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MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT

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"Serve the Lord with Gladness"
Psalm 100:2

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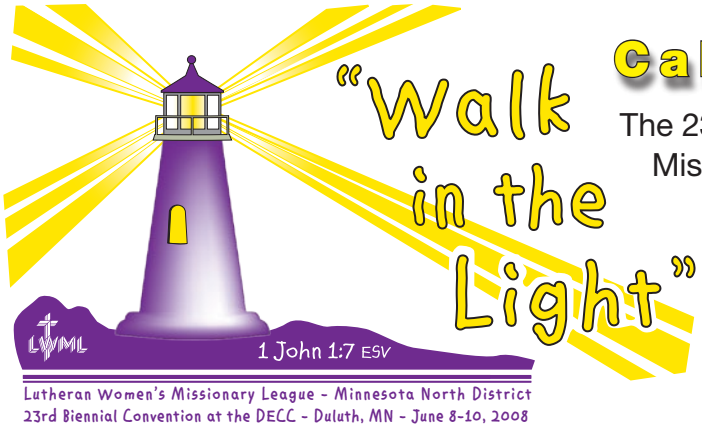

Call to the Convention

The 23rd biennial convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Minnesota North District will be held June 8, 9, and 10, 2008 at the Duluth Entertainment & Convention Center (DECC) in Duluth, Minnesota. The Arrowhead I Region is serving as host. This includes the Superior Zone, the Iron Range Zone and the Kettle River Zone. Gladys Lorntson is serving as Chairman of the Nuclei Committee. Convention Theme: "Walk in the Light," based on 1 John 1:7.

Convention Goal:

As we walk in the light, women of the LWML will:
• confidently walk in the light of the Gospel;
• be compelled to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and
• pray for and recognize opportunities to share the Gospel.

Nominations Sought

Nominations are being sought for the following positions on the Minnesota North LWML Board of Directors:

- President
- Corresponding Secretary
- Treasurer
- Regional Vice Presidents for Arrowhead I Lakeland I, and Park I
- Pastoral Counselor for Lakeland Region

Contact Lucille Lidbeck at (701) 388-6946 or <phillipsndaz@aol.com > with any suggestions.

Delegates:

The voting body of the convention is composed of two delegates from each congregation, each zone president, and the voting members of the Board of Directors. Each delegate shall have an alternate to the convention. Names of certified delegates and alternates shall be in the hands of the Registrar at least four (4) weeks before the convention by May 7, 2008.

Delegate credentials, registration forms, and a listing of motels will be available in April. Deadline: May 7, 2008.

Mission Grant Proposals:

Due by February 15, 2008. Proposal forms are available on the website at <www.lwmlmnn.org> or from Judy Uran at (218) 879-5373.

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 people of the world.

The President's Pen

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Are we telling the Good News?

Recently we stepped over the threshold of 2008. We put up our calendars and began to fill in the blanks. We saw that 2008 offers a bonus day since this is "leap year." Now as we fill in these blanks and journal our days, will we set priorities for our lives; or will we simply take each day with a "come what may" attitude?

Let's begin the new year in our LWML and our personal lives, our first priority being - not to begin a single day (or meeting) without first receiving instruction and guidance from God's Word. Then, "in response to the Great Commission we will be compelled to share the Gospel, pray for and recognize opportunities to confidently live and speak our faith." (Our second Primary Target for LWML)

"Confidently live and speak our faith."

Why is talking about our faith so hard? We can gab about anything, but when the topic of God surfaces, we tend to clam up. Do we fear being pushy or ridiculed? Do we worry about sounding narrow-minded, or just don't want to ruffle feathers?

Perhaps we might think of our faith this way: Suppose that after much research you found

a cure for cancer. You know it saved lives, so you told everyone you met. Talking about the cure became your mission in life. Do we forget the urgency of the ETERNAL cure? Do we forget that a life apart from the Savior is hell and damnation; but a life with Him is forgiveness, everlasting peace and joy? May sharing our Savior and His Gospel be our mission in life and in our LWML. This saves, not only for today, but for eternity.

