



# MINNESOTA NORTHERN LIGHT

Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
Minnesota North District

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



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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.

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[www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)  
[www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org)

Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
Minnesota North District  
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June 25 - 27, 2012  
Breezy Point Resort, Minnesota



## Theme: "Arise! Shine! Your Light has Come ..."

*Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Isaiah 60:1-3 (NIV)*

Keynote Speaker:	Cynthia Khan
Bible Study Leader:	Rev. Donald Stauty, Virginia, MN
LWML Representative:	Edie Norris
	LWML Public Relations Director
Entertainment:	Jilleen Butler ( <a href="http://www.jilleen.com">www.jilleen.com</a> )

## President's Pen: Trusting to lead

As we begin the New Year, I am looking ahead to completing my term as your District President. Some of you have asked me if I am able to serve another term as District President. The answer is ... No. It has been an awesome privilege to serve and lead the LWML Minnesota North District for these past three-and-a-half years. I am excited about what God has in store for me after my term is completed.

At the start of my term, I was challenged by LWML President Janice Wendorf to have a goal for my term as District President. I told her that one of my goals was to see more cohesiveness happen in our societies and zones, beginning with the communication connection from the district to the societies. I feel that great strides have happened in this regard.

I hear from many of you about the exciting ideas that your zones and societies have implemented for fellowship time or fund-raising ideas. I have spoken with pastors who are encouraged by the work that the LWML does right in their congregations. Then when they attend a rally or convention, to see that ministry and mission doubled or tripled!

Leadership involves trust-building. "This trust and mutual accountability require that we reassure each other . . . that a new vision, a change in approach or focus, does not mean a change in doctrine" (excerpt taken from *Trust and Teams* by Jane L. Fryar). Read an example from Galatians 2:1-10, where Paul shares about his experience in leadership to the Apostles.

There has been some change taking place within the LWML and within our district. Some of it is gradual: a committee name change, receiving the district newsletter online, or bylaw amendments. There are other changes that may feel sudden: a new society, a merging of societies or a society disbands. Again, I think of the word "trust."

In each of these situations, a leader is needed to encourage and guide the members through these situations. That leader may be you. Acts 14:23 speaks about Paul and Barnabas appoint-



ing elders for the church and "committed them to the Lord in whom they had put their trust." Note, that, just as in the Galatians excerpt above, Paul shares that while trust is needed in the leader, the ultimate trust is with the Lord. He is our Guide as we carry His ministry to fruition.

Now, I turn the focus to you, women of the Minnesota North District and LWML. It is time once again for elections on all levels to take place. Some of you may be thinking that it's not the right time for you to lead. I ask that you spend time in prayer and in the Word and glean the words of encouragement that God shares with us, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me" John 14:1 (NIV). These were the words that Jesus shared with the disciples in preparation for His return to heaven. Jesus knew that they would face trials in sharing the Gospel with people, but again, He reassured them by His promise of the Holy Spirit (read John 14:15-31). You are not alone in your leadership. Trust in the Lord, and then take the steps to lead. Remember that you are working alongside those you lead.

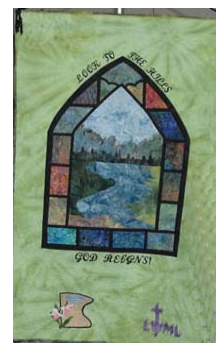
I have been greatly encouraged by each person that I have worked with on the district board, and also by each of you. Your words of affirmation to me, when I greet you in person, or by phone, or email are a tremendous boost knowing that we are working together to the "task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him."

*Blessings, Cheryl  
MN No. District President*

### LOST!

The 2009 LWML Minnesota North District banner from the Portland Convention. If you have it, or know where it is, please contact President Cheryl at 218-685-6218.

*Thank you!*



Greetings,

I pray that each of you had a very blessed Christmas as you celebrated the greatest gift given to mankind. Jesus, the Son of God, is a gift that needs to be shared with everyone.

## Leader Development

Now that we are beginning a new year, when was the last time you, as a member and/or leader in the LWML, took the time to stop and reassess the goals of your society? Do those personal or society goals demonstrate how we can work together to serve the Lord as the body of Christ, and to share the good news of salvation?

Before you reassess, you should check and evaluate how you are doing things. Stopping and taking the time to make some assessments to determine what was good, what was weak, and what you would do differently, is good. Remember to be fair and just, always looking for ways of improving.

