



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT

Minnesota Northern Light

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Psalm 100:2

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The June 21-24 weekend for the 32nd biennial convention of the LWML is approaching fast. Representing the Minnesota North District at the convention in Sioux Falls will be our president, Laurain Jurchen; two young women representatives: Rachel Vanderplaats of Felton and Rhonda Menze of Ottertail; and delegates from the 17 zones. They will be joined by other enthusiastic LWMLers from our district.



Registration forms for the convention are in the Winter Issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.

MN North District LWML is arranging for bus transportation. Arrangements are outlined on page 13. The busses will travel to Sioux Falls on

Wednesday, allowing riders to participate in the pre-convention events. They will return at the conclusion of the convention on Sunday. **Bus registration deadline: February 20, 2007.**

Everyone who is riding the bus will also need to register for motel accommodations (see page 12). **Deadline: February 20, 2007.** Through the bus company, the Board of Directors was able to arrange two choices for your motel.

If you are driving to the convention and would like to room at the same motel with others from Minnesota North, you will need to fill out the housing registration form on page 12. If you register for housing with the district, you WILL NOT send in page (I) of the *Quarterly*; however, if you are driving and prefer to stay elsewhere, please use the form on page (I) in the winter issue of the *Quarterly*.

If you are a delegate, a young woman representative, or a newly-elected member of the Board of Directors, the District will pay the following:

- Registration \$155
- Meal package \$ 69
- Hotel allowance of \$30 per night (4 nights, if riding the bus or 3 nights, if driving)
- Meals while traveling, up to \$32 (Receipts required for reimbursement)
- Your bus transportation will be paid to the stop nearest your place of residence. (If you are driving, you will be reimbursed the same amount as the cost of the bus.)

If you want to prepay the convention registration, the treasurer will reimburse you at the time of the convention.

If you would like the district to prepay these expenses for you, please fill out the registration form on pages M and N in the *Quarterly* and mail it to the treasurer: Diane Althoff, 1784 Mahogany St., Mora MN 55051. (e-mail: treasurer@lwmlmnn.org; phone: 320/679-3350;) You will need to enclose a check for any additional items on page M that you want to purchase. Make the check payable to: MN North District LWML. Diane will then forward your registration to the registrar on March 1st.

General registration guests:

Fill out the registration form on pages M and N in the *Quarterly* and mail to the Registrar at the address on page M. Registration for the convention begins on March 1st and continues to mid-May. If you are making your own motel registration, fill out page (I) in the *Quarterly* and mail it to the Housing Bureau. If you plan to room with others from Minnesota North, be sure to fill out the form on page 12 of this newsletter. The deadline for this is February 20th. (Fill out either page (I) or page 12, not both.)

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"I trust in You, O Lord: I say, 'You are my God.' My times are in Your hands."

Psalms 31:14-15

A New Year of Grace

Here we are again, standing at the beginning of another new year. It seems like such a short time ago that 2006 began. Can it really be gone already? And what of this new year - 2007? What blessings and challenges will it have in store for us?

As we look forward at the uncharted year that lies ahead, we may tremble a bit. By nature we are afraid of the unknown, and that includes the twelve months stretching out before us. The coming year is shrouded in uncertainty. Who knows what will happen? God knows!

*Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.*

(LW #512, v.1)

That all sounds well and good – if things are going well. But what if the prospects are not so hot. What if I will have to face struggles: physically, emotionally, financially in 2007? Where will I turn if things don't go as I planned? Is there any way to prepare for the unexpected? Yes, trust the promises God gives us in His Word!

*Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;
For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.*

(LW #512, v.2)



But what if the unthinkable happens! What if 2007 brings death to my door? Will I be able to cope? Are there any assurances in the face of this awful enemy? Yes, God's promises remain sure - even in the face of death!

*Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home,
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.*
(LW #512, v.3)

May the assurances God gives us in His Word guide and keep our hearts throughout this year of grace and forever.