In His service,
Laurain

Memorials

In Memory of Julia Machula
Nancy Oswald

In Memory of Della Styler
Gerald & Peggy McKeown

In Memory of Hilde Krey
Zion Evening Guild, Alexandria

In Memory of Jan Grondoff
Zion Evening Guild, Alexandria

Memorials

Memorials are to be sent to the District Financial Secretary:
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If you wish, you may designate the memorial for “Mites” or for “Minnesota North Mission Grants”.

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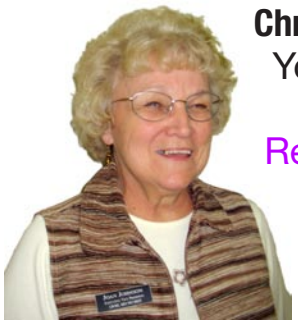

Christian Life Resources – For You And Your Society

Resources

Looking for help in planning meetings and events for your society? There are several resources to help you. If you have internet access you will want to browse the national website, <www.lwml.org >, and district website, <www.lwmlmnn.org>, where you can view and print Bible studies, devotions, skits, even ideas for mini retreats. At the national site there are printable program helps, just click on the Program Helps tab. The Meeting Helps page is under construction, but it should be up and running soon. Don't forget to use the "Prayer Service for 2008", entitled: "I Step Out in Faith to Declare His Praise and Serve Others". You will find the service at the bottom of the home page under web site favorites, click on 2008 Prayer Service and print.

The District web site also has helps under "Sketches and Devotions" on the Christian Life Committee page.

"But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons."
Galatians 4:4

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly

If you have a problem with Lutheran Woman's Quarterly issues arriving to your society's designated destination, please contact the MN North District LWML Corresponding Secretary, JoNette Brogaard via e-mail at <corrrespondingsec@lwmlmnn.org> or call 320-846-0984.

Target delivery dates for *Quarterly* issues are September 1 (fall), December 1 (winter), March 1 (spring), and June 1 (summer). Contact JoNette if you have not received your issues by the 15th.

Christian Life Resources

PLAN AHEAD:

The LWML Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp will be held August 8-10, 2008. The featured speaker will be Mr. Gary Thies, Mission Developer from Iowa. If you attended "Becoming Northern Lights" last April, you know what an awesome, inspiring speaker he is. Watch for registration information in the April newsletter.

LWML Catalog:

If you do not have internet access, the LWML catalog offers a section of white pages in the middle of the catalog listing devotions, Bible studies on many topics, mini-retreat ideas, skits and much more to help you plan interesting, inspiring and fun things for your society. Some of these helps you can obtain through the Christian Life chairman. Anything that is marked CD Volume #1, can be obtained by calling or writing, and I will get the material to you.

On page 24 of the new catalog you will find an excellent tool called "The Event Planner". For each of the 24 months it covers, you have ideas for devotions, Bible study, resources for the suggestions that are given and ideas for Human Care opportunities. If you would like to see a sample of this tool, let me know and I will be glad to send you some pages. Lutheran Woman's Quarterly:

This is a great source for Bible studies. Many societies use these at meetings, for their women's Bible study groups or as an individual study. You may also view some articles from the *Quarterly* on line at <www.lwml.org>.

HUMAN CARE

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Walk In The Light

"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His son cleanses us from all sins." 1 John 1:7 ESV

With many hours of prayers, thankful hearts, joys and sorrows, the year 2007 has come to a close. Jesus calls us to "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16. That light shines through the study of His word, growing in our faith and reaching out with loving kindness to the people that He has placed in our lives.

Thank you to those who sent in the Human Care report forms. Our LWML ladies have truly let the light of Christ shine through to others. It is wonderful to see where each zone and society really shines with their mission efforts. Activities such as prayer support, church family support, outreach to residents in nursing homes, visiting those hospitalized, and feeding the hungry are ways we serve our Lord with gladness.

Below is the final tally of society projects from 2007.

- 3,691 Quilts Made
- 22,158 Kits Assembled
- 8,705 lb. for Local Food Shelfs
- $13,779.96 in Donations for Food
- $1,079.00 in Miscellaneous Donations

Looking Ahead To 2008

It is helpful if societies and zones keep track of their activities done throughout the year. This will help in filling out your report for the fall packets next year. If you need any information or more information about the report forms, please contact me.

Let your light shine in the new year.

