



Lutheran Women's
Missionary League of
the North Wisconsin
District - LCMS

*Affirming each
woman in her
relationship with
the Lord and
enabling her to be in
ministry to the people
of the world.*

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Mission Tidings

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Those Mighty Miracle Mites



MISSION GRANTS
DIRECTOR
SUE NEIDER
WABENO, WI

Such power from such little boxes! North Wisconsin-Upper Michigan, you did it again! **The 2014-2016 Mission Grant goal has been met and surpassed!**

It was voted at the February LWML-NWD board meeting to fund the next grants on our last biennium's ballot up to \$15,000 as our treasury allows by the end of March.

First on the list to be funded will be **\$5,000 to Bethesda Summer Camps - Assisting Youth/College Students as Camp Counselors.** Camping and spending time with family and friends is something most people enjoy. People with intellectual and developmental disabilities are no exception. Bethesda makes this possible at five locations around the U.S, including Camp Matz in Wisconsin. Christian Camps help faith grow and 80-90% of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are not part of a Christian congregation. They and their families are a "field ripe for the harvest." They cannot have camps without the help of volunteers. This grant will enable youth/college students to take time off from their summer jobs to "be a friend/camp counselor at these camps.

Next, **\$5,000** will go to **Trinity/HOPE** to feed children who attend our Lutheran Schools in Haiti. This program helps make the children healthier, have

more energy, and be more receptive to the Word of the Lord shared with them each day. They are currently serving 88 schools.

The **Greater Wausau Christian Services** will receive **\$2,500** to purchase New Living Testament Life Application Bibles for inmates at the Marathon County Jails. Most of the inmates have little or no Christian training. Many shared that they read these Bibles every day and attend the Bible studies offered. Several Inmates began a Bible study in the block and within a few weeks their numbers had grown from 4 to 10.

Should there be any additional mites available for grants, funds will be sent to **Concordia Children's Services, Manila, Philippines.** Many young children in Manila are orphaned, neglected, or forced to live and work in the streets to help their parents earn money for their subsistence. The Lutheran Church reaches out through Concordia with the Gospel of Christ in Word and deed to the needs of these children of God.

On page 12 of this issue of Mission Tidings is the summary of the proposed grants that will be on the ballot for the 2016-2018 biennium. Please study and pray for these proposals that will be voted on at the Eau Claire convention in June. We will also try to put information on the nwdlwml.org website so please check there in April or May for more information.

Sue Neider

Short-Term Mission Opportunities in 2016

There are two great opportunities for LWMLers and friends to participate in short-term mission trips to Guatemala in 2016.

You may serve in an **Eyeglass Clinic, July 9-17**, bringing the gift of improved eyesight and the message of salvation to children and adults. Or, from **July 29-August 6**, you can join an **English as a Second Language**

Clinic and work with Lutheran school children.

Both clinics are conducted in partnership with pastors and members of the Lutheran Church in Guatemala. These missions are an



evangelistic tool, bringing the news of Jesus' love to people. This is the fourth year our LWML has partnered with Mission Opportunities Short

Term (MOST) Ministries, a recognized service organization of the LCMS. MOST takes care of all trip logistics and training. Find out more by logging onto www.mostministries.org or call Penny Selle at 920-987-5454. She can put you in touch with resources and information, and can connect you with women who have been on these missions before.



Penny Selle



La Misión Luterana de Puerto Rico Puerto Rican Lutheran Mission

I'm contacting you because you have already shown yourself to be an invaluable partner in our work of confessing Christ to the people of Puerto Rico. Whether it be through prayers, financial gifts, or unique ways of showing support, you have been a means through which the Holy Spirit has allowed us to work for the kingdom of God in this place.

I invite you to join us here in Mayagüez for five days (two days of travel, three days in the field) during the month of September. During that time, you will be able to meet members of both our Puerto Rican Mission Team and our Latin America & Caribbean Regional Team, worship with us at Iglesia Luterana Príncipe de Paz in Mayagüez, hear what Lutheran missions and missiology look like in our particular field, and experience first hand the Puerto Rican culture.

If you are indeed interested, I'd like to know if any of the following dates would potentially work for such a visit to Puerto Rico: Friday, September 9 through Tuesday, September 13, 2016; Friday, September 16 through Tuesday, September 20, 2016; Friday, September 23 through Tuesday, September 27, 2016.

Please feel free to contact me yourself if you have questions about the FORO or would like to discuss the details of your potential travel to Mayagüez.