Laurain

	<i>Memorials</i>		
	Betty Kezar in memory of.....	<i>Fern Hesse</i>	
	Shirley Diekman in memory of	<i>Anne Haberty</i>	
	St. Cloud, Trinity LWML in memory of.....	<i>Bernetta Reedstrom</i>	
	Sauk Rapids, Trinity LWML in memory of	<i>Eleanor Schwalback</i>	
	Ellen Balsig in memory of...		
	<i>Hilda Otte, Carol Zimmerman, & Ruth Kuenzel</i>	
	Marlene Mohr in memory of...		
	<i>Hilda Otte, Ruth Kuengel, & Carol Zimmerman</i>	
	Anne Hansen in memory of		
	<i>Ruth Domingo & Darlene Beyer's father & in-laws</i>	
Parkers Prairie, Immanuel LWML in memory of...			
.....	<i>W. Kalpin, Masie Uhdos & others</i>		
Sauk Centre, Zion Women's Society in memory of...			
.....	<i>Carol Zimmerman & Ruth Kuenzel</i>		
Marian Maatz in memory of...			
	<i>Memorials</i>		

Memorials may be sent to the Financial Secretary, Donna Schleif
8181 269th Ave. NW, Zimmerman, MN 55398-4011



Preparations

As I sit down to write this article we are in the midst of Advent, preparing for the birth of the Christ-child. My prayer for you is that your preparations involved more than shopping, wrapping, baking, addressing and decorating. I pray that you have spent time in worship to prepare your heart to welcome Jesus.

Worship is a vital part of our Christian life. A time out of our busy schedule where we meet God to experience His love for us and to express our thanks for all he has done for us through Christ. He promises to be there in Word and Sacrament. "Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matt 18:20. And where God is, there is salvation, peace and joy.

As you plan activities for your society or zone for the coming year, remember to include the Prayer Service for 2007 for a special event or as part of one of your regular meetings. A copy of the Prayer Service can be printed from the <www.lwml.org> website or you may contact me through the MN North LWML website <www.lwmlmnn.org> – Christian Life Committee, by phone or regular mail and I will be happy to send you a copy.

Thank you to all the Society and Zone Christian Life Chairmen for taking the time to fill out and compile the Christian Life Reports. The April newsletter will have a summary of the reports. May you experience the presence of God in your life in the coming year.





Does your society need help?

Do you need ideas to help revitalize your LWML?

Contact our MMV consultants for some new ideas. They are ready, willing and able to help you.

Who are they?



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Elbow Lake MN 56531
218/685-6218
ywrmom@runestone.net



Fran Wittnebel
2971 121st Ave
Nassau, MN 56257
320/568-2381
fwittnebel@yahoo.com

They have some fresh ideas for Mite offerings:

- Ask your church to consider a mission offering for the 2007 LWML Convention mission pledge walk.
- Ask your church to consider a door offering for the 2007 LWML Convention mission pledge walk.
- Think about employers who might give a gift for missions.
- Have an LWML “Loud Offering” – using galvanized buckets or tin coffee cans to collect the change. Encourage adults and children to “Throw it in and make noise” for a mission offering. (This can be used for district and/or national offerings.)



HAPPY NEW YEAR

It has been great being your District Human Care Chairman. I have met many wonderful people and have been blessed by this. When you are elected to a position like this you ask yourself, am I able to do this, do I have the right qualifications? Then I thought of Isaiah 40:9-10 *"You are my servant. I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you."* This verse gave me courage.

I have a plaque on my desk that expresses my outlook on life. It has been very helpful to me to keep me in focus on what I really need to do. It is:

"What shall I do today Lord? Where am I needed, dear Father today? What loving words do you want me to say?"

Let's stop right here. God has allowed me here at this time, place and stage of my life to use what I have learned. I am needed by my family, for support, prayers and comfort. (Also for my cooking) they say. Every family member needs to know that they are God's special child, and God will never forsake them. I am to be the comforting hand reaching out to keep them from falling and the hands holding them up in prayer.

The extended family is very important. Just visiting and sitting with an elderly family member holding their hand, or watching them as they nap, just so they know they are not alone. God wants me here.

Stamps for Missions

REMEMBER: Cut the stamps from envelopes with a margin of no less than 1/4 inch around the stamp. This provides a "handling area" for the collector. (Trimmed too closely, the stamp may be damaged and become worthless.)

