



Mission Tidings

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God Gives Growth!



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.*



MISSION GRANTS
DIRECTOR
LINDA KOELLER
COMBINED LOCKS, WI

Our 36th Biennial NWD LWML Convention theme reminded us that our Lord provides! Not only did He provide toward our new 2016-2018 Mission Grants goal of **\$105,000** by our first offering at the convention,

but we witnessed how He moved in our hearts so that each convention offering and Gifts from the Heart were able to assist in several other mission areas! How exciting! "I will bless you...and in you all families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 12:1-3).

This year's delegates were faced with a unique challenge, as 22 very worthy missions were placed before them. The Lord allowed us to begin with 9 (see next page). Now our challenge is to

continue the work of the Lord with our "Mighty Mites" to bless these missions, and to look forward to what He will do throughout our new biennium! *"Test me in this,"* says the Lord Almighty, *"and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it"* (Malachi 3:10).

Keep all these missions in your prayers, and thank you for your generosity and support for *"laborers in the harvest fields"* (Matthew 9:38), *"remembering the poor"* (Galatians 2:10), *"helping the weak"* (Acts 20:35), and spreading the Good News of Jesus' love because we know, *"whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life"* (John 3:16).

God's blessings!

Mission Grants Director

Linda Koeller

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National Mission Goal Update as of May 31, 2016

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

Amount Received: \$1,147,701.21

Amount Needed: \$ 852,298.79



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

North Wisconsin District Mission Grants 2016-2018

\$105,000 Mission Grant Goal

1	Orphan Grain Train-Wisconsin Branch	\$10,000
2	NWD Professional Church Workers Student Grants	\$25,000
3	Concordia Theological Seminary Food and Clothing Bank	\$10,000
4	Hmong Lutheran Mission, Eau Claire-Wausau	\$10,000
5	Native American Outreach in North Wisconsin	\$10,000
6	Beaudouin Haiti Well and the Word	\$10,000
7	Victory Lutheran- Gwinn, Michigan	\$20,000
8	Prison Ministry Devotional Book	\$2,000
9	Equipping Gospel Motivated Voices for Life-Lutherans for Life (partial funding)	\$8,000

Please continue to hold all these mission grants in your prayers.

Serve the Lord with Gladness



SHIRLEY HEIN
RETIRED PARLIAMENTARIAN

"Serve the Lord with Gladness" Psalm 100:2

The North Wisconsin District has been blessed by Shirley Hein and her willingness to serve, her willingness to use the gifts God has given her and her beautiful smile as she goes about her tasks. At our May board meeting, Shirley shared her history

of service to her LWML society, to her zone (18), to the North Wisconsin District and also at the national committee level:

- † She has served as president of her society - I'm not sure how many times!
- † In zone 18, she served as Christian Growth chairman and zone president.
- † For our NWD, she served as District Leadership Chairman and as District President 1994-1998.

- † She served on the national Human Care committee and as its chairman for 2 of those years.
- † She returned to serving on the NWD Board and for the last 14 years has served as our parliamentarian. Her guidance is a treasure and she will be missed.

A total of 26 years in leadership service to LWML! What a blessing you are!

My Favorite ByLaw:

Article XII, Section 4 Parliamentarian

- C. 2. Sit near the president
- 3. Be prepared to give a report or lesson on parliamentary procedure when needed!

Thank you Shirley for all the help you have given me!

Mary Harrington

God Gives Growth



CHRISTIAN LIFE
CO-CHAIR
ANNE HARTMAN
EAU CLAIRE, WI

I'm just coming down from my "convention high" as I send this to press. The entire convention was truly blessed by our Heavenly Father. It was a humble blessing to be part of the planning for the Eau Claire convention.