Rev. Matthew D. Ruesch, Church Planter, Latin America
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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Mission Trip—OGT and Mission Central

July 25 - 27, 2016



2ND VICE PRESIDENT
MARY SCHARENBRÖCK
GLEN FLORA, WI

Plans for the NWD LWML bus trip to visit Orphan Grain Train (OGT) in Norfolk, Neb., and Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa, continue and summer is just around the corner! We will be traveling with Lamers Bus Service and seats are limited to the first 50 people sending in a completed registration. The cost of the bus is **\$84.00** (non-refundable, but is transferable) and will be your reservation. At this time we have 31 people registered.

You must make your own reservation at the New Victorian Inn & Suites in Norfolk for July 25 and 26. The room rates are \$60 for 2 to a room, \$70 for 3 to a room, \$80 for 4 to a room plus 17% tax. **Mention North WI Mission-Lynne Johnson when you call the motel at 402-379-3035.** Make your reservation on or before June 24. If you would like a roommate, every effort will be made to find you one! Please contact Lynne Johnson.

Plans are to leave Wausau at 8 a.m. Monday with stops along Highway 29 and in Eau Claire. We will arrive in Norfolk early Monday evening. Lunch and supper arrangements are pending.

Tuesday there will be a continental breakfast at the hotel. Following devotions, we will go to the Orphan Grain Train headquarters

for a tour and to help sort items donated to OGT.

OGT is in need of hygiene kits. The following is a list of items needed: bath towel, wash cloth, bath size bar of soap, adult size toothbrush, sturdy comb, stick deodorant (optional), band aids (1/2" – 3/4" with six (6) band aids secured together). Perhaps your society and/or congregation would like to donate some of these items for us to take. Some of us will work assembling kits while visiting OGT.

Our mission at OGT will end at 4 p.m. Tuesday evening, we will then tour Grace Lutheran Church, a historic church Norfolk.

Following breakfast and devotions on Wednesday morning, we will travel to Mapleton, Iowa, to tour Mission Central and spend time with Missionary Gary Thies. We will spend approximately four hours there that will include lunch. The bus would return to Wausau by 9 p.m.

Contact Lynne Johnson at
715-366-4642 or lafa@uniontel.net

or Mary Scharenbrock at 715-826-0160 or
maryscharenbrock@gmail.com

This is a wonderful opportunity for our District and we invite you to join us!

Mary Scharenbrock

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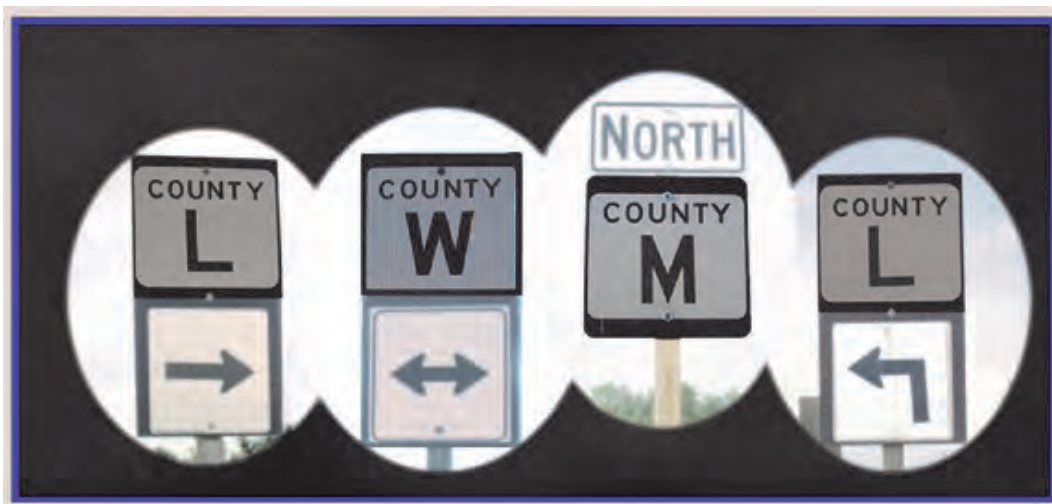
Please send this registration form along with your \$84 check made out to **North WI District LWML** to **Financial Secretary Betty Deutsch**, 901 S. Farwell St. Apt 30, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone #: _____ Email _____

Please include if you need a roommate.
(how many people would you be willing to share a room with 1, 2 or 3) _____



N WI DISTRICT
PRESIDENT
Mary Harrington
Shell Lake, WI

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven ... a time to plant ... a time to speak ... a time to build." So says Ecclesiastes 3, and so it is for the LWML women in the North Wisconsin District. It's the season for rallies!

