

Mission Tidings

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Our Blessed Mites!



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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ear Sisters in Christ of our NWD LWML! Can you believe we have already paid for 4 ½ of our mission grants for this biennium?! Thanks be to God! At our NWD LWML Board meeting in February, it was voted to pay half of the NWD Professional Church Workers Student Grant— \$12,500. Many of our NWD students seeking full-time church work find themselves with outstanding loans after 4-8 years. They are grateful and blessed by our continuing mission grants. Thank you, mite-givers, for helping

But the Board members didn't stop there as they saw the blessing of vour mite offerings and realized that we could **FULLY** pay the grant of \$10,000 to Native American Outreach in North Wisconsin.

to make their dreams to serve a

reality!

Bob and Deon Prue (speakers at the Eau Claire LWML convention last June). working for Lutheran Indian Ministries, will be able to continue their mission with education and training. Their work will involve connecting with Native Americans who have been victims of abuse and who will receive the hope of

the Gospel of Jesus Christ, We also share in Bob and Deon's joy, as they are expecting a baby girl in June!

All Zone Presidents in our District recently received forms for preparing grant proposals for our 2018 NWD LWML



MISSION GRANTS DIRECTOR LINDA KOELLER COMBINED LOCKS, WI

convention in Stevens Point. Societies will receive them at the spring rallies. Forms and directions have also been placed on our NWD LWML website under "District Forms." Please pray for our present and future grants and prayerfully consider filling out a proposal for our next biennium. The deadline for proposals is September 1, 2017. "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations." Matt. 24:14

Twenty-five percent of our NWD LWML mites go to National for the 2015-2017 Biennium. As of this writing, a little over 3/4 has been paid, with the biennium ending March 31. We continue to give as our Lord leads us "...for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7b.

Serving the Lord with gladness,

Línda Koeller



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

NWD Professional Church Workers Student \$12,500 Grants \$25,000

Concordia Theological Seminary Food and Clothing Bank \$10,000

4 Hmong Lutheran Mission, Eau Claire-Wausan \$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

Equipping Gospel Motivated Voices for Life Lutherans for Life (partial funding) \$8,000



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



Be a Blessing!



N WI DISTRICT PRESIDENT MARY HARRINGTON SHELL LAKE, WI

ur February Board
meeting was very well
attended despite the wintry
weather and many plans were
made. We voted to pay more
mission grants - praise God!
We have paid 4 1/2 of the
grants we voted to support
when we met in Eau Claire last
summer. God has blessed our
mite boxes and the offerings
we are able to share. Be sure
you decorate your District

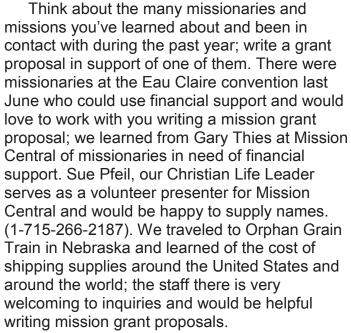
Mission Poster with stickers or balloons or hearts or whatever to celebrate! It's a great way to tell others about the work of the LWML here in the NWD and at the national level too.

We shared information about the Bible studies that we are using in our societies and at home. The District currently owns two of Donna Pyle's DVD Bible studies,

"Overflowing Abundance" and "Your Strong Suit." I plan to purchase Donna's new DVD

study for use in the NWD while I'm at convention. It is called, "Peter...from Fisherman to Fisher of Men." The DVD studies are available for any society to use, contact our NWDistrict Christian Life leader, Sue Pfeil if you're interested in using them. They are very good!

At the spring rallies, you'll receive information about writing and submitting a mission grant for consideration at the 2018 District Convention to be held in Stevens Point.



If you are blessed to be able to attend the LWML convention in ABQ this summer, you will have many opportunities to meet missionaries and talk with representatives from a variety of mission organizations. You will learn of their financial needs and how the women of the NWD LWML can help. Hmong missions, Lutheran Indian Missions, Bethesda Ministries, financial support for students from our North Wisconsin District who are studying to become professional church workers, the mission at Victory in Gwinn, Michigan; these all need grant proposals written in support of their ministries, and you're just the person to do it! Pray about it, think about it and do it!