Visit the Web site under Committees/Human Care to see pictures of the Haiti project, to learn about new projects for Human Care, and to review the Stamps for Missions project to be sure that the stamps you save are useable for the project.

Convention Ingatherings

Items List for Assembling Human Care Kits

School Supply Kits:
Two pencils, an eraser, a box of 8 crayons, ruler (metric, please), and a small tablet.

Hygiene Kits:
A hand towel, a washcloth, TWO bars of soap, a toothbrush, tube of toothpaste (tape the top shut, please), also a bottle of shampoo and a nailclipper. All can be packed in the towel which should be held shut with at least two medium sized safety pins.

Newborn Kits:
Three to six cloth diapers, two diaper pins, baby lotion, one or two newborn "onesies", a receiving blanket, a soft washcloth, all wrapped in the receiving blanket, pinned together with diaper pins.

Sending in these reports enables the district, zone, and societies to evaluate and see where individual strengths are and where we can apply ourselves in the future to be more effective in reach out to others. The complete results of the 2007 Human Care Report will be online in January 2008. Also, the donations in support of the Haiti mission project were phenomenal.

Human Care Events at the Convention

Ingathering Items:

- Phone cards for seminary students and military personnel
- Stamps for missions

Items for Haiti:

School Supplies, Hygiene Kits, Newborn Kits, and unopened soap and shampoos from hotels.

Convention Servant Events

Sunday afternoon from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

- Tying quilts
- Making Linus blankets
- There maybe others...

District Convention Highlights

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1 John 1:7 ESV

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Registration:
Sunday, June 8th from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Monday, June 9th, 7:30 to 8:00 a.m.

Opening Session:
Sunday, June 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Convention Business:
- Election of officers
- Adoption of a Mission Grant goal for Mites
- Selection of Mission Grants
- Bylaw changes

Keynote Speaker:
Annetta Dellinger, known as a "trailblazer for joy."

Mission Speaker:
Dr. Eugene Bunkowske, Director of the Dr. Oswald Hoffmann School of Christian Outreach at Concordia University, St. Paul. His ministry career has included foreign mission service, sharing the Good News of salvation.

National LWML Representative:
Janice Wendorf, elected president of the LWML in Sioux Falls last June.

Bible Study Leader:
Rev. John Grein, Minnesota North LWML counselor from the Lakeland Region.

Break-out Sessions:
Monday afternoon from 2:30- 4:30 p.m.

- "Sharing the Faith" Led by Dr. Eugene Bunkowske
- "Candid Grandmothering" Led by Annetta Dellinger
- "Short Term Mission Opportunities" Led by Rev. Tom Brinkley
- "Organizing His-story" Led by Janet Miller
- Mission-Ministry Vision Led by Cheryl Petersen & Frances Wittnebel

Mite-y Walk:
(Tuesday morning at 6 a.m.)

Convention Adjournment:
Tuesday, June 10th, at 1 p.m.

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CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Delegate credentials, registration forms, and a listing of motels will be available in April. The costs are provided here to help you with your planning for the convention. The registration deadline is May 7, 2008.

Total Convention Cost (by May 7th) $80.00

Total Convention Cost (after May 7th) $90.00

Young Women Representatives $65.00

Past Presidents $65.00

Clergy – FREE but must register & pay for meals

- Monday noon meal $15.00
- Monday banquet meal $25.00

Convention Workers & Nuclei Committee . $40.00

Monday Only (includes packet and meals)..... $60.00

Part-time (includes packet, NO meals) $25.00

Mite-y Walk Registration ..... $ 5.00

The total convention cost includes registration fee, materials packet, and Monday meals - noon & banquet.

Each person will arrange her own housing. A listing of motels will be included in the spring newsletter and on the district web site.

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We have $27,428 left to raise in order to meet our Mission Goal for the 2006-2008 biennium before March 31, 2008. (This includes the 25% to be remitted to the national LWML.) Will you join me for a moment in looking at Paul and his godly optimism?

"Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart." 2 Corinthians 4:1

Paul learned through many conflicts in life that the grace and mercy of God saw him through many trials and hardships. Paul had godly optimism when he confidently said the following: "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13); *"If God is for us, who can be against us?"* (Romans 8:31); *"Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:39b).