This is one of my favorite times of the year...Spring! I love watching the lawn turn green, flowers pushing through the earth and adding color to the landscape, hearing peepers in the wetlands, seeing that first robin, and yes, even shoveling snow for what I'm sure will be the last time. But, one of my favorite things about spring is the rallies!

Those road signs that I use to border my column, aren't just for decoration this time of year. My goal as president is to visit all 19 zone rallies during the biennium. Sadly, I'm not going to accomplish that. Some zones I will have visited twice and some not at all. I guess I need to revise the goal and hope to visit all the zones twice during the two bienniums. The randomness of my calendar matching with the zone rally dates is the wrinkle, and often there are many rallies on the same date. This spring I hope to attend rallies in several zones.

Each rally follows a similar agenda. There's time for fellowship and Bible study, a mission speaker or a mission project. Some zones will be electing new officers and all zones will have the opportunity to choose a Young Woman Representative (or two!) to send to the District Convention in June. We'll be celebrating the

wonderful news that our faithful mite offerings allowed us to meet our Mission Grants goal of \$100,000! In fact, we may be able to fund three more grants and partially fund a fourth that were on the ballot back in 2014. Our district treasurer will keep us informed as the mites continue to be offered and the wonderful news will be shared at rallies and on our district website. Our 2014-2016 Biennium ends on March 31.

The Bible study for the spring rally has been written by Sr. Counselor Pastor Martin Koeller. It's title is: "This is My Story, This is My Song." We'll discuss Bible stories and songs that are recorded in the Bible. What does the Bible say about rejoicing? Are we sharing the story of LWML? Are we rejoicing when we offer our mites and fund our missions? Our motto is "Serve the Lord with Gladness." We need to share the message and opportunities of LWML with others! I imagine we'll sing a song or two.

Each rally has a mission speaker or a mission project to share. It is a blessing to hear from the many missionaries sharing God's Word around the world. Mission news from Korea, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, El Salvador, Bulgaria and missions here in the North Wisconsin District are just a few of the topics planned.

Call someone and offer them a ride to the rally. It's a simple thing to do and an opportunity to "plant a seed" about joining LWML and sharing what we're all about.

Be a blessing!

Mary Harrington

“A Hello in the Goodbye”



SENIOR PASTORAL
COUNSELOR
REV. MARTIN KOELLER
COMBINED LOCKS

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. ... In my Father’s house are many mansions”
John 14:1*

As I write this last devotion for *Mission Tidings*, I am reminded that this is not an ending but only a new beginning. I have enjoyed being your District LWML Counselor, and I pray that many more pastors will have this opportunity to get to

know all of you wonderful women and to know what a blessing all of you and the LWML are to the church and for the Lord. As the old German greeting says it so well: “Auf wiedersehen!” Which means, “Until I see you again.” I will see you all again at rallies and conventions or other functions, or if not, I’ll see you in heaven someday.

In the postscript of the June 1999 edition of *Guideposts*, Fulton Oursler, Jr. said that there was a farewell hidden in his greeting, and a greeting hidden in his farewell. It was to be his last issue as Editorial Director. That article reminded me that when we say “farewell” to a loved one at the time of his/her death, there is also a “hello” which is echoed on that same day. Let me explain.

Many times when a person reaches the last days of their life here on earth, people refer to that time as the “Final Chapter” of their life. One is then left with the idea that life is now over, that there is nothing else to look forward to, that there are no new horizons to rise up to, no more joys to be lived. The Bible never gives us this impression though!

In the book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 12, verse 7, Solomon says: “*Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.*” The Bible does not paint the picture of death as the ending of life, as the last chapter, as the last flicker of existence, but rather, as the turning of the page, as the beginning of a new chapter, namely the beginning of eternity with God, or the beginning of eternity away from God.

It’s amazing how many times people live as if this life was all that there was. They take no thought about the life hereafter! Boy, do they have a day of reckoning coming! God doesn’t want anyone to be lost. That is why Christ died on the cross that we may believe and be saved!

Christ is preparing a room for us in His heavenly Kingdom (John 14:1). If we are absent from that room, it will not be because God has turned from us, but because we have turned away from Him. But for all who believe, John 10:27-28 says: “*My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.*”

When we are confronted by sorrows, illness, or heavy cares here, may we keep in mind that these things are only temporary. St. Paul said in Romans 8:18: “*I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*”

Yes, God reminds us that there will be a greeting hidden in our farewell, for there is, upon our leaving of life here, a welcoming awaiting us in heaven, arranged and paid for by Christ Himself. Praise the Lord! Auf wiedersehen!