Send stamps to:

Mary Voss
2047 470th St.
Tintah, MN 56583
218-479-5727

Stamps in albums, older postcards and envelopes (from 1930 or earlier) and first day covers should be sent as they are.



Haiti Sewing Center

“May the God of Hope fill you with all Joy and Peace.”

Romans 15:13

My friends, these are the special flowers God has planted in the garden of my heart. It is wonderful to listen and share our joys and sorrows, encouraging one another. Thank You, Lord, for them; we hold each other up in prayer. Our District Board family, we all need one another and become very close sisters and brothers in Christ, as we all work and pray together in our various positions. God has placed all of us there.



Then each one of you, my LWML sisters, I thank God for each one of you. I will be here for anyone who needs my prayers, support or just to listen. The Lord does have something for me to do today. Watch for the next article in the spring issue of Minnesota Northern Light.

Thank you to the Zone and Society Human Care Chairman for sending in your reports. You have shown your love for Jesus by caring and sharing again this year. The complete listing will be in the Spring Minnesota Northern Light. God's riches blessing to each of you as we begin the New Year "Serving The Lord With Gladness".

Gladys Wagner

2007 Human Care Projects

The projects for upcoming year are

- The Haiti Project,
- Stamps for Missions,
- Phone cards for seminary students
- Phone cards for military persons

(If you have someone in the service from your area, please send them directly to them.)



For the complete list of the projects, check the Minnesota North District website: www.lwmlmnn.org



HAITI CONTAINER PROJECT

Visit our website: www.lwmlmnn.org and download the new 2007 Haiti Container Project donation list. It contains a detailed list of items need for this mission project.

CLOTHING ITEMS NEEDED

Men's Work Clothing and Work Gloves

Men's **Cotton** Work Socks

Men's Work Boots

Children's Clothing

(Note: There is enough women's clothing now.)

Children Shoes - All sizes

Scarves (the women wear colorful ones)

- Caps
- Purses
- Hair Picks
- Brushes

CLINIC ITEMS NEEDED

(Check expiration dates, so they do not expire in transit. Have expiration dates in 2008, 2009, or beyond.)

- Vitamins - Children, adult, pre/postnatal
- Children & adult aspirins
- Children and adult Tylenol
- Pepto-Bismol liquid or tablets
- Anti-diarrhea medication
- Vitamins C & A
- Benadryl tablets, 25 mg.
- Alcohol and antiseptic pads
- Eyewash
- Band-aids
- Ace wraps
- Non-stick dressings
- Gauze, 4x4 and 2x2
- Q-tips

These items will NOT be accepted: Disposable diapers (infant & adult), Outdated Medications, Partially used shampoo & lotion, Combs (unless they are picks)

The deadline for accepting donations other than in-gatherings will be March 31, 2007. Make plans to deliver the items for Haiti to your LWML Spring Rally. Rally in-gatherings will be accepted until April 30th, 2007. The month of April will be used for packing the container.

Contact Gladys Wagner (218/281-3939) or Lori Salvhus (218/935-9016) to make delivery arrangements for Haiti items.

Funds to help with the cost of shipping the container would be appreciated; however, please put these in a separate envelope. Do not include funds with the donated items.

Make checks payable to:
Lutheran Mission Association

Send to:
Lori Salvhus
1977 240th Ave
Mahnomen MN 56557



2007 Haiti Container Project

humancare@lwmlmnn.org

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HAITI PROJECTS

The Lutheran Mission Association (LMA) is tax deductible and a part of the *Giving Plus Program* with Thrivent.

For donations or further information call:

1-800-399-0209 ext. 101

- DRY FOOD GOODS
- INFANT
- PRESCHOOL
- CLOTHING CHILDREN to ADULT
- SEWING CENTER SUPPLIES
- PERSONAL HYGIENE SUPPLIES
- SCHOOL KITS and SUPPLIES
- MEDICINE and CLINIC SUPPLIES
- CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES
- MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT
- CONTACT INFORMATION

PARTIAL LIST OF DONATION ITEMS

Download the complete list at: www.lwmlmnn.org

DRY FOOD GOODS

Powdered Infant Formula
Ovaltine
Potato Flakes - Rice
Infant Cereal - Dry Pasta
Iodized Salt
Canned Goods
Powdered Milk
Oatmeal
Dehydrated Vegetables
Beans - Cooking Oil
More...