When evaluating your society's goals, be accountable to your pastor, church council, and the congregation at large. Always communicate (written and verbally) what your society is about, what you are doing, and how you can all work together. As you evaluate, be sure and thank all volunteers, participants and members of your society that help in the process. Showing grace and mercy is an extension of God's love toward us. Kindness and appreciation are valuable assets.

After evaluating, it is time to reassess. It's part of staying healthy as a organization – and as a leader. When reassessing goals, always keep in mind the LWML Mission Statement, "The mission of the LWML 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."

We would like to have all the women in our congregations be actively gathered in Christian fellowship, growing in their relationship with God, and serving Him in love. As the LWML motto states "Serve the Lord with gladness" (Ps. 100:2). All goals established should assist in this endeavor.

While reassessing and planning, be open to change in your activities and the way you do things. As a leader, don't be afraid to suggest new and different ideas and things. Try not to use the words, "we've never done it that way before." That phrase is an idea stopper. Trying new things as a society and as a leader can allow you to stretch and grow in wonderful ways that we can't even dream.

Remember, too, that reaching out to others is important for any leader or society. A society that has only in-reach and no outreach, will suffocate and die. As a part of the LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission), we will want to be:

- sensitive to all women,
- inclusive to all women,
- relevant to all women,
- attuned to all women,
- and appealing to all women.

If you would like more information about how to reassess your society's goals and see if they are fulfilling the mission of the LWML, or if you are a leader and you would like assistance in learning how to set-up an evaluation and reassessment process, please contact me.



*Serving the Lord in Gladness,  
Lynn Lahd  
Leader Development Chairman*

[Informational Resource Used: Designed for You –Techniques for Organizing Women's Groups by the LWML]

Sisters In Christ,

As members of THE LWML, we would like to make the world a better place. Jesus told the story of the “Good Samaritan,” a man who helped a fellow traveler when no one else would. We, too, should be good Samaritans when we encounter people who need our help.

## Human Care

As followers of Christ, we are commanded to be generous with our friends, with our families and those in need. We must give generously of our time, our possessions, and, most especially, our love.

In 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, (NIV) Paul reminds us that when we sow the seeds of generosity, we reap bountiful rewards in accordance to God’s plan for our lives. “Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or out of compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

### Thank you

Thank you ladies for filling out the Human Care form in the Fall Packet. I praise the Lord for your generosity. I am amazed at your creativity when giving to those in need. As the new year brings several months of cold weather and minimal outdoor activity, continue to sew, knit, crochet, quilt and stockpile items needed for your upcoming projects.

### Servant Event

I am excited about the district convention coming up in June at Breezy Point. One of our servant events will be rolling bandages for clinics and hospitals in the mission field. Commercial bandages are often expensive and in short supply, so rolled bandages are needed in many countries.



To make this project a success, we need to collect suitable materials such as used bed sheets, white only, cotton or cotton blend. Please, no knits or flannels. I am asking each society to collect bed sheets and bring them to the convention. A very good source of sheets is your local hospital, nursing home or motels. Ask if they are ready to recycle any of their linen. Gently used sheets can also be found at thrift stores and garage sales.

If you are able to rip them into strips, they should be 2 to 3 inches wide and the length of the bed sheet. Otherwise, just bring the whole sheet and part of the project at the convention will be ripping them to the sizes needed.

### Mite Calendars

Recently, I visited with a LWML member that admitted she didn’t use the Mite Calendar as much as she should. She contributed her money where and when she wanted, not looking at the ideas of prayer and praise that are also listed each day.

Sometimes, we need a gentle nudge to increase the number of people and projects we pray for. We get in a rut focusing on our close family and friends. This calendar opens up our mind and heart to new ways of giving, new projects to pray for, and new ways of serving. It is a very valuable tool.



### Gifts from the Heart

Minot Flood Relief – save and send – 220 LCMS families in Minot lost their homes to flood water. A lot of work has been done, but some are still homeless, perhaps living in FEMA trailers. Already posted on our LWML Minnesota North website is the address in St. Louis, Missouri, to send any monetary gift that will help the three churches that were



affected. Six Minot schools were lost. I encourage you to get the children of your church involved in a project to help purchase supplies for these schools. Sunday school children or individual families can send Campbell's Soup labels, Our Family product UPC labels and Land O Lakes container caps to Erin Edgerly, 15 Vista Dr., Minot, ND 58703. She will distribute the labels so each school benefits from your generosity.