Senior Pastoral Counselor

Pastor Martin Koeller

National Mission Goal Update as of January 31, 2016

Mission Goal for 2015-2017 Biennium: \$2,000,000

Amount Received: \$797,474.87

Amount Needed: \$1,202,525.13

“Easter People”



LWML DISTRICT
ASSISTANT CHRISTIAN LIFE
LINDA KOELLER
COMBINED LOCKS, WI

I believe it was St. Augustine who said, “We are an Easter people, and ‘Alleluia’ is our song”! Our spring rallies this year have reminded us, as Christian LWML sisters in Christ, WHO we are, and WHY we celebrate. The theme of our Bible study, “This is our Story, This is our Song,” encouraged us in our walk. With loving Christians at our side, it is easier to be “Easter People.” We have a

common reason, cause, mission, goal—to proclaim the love of Jesus to the world, our mission field. But the devil, the world, and our flesh seek to blur our vision, steal our joy, causing feelings of hopelessness. God’s Word, however, tells us Jesus died and rose again! He has forgiven and saved us. He has promised that though troubles come, He has “overcome the world” (John 16:33b). We can be bold, confident “Easter People”! Using Easter as an adjective, “EASTER,” for Christian LWML’ers, can stand for:

E-Encourager

A-Amazed (at God’s grace)

S-Steadfast (in the one, true faith)

T-Thankful

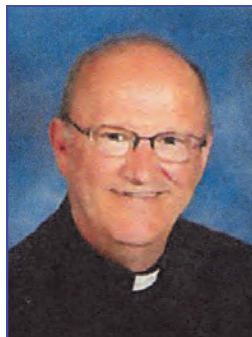
E-Empowered (by God’s Word)

R-Resurrection Sisters in Christ!

What other descriptions of an “Easter People” can you think of? Let us pray the Lord will guide us daily to be the “Easter People” He can use to change our world through the power of His Holy Spirit. God’s blessings!

Linda Koeller

“New Life in Christ!”



JUNIOR PASTORAL
COUNSELOR
REV. STEVEN POCKAT
SHAWANO, WI

New life in Christ! That’s what Jesus resurrection means to us. As we celebrate a joyous and blessed Easter we remember Jesus promise, “Because I live, you shall live also” John 14:19.

I do not believe that it is a coincidence that Easter occurs in the spring. Everywhere in spring there are signs of new life. After the dark and cold of winter,

spring is a most welcome sight. The new life and longer days of light warms our souls.

The tremendous joy we have because Jesus overcame death and the grave by His glorious resurrection from the dead - more than warms our souls. Jesus gives us hope - we shall live again. Our old enemy - death, has been defeated by our Lord. “You shall live also” Jesus promises.

The LWML is a wonderful mission organization that is certainly not dying - but it is alive in Christ. Throughout the year the LWML is planning and meeting, going on short-term mission trips and serving our Lord in our local societies. The events held at Camp Luther are great times for growth and motivation.

In June, we will meet for another faith-filled convention in Eau Claire. If you have never gone to a district convention, I urge you to go - you will not regret it.

Through all the seasons of life we know - that God is with us. We gratefully and faithfully serve Him. We dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have.

Live the blessed and new life we have in Christ and remember your resurrection - “we too shall live.”

In Christ’s service

Pastor Steven Pockat

**36th Biennial Convention of the
North Wisconsin District
Lutheran Women's Mission League
June 23-25, 2016
Plaza Hotel and Suites, Eau Claire, WI**



"And you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail." Isaiah 58:11b



Plans continue for our convention and the committee is excited to know registrations are coming in daily. The winter issue of the *Mission Tidings* contained information about mission speakers and Bible study leaders, banquet entertainment and servant event opportunities. More information about candidates for office, bylaw amendments, and the Mites for Missions Run/Walk is in this newsletter along with an update for one of our speakers.

Gayle Sommerfeld, the founder of Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) is coming in the place of Carly Hatcher as our keynote speaker and will also be a luncheon speaker. Gayle founded MOST Ministries 27 years ago and we are very excited to have her come and share her story with us.

Never intending to become the founder of an international ministry, Gayle Sommerfeld, a wife, mother and grandmother, felt called by God to develop mission teams bringing hope and healing to a hurting world. Thousands have now followed where she led through the ministry of Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries.

Gayle is publishing a book about her experiences in the mission field and hopes it will be published this summer - maybe in time for our convention! It is titled, "Beyond Sight: God's Vision for Using Ordinary People to Impact the World."

