the 2014-2016 biennium. They spoke of receiving a scholarship to prepare for ordination, assisting financially to build a church/school in another country, sending much needed supplies to ease the burden of poverty, and helping our young people understand environmental science from a Biblical not a world view. In all situations the message of salvation was shared. They were there sharing their message, because we dropped our coins in that little Mite Box!

Our speakers expressed their heart felt gratitude to the LWML Minnesota North District for making this all possible through LWML financial support and prayers.

Mission Grants in Review



Grant 3: Orphan Grain Train \$9,000 (PAID IN FULL)

The grant funds will help cover the cost of shipping clothing, quilts, layettes, school packs, health kits, food and medical supplies through Orphan Grain Train, that many, may see the good works of God in their time of need. That God may use us to provide those works of service for others.

Mission Grants Committee Report

A total of \$21,000 in mites for LWML MN North grants was raised this past quarter. The Mission Grant Committee recommended and the BOD approved the payment of grant allocations as follows: \$9,000 for Orphan Grain Train (Paid in Full); \$12,000 for Gloria Dei School and Church Building in Cap Haitian, Haiti. The chart below details the current balance remaining for the 2016-2018 biennium.



	MISSION GRANTS FOR THE 2016-2018 BIENNIUM (Balance as of July 12, 2016)	GRANT AMOUNT	BALANCE REMAINING
Grant 1	Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$15,000	\$15,000
Grant 2	Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students	\$50,000	\$50,000
Grant 3	Orphan Grain Train	\$9,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 4	Lutheran Island Camp's Christ Serve Academy	\$10,000	\$10,000
Grant 5	Caring for Our Pastors (Doxology)	\$10,000	\$10,000
Grant 6	C.R.O.S.S. Appeal	\$14,000	\$14,000
Grant 7	Gloria Dei School and Church Building in Cap Haitian, Haiti	\$15,000	\$3,000
Grant 8	Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Chapel Furnishings	\$5,000	\$5,000
Grant 9	Love Works! Lutheran Braille Workers	\$5,000	\$5,000
Grant 10	Bible Translation Field Testing (Partially Funded)	\$4,000	\$4,000
	TOTALS	\$137,000	\$116,000

MITES IN ACTION SPEAKERS



Gene Pasche, Chairman of Orphan Grain Train (MN North Division) shared how our gifts are packaged, shipped and distributed to recipients. Arny Geske, who has been picking up our gifts for many years, is now with our Lord, but the task has been passed to his nephew who will continue in his footsteps of service.



Ken Erlandson, Director of Lutheran Island Camp, Retreat Center, Christ Serve Ranch, gave an overview of the many programs at camp. He explained how these programs have been expanding and invited all to come experience God's world in this beautiful setting.

Lori Salvhus, Christian Life Chairman, invited all to the LWML Retreat on Aug. 12-14.



Rev. Jeffrey Manthe, a recipient of an LWML scholarship, talked about how he became a pastor through the *Specific Ministry Program* offered by The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. This program enables men to stay in their home church while they study to become pastors.



Lori Salvhus, President of Lutheran Mission Association, talked about the impact that five LWML grants adopted at previous district conventions had on and for our partner churches in the North District of Haiti –over the last 10 years. Included in these grants were a generator, medical equipment, medical building, vehicles for pastors, building for school/church.



Miss Mitey Mites, presided over interrupting us and leading the assembly in romping cheers.



Rev. Don Klatt, Lakeland Pastoral Counselor, always had a few words to say — and then some more!



An invitation to the 2018 District Convention that will be held in Park I Region.

A Child and an Heir by Deb Anderson



As I wait in the processional line with my Grandma, being four years old, all the banners are "really big". I view each of them, looking at the beautiful pictures and colors.

I ask my Grandma "which one is Pastor?" as I see lots of them.

Several ladies ask my name, upon which I answer "Alice". They then

tell me that was their Grandma's name, or Aunt's name, or mother's name. I share my name with lots of people.