*Ellen Strickler  
Human Care Chairman*

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**"Arise! Shine! Your Light has Come ... "** Isaiah 60: 1-3 (NIV) .

How fitting these verses are for the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. The Light has come, and may the glory be with you throughout this year.

## Structure

The Structure Committee spent time reviewing the district bylaws. The proposed amendments were approved by the district board and sent to the LWML Structure Committee. Their recommendations and comments have been returned.

There will be bylaws to be approved at the LWML Minnesota North District Convention, June 25-27, 2012.

Do you have a copy of the LWML Minnesota North District Bylaws–2008 Revision? You can identify it by the outline picture of the LWML MN No. Dist. on the front. Each zone and society should have a copy. A copy of the bylaws can be obtained online at the LWML MN North Dist. website, [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org); click on "Resources" for the drop down menu; then click on "Forms and Applications," The link to download the bylaws is under "Structure Resources."

## Bylaws

Thank you to all the societies that are updating and reviewing their bylaws. Many are still in the review process with the Structure Committee. The committee will return these to the societies and zones very soon.

*Doris Weispfennig, Structure Committee Chairman  
Phyllis Jastram, Kaylene Motschenbacher  
Betty Kuelbs, Pastor Ron Hobbie*

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## LWML Celebrates \$100 Million in Mites

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) has gathered \$100 million in mites since the founding of the organization in 1942! By the grace of God, faithful supporters from across the nation have given their mites to achieve the LWML's ongoing mission goal. This amazing total combines funds from the forty districts and the national level of the LWML.

LWML President Kay Kreklau shared, "Today we look forward to the mission work of the Lord set at the 2011 LWML Convention with a mission goal for the 2011-2013 biennium of \$1.825 million to support 19 grants. While the amount of funds raised has increased over the years, the mission today is the same – helping to reach out to share the joyful news of Christ around the world. Lutheran Women in Mission today share the same mission consciousness – mission education, mission inspiration and mission service as they join the early leaders to joyfully serve the Lord."



## Christian Life

### The Power of Music

When I walked into my dad's hospital room, he was struggling to get out of his bed, while Mom was trying to keep him in bed. Dad, who was 86, had cancer surgery a few days before. He was confused, thinking that he was in jail; he also felt that he should go vote. He definitely did not want to stay in bed.

I assisted Mom trying to calm him down and reason with him, but that wasn't working very well. Then I started to sing his favorite hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." As I continued to sing one hymn after another, Dad started to relax; when I sang "It Is Well with My Soul," he nodded his head. It was well with his soul.

The therapists for U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords of Arizona, used music to help her learn to walk and speak again after she had been shot in the head.



Read about how God used music, a choir, in front of the army of Jehoshaphat to defeat the enemies in II Chronicles 20:1-30.

When Thomas Jefferson had trouble finding the right words as he wrote the Declaration of Independence, he played his violin. "The music helped him get the words from his brain onto the paper," according to *Music and the Brain* by Laurence O'Donnell.

O'Donnell also wrote that music can change a person's mood. Read how David's playing the harp for King Saul soothed Saul's spirit in I Samuel 16:14-23. When memory loss and stress management troubled King George I of England, he read this passage; then he asked Frederick Handel to write some special music to help calm him. Handel then wrote "Water Music."

Martin Luther wrote, "Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul, it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us." Luther also wrote, "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through music."

Music or singing is mentioned in over half of the books of the Bible. The Psalms were the Hebrews songbook.

How much easier to remember the words of Scripture when they are set to music! Sometimes we do not realize the words of the hymn are direct quotes from the Bible. The Bible tells us to "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs" Eph. 5:19 (NIV). In Colossians 3:16 (NIV) we are told to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs."

So let's keep singing. I pray that you will find hymns to comfort you, to win the battles of life, and to remind you of what God has done for you.

### Mission Encounter

"God is calling me to go on a short term mission trip." That was my response after attending the Mission Encounter held at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 29, 2011.

The LWML had a display about mites: where we have given grants throughout the world, our current grants and the dollar amount that has been given through the mites since the founding of LWML (over \$100 million!!) I had set up and manned this display.

However, I was the one blessed by attending. The speakers, Mark Peske and Gary Thies, were outstanding. We could choose from 10 outbreak sessions. There were special activities for children and teens. We ate ethnic foods at the potluck lunch.

If you ever have a chance to attend a Mission Encounter, prepare to be changed.