The Zone Christian Life Chairmen all did a wonderful job with our devotion on Friday afternoon. Theme was gardening and it tied right in with our wonderful theme as

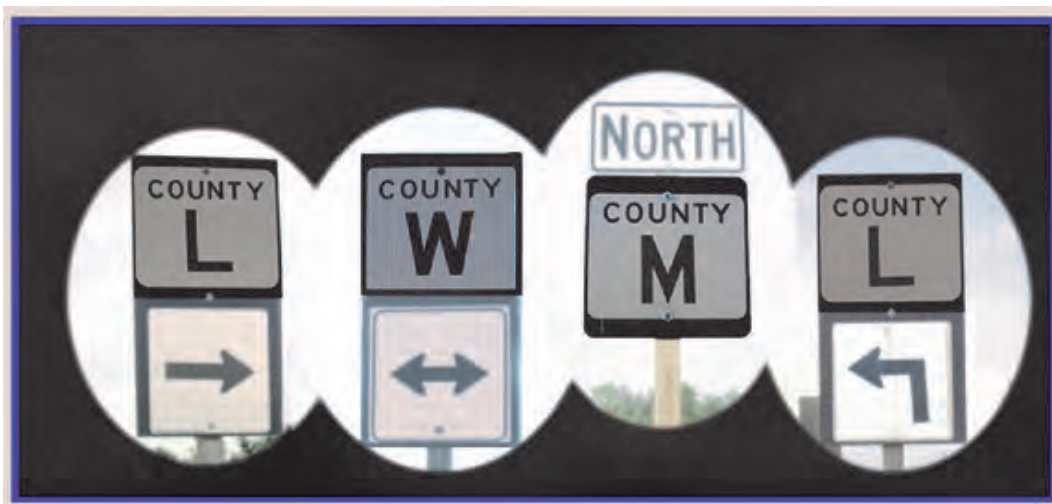
well as the Bible study. Donna Pyle was an incredible Bible study leader. What a blessing to have her share with us!

The opening service on Thursday night had a tremendous message about Mary and Martha given by Pastor Martin Koeller. His term is now complete and we thank him for his four years of service. He wrote some great Christian Life Bible studies for our rallies.

The new biennium is ahead of us now and we look forward to serving you as the Christian Life committee.

God's Richest blessings!

Anne Hartman



N WI DISTRICT
PRESIDENT
MARY HARRINGTON
SHELL LAKE, WI

Got Talent?

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

God has blessed each of us with a variety of gifts and opportunities to use them in service to one another and to our neighbors around the world. This summer I was blessed to be at convention in Eau Claire and to join my Sisters in Mission working on servant events. We made witness bracelets that will be used by someone traveling on a M.O.S.T. (Mission Opportunities Short Term) Ministries mission trip. We made premie project hearts. These will go to area hospitals for use with premie babies. The mother puts this soft fabric heart on her skin for a few hours, long enough to absorb her scent, and then the heart is put in the incubator or bassinet with the baby. Aromatherapy from Mom! We marked Bibles to be used in prison ministry. God's promises and the gift of salvation in Christ are highlighted in scripture verses throughout the Bible. Bibles are shared with jails and prisons throughout the North Wisconsin District.

I was blessed to travel to Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk, Nebraska with 49 other NWD LWML members. We traveled by bus and we brought the "ingredients" to make hygiene kits. We toured the OGT headquarters and were given the opportunity to sort clothes and other items

that OGT will use in their shipments to those in need here in the United States and around the world. The scope of this ministry is amazing!

We traveled to Mapleton, Iowa, to visit Missionary Gary at Mission Central. Missionary Gary shared with us the story of this farmstead in western Iowa and how it became headquarters for prayer support and financial support for missionaries of the LCMS. The Mission Central website offers a prayer calendar for each day of the year and as prayer warriors we are given the opportunity to pray with and for those in mission throughout the world.

Are you using your gifts? Are you making the most of the opportunities that LWML offers to you and to your society?

Be a blessing!

Mary Harrington



Mary, skyping with missionaries.

Are You Like the Woodchuck?



SENIOR PASTORAL
COUNSELOR
REV. MARTIN KOELLER
COMBINED LOCKS, WI

“And they said to one another, ‘We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt’ (Num. 14:4)

As I was thinking about the Book of Numbers in the Bible, the thought crossed my mind that it was very much like an old tongue twister that we all know: “How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?”

How does that remind me of the Book of Numbers? Well . . . I found out in the dictionary that a woodchuck is the same thing as a groundhog. It has a bushy tail, about two feet long, and it spends most of its time in tunnels that it bores underground. That explains why it’s called a groundhog. It eats plants and clovers, but it does not eat trees. So I still wonder, why is it called a woodchuck?

Back in the Book of Numbers, why did the people of Israel call themselves “the People, the followers of God” when so little of their actions showed it, and many times went against it? When they rejoiced, it was always for a short time, when they followed God’s directives, it seemed to be half-heartedly, and finally, when God wanted to take them into the Promised Land, they flatly refused to go and wanted to find someone else who would take them back to Egypt! Can you imagine that!