We are now walking into the worship service. I hear beautiful music, I love music.

Upon my arrival to my chair, right up front, I see the "big" screen lit up with words my Grandma reads to me, "Heir of God's Abundant Love". She whispers to me that I can only listen now, no more talking.

As the choir sings "God's Own Child I Gladly Claim It" I am spellbound. Grandma whispered that it was OK to hum with them.

As I listen to the Pastor, he sounds like my own Pastor at home. He reads the Gospel from the Bible, John 1:1-14: "...But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His Name, He gave the right to become children of God".

Pastor told all the people that they sometimes act just like me, four years old. Sometimes they say and do things just like a child. Then he said they should



have faith just like me, a child, totally trusting in their Heavenly Father.

I am so happy that God chose me to be His. In that comfort and peace I then fell asleep in my Grandma's arms. I heard the choir, in my dreams, singing "Here I am Lord". It helped sweet dreams come my way.

As Grandma received Holy Communion, the pastor also asked a special blessing upon me, one of His chosen children.

I continued to sleep through the rest of the service feeling the peace of the Holy Spirit that we received through the Nunc Dimittas, Thanksgiving, Salutation and Benedicamus.

Our worship service ended with the words of the song I learned in my church:

"I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother. Go, My children, I will keep you, And give you peace."

Good Night! Sweet Dreams and may God continue to Bless You!

Alice

Granddaughter of Deb Anderson, Park I Regional VP
Leader Development Chairman (2014-2016)



Rev. Anthony Cloose, Park Pastoral Counselor, leading the procession.



Rev. Don Stauty, Arrowhead Pastoral Counselor



President JoNette Serving at the Meet & Greet reception.

Human Care INGATHERING REPORT

- 119 Bathroom kits
- 951 rolls toilet paper
- 262 rolls paper towels
- 122 wash cloths
- 40 hand towels
- 31 bath towels
- 59 bottles laundry detergent
- 143 boxes tissues
- 83 bottles dish soap
- 162 cleaning supplies
- 13 shampoo/conditioner
- 31 dish cloths

The bathroom kits were distributed to the Safe Avenue shelter.

The remaining list of items were distributed to: Grace Place, James House, Sheri's Place, and Earl's house (Project Turn About), half-way house, and Lac Qui Parle County Food Shelf.



Ingathering Items



Sorting Cards for a Servant Event



Tables overflowing with greeting cards.

Human Care SERVANT EVENTS REPORT

162 bandages were rolled for Global Health Ministries. There were also 145 sheets that will be rolled into bandages.

68 bath towels, 258 wash cloths and 21 hand towels will be used for Newborn kits for Lutheran Mission Hospitals in Africa.

25 fleece ponchos were made for VA with the help of the Blue Star Mothers; and we thank them for sharing this project with us.

There were close to a 'million' greeting cards brought in to be sent to prisoners, nursing homes, and hospitals. Some were disbursed from the convention center by LWML members and the rest will go out during the summer. Leftovers will eventually go to St. Jude's Hospital and used/reused there. Some sheets came in 'late' that were sent with/or Orphan Grain Train. There was also some money given directly to: Grace Place (\$50.00) and to Safe Avenues Shelter (\$70.00).

A Thank You from Grace Place

To all the ladies of LWML,

Please know how very much their donations mean to us. It was overwhelming and so wonderful that it brings tears to my eyes just remembering loading my van two times!

We are a non-profit organization, so all those daily items having been taken care of is huge for us! Because of your generosity we also shared some of the items donated to the James House in Willmar. The James House is a men's transition home and operates similar to ours.

We try very hard to be good stewards and you have made our burden lighter. Thank you for being God's hands and feet. God Bless you all.

From the staff and residents of Grace Place and Sharon Buchanan, House Manager

A Message from Save Avenues

Save Avenues offered their gratitude for the generous donations of Bathroom Kits. The support from this ingathering allows Safe Avenues to continue to help victims and survivors of abuse to gain confidence and move forward in their lives.

