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MITES for Victory!



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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*P*raise God from whom all blessings flow again was sung by our LWML NWD board members on September 7 at Camp Luther when Deb Schalow, Treasurer, announced we had enough Mites to **FULLY PAY** our next mission grant! The grant for Victory Lutheran Church, Gwinn, Mich., for \$20,000, will help with salaries for full-time staff as they assist in bringing the Gospel to all ages. Victory serves an inner-city population that has numerous spiritual and physical needs. What an exciting opportunity!

LWMLers, YOU have answered the call to "make disciples of all nations" in your generous giving! As this year's LWML Sunday theme reminds us: "Be Ready in Season and Out of Season," at ALL times we have been willing to answer His call. Our Fall Rallies' District Mites will aid in finishing payment of the NWD Professional Church Workers grant of \$12,500, leaving one more grant--Lutherans for Life at \$8,000. The Lord has richly blessed us early on in our current biennium.

Please keep the Mission Grants Committee in prayer as we go through the 36 grant proposals for our next biennium. It is an



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important process as we choose a ballot for our convention next June, "Bouquet of Blessings," and celebrate our LWML NWD 75th anniversary!

**"As a
result of your
ministry, men
will give glory to**

**God. For your generosity to
them and to all believers will
prove that you are obedient to
the Good News of Christ" 2 Cor.
9:13a.**

Thanking God for you,
Linda Koeller

Hello From Victory Lutheran Youth Group

By Tammy Robinson
Victory Lutheran Youth Director

We have had an exciting year. We have been busy with Missionary work, we have collected cans and are bringing in money for the Heifer Project; we purchased a worm farm, pig and a cow for a third world country and we will continue this work.

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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	PAID IN FULL	\$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.*

Victory Youth (continued)

Also, we held bake sales, hotdog sales and a rummage sale so that we could venture off the KI Sawyer Base. With the money earned, we visited Jo-Kay Corral to see the farm animals, how the farm worked, go horseback riding, had



a hay rides, and fed some animals. The kids had a wonderful experience and afterward we were able to get ice cream and visit Presque Isle before returning home.

In 2018, we would like to be able to visit the Jacobetti home for veterans and have



each child adopt a grandparent and be able to spend one Saturday a month to give back to the men there.

These children are amazing in their love and works for our God. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we continue to do God's work.



Mission Work in Germany

Deirdre Batiansila Christiansen
Refugee Outreach Facilitator
Serving the Lord in Germany

It was a delight to have Deirdre and her mom, Christa, visit us at the NWD LWML Fall Retreat. Deirdre shared a message about her upcoming mission work in Germany where she will be assisting German congregations in providing outreach to refugees from the Middle East. She will teach the refugees about the Christian faith and will help lead outreach activities. Through her compassionate support and friendship, she will share the love of Christ with all.



Deidre's father, Reverend A E Batiansila was a NWD LWML Counselor from 1988 to 1992.

Deidre and her youngest son Temish will travel to Germany early in 2018. Learn about their mission work and download a prayer card at lcms.org/international.

Women In Mission...In Focus!



NWI DISTRICT
PRESIDENT
MARY HARRINGTON
SHELL LAKE, WI

President Patti and the members of the Executive Committee are challenging us to focus on these three themes:

1. Nurturing Faith In Christ

By God's Grace we offer each woman opportunities to be in the Word and to use her unique gifts in God's service.

Each time LWML members come together in our societies, in our zones or at the District

level, we begin with prayer and God's Word. Joining our hearts as one and asking God to bless and guide our fellowship is the foundation of our organization.

Each issue of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly has Bible studies for us to use. There are many Bible studies available on the lwml.org website and are free to download. There are Bible studies available for purchase that are doctrinally reviewed by our LCMS counselors and also available on the LWML website or by going to CPH.org

The North Wisconsin District has DVD copies of Donna Pyle's Bible studies that are free for you to use; *Your Strong Suit*, *Overflowing Abundance* and *Peter, from Fisherman to Fisher of Men*. Contact Sue Pfeil the chair of our Christian Life Committee. Her contact information is found in the directory on page 15 of this issue.

2. Making our Faith Meaningful

We equip each woman to make a significant difference in the lives of all people.

When we work together with our Sisters in Christ, we can accomplish so much more than when we work alone. Same is true of our Mite offerings. We ask God to bless and guide the work of our hands or the footsteps we are taking; he blesses our mites and they combine to do amazing things in support of missions here in the NWD and around the world.

In this biennium, we have sent \$84,500 in mites to support missions and missionaries, to

support seminary students and others from the NWD who are studying to become professional church workers, to bring hope to those in prison and hope to those in need during disaster. More will follow as our mite offerings continue and grow.



3. Sharing Encouragement

We value each other in Christ and we accept and encourage each woman to grow in her relationship with others.

When we pray with one another and are in fellowship with one another, it is a gift to both the giver and receiver. Christ has told us, *"That where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."* Matthew 18:20

This fall, as we celebrate the harvest season LWML Sunday, and the bounty of being a Lutheran Woman in Mission, know that I am celebrating with you and because of you. We are stronger together and we are stronger in Christ.

Serving with Gladness,
Mary Harrington

Serving the Lord with Gladness!



Happy 90th
Birthday to
Betty Snyder -
Zone 5 President

Beloved Child of
God and Faithful
LWML member.