How about us? We have a name given to us - “Christian.” That is a good name. It means: “follower of Christ.” It refers to someone who seeks to love the Lord with all their heart, with all their soul, with all their mind, and with all their strength. We are also called the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League. A missionary is someone who shares God’s Word and love out to others. Does the description fit us? I hope so. I hope that none of us are like the woodchuck that has a name that just doesn’t fit.

To help us fit the name, God does not leave us on our own. Remember how He sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. Remember how He led the people of Israel through the desert providing everything they needed to sustain their lives. Why would we think He does less for us? Remember that He has promised His Holy Spirit to us, so that we may live as the children of God rather than as the children of Satan, not with our own strength, but with His strength.

God provides us with all that we need, He defends us against danger and guards and protects us from evil. Why? Purely out of His fatherly divine goodness and mercy. What a great joy it is now to thank and to praise Him, to serve and obey Him, not out of obligation, but out of love, even as He has first loved us.

Jesus is called our Savior and our friend. And He definitely lives up to His Name! Praise be the Name of the Lord forever!

God’s grace and blessings be with you all.

Senior Pastoral Counselor

Pastor Martin Koeller



“and you will be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.”

Isaiah 58:11b



2017 National LWML Convention
Albuquerque, NM



NWD 2018 Convention
Stevens Point

Young at Heart Retreat



Laura Palzkill, Lisa Glessing and Denise Fall

The annual “Young at Heart” Retreat, “The Busy Lady’s Recharge,” took place on April 1-2 at Camp Luther. Twenty-three women joined the fun on Friday evening for fellowship, including a devotion, board games, snacks and socializing with friends old and new.

On Saturday 65 women were in attendance as we heard from Jan Wendorf, national LWML president from 2007-2011. She gave us strategies for making the most of personal



Bible study time and shared a presentation on her travels distributing quilts and supplies for Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Malaria Initiative. Participants were amazed to see the volume and the impact of the items



that had been donated by LWML societies throughout the United States.

Of course, between the inspiring Bible study and presentations, there was also time for fellowship, fun and more snacks!

Participants made their own relaxing hand

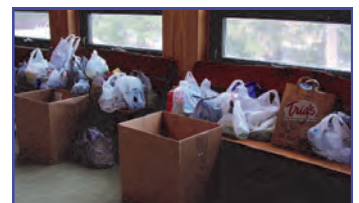


scrubs, recharged with other sisters in Christ, and donated items for Camp Luther to use in its ministry

We hope you can join us for the 2017



“Young at Heart” retreat scheduled for March 31-April 1, 2017.



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

Convention attendee summarizes her thoughts about the convention:

Just wanted to pass along my sincere thanks for making the 36th Biennial North Wisconsin District LWML Convention such a wonderful success. It was such a pleasure to attend. The complete program was so well planned and presented. The speakers were all so heartfelt, and made me stop and think how blessed we as individuals are, especially after hearing Deon and Bob Prue talk! Then to see Rev. Hoff and his family's commitment to travel to spread the word of God. I



couldn't imagine doing this with a large family and especially a tiny baby!

To meet Donna Pyle in person and to have her lead our Bible study was special also. In Zone 16, we have done two of her Bible studies and thoroughly enjoyed them.

Paul Oman's painting on Friday night was exceptional as well. Everything was great and I enjoyed my time with other LWMLers, visiting and learning from everyone. There are so many people that were there, sharing their stories with us, it was a time of much learning.

Then to set a goal of \$105,000 for our next biennium was huge. But after adding up the monies collected from the offerings and special one, and Betty's walk, almost \$14,000.00, it shouldn't come as a surprise with the dedication of all our people! I can't wait to share all the information with my

group.

Thanks so much,
God Bless,

Bev



Convention Offerings

#1	\$2,613.25	NWD Mission Goal
#2	\$2,318.88	Camp Luther in Honor of 70th Anniversary
#3	\$2,555.30	Missionary Rev. Clint Hoff
	\$4,087.00	Door offering for Lutheran Indian Ministries following the presentation by Deacon Bob and Deon Prue
	\$2,379.10	Mites raised from Mission Walk



Sarah Long-Radloff and Heart to Heart Sisters from Eau Claire



Checking in at The Plaza
Below: YWR Devotion



Laura Andersen &
Anne Hartman



Linda Koeller, Donna Pyle, Ginger Starrett



Installation of new district officers



Vicar Richard Her



Gayle Sommerfeld
MOST Ministries



Deacon Bob and Deon Prue



Above: Young Women Representatives

Right: Pastor Koeller, Paul Oman, Mary Harrington, Donna Pyle, Laura Anderson, Mary Scharenbrock.



