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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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More Grants Paid!



MISSION GRANTS
DIRECTOR
LINDA KOELLER
COMBINED LOCKS, WI

What a Convention! We had such a wonderful representation from the NWD in Albuquerque, lifting up Christ, the "Name Above All!" I am so happy to announce that we have been able to pay two more grants since my last article! We mailed \$10,000 to fully pay the "Beaudouin Haiti Well and the Word," as well as \$2,000 for "Prison Ministry Devotional Book." Glory to God for making this possible! Keep those mites pouring in for the furtherance of His Kingdom!

Please continue mailing me your **grant proposals** for next year's District convention (**NO LATER than: September 1**). Check the National website for ideas from those that did not get voted in, as well as those from our own convention last June. Prayerfully consider writing one that is dear to your heart or that you feel the Lord may want you to submit. Each one will be prayed over and carefully considered by the Mission Grants Committee.

Pastor Chou Vang, representing the Hmong Lutheran Mission, Eau Claire, Grant of \$10,000, responded with a letter and pictures explaining with thanksgiving how the grant money has been and will continue to be used. I wish to share it with all of you here:

"I thank my God... because of your partnership in the Gospel" (Phil. 1:3,5)

Greeting to you all at the NWD LWML. We are thankful for all your love and support, and the offerings to help us for purpose of proclaiming the gospel to the Hmong people and the



surrounding community. Again, thank you so much for your generous offerings from the Hmong Lutheran Mission.

For the near future plans beginning in the fall in September of 2017, we will be using some of

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LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

North Wisconsin District Mission Grants 2016-2018

\$105,000 Mission Grant Goal

1	Orphan Grain Train-Wisconsin Branch	PAID IN FULL	\$10,000
2	NWD Professional Church Workers Student Grants	PAID	\$12,500 \$25,000
3	Concordia Theological Seminary Food and Clothing Bank	PAID IN FULL	\$10,000
4	Hmong Lutheran Mission, Eau Claire-Wausau	PAID IN FULL	\$10,000
5	Native American Outreach in North Wisconsin	PAID IN FULL	\$10,000
6	Beaudouin Haiti Well and the Word	PAID IN FULL	\$10,000
7	Victory Lutheran- Gwinn, Michigan		\$20,000
8	Prison Ministry Devotional Book	PAID IN FULL	\$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.*

Missions (continued)

the funds to purchase materials and start a Hmong reading and writing class in Eau Claire for children who want to learn the Hmong language. This will help create a unique opportunity that will allow Hmong parents and children alike to be able to come and learn about the Hmong language, and at the same



time allowing us the opportunity to witness the gospel of Christ to the Hmong.

Also, in the month of August, I will be heading over to Wausau, Wis. to start a faith training class for the Hmong who want to learn about the Christian faith and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. My plans are to head over to Wausau



once a week using workshops to train the Hmong people to build future leadership there and help grow the

mission. Please pray for the success of these outreach missions.

Again, we thank you all for all the love and support and know we could not have done all this without the help of God through his people and Church. May the love of God through Christ Jesus always be with you all. All glory be to God the Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who with the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever.

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Chou Vang
Hmong Lutheran Mission



Stamps for Missions



Yes, we're still saving and selling cancelled postage stamps. Please trim stamps to 1/4" border of the envelope around the stamp - no less. We aren't able to sell Christmas stamps or the very common flag stamps; commemorative stamps are the best. Foreign stamps are okay, too. Bring the trimmed stamps to the rally and your zone president will take them to the District Board meeting. From there, we have someone willing to take them to sell. The market is not as strong as in years past, so it is important that stamps be trimmed and ready to sell. So far this mission collection has raised \$13,272.64!



NWI DISTRICT
PRESIDENT
MARY HARRINGTON
SHELL LAKE, WI

Summer greetings to all my LWML sisters!

In June, I was blessed to represent the North Wisconsin District LWML at the 37th Biennial Convention of the LWML. I joined more than 3400 LWML members, Pastors, missionaries and others. We looked back at the many blessings we have received and been able to share with people around the world since our organization began in July,

1942. We challenged ourselves as we looked ahead to the next 75 years in service to our Lord and in service to those in need around the world.