Bible Study with Pastor Don Stauty

by Tessa Giru

Convention Verse: *"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)

Speaking on our theme, Heirs of God's Abundant Love, Pastor Stauty led the Tuesday/Wednesday Bible study reminding us that we who were once slaves under the law have been freed and are adopted by God to be sons and heirs because of Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection. We did not choose to be heirs, but God chose to adopt us.



As heirs we are promised eternal life when we believe God's promise. We are taught in God's word that we do not believe this promise except that the Holy Spirit by the Gospel brings us to faith. It is by the grace of God, not by anything we do, that we come to faith. We are called to leave the world and walk daily with God as a Baptized Child of His.

We should cause the people of the world to look at us and wonder what makes us so hopeful. And, we should witness to all that we are heirs of God who have a promise of eternal life in heaven with Jesus our Lord and Redeemer.

Keynote in Review

by JoNette Brogaard

Gary Thies, missionary from Mission Central, Mapleton, IA, was our keynote speaker. Gary reminded us that we are all missionaries—sharing the Good News of Jesus wherever we go! **We are not normal!**

Through Mission Central, much financial support is gathered for missionaries and their families as they make and complete plans to "go out into the world and serve." The special farm site is also a "retreat center" for missionaries.

Visitors are always welcome at Mission Central; details can be obtained by checking their website at missioncentral.us.

Convention Offering #3 was designated for Mission Central; over \$6,000 was collected. To God be the glory!



Gary W. Thies
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Mapleton, Iowa 51034-7105
missioncentral.us

Convention Offering Totals

by Corles Rainer, Financial Secretary

Convention Offering totals are as follows:

Offering #1 2016-2018 Biennium - \$5,195.35

Offering #2 Motor Bike/Dental Work Help—Haiti - \$4,464.00

Offering #3 Mission Central, Mapleton, IA - \$6,042.29



BREAKOUT SESSION

by Lori Salvhus



Rev. Jeffrey Lee, MN
North District
Mission and
Ministry
Facilitator for
Missions and
Congregational
Outreach,

spoke on *"My Grace is Sufficient For You!"*

We all have tragedy in our lives, but how do we get through it? He told about a cancer victim who, through the adversities of the disease, did not allow it to defeat her, but through it she became a help to others who also were afflicted. He also explained how he became a pastor after his father, an alcoholic, had committed suicide. In our weakness He makes us strong. Always, God's grace is sufficient.

BREAKOUT SESSION

by JoNette Brogaard

Cheryl Mattil (LWML
Strategic Planning
Facilitator) joined us as
the LWML Representative.
In her two breakout
sessions, Cheryl reminded
us to share God's
message of salvation
with excitement and
enthusiasm—not as a "sourpuss."



Cheryl shared "Creed" by Third Day and Brandon Heath as an introduction to what we believe. We share with others what we know; God is there to guide us. We exercised our knowledge by remembering hymn titles—in alphabetical order.

Cheryl's parting words: *"Let God take your hand and lead you as you witness of Him and His glorious act of redemption and love."*

**CHORD-AYRES CONCERT**

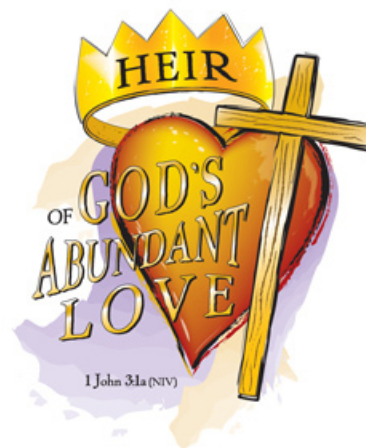
by JoNette Brogaard

Our very full day of convention on Tuesday—speakers and business—came to an end with a very enjoyable concert by the male chorus from mid-central Minnesota—the Chord-Ayres, under the direction of Ted Albers. They entertained us with spiritual, secular, and patriotic songs. A very touching segment was the singing of Armed Forces selections, honoring the veterans who were in the audience. On the lighter side, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" was sung to the DP—much to her surprise!