Convention Registration Forms:

A registration form for the convention is found in the winter edition of the *Mission Tidings*. This can also be found online at nwdlwml.org. When calling the Plaza Hotel for room reservations, please reference **Block #9098**, not the block number on the registration form.

Servant Events at District Convention

Thursday, June 23, from 2:00 to 5:00

Be sure to check Servant Events
on your Registration Form.

- ✚ Witness bracelets for MOST ministries
- ✚ Sewing hearts for the Preemie Project
- ✚ Marking Bibles for prison ministries

Gifts of the Heart

Please refer to your Winter Mission Tidings for a
detailed listing of items requested:

- 1. MOST Ministries:** Eyeglasses
- 2. Bethesda Lutheran Communities:** small appliances, batteries, personal care items
- 3. Hope Gospel Mission's Ruth House-Eau Claire:** Twin sheet sets, pillows, cleaning products
- 4. Stepping Stones of Dunn County:** linens, cleaning items, bakeware, socks, non-perishable food items



“God Gives Growth”

North Wisconsin District LWML Convention 2016



“Mites for Missions” Run/Walk

Saturday, June 25, 2016 - 6:00 A.M.

Packet and Shirt Pick-Up: At the beginning of the Mite Walk along the river on Saturday, June 25, at 6:00 A.M.

Any Questions? Contact: Betty Snyder at 715-776-0669

Registration: Complete and mail in the registration form by May 15, 2016

Mail to: Betty Snyder, PO Box 474, Mercer, WI 54547

Make Checks Payable to: NWI LWML 2016 Convention

“Mites for Missions” Run/Walk

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I am enclosing \$10 for a T-Shirt in size (circle) S M L 1X 2X

No, I do not want a T-Shirt. I am enclosing \$5 for entry fee.

I anticipate getting \$_____in pledges that I understand will go to our LWML Mission Projects.

Waiver:

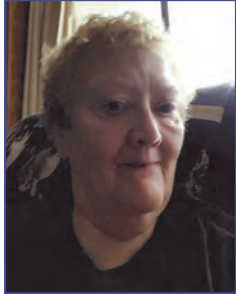
I know that running/walking is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter unless I am medically able and properly trained. Having read this waiver and knowing that in consideration of your accepting my entry fee, I, for myself, and anyone entitled on behalf of, waive and release the LWML, Eau Claire, and all sponsors, their representatives and successors, for all claims or liabilities arising out of my participation in this event.

Signature & Date: _____

Nominee Biographies

First Vice-President

Sandra Michaelis—Wausau, WI Zone 11



Sandra Michaelis is a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Wausau. She has served her congregation as treasurer, financial secretary, and member of the Evangelism Committee. Sandi is a Bible study leader and has

served as treasurer, vice-president, and president in her society. An active member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League she has been called to serve as zone president, and on the district level on these committees: Christian Life, Public Relations and Leader Development.

Diane Simon—Appleton, WI Zone 18



Diane Simon is a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Appleton. She has taught vacation Bible school and Sunday school. She has been a group leader of a Bible study. Diane has served as both chair and co-chair of

Christian Life and as Zone 18 President. She was co-chair of the 2012 NWD LWML convention. Diane has served as treasurer of her Church Library Association in the Fox Valley and has served on her Church Council and as chairman of the Outreach Committee.

Financial Secretary

Pam Pfankuch —Wausau, WI Zone 9



Pam Pfankuch is a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls where she sings with the Praise Team. She has served as vice-chairman of her congregation, as a Youth Group Counselor and Sunday school teacher. Pam is currently serving as Bible class leader for Thursday

morning Bible study. She serves as treasurer and also on the Christian Life team for her society. Pam is a past president, vice-president and secretary of her society. She is currently serving as Zone 9 president. Pam has served as a delegate for both district and national LWML conventions.

Georgette Vandenburg Arbor Vitae, WI Zone 5



Georgette Vandenburg is a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Arbor Vitae. She has served as superintendent of Sunday school and has taught both vacation Bible school and Sunday school for over forty years. She attends Bible study and has led Bible studies. She has served as president and treasurer of her

ladies group, as president and treasurer of her LWML and as secretary and treasurer of the Church Council. She is currently serving in her second term as Zone 5 president. Georgette is a past delegate for district conventions and served as a delegate to our national convention to Pittsburgh.