We adopted a new logo while we were in Albuquerque. It's at the top of my message today. Its symbolism is as beautiful as the message it conveys. Let me share some of the meanings behind it:

- ✚ it represents the heart of God behind all that we are and do
- ✚ it represents God's love for us as seen in his sending His only begotten son Jesus to live amongst us
- ✚ it proclaims the cross and Jesus' blessed sacrificial blood shed for us and for the forgiveness of our sins
- ✚ it reminds us that we lift high the cross of Christ as we serve our Lord and serve one another
- ✚ God's heart is impressed upon our own and we are blessed by the spirit with joy and peace
- ✚ and it reminds us that we are the Lutheran Women's Missionary League celebrating our 75th anniversary and looking forward to the next 75!

The North Wisconsin District sent 18 delegates, 1 Young Woman Representative, 2 Heart to Heart Sisters - one for District training, Junior Counselor Pastor Wessel and myself to represent our District. Three of our Past District Presidents attended; Linda Pelot, Joyce Voss and Shirley Hein, as did LCMS NWD President Rev. Duane Lueck and his wife Cheryl.

Deaconess Betty Knapp from Marquette, MI led the Bible study and Jan Struck of Appleton portrayed Katie Luther during convention. Many of you have had the opportunity to hear song leader Wendysue Fluegge sing and/or share her Christian message at rallies and church services. What a talent!

What a blessing to all of us that these ladies and men attended and they are excited to share what happened at convention in Albuquerque. Ask them about Past President Ida Mall's keynote message, ask about Sharon Niemann's presentation to Lutheran Bible Translators, ask about the Diamond Dazzle parade, and ask them about the early morning Bible studies.

Deaconess Betty Knapp led us through a Bible study focusing on past conventions and their themes. She challenged us to write our own mission statement. Ask about our new mission grant goal - \$2,075,000.00 and the mission grants adopted by the delegates. New officers were elected and a few by-law changes were enacted. Each of the delegates will joyfully and enthusiastically share their message at the fall zone rallies and you can see archived convention sessions by visiting lwml.org. It was a busy, amazing, blessed few days!

Join the many voices that proclaim Jesus Christ Above All!

Mary Harrington

LWML Convention Inspiration

Jesus words in Matthew 18:20 are a great comfort: "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." But, when 3,000 or more come together in Jesus' name, that is awesome! That was the scene on Thursday night at the LWML Convention in Albuquerque as we gathered for worship. I sat next to a convention "first timer" from California that was just awed that she was worshipping with so many brothers and sisters in Christ. That is one of the gifts of attending LWML conventions, rallies, retreats and/or meetings, being surrounded by fellow believers and being inspired by them.

I surely was inspired by many of those I came in contact with at the convention. The "first timer" inspired me to be more appreciative of the opportunities I have to worship with my brothers

and sisters in Christ, whether it be two or three or 3,000. The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison inspired me as he spoke God's Word to us in his sermon at the worship service and during his greetings to us on Friday. In his first Presidential Decree presented to LWML President Patti Ross, he praised God for the faithful service of the LWML for the past 75 years.

Every day we continued to be inspired, especially by Deaconess Betty Knapp as she led us through a two-part Bible Study. She challenged us to write our own personal mission statement and to answer the question: "How do you show **Jesus Christ Above All** in your life?" I was pleasantly surprised when she used the witnessing story of Lee Belmas while vacationing in Costa Rica, as Lee is my husband's cousin. Our relatives can also inspire us!

Past LWML President Ida Mall was our keynote speaker. Being a grandmother, I could certainly relate to her suggestion that we "step out and step forward" as joyfully as a proud grandmother as we share Jesus' love with those around us. She told us to "Be alert! God will give you many chances."