Mary Kuhnau  
Christian Life Chairman



## Scholarships

It is amazing how fast time flies by. It seems as though only yesterday we were reviewing scholarship applications. Now here we are, on the threshold of the spring semester. This marks the beginning of the final semester of college for some – a time to start thinking about creating resumes for potential employers. For others, this marks the beginning of the final semester of high school and time to get serious about where to seek training for future careers.

Now is the time to make decisions about what to do with the rest of your life and how you can best use the special skills that God has given you to serve Him and His church. Take a few moments and check out LCMS President Rev. Matthew Harrison's words at [www.whataway.org](http://www.whataway.org), and pray for God's guidance. Then download a scholarship application from the LWML Minnesota North District website [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org). Fill it out and mail it to me at 28497 Owl Drive, Browerville MN 56438.

Scholarships are available for the 2012–2013 academic year for those training for full-time church work at one of the LCMS Concordia Universities, Concordia Seminary or Concordia Theological Seminary.

Do you know of someone who is in college but not attending one of the LCMS Concordia Universities? You can encourage the student to connect to the Lutheran student ministry on their campus by going to [www.lcmscampusministry.org/Student-Connect.php](http://www.lcmscampusministry.org/Student-Connect.php) and fill in the online Student Connect information form. This information will then be securely and confidentially forwarded to the campus minister at the student's specific college, who will then contact them with how to get involved.

"Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end. Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart" Ps.119:33-34 (NIV).

Linda Jeske  
Scholarships Chairman



## The LWML needs you!!

"We pledge Him our willing service whenever and wherever He has need of us." There are positions with the board open for nominations including: President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Regional Vice Presidents for Arrowhead I, Lakeland I, and Park I Regions.

Please consider being the hands and feet of God and serving with the LWML!

Contact a member of the Nominating Committee for more information:

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## LWML Minnesota North District Retreat August 10 - 12 at Lutheran Island Camp

Theme: "The Greatest of these is Love"  
from I Corinthians 13.

Preliminary plans include Pastor Bernie Seter of Grafton speaking on Project 24 in Kenya, Africa. Pastor Don Stauty will lead us in Bible study. The Minutemen, a drama group, will entertain us on Saturday evening.

Plus, we will have the all the beauty of Lutheran Island Camp to experience!

Set the weekend aside for growth and fellowship with your LWML sisters.



## Mission Advocacy & Grants

### Mission Project # 3 Lutheran Island Camp, Financial Support for Staff Training - \$10,000.



Lutheran Island Camp (LIC) has been in existence since the early 1950's. Youth counselors have been a huge part of the camp's summer activities. Each year the staff is trained in how to live a Christian lifestyle through Bible study and how that affects their love, fellowship and Christian concern for others.

Many of the camp counselors receiving this training are guided and affirmed in their decision to become full time church workers – Pastors, Directors of Christian Education, Missionaries and other occupations proclaiming our Lord and Savior. They are trained in Christian fellowship, care, ethical leadership and love for one another. A big blessing is that the campers benefit from the example the staffers set for them.

If you have ever been blessed by being at a retreat, or even camping at the camp, you have seen the enthusiasm that is there.

### Mission Project # 7 Medical Clinic, Cap Haitien, Haiti - \$25,000.



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti (Premiere Eglise Evengeli-que Lutherienne du Cap Haitien) began with a school, then the medical clinic and a sewing center for women to learn a trade. The complex is a secure facility with a wall around it. There is a safe well and a generator for power. The church building has a foundation.

The clinic has a doctor, nurse and lab technician. Periodically medical teams from the United States visit and practice in the clinic. Space is at a premium in the completed section and the walls are up in the other half of the building, but a roof, floor, windows, doors and finishing needs to be completed so that this section can be utilized.

The people of Cap Haitien are extremely poor and can scarcely pay for medical care, but a small fee is assessed. Due to the poverty and the earthquake in Port au Prince, many refugees are coming to the city and medical care is critical.

*Dorothy Abrahamson*  
*Mission Advocacy & Grants Chairman*

### 35th Biennial LWML Convention in Pittsburgh, June 27-30, 2013

**Theme:** Quenched! By the Water

**Scripture verse:** [Jesus said:] “...but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (John 4:14).

**Convention goal statement:** Quenched by Christ’s redeeming grace, I am empowered by the Holy Spirit to be a wellspring of the Father’s love.