Be a blessing!

Mary Harrington

Then I Saw



JUNIOR COUNSELOR PASTOR JONATHAN WESSEL AUGUSTA, WI

hen I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer anv sea.2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people,

and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

⁶ He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7 Those who are

elegates at the 2015 Des Moines

victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. (Revelation 21:1-7, (NIV))

One of the great things about spring is the newness. On the farm, new calves are born. The flower beds are starting to get green. Soon the fields will be full of new life.

What a great picture of newness we have here in Revelation! This world and all its troubles will pass away. We will have a new body and a new place to live. Not recycled, not leftover, not "slightly imperfect," but "NEW"!

More than that, God will be with us, "among His people, and He will dwell with them." We will see him in all His glory! We will enjoy what Adam and Eve had in paradise, the presence of God with His creation.

Many of us have experienced tears, mourning, crying, and pain. We have seen the ones we love pass away. We may think it will never end in this world. But it will because God says it will. His words are trustworthy and sure.

During Lent, we remember the great price that was paid for our sins. We also look forward to the day of resurrection, when our Lord defeated death once and for all.

> May God bless you all! Rev. Jonathan Wessel

Convention reached out in faith and adopted a \$2 million mite goal for the 2015 -2017 biennium. It was a bold action that reflected their faith and their hearts for missions! As this newsletter goes to press, we are very,

very close to reaching that goal. And I am boldly confident that we will have

reached our mite goal before the March 31st fiscal biennium deadline. Praise God for blessing our mites and our missions and thanks to the women of the NWD

who faithfully fed their mite boxes and helped achieve this goal!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



Welcome Mats!



CHRISTIAN LIFE SUE PFEIL WINTER, WI

We all know Psalm 100:1-4 is an invitation from God in our LWML song, "Serve the Lord with Gladness," to give thanks and enter His gates.

Most of us have doormats at our homes where we welcome those who knock on our doors and make them feel welcomed. We live in the woods, so our loon door knocker is always a conversation starter. When we

lived in a parsonage we had many tired, hungry and weary ring the doorbell. With the "Welcome" mat out, we always opened the door to invite visitors in to rest or care for them, whether we expected them or not. It is nice to feel wanted in another's home.

God has a welcome mat too. He wants us to run through His front door and rejoices when we spend time with Him. Of course, we as Christians know our way to God is through Jesus whom He sent to save us from our sins. So, then we can rejoice as we enter his gates as the psalm says:

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!



As LWML purple peeps we need to be putting out the welcome mat by extending that invitation to others in our communities, churches, societies, and zones so that they are encouraged and equipped to grow in their Christian faith and service. Check out a new LWML devotion called 'Day By Day-Growing in the Lord' at www.lwml.org and be sure to share it with those around you.

Did you know that we have a district Facebook page? Join our group at NWD LWML for district updates, sharing and inspiring thoughts.

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone Who redeemed us sinners, guides us as His own to enjoy the blessings of His love and grace, will at last in glory meet us face to face. Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim: "Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name."

Your sister in Christ.

Sue Pfeil

From LWML "75 Ways to Serve the Lord with Gladness in YOUR Mission Field"



#38. Share the Gospel with Easter Eggs

*Buy plastic Easter eggs and fill them with a Scripture tract and candy. Put the basket on your desk at work to share a treat and the Gospel with your co-workers.