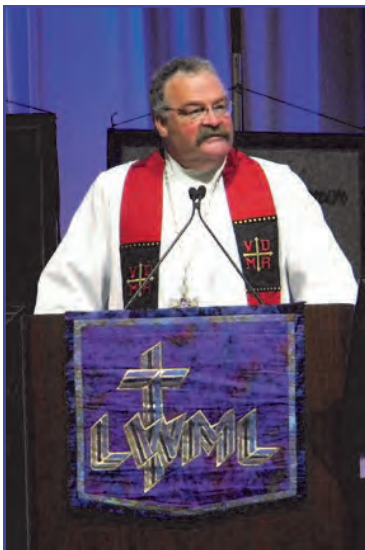
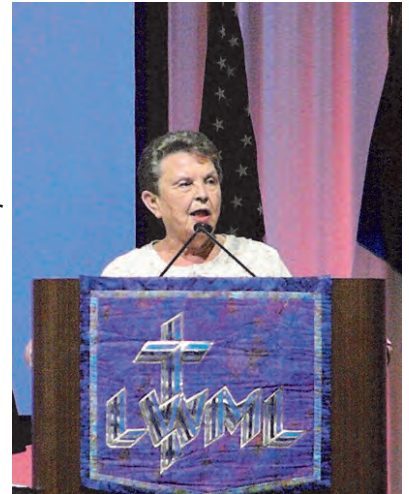
Katie Luther a.k.a. Jan Struck declared "Sometimes I miss the convent!" when telling us about the busy Luther household. We were

inspired to be as diligent and hard working as Katie was in helping Martin in his ministry. We were also inspired by the many mission speakers to keep on collecting those mites that bring the love of Christ to people all over the world.

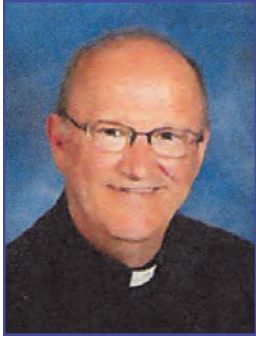
I could go on and on about all that inspired me while attending the convention. But, I will sum it up using the words of the convention objectives, because I certainly was:

- ◆ Encouraged through worship and Bible study.
- ◆ Equipped to share His message of salvation.
- ◆ Engaged in celebrating God's faithfulness while serving the Lord with gladness!

Sharon Makela
Christian Life
Trego, WI



Happy 75th Anniversary to LWML



SENIOR PASTORAL
COUNSELOR
REV. STEVEN POCKAT
SHAWANO, WI

It is often regarded that spring and summer are the times when most weddings occur; therefore, many wedding anniversaries are celebrated now. It is always good to see marriages lasting 50, 60 and even 70 years or more. God certainly blesses the marriages that follow His plan - one man, one woman united for life.

The LWML is also celebrating a special anniversary this year - 75 years of Lutheran Women in Mission for our Lord. The LWML is as vibrant and dedicated to serving our Lord as ever. The "Mite boxes" which fund most of the work of the LWML has had different colors and looks - but the focus is still the same. The dedication to Missions remains our priority - as it should be.

Saint Paul writes in Romans 12 *"let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil, hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in*

showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality."

We ask the Lord's blessing and grace be upon the LWML into the future, even as He has blest us for these 75 years. To God alone be the glory.

Rev. Steven Pockat

Senior Counselor



NWD rings bells to celebrate the 75th Anniversary

Personal Mission Statements

What a joy it was to share in the study of God's Word at the Albuquerque convention. Looking back to see how God's Word was presented throughout our 75-year history gave us the foundation to look at our present circumstances and look forward to how God wants us to join Him on His mission. Our study ended with an encouragement to do a little "homework" and reflect on our personal faith story. It's so easy to



Jan Struck, Ann Hartman, Betty Knapp

come back from an event such as the Albuquerque convention and get back into the routine of life. But hopefully those of you who attended the convention will take time to do some personal reflection as you think of how God uses you today and how He may use you in the future. In our study we were reminded of the Personal Mission Statements that were the focus of the 1993 Edmonton convention. Writing your own personal mission statement doesn't have to be hard - it just has to be honest. Who are you, what are you called to do, and how will you live your life of faith and service keeping Jesus Christ Above All?

Betty Knapp, Leader

National Convention Bible Study

Got Spunk?



Sarah Long-Radloff and Diane Simon

Anyone who has ever seen the premier episode to The Mary Tyler Moore Show, may remember this attribute used by Lou Grant in reference to the title character. After seeing our Diamond Dazzle pay homage to Mary, I think it is only appropriate that we explore this word a little more.