The Chord-Ayres were given a payment from the LWML MN North for performing. Rather than keeping it for themselves, the group requested that the money be given to Lutheran Island Camp—to be used for campships for those who need financial assistance. They're not just great singers—they have big hearts!

A Note From Willmar Conference Center

What an amazing group of people you are! Thank you for such a great experience from the beginning planning stages to the end. Your caring spirit truly lives within your complete organization.



Scholarships at work...

by Elizabeth McTighe, Scholarships Chairman

The LWML MN North District Convention is now history, but I still do have several reminders of it. I have pencils, pens and notepads. I have clothing, jewelry and books. I have manuals, information sheets and patterns. I do not have any candy left however and I could sure use some! And of course I do have the new thoughts, ideas and reinforcement of old ideas gained from the speakers we heard during the convention.

After listening to Rev. Jeffery Manthe, one of our Mites In Action speakers, I was reminded how one scholarship grant is able to impact several people. Rev. Manthe was, of course, affected because he was able to continue his education and become a pastor. His church, Sonrise Lutheran, was affected because they no longer needed to continue searching for a pastor, they will

be able to concentrate on other aspects in their congregational family. The local community in Avon, MN, was affected because there will now be one more person out there spreading the "Good News of Jesus Christ".

A fellow LWML member shared this with me: A young man said he wanted to thank the LWML for the scholarship his brother received to attend Concordia, St. Paul. Because of the scholarship, his parents were able to send him to his first choice college instead of a closer, less expensive one. So, once again, one scholarship affects more than one person.

Please continue to fill up those Mite boxes and remember our scholarship recipients (and all Mission Grant recipients) in your prayers.



Karena and Miss Mitey Mites, Carla Paton leading us in a cheer!



The Young Women led us in Opening Devotions Wednesday morning.

Mite Walk

by Doris Weispfennig

Kandi-land Krusade mite walk took place on Wednesday, June 22 at 5:45 AM on a warm, cloudy summer day. Everyone was to meet to drop off information and pick up a breakfast bar and water. All the walkers were energized to begin the mite walk. Over 50 walkers were on the golf course before 6 AM. It was a sea of purple moving over the paths and all were back and ready for breakfast before 7 AM. A total of \$2,952.70 was pledged for the 2016-2018 biennium Mission Grants.



It sure doesn't look like they are walking?

A Message of Encouragement

Cheryl Mattil, Strategic Plan Facilitator, LWML Representative

The MN North District welcomed the LWML representative, Cheryl Mattil. It was a joy and privilege to have her with us and hear about the LWML. She comes from the Texas District where she grew up wearing purple and gold as she attended LWML events with her mother. It was not long before she was "Serving the Lord with Gladness," Psalm 100:2 as God guided her through many levels of LWML-local, zone, district and now as Strategic Plan Facilitator of LWML.

She shared greetings from LWML Board of Directors and LWML President Patti Ross. In her presentation she highlighted the

logo of a butterfly and the words, Engage, Encourage, Equip and Enjoy. Patti stated, "I am so happy that you all have come to **ENGAGE** with the activities that follow your theme of "Heir of God's Abundant Love," She **ENCOURAGED** us

as we sat in convention, choosing officers, mite goals and selecting new Mission Grants.

We are **EQUIPPED** with God's Word as we participate in workshops, rallies, retreats and convention. Patti also shared: "Your presence here today is work of the Holy Spirit. **ENJOY!**"

Lets's Celebrate! 75 years of LWML – a diamond anniversary! Special things are being planned for our Albuquerque Convention, June 22-25, 2017. See you there. Enjoy!"