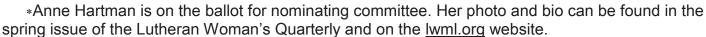
75th Anniversary Happenings



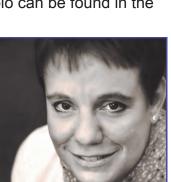
Come to our Diamond Dazzle Celebration at the 37th Biennial Convention June 22-25, 2017 in Albuquerque, New Mexico

he North Wisconsin District is sending a great delegation to Albuquerque. We are sending:

- *our District President, Mary Harrington
- *our Junior Counselor, Rev. Jonathan Wessel
- *17 delegates
- *2 YWRs
- *1 Heart to Heart Sister for District Leadership Training
- *1 Heart to Heart Sister
- *and countless others from across north Wisconsin and the UP
- *Dawn Via and Laura Andersen are making our District Banner!
- *Jan Struck is bringing Katie Luther to the stage
- *Deaconess Betty Knapp is leading the Bible study



VISION STATEMENT: My favorite part of the LWML mission statement says that we assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. That means every woman in the pew. My vision is that we continue to be an organization that encourages women to be in His Word, serve Him, and reach out to those who don't know Him. I pray that we are a group that embraces women of all ages and cultures. May we continue to give our mites to reach the lost and serve our Lord with gladness in the way He has gifted each of us to serve.





Website Information from lwml.org

M uch information is available on the lwml.org website. Some of the pre-convention activities are:

Registration and exhibits open Thursday morning June 22

Servant Events are offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Heart to Heart Sister Leader Commissioning is at 11 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal begins at 12:30 p.m.

YWRs begin their sessions at 2:30 - 3:45

Delegate Orientation is at 3 p.m.

District Caucus and District Photos are scheduled from 4:10 - 6:15 p.m.



Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name.

Philippians 2:9

The **Mission In Motion Pledge Walk** is scheduled for Friday; time to be announced. Pledge forms are available on the website and are a wonderful way for women unable to attend convention to support this mite offering.

Delegates, be sure to find candidate bios, proposed by-law changes and mission grant proposals at lwml.org. Study them, pray about them and be prepared to vote when the time comes. Electronic voting happens fairly quickly, there isn't time then to make your decisions.

Everyone, plan to attend the District Caucus. It will be held at the convention center, room and time to be announced. It's a great opportunity to discover who else from the NWD is in ABQ and you can win some "Bling" for the Saturday night Diamond Dazzle Event!! District photo happens at this time also. Everyone is encouraged to bring glow sticks, tiaras, plenty of "bling" to wear that night as we celebrate LWML's 75th Anniversary!

New this year are early morning **Bible studies** on Friday and Saturday.

There will be **four offerings** taken during the convention:

- 1. The first offering will support the mission mite goal for the 2017-2019 biennium.
- 2. 75th Anniversary Thank Offering. These dollars will become part of the LWML Endowment Fund.
- 3. Offering to support Bilingual Worker Priest, Concordia Lutheran Church, Chula Vista, California
- 4. Offering to support God Cares About You, Christ Lutheran Church & School, Albuquerque, New Mexico

On the website there is an updated list of items for the **Gifts of the Heart Ingathering** and a list of the four agencies receiving the items.

69th Annual LWML Fall Retreat at Camp Luther

Thursday, September 7, through Saturday, September 9, 2017



2ND VICE PRESIDENT MARY SCHARENBROCK GLEN FLORA, WI

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 open on Thursday, September 7, 2017, with registration at 3:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. Pastor Pockat will lead us in worship. Our retreat theme is taken from Psalm 139:14, "For I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. James Lamb and he will speak on the handiwork of God and the value of life. Dr. Lamb will lead Bible study sessions on Thursday evening, Friday afternoon and Friday evening.

We will have 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 collected for Sunshine for Humanity in Eagle River Wisconsin (please check registration form for items needed).

There will be an "LWML Bag Contest" so have fun decorating a new or repurposed LWML bag. See how creative you can be! We are looking forward to





seeing all those 'GLAD bags" to show how we are GLAD to serve our Lord! Kim Zastrow is returning to give manicures and Arlene Doepke to give hand massages.

We will be tying fleece blankets for six (6) different Pregnancy Resource Centers in our North Wisconsin District. If you would like to donate two matching pieces of fleece material please indicate on your registration form.



Our grazing table will be done the same as last year. Sisters in Christ whose <u>last names</u> start with:

A - F please bring nuts/snack foodG - M please bring baked goods

N - S please bring fruit

T - Z please bring vegetables.

Remember to bring your bedding and toiletries to camp. Camp Luther does not provide them.