Why? You may ask. Well, the Nominating Committee is looking for a few women and men to step forward and run for the offices of President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and Pastoral Counselor. Spunk, according to Webster's second and third definitions means: mettle, pluck, spirit or liveliness. Does this describe you? Does this sound like someone you want to be? Well then, please take a

LOOK at the By Laws (general job description and requirements) and Leader Helps (more specific job duties) for the above positions and then, PRAY. If after reading and praying and maybe consulting a few more prayer partners, FILL out the Nomination and Consent form and TURN IT IN via email to Diane Simon – disimon33@yahoo.com. If you would rather mail it: 532 Broad Street, Menasha, WI 54952. You can also hand the forms to Mary Scharenbrock or Jackie Brassfield who are on the nominating committee. We ask that you keep all considerations confidential until the candidates are announced in our Winter Mission Tidings. You will be notified when your form has been received. We have set a deadline of September 1 to have received the forms.

Only you can truly know if God is leading you to consider one of these positions (or nominate your pastor). If you don't know what to do, then use your inner spunk and fill out the forms. God does not always call the equipped. He equips the called. He thinks, "I like you. You've got spunk."

Diane Simon

Nominating Committee

From a Delegate to Albuquerque

JERRY ANN LAUTERBACH
ZONE 15 DELEGATE
ST. PETER LUTHERAN
CHURCH

I represented Zone 15 as a delegate at the national convention. This was my first national convention and I enjoyed every minute of it! The convention was educational for me as I learned how the LWML organization is managed. All national and district officers, chairmen, pastors and other board members donate their time and talents. These people donate countless hours to glorify Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Truly amazing!

I worked at the Servant Event activity assembling health kits, school kits and helped bind braille calendars. It was humbling to see so

many people working together for a common cause. I enjoyed listening to Mites in Action speakers from Rebecca's Garden, Lutheran Hour Ministries in Lebanon, Apple of His Eye, Lutheran Indian Ministries and Campus Missionary Ministries tell how past mission grants have affected their organization. These organizations are so appreciative of LWML monies.



Notes from Albuquerque

Delegates to the 37th Biennial Convention of the LWML adopted a \$2,075,000 mission goal for the 2017-2019 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 22 mission grants as men and women respond in prayer and offerings during the next two years. LWML chose to support the following mission grants, pledging their support with prayers and mites (offerings) given over the next biennium:



North Wisconsin District Delegates

Front left to right: Jerry Ann Lauterbach, Zone 15; Rita Scott, Zone 16; Sherilee Wallerman, Zone 17; Jeanne Braatz, Zone 18, YWR Katie Paholke. *Back:* Phyllis James, Zone 2; Sharon Niemann, Zone 10; Denise Fall, Zone 3; Yvonne Schilsky, Zone 11; Sue Pfeil, Zone 4; Cindy Braatz, Zone 6; Karen Edwards, Zone 12; Sue Neider, Zone 7; Susan Ladwig, Zone 13/14; Cookie Ziebarth, Zone 9; Becky Haltaufderheid, Zone 19. Not pictured: Jeanne Wilman, Cookie Ziebarth, Zone 9.

1. Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children – Mercy Meals of Siouxland, \$40,000
2. Mercy House for Women and Children – Franklin Avenue Mission, Flint, Michigan, \$100,000
3. Christ for Veterans and Their Families – LCMS Ministry of the Armed Forces, \$27,750
4. Tanzanian Sewing Center – Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT), \$25,000
5. Current Missionary Need – LCMS International Mission, \$100,000
6. Lutheran Children's Books for Families Worldwide – Lutheran Heritage Foundation, \$100,000
7. Christian Hope Through Mass Media in Egypt – Lutheran Hour Ministries, \$100,000
8. NOLA 4H: Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless, and Hurting – Christian Families United for Progress, \$100,000
9. Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund, \$80,000
10. Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti – Ministry in Mission, \$100,000
11. Training Lutheran Middle Eastern Missionaries – Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission, \$93,000
12. Completion of Lukonda Lutheran School Buildings, Uganda – Lutheran Church Uganda, \$48,000
13. Equipping Youth to Witness for Life □ Y4Life – Lutherans for Life, \$25,000
14. Laborers of Love – Lutheran Braille Workers, \$100,000
15. Sharing Jesus with People with Disabilities – Bethesda Lutheran Communities, \$100,000
16. Education Loan Repayment Assistance Grants – Ministry Focus, \$100,000
17. Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team – LCMS Office of International Mission, \$25,000
18. Restoration Programs for Native Hawaiians – Lutheran Indian Ministries, \$75,000
19. RECONNECT to the Body of Christ, Circuit 28 – Texas District, \$50,000
20. Prison and Jail Ministry Synod-wide Conference in 2018, \$36,500
21. Family Scholarships for Short Term Mission Trips – MOST Ministries, \$60,000
22. Raising Pastors and Deaconesses – Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia, \$97,000





NWD Banner made by Laura Andersen and Dawn Via. The Packers balloon in the upper right corner drew lots of attention!