Recording Secretary

Linda Tryczak—Wausau, WI Zone 6



Linda Tryczak is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in the Town of Corning and is a member of their LWML. She is serving on the 100th Anniversary Committee for Immanuel. She has taught Sunday school and vacation Bible school. Linda organizes the flowers and photos

for confirmands each year. She has served as a Ladies Guild board member, secretary and vice-president, served an eight-year term as Zone 6 secretary. She has also served as District LWML Structure Chairman and is currently serving as the Registration Chairman for the fall retreat. Linda served as a delegate to the convention in Sioux Falls in 2007. Linda has served on the Health Ministry Committee, Prayer Chain and helps calling people when there is a funeral meal at Immanuel.

Sherrilee Wallerman —Wausau, WI Zone 9



Sherrilee Wallerman is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Stevens Point. She has served as the Parish Office Coordinator and also as a NWD Representative on the Steward Task Force. She has served as Director of Stewardship, Evangelism, and VBS in her

congregation. Sherrilee is a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Women in Mission. She is an active Ambassador for Lutheran Hour Ministries and has served on the NWD Lutheran Laymen's League in many capacities: as Central Regional Director, webmaster, outreach committee member, secretary, and treasurer.

Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Douglas Reinders—Fremont, WI Zone 18



Rev. Douglas Reinders currently serves the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church in Fremont. From 1995 - 2004, he served as a missionary in Russia. He received his B.A. from Concordia University of Wisconsin, his Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, and also a Master of Sacred Theology from

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Pastor Reinders stated that "the role of the LWML is to celebrate each woman's relationship with her Heavenly Father and to provide an opportunity for her to share Jesus' love for all people with all people."

Rev. Jonathan Wessel—Augusta, WI Zone 15

Rev. Jonathan Wessel currently serves the congregation of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Augusta. Pastor Wessel received his B.A. from Concordia University, St. Paul, his Masters of Divinity Degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne and is currently enrolled in the Director of Ministry Program at Concordia Seminary, St.

Louis. Pastor Wessel has served congregations in Winona, Minn.; Delaware, Iowa; Stevens Point, Wis.; and Shawano, Wis. He has held the position of Circuit Visitor. Pastor Wessel stated "the role of the LWML is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed and to empower all for good works at home and abroad."

Mission Grants Director

Linda Koeller, Appleton, WI

Zone 18

Sue Pfeil —Park Falls, WI

Zone 4



Linda Koeller is a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Appleton, where her husband serves as the pastor. She has been a parochial schools teacher in LCMS Schools. She has taught vacation Bible school and most recently as assistant to the pastor

as Bible story teacher. Linda teaches confirmation classes to Special Education students and is a recipient of the “Follower of the Lamb” award from Bethesda Homes. She has been an LWML member since 1977 and has served as a society president, Christian Life chairman, and recording secretary. Linda is currently serving as Zone 18 president and society recording secretary, District Christian Life Assistant and on the Mission Grants Committee. Linda served as Co-chair of the 2012 District Convention in Appleton. Linda shares her many talents in music, skits and wherever she is asked to help.



Sue Pfeil is a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Park Falls. She is a retired registered nurse. She has taught vacation Bible school and been a youth leader, she has been a Bible study leader and early morning devotion leader at retreats. Sue has been an active LWML member wherever life has led

her. In the Iowa East District, she served on the Christian Growth Committee. In the North Wisconsin District, she has served on the Heart to Heart Committee and on the Mission Grants Committee. At the national level, Sue has served on the Gospel Outreach Committee. Sue has served on the Sawyer-Washburn County Thrivent Chapter as Communication Director. She and her husband Bob served from 1998 to 2009 as missionaries in Kyrgystan. Sue was the director of a free medical clinic for pregnant women and for children from birth to age 16 and also served as a coordinator for volunteers for ESL and eyeglass clinics.

ByLaw Amendments

There will be two (2) amendments for the voting assembly to consider at convention.

The first amendment proposes that past presidents of the North Wisconsin District LWML, who are currently members of the North Wisconsin District LWML, will become part of the voting assembly at convention. **Article VI Section 2 A**

The second amendment proposes that the status of the Heart to Heart Sisters Committee be changed from a special committee to a standing committee. The work of the committee will stay the same as it is currently described in **Article XVI Section 7** of the Handbook, but if the amendment passes, the chairman of that committee would become a voting member of the Executive Board.

2016 – 2018 Proposed LWML Mission Grants

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN – WISCONSIN BRANCH **\$10,000**

Funds for shipping relief food and supplies in the U.S. and around the world.

MISSION CENTRAL—REV RABE FAMILY SUPPORT **\$5,000**

Rev. Rabe and family are missionaries at the Ethiopian Seminary, preparing pastors to serve the fast-growing Lutheran Church in Ethiopia.

NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL CHURCH WORKERS STUDENT GRANTS **\$25,000**

Funds go to students from NWD attending synodical colleges and seminaries who plan to enter full time church work.

NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT MOST MINISTRIES TRIPS **\$10,000**

Funds will be used to partially fund the cost of MOST ministry mission trips for women of the North Wisconsin District LWML.

LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION—SPANISH BIBLE WITH SMALL CATECHISM **\$6,500**

Funds to publish and distribute the Spanish Bible with Small Catechism sharing the Good News of Jesus in the “heart language” of Spanish-speakers.

SHEPHERD’S CANYON RETREAT—SCHOLARSHIPS **\$3,500**

Funds to help church workers attend retreats when in need of healing.

HOLY TRINITY INSTITUTE, BRAZIL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS **\$15,000**

To help orphans from Holy Trinity attend post-secondary Christian schools to become Christian teachers, pastors, and nurses.

RUESCH FAMILY MISSIONARY SUPPORT/FORO (FORUM) PARTNERS-PUERTO RICO **\$12,000**

Two grants to support Ruesch family and to set up partner forum to support the Lutheran mission.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION—EAST AFRICA **\$8,000**

Support for Rev. Jonathan Clausing and the work of the Mission Training Centers of Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania training church ministers.

CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, FOOD AND CLOTHING BANK **\$10,000**

To purchase perishable items for the food and clothing co-op.

EQUIPPING GOSPEL MOTIVATED VOICES FOR LIFE—LUTHERANS FOR LIFE **\$15,000**

Funds to aid in the mission of equipping Lutherans to become Gospel motivated voices for Life.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH THROUGH SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS—MOST **\$10,000**

Funds to purchase eyeglass clinic equipment, evangelism supplies and cost of shipping to teams.

POBLO-TAKING 1ST STEPS OF OUTREACH IN NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT **\$10,000**

Aid in the training of North Wisconsin District congregations to reach out to non-Christian immigrants to teach them of Christ’s love.

BEAUDOUIN HAITI WELL AND THE WORD **\$10,000**

Funds to help the Lutheran church in Beaudouin, Haiti, dig a well to provide both a local water supply and the opportunity to hear the Word of God.

NATIVE AMERICAN OUTREACH IN NORTH WISCONSIN **\$10,000**

Expand outreach to Native Americans in North Wisconsin so the next generation might proclaim God’s might.

LCMS MISSION CENTRAL **\$5,000**

To provide Mission Central with support for current and emergency grant needs.

PEACE LUTHERAN CAMPUS CENTER—ATHLETIC FIELD **\$6,500**

To expand the campus center outreach to 7,000 college students a year by developing a much needed intramural field.

HMONG LUTHERAN MISSION, EAU CLAIRE—WAUSAU **\$10,000**

Funds to call a bi-lingual pastor for the Hmong community in Eau Claire and Wausau.

VICTORY LUTHERAN MISSION OF HOPE GWINN, MICHIGAN **\$20,000**

Funds to be used for church ministries to a community in need of food bank and meals, Christian youth programs, education programs, additional staff, and knowledge of the Savior.

GHANA WOMEN SUPPORT FOR LOCAL PASTORS AND SEMINARY STUDENTS **\$15,000**

Aid to establish in-home businesses freeing men to study and preach God’s Word.

PRISON MINISTRY DEVOTIONAL BOOK **\$2,000**

Partial funding of publishing Prison and Jail Ministry devotional books.

HANOI SCHOOL LIBRARY UPGRADE **\$5,000**

Upgrade library for fast growing Concordia International School for students, teachers, both secular and religious.



68th Annual LWML Fall Retreat at Camp Luther

Thursday, September 8, through Saturday, September 10, 2016

I am very excited for our Fall Retreat and I pray that all LWML members will be able to attend and be blessed by this event!

The retreat will begin on Thursday, September 8 with registration at 3:00 p.m. We will begin with a worship service in the Retreat Center. The theme for the retreat is "My Cup Runneth Over."

Guest speaker will be Coral Rose and she will be sharing about her missionary work in South Africa and Ghana and God's word based on the theme of "My Cup Runneth Over."

Our Pastoral Counselor Pastor Pockat will be our Bible study leader and the Bible study will be based on John 10:10, *"I came that you may have life and have it abundantly."*

We have two early morning Bible studies scheduled. Pam Pfankuch will lead the Bible study, "Remember to Give Thanks." The other Bible study leader will be Sue Pfeil who will lead the Bible study "C.O.F.F.E.E. (Christ Offers Forgiveness For Everyone Everywhere)" Pam's early morning Bible study will be outside weather permitting and Sue's early morning Bible study will take place in the Retreat Center. Each Bible study will begin at 7:15 a.m.