I pray I will see you at our Fall Retreat!

In Christ.

Mary Scharenbrock LWML 2nd Vice President



FALL RETREAT AT CAMP LUTHER



September 7-9, 2017 **REGISTRATION FORM**

FRI	DAY: Registra	ation 8:30 A.M., Opening I g Devotions 9:00 A.M. Clo	Devotions 9:00 A.M. Using at 12:30 P.M. Lunch Using and meals desired)	•
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Mail to: Linda Tryczak, 807 S 9 th 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 Sunshine for Humanity: Bedding, kitchen ware, clothing, shoes and boots for all seasons and all sizes, toilet paper, deodorant, toothbrushes, laundry soap, household items, canned goods and personal items.				

If interested in donating two matching pieces of fleece material 58" Wide x 80" long for tying blankets for

six Pregnancy Resource Centers, check here:

CELEBRATING!

We are so blessed to be celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and the 75th Anniversary of our Lutheran Women's Missionary League. As a fundraiser for mites, I am taking orders for t-shirts that commemorate these events. The cost of the t-shirts is \$12.00 and we must sell seventy-two (72) t-shirts to get this discounted price. The t-shirts are Unisex Crew neck or Ladies Crew neck made out of 100% cotton. Sample shirts without the logo will be available for you to try on at the May 23, 2017, board meeting at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Wausau, Wisconsin. The deadline to order t-shirts is **July 1**, **2017**. You may pick-up your t-shirt at the Fall Retreat at Camp Luther or other arrangements can be made. Please state on your order form if you will be picking up your t-shirt at the Fall Retreat.

Please contact Mary Scharenbrock at 715-826-0160 or maryscharenbrock@gmail.com if you have any questions or need to make arrangements for picking up your t-shirt.

Serving the Lord with Gladness! In Christ, Mary Scharenbrock

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Mary Scharenbrock, W3516 Walrath Road Glen Flora, WI 54526.

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Unisex Crew Neck	Ladies Crew Neck
Number of Shirts Ordered	Picking up at Fall Retreat
Name	

Address______Phone Email

Church_____Zone____



Every One His Witness

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9

Witnessing to the nonchurched people in your life

Saturday, May 20, 2017, a witnessing workshop will be held in Rochester, Minn. at Trinity Lutheran Church. This workshop is hosted by the Minnesota South LWML and the LCMS office of Witness and Outreach Ministry. And we're invited!! There is no cost to attend the workshop, lodging for Friday evening (2 per room) is provided at no cost and lunch and snacks are also provided on Saturday during the workshop. There will be a fellowship hour with a mission speaker available for Friday evening arrivals from 7-8 p.m.

Space is limited to 60 LWML women and counselors. If full registration numbers are not reached, then registration will be opened to others who would like to attend.

The Every One His Witness Lutheran evangelism program considers the real world context in which Lutherans find themselves as witnesses of Jesus Christ. It puts sound doctrine into practical action for sharing your faith with the people God has placed alongside you each day. You'll be taught the LASSIE approach...Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, and Encourage.

Margaret Hesemann serves as President of the Minnesota South District LWML. She can be reached at president@mnslwml.org to answer any questions you may have and to take your reservation. Or you can contact me at eugene099@centurytel.net and I will try to answer your questions.

Be a Blessing,

Mary Harrington



Margaret Hesemann, President Minnesota South District LWML

Mission Trip to St. Louis, Missouri

The North Wisconsin District LWML is planning a mission trip to St. Louis, Mo., this summer, July 27 - 30. We will travel by car. Deadline to register is June 15; maximum number of people to attend is 20. LWML members, friends and spouses are welcome.

We will leave Thursday morning, July 27, with stops along the way and plan to arrive in St. Louis Thursday evening. Lunch and supper arrangements are pending. Anticipated cost for the mission trip is \$200.00.

We will stay at St. Trinity Lutheran Church parsonage or the church's school facility in St. Louis. The church is providing air mattresses and showers. We would need to bring our own bedding and toiletries. The cost to stay at the church parsonage is \$10.00 - \$15.00 per night per person.