YWR Katie Paholke helping to sort and pack ingathering items.



Anne Hartman busy at the HOPE Committee booth.



Sharon Hanke with Martin Luther



NWD past presidents dazzle-Joyce Voss, Shirley Hein, Linda Pelot, Mary Harrington



NWD LCMS President Rev. Duane Lueck and wife Cheryl are ready for the Diamond Dazzle parade celebrating LWML's 75th anniversary.



Nicole Senghemme H2H Sister from DePere



Sarah Long-Radloff of Appleton in African dress. She received District Leader Training for the Heart to Heart Sister program.



Luther Seal tattoos on delegates Becky Haltaufderheid, zone 19, and Sue Pfeil, zone 4.



Sharon Niemann presenting check to LBT from her uncle's estate.



Because the temperature was over 100 degrees, the Mission Walk was held inside. The walk participants raised \$72,683.06.

69th Annual LWML Fall Retreat

at Camp Luther

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



2ND VICE PRESIDENT
MARY SCHAREN BROCK
GLEN FLORA, WI

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 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 who 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 have two early morning Bible studies scheduled. Pam Pfankuch will lead her Bible study, "I Surrender," outside at 7:15 a.m. The second Bible study is "What kind of Spiritual Bread are You?" led by Sue Pfeil which will begin at 7:15 a.m. in the Retreat Center.

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).

The Praise Team led by Laura Prodel will lead us in hymns and the Kitchen Band will be back again to entertain us.

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!



We had such a great response to our **manicures** so Kim Zastrow will be joining us again this year. Arlene Doepke will be returning to give hand massages. Please register early as these free appointments will fill up quickly.

Our craft will be making a wall hanging using the theme of our Retreat. This craft is very pretty and elegant using card stock paper and supplies. The craft takes between 15-30 minutes to make so I

encourage everyone to make this beautiful wall hanging. Please bring a 12 X 12 frame for this craft. If you arrive early on Thursday afternoon Amy Tousey and Karen Samuelson will be available to assist you in making your wall hanging.

We will be tying fleece blankets for six (6) different Pregnancy Resource Centers in our North Wisconsin District—Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center, Ladysmith; Apple Pregnancy Care Center, Eau Claire; Northwoods New Life Resource Center, Hayward; A & A Alexandrina Center Ltd, Green Bay; First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center, Stevens Point; Hope Life Center, Wausau. 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 last names start with:

- A - F** please bring nuts/snack food
- G - 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





FALL RETREAT AT CAMP LUTHER



September 7-9, 2017
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 ____

Please call Camp Luther w/Dietary Needs

D. Free Manicure ____

Free Hand Massage ____

Limited number to receive massage & manicure so register early

E. REGISTRATION FEE **\$20.00**

ALL FEES NON-REFUNDABLE AND DUE BY AUGUST 25, 2017

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 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 60" long for tying blankets for six Pregnancy Resource Centers, check here: ____

Lutheran Indian Ministries - An Update with Deacon Bob and Deon Prue

As Will and Patricia Main, co-directors of the LIGHT House for the past ten years, move on to a new phase in their lives, Deacon Bob Prue (Rosebud Sioux), with the help of his wife, Deon, will continue to uphold Lutheran Indian



Ministries' mission to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Native American peoples, disciple Native leaders to

share the Gospel with their brothers and sisters, and provide resources to assist in the healing of social sufferings while valuing Native cultures.

Bob and Deon returned home to Lawrence, Kansas, in the summer of 2016; just days after speaking at our NWD convention in Eau Claire. For the past year, they have been working closely with Pastor Leiste and Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lawrence, leading Bible studies for college students and building strong relationships within the community. These activities will be a cornerstone for the future work of the Haskell LIGHT Campus Ministry.

"The most powerful tool we have," Bob explained, "is the Word of God and that's what we will focus on. It's God's Word that changes lives. Jesus says, 'Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.' (John 17:17) We will stand on the truth God has given us in the Bible."