INFANT

Receiving Blankets
Rubber Pants
Infant Clothes - Booties
Infant Soap
Cloth Diapers

SEWING CENTER

Fabric-3 Yards or Greater
Table Top Ironing Boards
Sewing Notions
Wedding Dress Fabric and
Notions

CLOTHING

Adult and Childrens Shoes
Sheets and Pillow Cases
Hair Picks (No Combs)
Brushes
T-shirts
Dish Towels
Wash Clothes
Bath Towels
Caps - Scarves
More...

SCHOOL KITS and SUPPLIES

Paper Reams
Construction Paper
Notebooks
Glue Sticks
Safety Scissors
Slate Boards
Pencils - Erasers
Pencil Sharpener
Crayons - Pens
Paint Brushes
Chalk & Chalkboards
More...

HYGIENE SUPPLIES

Shampoo / Conditioner
Lotion
Rubber Bands & Barrettes
Toothbrushes
Bar Soap (Wrapped)
Laundry Detergent
Cleaning Gloves
Toothpaste
Deodorant
Dish Soap
Plastic Buckets
More...

CLINIC SUPPLIES

Anti-fungal Cream
Anti-fungal Shampoo
Athletes Foot Powder
Cold Tablets
Corn Medication and Pads
Cough Drops
Hydrocortisone Cream
Iron Tablets
Medical Tape
Small Paper Lunch Bags
More...

CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES

Wheelbarrows
Wire Cutters
Brick Laying Tools
Nails
Hammers (Steel Handles)
Handsaws
Shovels
More...

MISC. EQUIPMENT

Food Storage Containers
2, 3, and 4 Drawer Files
Cabinets
Shelf Units
Wash Basins

Dinner Ware
(for 300 Plus Students)
- Plastic Plates
- Bowls
- Spoons
- Trays and Cup
More...



OUT OF SIGHT - OUT OF MIND

Have you ever found this scenario happening in your life? Next week is the LWML meeting and time to turn your mites in to the large mite box at church. Where oh where did I stick that little box? Maybe the dresser drawer in the bedroom, the kitchen cupboard - WHERE??? Well, I'll just have to stick a dollar bill or a little loose change in it when I find it.

Without being in full view it is so easy to forget about being mission-minded. When kept in full view, it would be much easier to put a few coins in for each blessing of the day. By time we collect our mites, there would be a considerable amount. Even Christian women can grow a little and occasionally need a gentle prodding. Thank you, little mite box. May I **fill** and **empty** you with pride.

Let us pray:

Dear Lord, please make us better stewards of what you have given to us. It was You who commanded us to go into all the world and spread Your Word. Physically, not many of us can do this, but through missions and missionaries this work is being accomplished. Let us open our hearts and help financially to ease these workers' burdens and fulfill their calling. Bless our gifts. May they all resound to your glory. Amen



Mite Calendars for the months of February, March, and April are located on pages 22 - 24. Some societies distribute the calendars to encourage the LWML members to remember the mite projects in prayer as well as to praise God for the many blessings He has showered upon us.

Monthly copies of the Mite calendars for February, March, and April can be downloaded from the web site at:

www.lwmlmnn.org

If you do not use a computer, please ask someone to download them for you.

The 2007 prayer service is available on the LWML website:

www.lwml.org



MISSION PROJECTS FOR THE 2006-2008 BIENNIUM as of January 9, 2007

MISSION PROJECTS	GOAL	PREVIOUSLY PAID or ALLOCATED	PAID OR ALLOCATED THIS QUARTER	BALANCE
Scholarships for Seminary Students	\$11,000	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$7,000.00
Scholarships for Full-Time Church Worker Students	\$55,000	\$6,875.00	\$6,000.00	\$42,125.00
Summer Staff Training – Lutheran Island Camp	\$10,000	\$2,965.34	\$2,034.66	\$11,000.00
Orphan Grain Train Transportation	\$7,000		\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00
Outreach to the Muslim	\$6,000	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
Trinity/Hope – Feeding children in Haiti	\$4,750		\$1,000.00	\$3,750.00
Generator for Cap-Haitians, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Haiti	\$10,000	\$2,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00
Transportation of VBS Teams in Ontario	\$5,000		\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
VBS for Native American Children White Earth Res. - Nebraska Youth	\$3,000		\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Shepherd of the Lake Mission Outreach, Two Harbors, MN	\$10,000	1,782.98	\$2,584.69	\$5,623.33
Partners in Mission—Outreach to Hmong children in Minneapolis & St. Paul	\$3,250		\$1,250.00	\$2,000.00
Audiocassette Materials for blind and visually impaired people	\$5,000		\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
TOTALS	\$130,000	\$24,123.32	\$21,369.35	\$84,507.33





HOUSING REGISTRATION

LWML Convention, Sioux Falls, SD

INSTRUCTIONS: You **MUST** fill out this form if you are riding the bus to the convention in Sioux Falls. Or if you are driving to Sioux Falls and would like to stay with the others from MN North, you must fill out this form. Otherwise, you may register for your housing on page I of the winter Quarterly.

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

_____ Phone Number _____

Please choose one: _____ Delegate; _____ Board of Directors; _____ general registrant

There are two Motel choices. Select one:

_____ Microtel (\$55 per night per room); _____ Comfort Inn (\$79/night per room);
(Rates **do not** include 8.92% tax.)

Choose one: _____ Single room: 1 bed, one person, double

_____ Double room: 1 bed, two people, queen

_____ Double room: 2 beds, 2-4 people, double

Roommates: _____

Check one: _____ bus, 4 nights _____ driving, 3 nights

The room deposit for delegates and selected Board of Directors will be paid by the district LWML. All general registration guests may pay for their room by check (Make checks payable to **MN North District LWML**) or by credit card.

Credit card number: _____

Name on the credit card: _____

Exp. Date: _____

These housing arrangements are being made with the bus company. If you fill out this form, DO NOT submit the housing form on page I in the winter Quarterly.

Send to:

Diane Althoff

1784 Mahogany St.

Mora, MN 55051

Phone: 320/679-3350

E-mail: treasure@lwmlmnn.org OR adalthoff@ncis.com

DEADLINE: February 20, 2007





TRANSPORTATION REGISTRATION

LWML Convention, Sioux Falls, SD
Travel on Wednesday, June 20 to the Convention

Instructions: You should fill out this form if you want to ride the bus to the convention with the others from the Minnesota North District.

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____
_____ Phone Number _____

Please check one: ☐ **Delegate**, Zone _____ (No \$25 fee required.)
☐ **Board of Directors**, Position _____ (No \$25 fee required.)
☐ **General** registration (non-delegate). *A \$25 non-refundable fee for the bus is required of the general registrants (non-delegates). The balance will be due by April 15, 2007. Checks should be made payable to: MN North District LWML*

BUS TRAVEL COSTS: Please note your preferred pick-up location by writing (1). You may also choose an alternate pick-up location by writing (2).

\$95	\$85	\$75
Thief River Falls _____	Park Rapids _____	Fergus Falls _____
Bemidji _____	Aitkin _____	Wadena _____
Grand Rapids _____	Brainerd _____	
\$65	\$55	\$50
Alexandria _____	Morris _____	Willmar _____
Little Falls _____	Sauk Centre _____	Montevideo _____
Hinckley _____	St. Cloud _____	Appleton _____
		Ortonville _____

Please send this form, plus the \$25 fee if required, to:

Anne Hansen
103 S. Atlantic, #105
Morris, MN 56267
Phone: 320/589-3662
E-mail: scholarships@lwmlmnn.org

DEADLINE: February 20, 2007

Final bus routes and pick-up times will be determined after registrations are received.

Busses will travel to Sioux Falls on Wednesday, June 20th, giving you the opportunity to participate in the Thursday pre-convention events: choir rehearsal, delegate meeting, blood donations, and servant activities. They will return to Minnesota on Sunday after adjournment of the convention. For the bus riders: Our bus will provide shuttle service to and from the convention each day. You will NOT need to purchase a \$30 shuttle ticket.