Pastor Stanley of Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA) said he will have cleaning, yard work and perhaps some painting for us to do. We will have a vacation Bible school program for 30 to 50 refugee children involved in the mission of CFNA in St. Louis. We will also work with 10-20 refugee woman of CFNA processing jam/jelly and holding a Bible study with them. Attendees who are Thrivent members may be asked to apply for Action Team monies to help support the mission.

Each day will begin with devotion, prayer and hymns. We could go on a tour as time allows; the St. Louis Seminary, KFUO Radio Station, or the Concordia Publishing House/LWML Store. We will worship in St. Louis Sunday morning before heading home.

Contact Mary Scharenbrock at 715-826-0160 or



maryscharenbrock@gmail.com with questions you may have.

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

Serving the Lord with Gladness!

Mary Scharenbrock
Second Vice President,
NWD LWML



Join our NWD LWML Mission to Guatemala

rom October 27 to November 4, 2017, a group of LWML sisters will bring clean water and the Word of God to a village in Guatemala. We need a few more participants to fill out our team. Since this mission is not limited to LWMLers, your friends, husband, and adult children would all be welcome to participate.

The Water Team Mission has four parts:









CLEAN WATER We install Sawyer water filters in homes identified by the local pastor as needing this blessing. As we enter people's homes, install the filters and teach them how to use and care for them, we are privileged to speak of the Living Water that brings eternal life.

BASIC HEALTH EDUCATION We share simple lessons about health, hygiene, and disease prevention. We talk about God's gift of our bodies and how we can keep them healthy in order to serve one another in love.

SKYLIGHTS We bring light into the homes by installing skylights on tin roofs. The light that comes in can illuminate a work area in an otherwise dark home since many houses do not have the luxury of electricity—some even without any windows. As we do so, we witness to the Light of the World, our Jesus, in whose name we come as servants.

VBS and **HEALTH EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN** The village children gather for Bible stories, songs, games and activities based on Jesus, the Water of Life and Light of the World.







This is a marvelous evangelism opportunity and we work alongside the local pastor and church lay leaders. There are so many avenues of service in this Mission that you can serve in an area that is comfortable for you. We are praying that a couple of strong men join the team to handle skylight installation. Well-trained translators work with the team and help us communicate with the local people.

MOST Ministries takes care of logistics, training, spiritual preparation and contingency planning. They are dedicated, detail-oriented, professional, and bold witnesses to Jesus—which is, of course, the reason we go.

Please prayerfully consider joining this team. If you have additional concerns or need more information, please contact Penny Selle (St Paul, Fremont) selle@athenet.net 920-987-5454. You can also contact MOST Ministries at 734-994-7909 and talk with Debby Suchyta or you can email her directly at dsuchyta@mostministries.org

2018 North Wisconsin District Convention



Planning Meeting for 2018 District LWML Convention

This committee is already hard at work planning for our convention in June of 2018. We are blessed to have Deb Schalow and Judy Pelot working as co-chairs of this event. Pastor Doug Schalow is serving as Host Pastor and advisor.

Convention Dates: June 24 - 26, 2018

Location: Holiday Inn and Convention Center

Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Theme: Remember All His Blessings

Bible verse: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget

not all his benefits. Psalm 103:2



Note: NWD LWML members, groups and convention attendees. Please share your experiences with the rest of the North Wisconsin District by sending photos with captions to Mission Tidings Editor Betsy Lane (vlane@antigopro.net). Please include news and photos of zone rallies, society events, mission projects, etc. It is interesting to see what other societies are doing.

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May 20, 2017

Everyone His Witness Workshop Rochester, MN

May 22 & 23, 2017

NWD LWML EC and BOD mtgs. St. Mark's - Wausau

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) July 10—Deadline Mission Tidings

July 27 - 30, 2017

Short Term Mission Trip St. Louis, MO

September 6, 7, 2017

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September 7 - 9, 2017

69th Annual LWML Fall Retreat Camp Luther

September 18—Deadline Mission Tidings

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