May we claim these words and pray: Lord, because of You, we will not lose heart. We graciously thank You for Your promises and ask that You move us to respond with generosity, love and thankfullness to God. To You be the glory. Amen.

Mite Calendars for the months of February – April can be found on pages 22-24 of this newsletter. Mite calendars may also be downloaded from the district web site: www.lwmlmnn.org

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

– Mite Alert –

In order to meet our Mite goal and complete the payment of all our projects, we need $27,428 by March 31, 2008.

(25% of our Mite offerings go to LWML to pay the projects adopted at the Sioux Falls Convention.)

Have you ever wondered what the LWML Mission Advocacy Grants do?

MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS that are to be considered during the 2008 Duluth convention must be in my mailbox by **FEBRUARY 15th**.

GOT ANY GRANT QUESTIONS?
Still need help? Forms and instructions for submitting Mission Grants can be found on the district web site at:
www.lwmlmnn.org
or you can contact me at 218-879-5373.

Society Treasurers:
Please remit all mites to the district treasurer, Donna Schleif, by March 20, 2008 to be figured in this biennium.

Mission Advocacy Grants:

- Enable Lutheran Women in Mission to use their time and treasure to spread the Gospel.
- Provide resources to help produce and distribute Gospel materials to blind and visually impaired. (Project #8 – Audiocassette material)
- Enable fellow Lutherans to expand the Gospel outreach by building facilities that will be used to spread the message of the love of Jesus in their community. (Project #11 – Shepherd of the Lake outreach in Two Harbors, MN)
- Provide resources so that the physical and spiritual healing of Jesus' love is shared with the less fortunate through medical supplies, transportation, gas, food etc. (Project #4 – Orphan Grain Train transportation costs; Project #6 Trinity /Hope – feed the hungry children in Haiti; Project #7 – Generator for Cap-Haitians Lutheran Church in Haiti)
- Give financial assistance to aid in the educating and training of our future pastors, teachers, missionaries and others, so they are prepared to share the Gospel as full-time church workers. (Project #1 – Scholarships for seminary students; #2 – Scholarships for full-time church work students; #3 - Summer staff training at Lutheran Island Camp)
- Enable outreach to spread the Good News. (Project #5 - Outreach to Muslims; Project #9 – Transportation of VBS teams into Ontario; Project #10 Nebraska youth teaching VBS on White Earth Reservation)
- Provide financial assistance to reach out and spread the love of Jesus among the Hmong in the metro area (Project #12 – Partners in Mission) Be encouraged – Do not lose heart!

Mission Projects Report

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MISSION PROJECTS FOR THE 2006-2008 BIENNIUM as of January 8, 2008

MISSION PROJECTS	GOAL	PREVIOUSLY PAID or ALLOCATED	PAID OR ALLOCATED THIS QUARTER	BALANCE
Scholarships for Seminary Students	$11,000	$8,000.00	$3,000.00	PAID IN FULL
Scholarships for Full-Time Church Worker Students	$55,000	$39,366.42	$8,868.09	$6,765.41
Summer Staff Training – Lutheran Island Camp	$10,000	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	PAID IN FULL
Orphan Grain Train Transportation	$7,000	$7,000.00		PAID IN FULL
Outreach to the Muslim	$6,000	$4,500.00	$1,500.00	PAID IN FULL
Trinity/HOPE - Feeding children in Haiti	$4,750	$1,000.00	$3,750.00	PAID IN FULL
Generator for Cap-Haitians, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Haiti	$10,000	$6,000.00		$4,000.00
Transportation of VBS Teams in Ontario	$5,000	$2,827.00		$2,173.00
VBS for Native American Children White Earth Res. - Nebraska Youth	$3,000	$3,000.00		PAID IN FULL
Shepherd of the Lake Mission Outreach, Two Harbors, MN	$10,000	$4,367.67		$5,623.33
Partners in Mission—Outreach to Hmong children in Minneapolis & St. Paul	$3,250	$3,250.00		PAID IN FULL
Audiocassette Materials for blind and visually impaired people	$5,000	$3,000.00		$2,000.00
TOTALS	$130,000	$87,311.09	$22,118.09	$20,570.82

Structure / Bylaws

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Phyllis Jastram, Chariman
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More helps and information about bylaws and parliamentary procedures are available online!