If you are riding the bus, you **MUST** also fill out the **HOUSING REGISTRATION FORM** on page 12 of the newsletter or download from the MN North District website www.lwmlmnn.org) and send it to Diane Althoff.



MISSION GRANT – \$5,000**TRANSPORTATION OF VBS TEAMS IN ONTARIO L.A.M.P.**

LAMP (*Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots Inc.*) was founded 35 years ago in Canada. It began and continues as a cross-cultural ministry that shares Jesus Christ with the people of remote northern Canada. Over these years an estimated 100,000 children have had an opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ presented by the volunteers that were flown in to teach VBS in the summer months.

LAMP strongly urges volunteers to sign up for several years as such commitment helps establish relationships that continue year after year. Volunteers incur many costs, from time off of work, to VBS supplies, to gas, food, and lodging as they travel from their homes to the departure city of Sioux Lookout. Through this work volunteers have the opportunity to witness God changing lives by the power of the Word, the blood of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. The LAMP volunteers benefit as well as the community ministered to. The size of the teams has increased for as the programs become more popular more children attend.

This \$5,000 grant will enable approximately 3 teams of 6 or 7 volunteers to travel from Sioux Lookout, Ontario to the remote community. Once there they will teach VBS and/or the youth Bible Study to First Nations children and youth. Thus, we will help share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.



District Board Committees

Serving the Lord with gladness...

Committee Assignments

The purpose and responsibility of a committee is:

- Serve as a link between districts, zones, societies, and members.
- To encourage and equip women to reach out in love.
- To offer prayer support for one another.
- To advise and plan yearly events

Contact your Regional VP or Zone President for address and e-mail information specific to those listed below. Or contact the Corresponding Secretary, JoNette Brogaard at:
correspondingsec@lwmlmn.org

Christian Life Committee

Joan Johnson, Chairman
Rev. Michael Dagel
Lois Bishop
Jeanene Christianson
Darlene Walburg

Structure / Bylaws Committee

Glenna Lemke, Chairman
Rev. John Grein
Jean Nygaard
Phyllis Jastram

Human Care Committee

Gladys Wagner, Chairman
Rev. John Grein
Carolyn Sundbom
Arlene Krueger

Mission Advocacy & Grants Committee

Judy Uran, Chairman
Rev. Henry Koopman
Helen Beck
Ardyth Pykkonen

Leader Development Committee

Mildred Helmricks, Chairman
Rev. John Grein
Linda Paskewitz
Corrine Frank
Alice Ollila

Scholarship Committee

Anne Hansen, Chairman
Rev. Michael Dagel
Julia Peery
Carol Linser

Public Relations Committee

Janet Hasbargen, Chairman
Rev. Henry Koopman

Young Women Committee

Kathleen Brehmer, Chairman
Rev. Michael Dagel
Marilyn Hiltel
Barb Hertling



The Advent message proclaims that Jesus is coming. As we prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas, we are reminded of the reason for the season, and we are looking forward to His return. Jesus is our rock and fortress, leading and guiding us in our lives each day. Thank You for being here with us now in Your Word and Sacraments, giving us forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, until you return again.

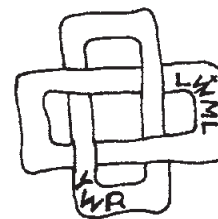
This past year, LWML Young Women had several opportunities to be encouraged and experience personal spiritual growth. The Biennial Convention for MN North was held in Grand Forks in June 2006. It was an opportunity of fellowship and worship with other Christian friends, new and old; Bible studies; workshops; keynote speakers; and a chance to hear a man recently converted from his Muslim faith.



A quite peaceful surrounding at Lutheran Island Camp in August and October provided the backdrop for additional opportunities for the LWML Young Women to experience encouragement and growth. The

Young Women's Retreat held the first weekend in October was an action-packed weekend, complete with worship, Bible study, a service project, and fellowship with other young sisters in Christ. As you prepare your plans for 2007, consider coming to the Young Women's Retreat, the first weekend in October.