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*Financial Secretary
Pam Pfankuch*



*Recording Secretary
Sherrilee Wallerman*



*Mission Grants
Director
Linda Koeller*



*Pastoral Counselor
Rev. Jonathan Wessel*



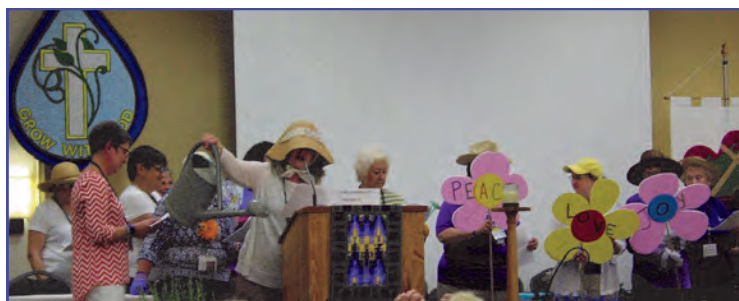
President Mary Harrington and past district presidents



Above: Mite Walk
with Betty Snyder



Left: Sisters Mary
& Martha (M&M)



Devotion by Christian Life

Servant Event Report by Pat Strege

Witness bracelets made for MOST

Ministries.....	1,971
Premie project hearts.....	358
Marked Bibles for prison ministry...	25

Total Convention Attendance: 347

Gifts from the Heart by Chairman Millie Timm:
(counted by number of boxes)

MOST Ministries.....	19
Bethesda Lutheran communities	17
Hope Gospel Mission/Ruth House	over 29
SteppingStones of Dunn County	30
plus monetary gifts	

68th Annual LWML Fall Retreat at Camp Luther

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



2ND VICE PRESIDENT
MARY SCHARENBRÖCK
GLEN FLORA, WI

I am very excited for our Fall Retreat and I pray that all who attend will be blessed as the Lord serves us! Our theme is **"My Cup Runneth Over."** Registration opens on Thursday, September 8 at 3 PM. There will be a worship service in the retreat center that evening.

Our **guest speaker, Coral Rose**, will tell of her missionary work in South

Africa and Ghana and share God's word based on our retreat theme. **Pastoral Counselor Rev. Pockat** will be the **Bible study leader** for the Bible study based on John 10:10, *"I came that you may have life and have it abundantly."*

We have **two early morning Bible studies** scheduled. One will be led by Pam Pfankuch, and the name of her Bible study is "Remember to Give Thanks." The second Bible study leader is Sue Pfeil and the name of her Bible study is "C.O.F.F.E.E. (Christ Offers Forgiveness For Everyone Everywhere)".

We had such a great response to our **manicures and massages** last year that we will be having them again. The manicures will be free and the cost of a chair massage will be \$5.00. The money received from the chair massage will be donated to mites. There will be an "LWML Hat Contest," mission trip speakers, an early morning walk/run, scavenger hunt, a bonfire and more!

Gifts of the Heart will be for Bethesda Lutheran Communities in Appleton. They are in need of the following: construction paper, card stock, stickers, stamps, office envelopes, post it notes, pens, markers, sharpies, dry erase markers, AA or AAA batteries, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes, tooth paste, radio/cd player, DVD player, leaf blower. Gift cards to the following businesses: Culver's, McDonald's, Subway, Walmart, Shopko, Kohl's.

We will be tying **fleece blankets** for six (6) different Homeless Shelters in our North Wisconsin District: 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 pieces of fleece, please indicate that on your registration form.

For our craft we will be **weaving baskets** using plastic strapping for weavers and spokes. Please collect plastic strapping in your churches and bring to retreat. If you are able to donate metal grommets or a grommet tool please contact Mary Scharenbrock at 715-826-0160 or Linda Tryzak at 715-848-2686. **The Grazing Table** is back and you're invited to bring a snack to share. Remember to bring towels, bedding and toiletries.