If you have any further question about bylaws, please call me at: (218) 826-6305

The Bylaws Ballad

Words by Audrey Jagels
(Tune: I've Been Working On the Railroad)

We've been working on the bylaws
All the live long day.
We've been working on the bylaws
And we are here to say:
Always watch your punctuation
Spelling and capitals too.
Keep them simple and amend them
So they won't trouble you.

We've been working on the bylaws
Morning, noon, and night.
We'll keep working on the bylaws
Until we get them right.
Certain articles need watching
Robert helps you here.
Make it Object not Objectives
And we'll all stand and cheer!

We're still working on the bylaws
Faithful to the end.
We are striking and inserting
In an effort to amend.
Don't put Membership, but Members
Let no conflict be.
Look to Guidelines in your Handbook
See how easy it can be!

Why don't you amend your bylaws?
How long has it been?
Take a look at the Committees
What they do, and then
Study Officers and Duties
List them one by one.
Make some changes in Elections
And soon you will be done!

Leader Development

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For a smooth transition of office...

Each one should use whatever gift he as received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various form. (1 Peter 4:10 NIV)

Elections are over; installations will be taking place.

There are some duties for an outgoing officer:

1. Update files.
2. All records and minutes should be in order.
3. Houseclean - send historical significance to the Archivist/ Historian, remove personal correspondence. If in doubt, don't throw it out.
4. Meet with new officer - review all records, files and materials; highlight items of extreme importance; remember you are her servant, resource and a mentor.
5. Pray for her - make yourself available.

There are also duties for the incoming officer:

1. Pray, praise and give thanks, you have been chosen by God.
2. Prepare yourself - read the Scriptures; obtain leadership materials from LWML, library, Christian bookstores, etc.
3. Acquaint yourself - review guidelines, schedule of responsibility and bylaws of the office;
4. Meet with the outgoing officer; stay in touch with her; don't be afraid to ask questions - the only dumb question is the one you didn't ask.

You are now ready to serve the Lord with gladness!!

Draw near to God in prayer and He will draw near to you. (James 4:8)

Mildred

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Any plans? Any questions?

Do you have questions about revising your society's bylaws? If so, contact Phyllis. The committee will gladly answer any questions you may have. After the hectic schedule of the Christmas season, perhaps your life has settled down a bit in this new year. Many of our societies will not be meeting often the next months, because of winter snowbirds going south and the inclement weather in Minnesota North.

Remember to make plans to attend the LWML Convention in Duluth in June and encourage your society and zone members to spread the word. Try to keep your spirits high during the cold winter months, encourage your members to come to meetings, church socials and services and offer rides to those unable or uncertain of driving. Spend your moments serving others in the attitude of His Son, Jesus.

Blessings to all of you…and let us remind ourselves to heed the call of the old hymn that says:

Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on Heaven's table land,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where those abound,
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.

I want to scale the utmost height
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till Heaven I've found,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

Janet

Young Women

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Reaching out to all the women

We have just celebrated the Advent and Christmas seasons. Once again, we marveled at the Christ, who was made flesh among us.

As we embark upon 2008, we want to continue the joyfulness we experienced as we stood at the manger.

This month extend a special warm personal invitation to the young women in your church to attend the LWML activities. Paul reminds us in Titus the responsibility of the older women is to teach and train the younger women. Is your group meeting at a time accessible to the young women in your church? Consider having a Bible study on the weekend and provide child care during the meeting time.

Each woman, young or old, brings something into a society. It is important that each woman feel support for whatever she is able to do at this time. Take the time to get to know each other, each woman's interests and prayer concerns. I urge societies to uphold each other in prayer.

Each women carries out her commitment to the Lord in her way, it may be different than yours, but not wrong! God has blessed everyone with unique gifts; help encourage each other to use those gifts. Listen to new ideas and suggestions. New ideas and suggestions are not made with the idea of

NEWLY APPOINTED OFFICER

Marilyn Hiltel
Arrowhead II
Regional VP

Board of Directors Update: Kathleen has accepted a position with the St. Cloud School District; therefore, she has resigned her position as Arrowhead II Regional Vice President. We thank you , Kathleen, for your service to the Lord on the Board of Directors. Marilyn Hiltel has been appointed to fill the position for the remainder of the term. We welcome Marilyn as she returns to the LWML Board.