**Convention objectives:** Convention attendees will:

- Glorify the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Drink deeply from His Word.
- Share His overflowing of love.





Recently I have been asked quite a few questions about the YWR (Young Woman Representative) program in LWML. The YWR program was established to encourage younger women to learn more about the LWML, what it is, and hopefully to join in serving the Lord with gladness. The leaders of LWML realized that younger women were not joining in LWML activities, as the perception was that the organization was for “old” women. They decided to establish a program, which intentionally included younger women in the LWML convention, to get them inspired to serve the Lord and to take that excitement home to their districts, zones and societies.

At national conventions, each district is encouraged to choose up to two young women (ages 22-35) and send them to convention. Women today have many demands on their time: school, children, husbands, jobs, other church activities, and other responsibilities. For many it seems impossible to get away to a national convention to learn about LWML.

We have the opportunity June 25 to 27, 2012 to encourage younger women in our district to attend the LWML Minnesota North District Convention at Breezy Point. There will be special activities for the young women, including a special servant event and “LWML 101.” LWML 101 will be an opportunity to learn more about LWML beyond the society level.

Our convention will offer child care for those women who need it. The fee is small to cover materials, but the children will be “right next door.” If a young woman is not comfortable with, or unable to bring her children to convention, the society could offer to help her find childcare so she could attend. There are always options.

Congregations have woman members of all ages. All women have different gifts and talents that they bring to the service of our Lord. Societies whose members are all of the same age are missing out on opportunities to learn from each other. It starts with mutual love of the Lord and expands to love of one another.

I have learned much about life and service to the Lord from my older sisters. I recently celebrated a monumental birthday (one of those divisible by ten). It really has not phased me, although I remember when both my mother and my grandmother reached this age. Neither seemed that old, although society tells us otherwise.



Age is just a number and I truly believe you are only as old as you feel. Most of the LWML sisters I have met don’t act their age. Service to the Lord keeps your heart full and your mind busy, active and young.

I learned from Darlene Johnson, past president of the LWML Minnesota South District, that there are jobs for everyone in the service of our Lord.

Bring all the women of your society to the district convention – the young and the old. All will be filled with the love of the Lord and will return home eager to “Serve the Lord with Gladness.”

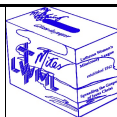
*Lynnette Roshell*

*Young Woman Representative Chairman*



- Immanuel, Parkers Prairie, for Leona Peterson, Verda Labarre, and Butch Briesse.
- St. Paul's, Loon Lake, Vergas, for Arlene Kolle, Florence Soland, and Kay Shields.
- Trinity, Sauk Rapids, for Margaret Hamilton and Elnora Busacker.
- Marilyn Hittel for Elnora Busacker.
- Albert Lotthammer family for Albert Lotthammer.
- Zion, Alexandria, for Lorraine Schultz.

Memorial and honor gifts should be sent to:  
LWML MN North District  
c/o Financial Secretary Marilyn Hittel  
6850 Golden Spike Road  
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379-9715

**2010-2012 Mission Goal Status**

PROJECTS	GOAL	PREVIOUSLY PAID OR ALLOCATED	PAID OR ALLOCATED THIS QUARTER	BALANCE
Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students	\$55,000	\$32,650	\$7,373	\$14,977
Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$3,750	\$3,750
Lutheran Island Camp, Financial Support for Staff Training	\$10,000	\$4,750	\$2,625	\$2,625
Food Bank at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	\$5,000	\$4,775	\$225	PAID
Orphan Grain Train	\$8,500	\$8,500		PAID
Children's Bibles for the People of SE Asia	\$7,500	\$6,000	\$1,500	PAID
Medical Clinic, Cap Haitien, Haiti	\$25,000	\$17,655	\$3,672	\$3,673
Food & Clothing Co-op, Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne	\$5,000	\$4,775	\$225	PAID
Production of Audiocassette Materials - Lutheran Blind Missions	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	PAID
Anyuak Ministry, Sauk Rapids, MN	\$5,000	\$5,000		PAID
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$135,000</b>	<b>\$88,605</b>	<b>\$21,370</b>	<b>\$25,025</b>

For all mite contributions, make check payable to "LWML MN North District" and mail to: Financial Secretary Marilyn Hiltel, 6850 Golden Spike Road, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379-9715.