As we look to the New Year, I encourage you to consider the 32nd Biennial Convention, June 21-24, 2007 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Convention information and registration forms are available in the winter issue of the Lutheran Women's Quarterly. Rachel Vanderplaats and Rhonda Menze are the two Young Women Representatives from Minnesota North District who will be attending the convention in Sioux Falls in June of 2007. However, if your life was too busy to apply as a representative, please consider attending the convention as a guest. Plans are in the works for bus transportation to and from the convention, and during the convention. Childcare will be provided at the convention also. There are two pledge walks for



Impressions, is a new e-letter for young women. Visit the Young Women page at www.lwml.org and check out the new resources.

mites, and gifts from the heart to bring to the convention. There are more **ROCK**-solid reasons to come to Sioux Falls. “**ROCK! Rest On Christ the King**”

- **Rejoice** in the security found in God’s Word and love
- **Celebrate** the oneness found in Jesus, our King
- Confidently and boldly **share** the Gospel message
- Be led and guided by the Lord to personal avenues of **service**

Come join this activity-filled and action-packed weekend, complete with worship, Bible study and fellowship with other sisters and brothers in Christ. This is a can’t-miss event, so we’ll see you June 21-24 in Sioux Falls!

Kathleen

GET TEENS INVOLVED !



TEEN LWML

Teens Seeking Spiritual Growth can...

- Participate in a Bible study/devotion on inner beauty and have a ‘make over’ party! (Gather cosmetics samples from area stores or a beauty representative.)
- Write a devotion for teens that zones/societies can use with teens in the congregation.
- Discover spiritual gifts/talents that can be used in ministry to others. (Finish up with a talent show)
- Become a prayer partner with a member of the society, congregation, or another teen.



Reaching Out

When we take a closer look at our churches and LWML societies, we find fewer women wanting to be actively involved in our church activities and mission endeavors than ever before. Many of our church families are beginning to look a lot like society. Even our women are having trouble finding the time or desire to commit.

Maybe we are content to have our “little groups” and forget there are women who would be happy to help occasionally, but for various reasons cannot commit to joining another organization. Reach out? The key is to phone or personally ask them. Don’t leave it up to a letter or bulletin announcement. Let them know you would love to have them help. Maybe being able to help once would encourage them to serve another time, because they enjoy the fellowship of other.

Make sure all women of your church know and feel they are welcome to serve the Lord in every way possible. The most import point is to reach out and everything to the glory of the Lord. We must make sure they see the Fruits of the Spirit beaming out from us. Go forth and excite those around you to serve in the LWML. Let us all overflow with joy.

-excerpts from Willa Brinkmeyer



SAGA OF THE BYLAWS OR THE BYLAW BLUES



Each society meeting we heard the familiar lament...

"We should look at our bylaws; they might be way out of date."

So they looked and oh my, the dust on top was almost cement.

And what to their wondering eyes should appear: a date: July '68.

Oh, the bylaws! Oh, the bylaws! They're giving us all a stomach ache!!

Their president wanted a committee to take a look

They all said, "Ask Ruthie, she'll try anything!!" O yes!!

So they got a committee and they found Robert's book.

Judy found LWML website, Mabel found the LWML Handbook!

Oh bylaws! Oh bylaws! They've got help! They don't have to guess!

So they tackled the job and it did take awhile.

But they were persistent! Cuz ya know for sure this the Lord's work!

It was ready! They took it to the meeting just to see if they'd smile.

They smiled and suggested some changes, not to shirk!

Oh bylaws! Oh bylaws! They're getting there without a quirk!

They made the changes and made five copies, ready to mail

To the District Structure committee, ya sure, ya betcha!

In due time, a review was done by that grand group without fail.

Changes were made, the society said "Aye" and all did applaud!

Oh, bylaws! Oh, bylaws! They weren't so hard and look grand!

Ya sure, ya bethcha, they said. Now let's eat!!!

Poet Laureate of Structure aka Glenna Lemke



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LWMLers, there is also a poster on the web site that you can download to post in your church to inform young people of the scholarship. You will definitely want to personally encourage anyone who might be contemplating a church work career to apply for the scholarship.

Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis, so continuing students need to reapply. A student does not need to be from a family with an LWML member.

Contact Anne Hansen for more information.