There will be a "LWML Hat Contest," mission trip speakers, early morning walk/run, outdoor scavenger hunt, bonfire with s'mores and hymns, and outdoor free time activities.

Gifts of the Heart will be for Bethesda



Lutheran Communities in Appleton. (Please check registration form for items needed.)

We will be tying fleece blankets for six different homeless shelters in our North Wisconsin District. These shelters are: The Hannah Center in Marshfield, Beacon House in Eau Claire, St John Evangelist Homeless Shelter in Green Bay, Benjamin's House Emergency Shelter in Rice Lake, Light House in Ladysmith, and Hope Shelter in Stevens Point. If you would like to donate two matching pieces of fleece material, please indicate it on your registration form.



2ND VICE PRESIDENT
MARY SCHARENBRÖCK
GLEN FLORA, WI

Our grazing table will be done the same as last year. Our grazing table will include specific items based on the first letter of your last name:

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| • A, B, C, D, E, F | baked goods |
| • G, H, I, J, K, L, M | fruit |
| • N, O, P, Q, R, S | vegetables |
| • T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z | nuts/snack food |

Please remember to bring your bedding and toiletries to camp.

I pray I will see you at our Fall Retreat as the Lord serves us!

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"
In Christ,

Mary Scharenbrock



FALL RETREAT AT CAMP LUTHER



September 8-10, 2016

REGISTRATION FORM

THURSDAY: Registration begins 3:00 P.M., Supper 5:00 P.M., Opening Worship 6:00 P.M.

FRIDAY: Registration 8:30 A.M., Opening Devotions 9:00 A.M.

SATURDAY: Opening Devotions 9:00 A.M. Closing at 12:30 P.M. Lunch optional

(Indicate lodging and meals desired)

A. Retreat Center Lodging
Per Night – No Meals

Thursday _____ Friday _____

3 Per Room = \$38 per night

2 Per Room = \$58 per night

1 Per Room = \$116 per night

B. Cottage Lodging (2 night minimum)

2 bedroom (must have 2-4 people) **\$160**

3 bedroom (must have 3-5 people) **\$170**

***Charge is per person – No meals**

C. Dining Hall Meal \$7.25 each

Thursday Supper _____

Friday Breakfast _____

Friday Lunch _____

Friday Supper _____

Saturday Breakfast _____

Saturday Lunch _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

D. Massage \$5.00 _____

Free Manicure _____

***Limited number to receive massage &
manicure register early***

E. REGISTRATION FEE \$20.00

ALL FEES NON-REFUNDABLE AND DUE BY AUGUST 25, 2016

Lodging Total _____ Meal Total _____ Registration Fee _____ Massage _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **NWD LWML RETREAT**

Roommate registrations must be received within one week of each other.

LIST ROOMMATES: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____ Zone: _____

Name of your church: _____

Mail to: Linda Tryczak, 807 S 9th Ave., Wausau, WI 54401

****Please bring bedding & toiletries****

Questions call Linda @ 715-848-2686 or Mary Scharenbrock @ 715-826-0160

Please bring any of the following for Gift of Heart for Bethesda Lutheran Communities:

Construction paper, card stock, stickers, AA or AAA batteries, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes, tooth paste, stamps, office envelopes, post it notes, pens, radio/cd player, DVD player, Leaf Blower, markers, sharpies, and dry erase markers. Gift cards to: Culvers, McDonald's, Subway, Walmart, Shopko, Kohl's.

If interested in donating two matching pieces of fleece material 58" Wide x 80" long for tying blankets for six homeless shelters, check here: _____

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Calendar Items

May 16-17, 2016

***N WI District Board Meeting
Rib Mountain, Wausau***

June 23-25, 2016

***North WI District Convention
Eau Claire, WI***

Theme: God Gives Growth

***Scripture Verse: "And you shall be
like a watered garden..." (Isaiah
58:11b)***

July 25-27, 2016

***Mission Trip
Orphan Grain Train, Norfolk, NE
Mission Central, Mapleton, IA***

September 7-8, 2016

***N WI District Board Meeting
Camp Luther***

September 8-10, 2016

***NWD LWML Fall Retreat
Camp Luther***

June 22-25, 2017

***LWML 37th Biennial Convention
Albuquerque, NM***

***Theme: Jesus Christ Above All
Scripture Verse: "Therefore God
has highly exalted Him and
bestowed on Him the name that is
above every name" (Philippians 2:9)***

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on the Web!**



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