**MN North District Mite Goal**

- The 2010-2012 mite goal is \$135,000. As of December 31, a balance of \$25,025 remains to be funded.
- Mites should be mailed in by March 15 to the Financial Secretary to be included in the 2010-2012 biennium goal.

**Encourage Mite Giving**

- Post your *Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar* in your home where you can follow it daily.
- Follow the *52 Weeks of Giving Thanks and Doing Without: Sharing Our Blessings with Others*, as found in the Fall 2011 issue of the *Minnesota Northern Light*.

## American Flag Pocket Prayer Shawl



Here is a knitting project for those of you who would like to help make these 3" X 5" pocket prayer shawls. Our goal is to make 1,000 of them

by June 1, 2012.

These will be presented to the Military Chaplain working with Operation Barnabas at the LWML Minnesota North Convention in June.

For instructions, buttons, prayer cards, and questions, contact Linda Jeske at 320-594-3034 or email at [lkjeske@twecwb.com](mailto:lkjeske@twecwb.com).

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## LWML MN No. Dist. Convention Volunteers needed

The Nuclei Committee needs volunteers to help in the following areas:

- ushers for meetings
- worship assistants
- Webmaster technical help
- child care
- reporters for convention newsletter

Please contact the Nuclei Chairman Peggy McKeown at 218-375-2975 or email at [pjmcke@arvig.net](mailto:pjmcke@arvig.net).

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## LWML Prayer Service 2012 - "P.R.A.Y.E.R."

Authored by Rev. Barrie E. Henke, President of Oklahoma District of the LCMS, the Prayer Service is based on the acronym: P.R.A.Y.E.R.:

- P** Praise
- R** Remember
- A** Ask
- Y** Yield
- E** Excitement
- R** Rejoice

Filled with responsive readings and suggested joyful hymns, it is now available to download free on the LWML website: [www.lwml.org/resources/program\\_helps/prayer-service.php](http://www.lwml.org/resources/program_helps/prayer-service.php)

## Authorship of LWML Pledge

During the past quarter, I made three trips to the archives organizing and re-organizing the files, which becomes necessary as items are added to the collection. In doing so, I found an undated letter to Lydia Bode from Rev. Harry C. Fricke regarding his authorship of the LWML Pledge, which reads,

*Dear Mrs. Bode, Your information is correct as to my authorship of the LWML Pledge, written way back in Sept. 1938, before there was a national mission league. It may also interest you to know that Dr. Beickner in the Central District and I in the North Illinois District pioneered the program (monthly periodical, educational meetings, district rallies, mite boxes, etc.). Other district[s] caught fire and thus ground work was laid for a national group in Chicago 1943(?). My heart is still with the LWML and I am happy to lead your district convention in giving the pledge.*

*Sincerely, Pastor Harry C. Fricke.*



Janet Miller  
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### Thelma V. Derkey 1918-2012

Thelma Derkey, 93, of Perham, was called to her eternal home on Saturday, January 7, 2012. Her funeral was held on Tuesday, January 10, at St. Paul's Lutheran

Church, Perham, Minn.

Thelma served as president of LWML Minnesota North District from 1968 to 1972, our district's second president. She was also the first regional vice-president of Park Region II from 1964 to 1968.

Praise God for Thelma's dedication to the LWML!



# February 2012

## Prayer and Praise Mite Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <i>Memorize a Bible verse today - 25¢</i>	<b>2</b> <i>MNN Project Pray for Lutheran Blind Mission</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Invite someone to worship with you</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Pray for "Make A World for Christ Appeal"</i>
<b>5</b> <i>Friendship Week: Greet someone at worship today</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>	<b>7</b> <i>MNN Project Pray for seminary students</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Thank God for those who serve in the military - 25¢</i>	<b>9</b> <i>MNN Project Pray for students preparing for church work careers</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Praise God for the blessing of your community</i>	<b>11</b> <i>MNN Project Pray for the ministry of the Orphan Grain Train</i>
<b>12</b> <i>Encourage your Pastor as he serves the Lord</i>	<b>13</b> <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>	<b>14</b> <i>Valentine's Day We love, because He first loved us</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Praise the Lord for the sunrise this morning - 25¢</i>	<b>16</b> <i>MNN Project Pray for medical mission in Haiti</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Praise God for the hope He gives you in this new day</i>	<b>18</b> <i>MNN Project Pray for the staff at Lutheran Island Camp</i>
<b>19</b> <i>Pray for the Sunday school teachers</i>	<b>20</b> <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>	<b>21</b> <i>MNN Project Pray for Children's Bibles for SE Asia Ministry</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Ash Wednesday Thank God for willing feet to follow Him. - 25¢</i>	<b>23</b> <i>MNN Project Pray for Anyuak Ministry of Sauk Rapids</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Be thankful for a close sister in Christ.</i>	<b>25</b> <i>MNN Project Pray for Food &amp; Clothing Co-op at Ft. Wayne seminary</i>
<b>26</b> <i>Pray for the leaders of your church</i>	<b>27</b> <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>	<b>28</b> <i>MNN Project Pray for the Food Bank at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Thank God for your family - 25¢</i>			