Looking for YW information?

Impressions, is a new e-letter for young women. Visit the LWML Young Women's page at: www.lwml.org

Teen LWML

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Wanted: Young Women

Please encourage young women in your congregation to attend the LWML convention in Duluth, June 8-10, 2008.

Registration is $65 and includes both meals on Monday. (All women will make their own housing arrangements.)

The young women will meet together Sunday evening after the opening worship service.

being on a "mission" to change the individual societies; they are a contribution of talents, gifts and abilities to use for God's glory.

As we look forward to this New Year in Christ, new opportunities arise for fellowship and to be in God's Word and prayer. The 23rd Biennial Convention of the Minnesota North District will be held at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center (DECC) in Duluth June 8-10, 2008. Consider attending this event. Join with other LWMLers throughout Minnesota North as we "Walk in the Light" together. We thank God He has given us each other for support and love as we serve Him with gladness. May God grant you joy and peace as you serve Him with gladness.

Kathleen Brehmer

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Keeping the Cheer Beyond Christmas

The packages have all been opened, the carols have all been sung, the time with family is also done. So now what? How do we keep that "holiday cheer" going, even after the decorations have been put away?

We remember the reason for our celebrating - Christ, our Savior.

Through LWML, we meet others who rejoice in the birth of the Bethlehem baby. Yet we shouldn't forget about those that we meet who do not know how this story goes - or even why the birth is so important. Yes, the birth was a miracle. But there is an even bigger miracle that occurred that we must tell others about. It is the death and the resurrection of that same Savior. That's the celebration!

We can continue the gift of telling and giving through mentoring. We can mentor those that are younger or older than us. We can mentor those that are in the same walk of life as us.

If you would like more ideas on mentoring or would like a visit from an MMV consultant, please contact one of us.

Cheryl & Fran

MMV Mission-Ministry Vision

"Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, …[and] teach what is good."
Titus 2:3

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MMV CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the MMV Calendar online. There are other MMV Resources located on the district web site: www.lwmlmnn.org

For additional information about MMV please contact: Cheryl Petersen and/or Frances Wittnebel at: mmv@lwmlmnn.org

Mentoring Qualities

MMV HELPS

Mentoring Qualities

Titus 2: 3 describes mature Christian women as reverent in the way they live and teach. The following is a compilation of some mentoring qualities:

Faithfulness

By the grace of God, mentors are able to stay faithful to His Word and Sacraments. Through the help of the Holy Spirit, they can find time for God and others in their busy lives.

Recognize Needs

Relationships can be initiated when we listen to the needs of other people.

Commitment

Mentoring is more effective if each Christian has a true desire to invest herself into a relationship as Christ's ambassador and commits to just a few mentoring relationships.

Openness

Mentors must be willing to share their lives in an honest way, allowing the person being mentored to feel comfortable in sharing.

Acceptance

Mentors accept others without approving of their sin. By showing unconditional love, a mentor can help another person look beyond a present failure.

Listening

Can help others find solutions by listening to their thoughts and feelings. Listening can be a greater service than speaking.

Encouraging

A mentor must have the ability to see people not for what they are, but for what they can become. They are able to inspire others to put forth their best efforts not because they have to, but because they want to.

– Adapted and compiled by Shari Miller May 2002

SCHOLARSHIPS

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Calling All Applicants for the 2008-2009 School Year...

Praise the Lord! Money for the current semester has been sent to the colleges and seminaries. The scholarships are the visual answer to the prayer we each include with each mite that goes into our Mite Box. There is also a commitment that we LWML sisters will continue to pray for each student who is studying with assistance from our mites.

As you continue to prayerfully collect mites, remember that the Scholarships Committee will be submitting these two mission proposals for the delegates' consideration at the convention in Duluth in June. Scholarships will be continued only if delegates direct the MN North District LWML Board of Directors to use Mites for that purpose. The committee will plan for continuation of support, but convention delegates determine follow-up. Students and seminarians NEED TO APPLY, so we are prepared!