Cheryl Mattil



Rev. Dr. Donald Fondow,
District President



Rev. Jeffrey Lee, Mission
Facilitator, Rev. Dr. Donald
Fondow, District President

Sharing the Gift of Music

by Julie Schlecht, Co-Nuclei Chairman

We were pleased to see another potential LWML young woman take part in opening worship at the MN North Convention this year. Korissa Lindquist, a 2016 graduate from KMS High School shared her wonderful talent by playing the flute as part of our opening worship service. She is planning on majoring in Aviation at UND this fall. Korissa is the daughter of Rod and Naomi Lindquist of Kerkhoven, MN and Granddaughter of Pastor Loren and Dianne Kruse of Willmar.



Song Leader Leone Quigley



Accompanist Marlene Kubasch

Thank you to James!

The LWML MN North took time to thank James Wagner, our District's Information Technologist and Interim Editor for all the time, energy, and expertise he has shared with us for the past 12 years. A framed "Thank You", LWML purple necktie, monetary gift, and maple syrup were given to James in appreciation for his hard work. We thank God for you, James!

The Convention Experience

by Carla Patton

The 2016 LWML MN North District Convention is in the history books, but the theme “Heir of God’s Abundant Love” will live in our hearts forever. The convention was a fabulous public relations forum. The wonderful and inspiring speakers, the Bible study, the singing, the mission grants, the Mite Box cheerleader, the food and last, but not least, the wonderful fellowship with LWML members from all corners of our district.

Keep the enthusiasm and excitement generated at convention and carry it into LWML Sunday on Oct 2, 2016 (or whenever you’re able to celebrate the special day). The theme is “Come and See,” based on Psalm 66:5. Watch for the availability of free resources as well as worship folders from the LWML website at www.lwml.org.

Some ideas to promote LWML Sunday at your church:

- Put out Mite Boxes in the narthex about one month before LWML Sunday. Put a request in the bulletin for congregation members (young and old; male and female) to pick up a Mite Box, fill it with coins, and bring it back on your designated “LWML Sunday.” Drop the coins into the big Mite Box.
- All LWML members walk into church together and sit in the front pews and wear your purple with pride.
- Serve a special breakfast of coffee and rolls after the Sunday service. Make sure you decorate the Fellowship Hall!

- Post announcements around the church about LWML Sunday. Put them in your bulletins and newsletters. Be sure to mention your LWML society meeting times—and mention that all women are welcome! (And don’t forget to personally invite women—they do respond!)
- Go to the Church Council meeting the month before LWML Sunday and inform them of the upcoming event.
- Members of your LWML should be part of the service. Ideas: usher, greet, read Scripture. . .
- Hand out a small gift bag with LWML candy, pencils, bookmarks, etc. to every woman after the service.
- WEAR PURPLE
- MAKE LWML SUNDAY A SPECIAL DAY IN YOUR CHURCH! INFORM AND INVITE—with excitement!

This will be my last article as the Public Relations Chairman. The last two years have gone by quickly. The Public Relations Committee and I pray the articles written were helpful. May God bless each and every society with new and revitalized members to help carry on the missions so near and dear to all our hearts.

Serving the Lord with Gladness...

Structure Exhibit

by Doris Weispfennig



As convention attendees stopped by the Structure Booth, they filled out this form which they located the information on the map. The most important part to this structure is YOU - A Child of God, Father Son Holy Spirit.

“Heir of God’s Abundant Love,” 1 John 3:1 (NIV). How do I “Serve the Lord with Gladness,” Psalm 100:2 God guides you.

The LWML uses this structure to “Let all things be done decently and in order,” 1 Corinthians 14:40.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the district. From the 2014-2016 biennium Structure committee members Doris Weispfennig, Betty Kuelbs, Carolyn Olsen, Phyllis Jastrum and Rev. Don Klatt.

A YWRs Experience at Convention

by Karena Lapolice



Seven energetic Young Women gathered at the 27th Biennial Convention in Willmar, Minnesota on June 20 -22, 2016. We met Monday evening to get to know each other better. Beth Dinger and Karen Gorentz, the YWRs who represented LWML Minnesota North District at the Des Moines Convention, had already met the rest of the YWRs. Beth and Karen made it their goal to find and welcome each of the YWRs on Monday. They located the YWRs by finding the women wearing the white headband scarf.