# March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 MNN Project Pray for Lutheran Blind Mission	2 Pray for members of our armed forces	3 MNN Project Pray for Anyuak Ministry of Sauk Rapids
4 Pray for Bible study leaders at your church	5 Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon	6 MNN Project Pray for seminary students	7 Pray that the MN North mite goal will be reached - 50¢	8 MNN Project Pray for students preparing for church work careers	9 Send a "Thinking of You" card to a friend	10 Grow in your faith daily through His Word
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins  Did you remember to set your clock forward? - 50¢	12 Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon	13 MNN Project Pray for the ministry of the Orphan Grain Train	14 God is Love - share it with someone today - 25¢	15 MNN Project Pray for medical mission in Haiti	16 Befriend a mother of small children	17 MNN Project Pray for the staff at Lutheran Island Camp
18 Pray for a family from your church	19 Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon	20 Spring begins Thank the Lord for springtime!	21 Thank God for making you unique to serve Him - 25¢	22 MNN Project Pray for Children's Bibles for SE Asia Ministry	23 Use your hands in willing service for Him today	24 MNN Project Pray for Food & Clothing Co-op at Ft. Wayne seminary
25 Praise God for the opportunity to worship today	26 Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon	27 MNN Project Pray for the Food Bank at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	28 Pray for missions worldwide - 25¢	29 Free-will mite offering	30 Pray for youth in your church	31 Praise God for your hope in Jesus, who died for your sins



# April 2012

## Prayer and Praise Mite Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <i>Hosanna to the King of Kings!</i> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</b>	<b>3</b> <b>MNN Project</b> <i>Pray for seminary students</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Pray for the blind and visually impaired people. - 25¢</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Come to the Lord's Table</i> <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <i>Praise God for your hope in Jesus</i>	<b>7</b> <b>MNN Project</b> <i>Pray for Lutheran Blind Mission</i>
<b>8</b> <b>Easter</b> <i>He is Risen! He is Risen! Indeed! Alleluia!</i>	<b>9</b> <b>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</b>	<b>10</b> <b>MNN Project</b> <b>Pray for LWML MNN board meeting today</b>	<b>11</b> <i>Pray for those that are hungry - 25¢</i>	<b>12</b> <b>MNN Project</b> <i>Pray for students preparing for church work careers</i>	<b>13</b> <i>Pray for unbelieving family and friends</i>	<b>14</b> <b>MNN Project</b> <i>Pray for the Ministry of Orphan Grain Train</i>
<b>15</b> <i>Pray for the individual you sat near in church today</i>	<b>16</b> <b>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</b>	<b>17</b> <b>MNN Project</b> <i>Pray for Children's Bibles for SE Asia Ministry</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Help or encourage a busy Mom today - 25¢</i>	<b>19</b> <b>MNN Project</b> <i>Pray for medical mission in Haiti</i>	<b>20</b> <i>Pray for your Pastor and his family</i>	<b>21</b> <b>MNN Project</b> <i>Pray for the staff at Lutheran Island Camp</i>
<b>22</b> <i>Thank God for His Word that was heard today</i>	<b>23</b> <b>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</b>	<b>24</b> <b>MNN Project</b> <i>Pray for the Food Bank at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Pray for those who need shelter - 25¢</i>	<b>26</b> <b>MNN Project</b> <i>Pray for Anyuak Ministry of Sauk Rapids</i>	<b>27</b> <i>Pray for the homebound members of your congregation</i>	<b>28</b> <b>MNN Project</b> <i>Pray for Food &amp; Clothing Co-op at Ft. Wayne seminary</i>
<b>29</b> <i>Listen for the signs of God's presence</i>	<b>30</b> <b>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</b>					

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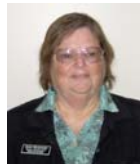
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