The deadline for applications is May 1, 2007



November 2, 2006

MN North District LWML,

I would like to thank you for all the support you have provided to me throughout my educational journey. I could have never followed God's calling if it weren't for you ladies and other support systems. You have demonstrated to me what it means to build one another up as the body of Christ. The LWML has been a support system both through prayer and finances. Over the past five years I have been blessed to receive the LWML North District Scholarship. The LWML has been more than generous to me and I cannot express in words my gratitude.

Last year I was in Hawaii on internship at Our Savior Lutheran Church and School in Aiea, which is located on the island of Oahu. This was a wonderful opportunity to experience firsthand the role of the Director of Christian Education in the congregational setting. Now I am back in school to complete my coursework. I will be graduating in just under two months as a Director of Christian Education from Concordia University, St. Paul, MN. I have been busy making sure my paperwork is all ready so that I will be available to possibly take a call starting this winter. This is a time of much excitement and anxiety, not knowing what is in store for me in the future. I do know that God is going to use me, my gifts and talents, in ways that I never dreamed possible. Please continue to pray for me as I end one chapter of my life and move onto the next.

Once again, I would like to thank you for the support you have provided me through my education. I thank God for blessings like you.

God's Richest Blessings to You All!
Jodi Beck, Fergus Falls, MN



FEBRUARY 2007

SATURDAY

“Serve the Lord with Gladness!” Psalm 100:2

Minnesota North District LWML

MARCH 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
<div><div><div><div><div>Prayer & Praise</div><div>Mite Calendar</div></div></div><div>"Serve the Lord with Gladness!" Psalm 100:2</div></div></div>				<div><div></div></div>			1	2	3
Pray for your Sunday School staff 20¢	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	Pray for seminary students	Share God's love with a neighbor 15¢	Grow in your faith daily through His Word 10¢	Pray for the ministry of Lutheran Island Camp	Pray for students who are preparing for full-time church work			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17			
Smile and share God's joy	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	Volunteer some time to help a shut-in 10¢	Pray for the program feeding hungry children in Haiti	50¢ for each TV in your house	Pray for the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti	Pray for missionaries 25¢			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24			
Invite someone to dinner today	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	Pray for materials for the blind and visually impaired people	Pray for soldiers in the military 10¢	Pray for the Native American children on the White Earth Reservation	Send an card or note of encouragement to a friend 10¢	Pray for the VBS programs on the reservations in northern Ontario			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
Thank the musicians in your church for their music	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	10¢ for each load of laundry this week	Pray for the outreach at Shepherd of the Lake in Two Harbors, MN	Read Psalm 37	Pray for the outreach to Hmong children in the Twin Cities	Go for a walk today 20¢			

Minnesota North District LWML

APRIL 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!	2 Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	3 Pray for the students who will be counselors at LIC this summer	4 Pray for students who will become full-time church workers	5 	6 	7 Read Isaiah 53
PALM SUNDAY		MN NORTH PROJECT	MN NORTH PROJECT	MAUNDAY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	
8 	9 Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	10 Pray for the MN North LWML Board of Directors meeting in Brainerd today	11 Pray for seminary students	12 Pray for safe delivery of Orphan Grain Train shipments	13 Praise God for continued Easter blessings 25¢	14 Pray for outreach to the Muslim
EASTER SUNDAY			MN NORTH PROJECT	MN NORTH PROJECT		MN NORTH PROJECT
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Remember your spring zone rally in your prayers	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	Pray for the hungry children in Haiti	Pray for the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti	Pray for the blind and visually impaired people	Do you have two cars? Praise God for transportation. 20¢	Pray for the Native American children on the White Earth Reservation
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
50¢ if you missed church today	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	Pray for the VBS programs on the reservations in northern Ontario	Pray for the Shepherd of the Lake Mission Outreach in Two Harbors, MN	Pray for unbelieving family and friends	Pray for outreach to Hmong children in the Twin Cities	25¢ if you worked in your yard today
29	30	<div>  <div> <i>Prayer & Praise</i> <i>Nite Calendar</i> </div> </div> <p>"Serve the Lord with Gladness!" Psalm 100:2</p> 				
Pray for your church leadership	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon					

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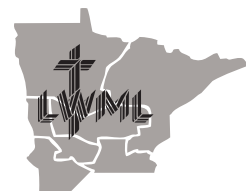
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