Bob and Deon are busy planning for the fall semester. On the calendar: coffee gatherings and fun events to draw students in, as well as important activities, like Bible studies and group events to help the students learn and grow in their faith. Bob recently attended a Beauty for Ashes program in Anchorage, Alaska, and is eager to put his new training into action. "We

are all saved through faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, but before we can fully understand the grace and mercy of our Heavenly Father, we need to begin to heal from the trauma in our lives. And when it comes to my Native brothers and sisters, we have a lot of trauma to deal with!" Bob has been actively involved in a local Celebrate Recovery group, which focuses on overcoming addictions, living a healthy lifestyle, and developing positive relationships. "I have seen the great things this program has done in my own life and hope to lead a new group at the LIGHT House which will be a great resource for our Native people. Trauma and addictions go hand in hand. Again, it's the healing component of LIM that we can offer here on campus, and we can do it from a Christian perspective."

Deon is actively and enthusiastically involved in the mission at Haskell as well. "I am looking forward to bringing together a core group of women and really digging into some deep stuff. It will be a group that the students can all rely on for physical and emotional support, as we become the women, daughters, sisters, and mothers God created us to be."

But their ministry will not be confined by the campus borders.

Bob and Deon welcomed a baby girl to their family on June 29. Marlee Grace arrived to join the blended family of love and faith that Bob and Deon proudly and richly parent. We join them in praise and thanksgiving at the blessings of life in Christ!



Spring YWR/YAH Retreat at Camp Luther

The 2017 Young Women and Young at Heart Retreat was held on April 1 at Camp Luther in Three Lakes, WI. We had 52 women in attendance and took in \$510 in Mites. Incorporating our theme, speaker, missionary and florist, Amanda Strassburg talked to the

Amanda also discussed a very dear mission project to her, Soles for Jesus. She discussed her experience with distributing shoes to the underserved in Africa. This mission helps those in need and helps prevent disease and enables countless individuals to work safely and attend school. Our in-gathering was to collect all varieties of shoes. We collected several boxes full of shoes that were donated to Soles for Jesus.

In the pictures below you can see Sharon Niemann operating the LWML store, ladies enjoying the abundant snack table, the beautiful flower rings that were created as a craft project with real flowers, bags of shoes on the bench, the framed inspirational item on the table and ladies singing with Camp Luther staff.

women about *"Finding Your Soul Purpose."* She created four beautiful flower designs while describing how she became inspired with the arrangements, how her path in life lead her to becoming a florist and inspired the women in their own paths. Amanda owns and operates "Consider the Lilies" in West Bend, Wis.



The retreat was organized by the YWR co-leaders: Laura Palzkill, Denise Fall and Lisa Glessing

Athens Students Help Make Mats & Quilts

DARLENE STRACK
PRESIDENT, ZONE 10
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
ATHENS, WI

The teacher leading the project was Mrs. Deb Frick. She applied for a Thrivent action card and then purchased material to make up the quilts. Squares were cut, sewing machines were brought in, students marked an x on each square and then sewed along those lines. Squares were sewed together. The project became more than they had time for as their noon recess is not very long. Adults volunteered to come in during that time to work with them and do some of the sewing. Blocks were sewn together and then the rows stitched together. As they were finished the students snipped all around them to create a ragged effect.

The mats were made out of plastic bags that the congregation donated, 1" strips were cut and tied and rolled into balls. Because of a shortage of time, several adults helped with the crocheting. Three students learned to crochet. The mats will be given to the homeless shelter and Orphan Grain Train. The object was for them to learn how so they could teach others and know for themselves how to do it in the future, not mass production.

The speaker for the Zone 10 spring rally was Chuck Tesnow of Vesper, Wis. Who volunteers with Orphan Grain Train-Wisconsin Division. The ingathering was also for OGT-Wisconsin Division.



Trinity students, Liz VanRixel, Sierra Hart, Emily Passehl, Gracie Balz, Marquette Suebert, Andrew Frick.

Lap Quilts at Lampson

DARLENE BUCHMAN
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
LAMPSON, WI
ZONE 3

The quilting group at Christ Lutheran of Lampson took a break from their big quilts and made small/lap quilts this spring for the use of our area hospice.

Darlene Buchman applied for a Thrivent Action Team grant and purchased the material.



Serving the Lord With Gladness

Executive Committee

(Elected Officers)

Mission Grants Director

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September 18

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