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: _____

Ladies Spring Banquet

CAREN ERICKSON, PRESIDENT
OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
KINGSFORD, MI
ZONE 2

L WML gals from Our Redeemer Lutheran, Kingsford, MI, had a very successful Ladies Spring Banquet on May 9. The theme "Life's Lessons Learned from Quilting" inspired several ladies to bring their quilts to decorate



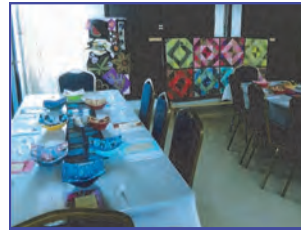
Barb Carlson spoke on "Life's Lessons Learned from Quilting."



Sherry Caduto and Nancy Wilhelmi delivered the program "If Quilts Could Sing, Talk, Pray." They also served as "holders and folders" for Barb.

the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary. Each table was adorned with a homemade quilted table runner and each place had a microwaveable cozee for each attendee to take home and enjoy!! A total of 82 ladies and 4 girls were served a pork loin dinner and all the trimmings, catered by the Pataconis and served by men of the congregation wearing Thrivent

Action Team T-shirts and big smiles on their faces. The grant from Thrivent aided in



Waiters & caterers with Thrivent T-shirts: Will, Brent, Gene, John, Joan, Richard, Martin, Dana

decorations, fabrics, punch, etc. to make our banquet the best ever.

Pie and Bake Sale

BONNIE GROSSKOPF
ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI
ZONE 17



items, a team of 20 prepared over 140 pies to

On Saturday March 12, 2016, Zone 17 Women's Ministry of St. Luke's Wisconsin Rapids held our annual pie bake. From donated

be sold at the weekend Pie and Bake Sale. Other donations of homemade breads, cakes, cookies and candies help raise over \$1500 for our mission goals. This project is pure JOY....Serving the Lord with Gladness!



Mission Quilts

LEAH LEHMAN
ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH,
TIGERTON, WI
ZONE 12



The quilters of St John Lutheran have been making mission quilts for more than 20 years. A few years ago we began to make them for Orphan Grain Train. There is no hard and fast rule for size, and we can drop it off at a site near us, and they don't even have to be boxed up. Plus, Orphan Grain Train works in many of the same ways that LWR does.

We normally quilt for a couple hours on Thursday mornings from January through May. Much of the work is done at home by several people. Most of the blocks are cut at home, many of them from old clothing, or whatever is available. A couple of the ladies sew the blocks together to make the tops, this is done at home. The backs are sheets, or smaller pieces of fabric that is sewed at a private home.



During meeting times at church, ladies layer the quilt tops, backs, and fillers. Quilts are sewn around the edge and the ties are put in. Some of the quilts are taken home and tied there. We don't have an accurate count of those that were made this year, but I am thinking it is about 75. Some of the tops were donated by a family. We are thankful for the donation of materials for the quilting project.

Spring Rally

DARLENE RYAN
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH,
WAUPACA, WI
ZONE 18



Update from Haiti!

MARLYS HARTMAN
ST. MARK LADIES GUILD
WAUSAU, WI
ZONE 11

Zone 11 held their Spring Rally at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Wausau. The guest speaker was Jacky Meremable from Gros Morne, Haiti. Jacky returned to Haiti in May with a suitcase and several boxes full of fabric and other sewing supplies, collected as "Gifts of the Heart." He also purchased a new sewing machine for the sewing students with monetary gifts given. There are materials students have never seen or worked with before. How exciting!"



Faith Friendship Lunch

ARLENE DOEPKE
WOMEN OF FAITH
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
GREEN BAY, WI
ZONE 19

Women of Faith – Green Bay enjoyed the warmth of welcome sunshine and friends at a Friendship Lunch on May 17. A Bible memory quiz



was followed by a delicious assortment of salads and desserts. Pastor Errer, Vicar Walsh, and several staff members joined us as we shared a joke, a song about Love in a Box (our mite offerings), a reading about Friendship, a prayer based on Psalms from "Lutheran Woman's Quarterly", and an update on LWML at Faith; an hour passed quickly. When asked if they would like another similar event, the answer was Yes! To God Be the Glory.



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Lutheran Women in Mission

Calendar Items

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

March 31-April 1, 2017
Young at Heart 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)

**Check Us Out
on the Web!**



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