Application forms can be downloaded now from the MN North District LWML web site. Remember, the complete application includes two non-relative references, as well as a pastoral reference. The student/seminarian also needs to include a 1 to 2 page essay that gives the applicant a chance to share how this LWML assistance facilitates their striving to achieve the goals God is putting in front of them. Hint: applications are accepted now, so why wait until the last minute – which is right after semester finals! There is no information requested that is not available right now...use your GPA from first semester.

First-year college students and anyone who has not applied for a scholarship recently will report the most current information and use the essay to add clarification. Those who have returned scholarships continue to be eligible to apply if their scholastic pursuit becomes professional church work.

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A listing of church vocations are listed on our web site along with links to the universities and seminaries.

More information about church work careers can be found on the LCMS web site: www.lcms.org

Remember the Scholarship Deadline is May 15, 2008

Before you send, did you?

- **Get Two References**
- **Get A Pastor's Reference**
- **Write Your Essay**
- **Prayerfully consider your vocation**

LWMLers who are mothers, grandmothers, Sunday school teachers, ACT advisors, etc. need to be nurturing the questioning seniors and college students. Our encouragement may be the nudge that is needed to begin the pursuit of church worker career. Do your thing! LWMLers, be sure pass along scholarship information to those who may be interested. LWML scholarships are not loans. We distribute prayerfully, knowing that God is using our Mites. We know our own Christian walk has included twists and turns. We are trusting that those who apply for these scholarships are truthfully exploring Christian education and preparing to be contributors to this special vocation.

Those interested can download the Scholarships Application Form from: <www.lwmlmnn.org> The application form has been modifyed to respect privacy rights. No dollar amount is guaranteed, depending on Convention action and the total number of applications. Current distribution was $1,200 per student with an additional $1,000 to each of the pastoral ministry students. No money is ever distributed for summer school.

Anne

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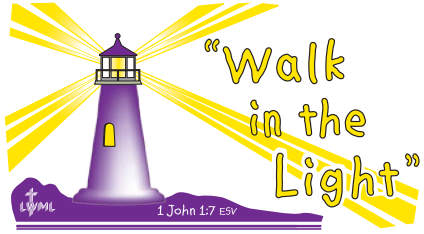
Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar

FEBRUARY 2008



"Serve the Lord with Gladness!"
Psalm 100:2

Mite Alert
As of January 8th, $27,428 was needed to meet our Mite goal for the 2006-2008 biennium. Please prayerfully consider your offering.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Pray for students preparing for full time church work MN NORTH PROJECT	2 Memorize a Bible verse today 20 ¢
3 Pray for Sunday School students	4 Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	5 Pray for the ministry of Lutheran Island Camp MN NORTH PROJECT	Ash Wednesday 6 Jesus, I will ponder now on Thy Holy Passion. Attend Ash Wednesday services today	7 Pray for seminary students MN NORTH PROJECT	8 Remember that God always keeps His promises	9 Pray for Orphan Grain Train outreach MN NORTH PROJECT
10 Thank God for the opportunity to worship today	11 Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	12 Pray for outreach to the Muslim MN NORTH PROJECT	13 Thank God for willing feet to follow Him 15 ¢	14 We love because He first loved us	15 Pray for the hungry children in Haiti MN NORTH PROJECT	16 Use your hands in willing service for Him today 25 ¢ MN NORTH PROJECT
17 Thank God for the leaders in your congregation	18 Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	19 Pray for the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti MN NORTH PROJECT	20 Praise the Lord for the sunrise this morning 20 ¢	21 Pray for the blind and visually impaired people MN NORTH PROJECT	22 Thank God for making you a unique servant of Him 30 ¢	23 Pray for the Native American children on the White Earth Reservation MN NORTH PROJECT
24 Pray for your pastor and His message from God's Word	25 Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	26 Pray for the VBS program in northern Ontario MN NORTH PROJECT	27 Pray for Shepherd of the Lake Mission outreach in Two Harbors, MN MN NORTH PROJECT	28 Thank God for those who serve in the military 15 ¢	29 Pray for outreach to the Hmong children in the Twin Cities MN NORTH PROJECT	

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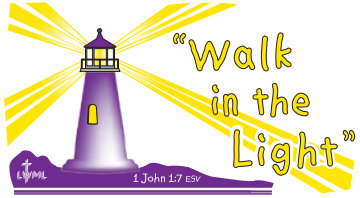
MARCH 2008

Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar

"Serve the Lord with Gladness!" Psalm 100:2

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Pray for outreach to the Muslim MN NORTH PROJECT
2 Greet someone new at worship today	**3** Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	**4** Pray for our national leaders 25 ¢	**5** Pray for students preparing for full time church work MN NORTH PROJECT	**6** Pray that the MN North Mite goal will be reached 50 ¢	**7** Pray for the ministry of Lutheran Island Camp MN NORTH PROJECT	**8** Pray for your pastor as he serves the Lord
9 Praise God for the Christian fellowship at your church	**10** Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	**11** Pray for seminary students MN NORTH PROJECT	**12** God is love – share it with someone today 25 ¢	**13** Pray for Orphan Grain Train outreach MN NORTH PROJECT	**14** Pray for soldiers in the military 25 ¢	**15** Pray for the hungry children in Haiti MN NORTH PROJECT
Palm Sunday 16 Hosanna to the King of Kings	**17** Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	**18** Pray for the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti MN NORTH PROJECT	**19** Pray for the blind and visually impaired people MN NORTH PROJECT	**20** Maundy Thursday	**Good Friday 21** 	**22** Praise God for your hope in Jesus 25 ¢
Easter 23 Praise To Our Risen Lord! Alleluia!	**24** Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	**25** Pray for the Native American children on the White Earth Reservation MN NORTH PROJECT	**26** Pray for the VBS program in northern Ontario MN NORTH PROJECT	**27** Pray for Shepherd of the Lake Mission outreach in Two Harbors, MN MN NORTH PROJECT	**28** Help or encourage a busy Mom today 25 ¢	**29** Pray for outreach to the Hmong children in the Twin Cities MN NORTH PROJECT
30 Thank God for the opportunity to serve the Lord	**31** Pray with your LWML sisters at noon					



2008 MN North District Convention Theme Verse:

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

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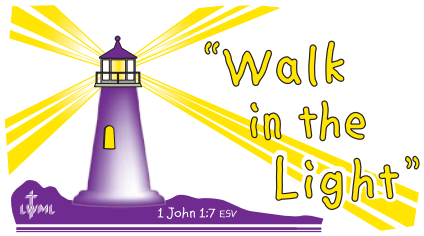
Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar

APRIL 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		**1** Pray for students preparing for full time church work MN NORTH PROJECT	**2** Take a treat to a homebound person 20 ¢	**3** Pray for the ministry of Lutheran Island Camp MN NORTH PROJECT	**4** Thank God for your church's boards and committees 15 ¢	**5** Pray for seminary students MN NORTH PROJECT
6 Pray for Bible study leaders at your church 25 ¢	**7** Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	**BOD Meeting 8** Share the joy of Jesus with someone today 20 ¢	**9** Pray for Orphan Grain Train outreach MN NORTH PROJECT	**10** Pray for the police officers in your community 30 ¢	**11** Pray for outreach to the Muslim MN NORTH PROJECT	**12** Thank God for your family 25 ¢
13 Make your offering at church today	**14** Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	**15** Pray for the hungry children in Haiti MN NORTH PROJECT	**16** Pray for the families of soldiers in the military 15 ¢	**17** Pray for the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti MN NORTH PROJECT	**18** Have the joy of Jesus in your tasks today 20 ¢	**19** Pray for the blind and visually impaired people MN NORTH PROJECT
20 Encourage your pastor as he serves the Lord	**21** Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	**22** Pray for the Native American children on the White Earth Reservation MN NORTH PROJECT	**23** Be thankful for a close sister in Christ 10 ¢	**24** Pray for the VBS program in northern Ontario MN NORTH PROJECT	**25** Listen for the signs of God's presence 30 ¢	**26** Pray for Shepherd of the Lake Mission outreach in Two Harbors, MN MN NORTH PROJECT
27 Praise Jesus as the Lord of your life! 25 ¢	**28** Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	**29** 25 ¢ if you have seen the first spring flower	**30** Pray for outreach to the Hmong children in the Twin Cities MN NORTH PROJECT	*Plan to attend the Minnesota North District Convention in Duluth, MN on June 8-10, 2008.* *Registration Forms will be in the Spring Newsletter mailed this month and on the district website at: www.lwmlmnn.org*		

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