We created stress balls from balloons and salt while we discussed the devotion we would be presenting on Wednesday morning. Of course we enjoyed water and snacks while working on the stress balls. LWML Representative Cheryl Mattil, Strategic Plan Facilitator, joined us along with her husband, to welcome us to the convention and answer any questions we had.

The YWR exhibit was located directly across from the registration area at the convention. Favorite Bible verses of the Young Women were displayed. There were drawings for prizes and some candy was available. Applications for the Young Woman Representative at the Albuquerque Convention were available for young women to take and complete. These forms should be returned to Beth Dinger at youngwomen@lwmlmn.org or 3645 Carlton Street, Barnum, MN, 55707.

The Young Women met on Tuesday evening, after the wonderful entertainment, to practice the devotion for Wednesday morning. We also took group photos at this time—of course one of the photos had to be a “fun” one and is presented here. The Wednesday morning devotion was presented and the Young Women led everyone in the “Lutheran Hokey Pokey”. Miss Mitey Mites also joined us on stage and helped lead the song.

After the conclusion of the convention, Beth Dinger became the chairman of the Young Women Committee and I shared the YW information and expectations with her. I know she will do a wonderful job in this role! Thank you to my YW Committee for all of their assistance! Thank you to everyone who was so willing to help me with the exhibit booth!



Pictured right, YWRs – Beth Dinger (new Young Women Chairman) and Karen Gorentz.



Memorials and Honorariums April 2016 - June 2016

St. John's, Ottertail in memory of Mildred Imsande

St. John's, Ottertail in memory of Marilyn Schneewind

First Lutheran, East Grand Forks in
memory of Jacklyn (Jackie) Hanson

Trinity, Bellingham in memory of Lillian Streich

Mildred Helmricks in memory of Marlene Peterson

Immanuel, Parkers Prairie in memory of Tim Gaarsland

Florence Rice in memory of Mildred Imsande

JoNette Brogaard in memory of David Miller

Carol Westendorf in memory of David Miller

St. John's, Ottertail in memory of Harold Menze

St. John's, Ottertail in memory of Karen Koplin

Doris Weispfennig in memory of Bea Clapshaw

Zion, Detroit Lakes in memory of Cleone Koenig

Zion, Detroit Lakes in memory of Louise Mohrlant

Zion, Detroit Lakes in memory of Anna Tessman

Zion, Detroit Lakes in memory of Doris Bulau

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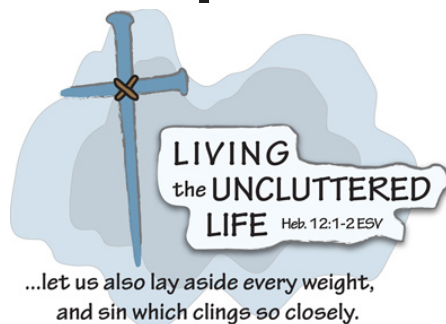


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August 12-14, 2016

The flyers and registration forms are available to download from the district website at, lwmlmnn.org.

Mites are Mighty!

Support the mission work of the LWML by dropping your change in the little purple box.



2-Minute
Tuesdays 

2-Minute Tuesdays are an effort to encourage women to share the Good News of Jesus and about LWML in short, non-threatening "pep talks" via email. The Time is NOW to urge women to sign up for these great ideas and words of encouragement. It is the first step and helps us to know how many women are being reached. Each woman gets an email with helpful tips – they take only a short while to read and they come every other Tuesday. The emails are even archived for a wealth of ideas!

After you pledge your intention to share about LWML with all the women in your lives, you will be asked to sign up for this special email list. Join the thousands of women who are already receiving 2-Minute Tuesdays! Sign up at lwml.org.

Mustard Seed Devotions

Did you know you can go on the LWML website (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.



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.

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