Procrastinate much?



CHRISTIAN LIFE
DAWN VIA
CLAYTON, WI

I just don't know which pizza toppings to order. I'll have to wait to have that surgery when I'm less busy. What would they think of me if I said the wrong thing? I don't have enough time to do a good job. I wish they would stop telling me what I need to do; I can do it when I'm ready.

Do any of them sound familiar? How about any of these: If I stay quiet; at least I won't say the wrong thing. If it weren't for the last minute; I wouldn't get anything done. I'll do it later; my favorite show is on. I'll wake up early and do it.

We have all been there. We have all done it. Procrastination. We leave things until the last minute; we have problems making decisions, we fear saying or doing something that others will not agree with or we just put things in the back of our mind until we completely forget about them.

Let's look at what the Bible says about procrastination.

Proverbs 13:4 *The sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied.* (Laziness)

James 1:8 *he is a double minded man, unstable in all he does.* (Indecision)

Proverbs 18:9 *One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys.* (Anger)

Proverbs 29:25 *Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.* (Fear)

Ecclesiastes 11:4 *Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.* (Perfectionism)

Let's look at the Parable of the ten virgins. (please read Matthew 25:1-13) Five wise virgins had plenty of oil for their lamps and were let into the party when their Bridegroom arrived and the five foolish did not have enough and had to go looking for more at the last minute and were denied entrance.

Wow, do you think the foolish ones procrastinated? Absolutely. Maybe they were angry at being told they needed extra oil, dug in

their heels and thought they would have time later? Maybe it was just indecision because they could not decide which oil dealer to buy from? Maybe it was because of perfectionism as they were making sure their clothes were just right and polishing their lamps and they were not even thinking of the oil they needed? Or maybe it was just plain laziness; they woke up late and in a rush completely forgot the extra oil that was needed. Whatever reason they had; they procrastinated and were not ready and were ultimately denied entrance.

Romans 7:15 *I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not, but what I hate, I do.*

So how do we stop procrastinating?

James 1: 2-4 *Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

Psalms 19:14 *Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.*

Hebrews 10:35-36 *Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise.*

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

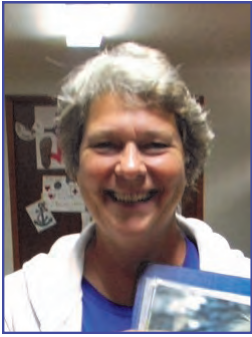
Stop, and ask God to help you overcome what you are doing; so, you may be able to move forward and do what is needed. Write down small achievable goals, visualize the future you are working towards, build accountability for yourself and reward your progress with chocolate if you so choose. Christian Life workshop will be held January 20, 2018 at Rib Mountain Church in Wausau. Snow date will be the 27th. We will cover the Rally Bible studies for the coming year.

God's blessings,

Dawn Via

Christian Life Committee

"From Member Development to Leader Development"



LEADER DEVELOPMENT
CO-CHAIR
BECKY HALTAUFDERHEID
ALGOMA, WI

As I write this article, I have looked through and completed clearing out old documents from the Leader Development files that were passed down to me from Dawn Via. I smiled as I paged through each item. Some things never change! The work of the LWML has been the same these past 75 years, just the titles have changed over time. As I looked closer, I thought, God really never

changes either. He has been there for all of us even before we were born and has been with the LWML since their very beginning, and He remains with us all today. As we go about the work of the LWML, we go to God in prayer, we focus on His Word which shows His love for us. We know that He will guide us in all we do and say.

As I looked at the LWML materials from as early as 1972, Leader Development was actually titled "Member Development." I read through an article written in 1972 titled, "Disciplines of the Beautiful Woman" written by Anne Ortlund. The Member Development Leader was to: be focused on God; to practice His presence in their lives; set a quiet time alone with God; go to retreats, seminars and weekends where they could spend longer times with God; worship Him in church regularly; be with fellow Christians to draw nourishment from one another; and help the needy people of the world. That looks like the disciplines of the LWML women of today, doesn't it?

As I continued through the many papers and articles, I saw one titled "How to Light a Fire Under People Without Burning Them Up." Well, that's quite the motivation! I found energizer songs that were uplifting, like Camp Luther songs. A few poems, some skits and a script (actually a skit) about shoes. Now the shoes got my attention. This was about leaders and good information for Leader Development. Let me

share with you about shoes.

Sometimes you are asked to step up and take an active role or leadership role in your society, zone or district. Is your response, "those are shoes I could never fill"? Take a look at your shoes and the shoes other people wear. The only shoes you need to fill are your OWN! You may not be able to put your foot into someone else's shoes or wear them. They may be too small, too big, too stretched or too worn out.

Now take a good look at the shoes you are wearing right now. Did you choose them to fit your outfit or your activity. Your shoe has a sole - it is strong enough to take a lot of abuse. Your shoe has an arch and a heel, both of which are needed to be strong enough to bear it's weight. Being in God's Word helps keep our soul strong enough to bear the weight of the evil foe. Shoes come in different colors and shapes that reflect our interests and talents we bring to the LWML. Some shoes have a tongue and eyes - we talk with others and share the LWML, our Christian faith and love with others. With our eyes, we see the good in others and look for the women that hide their abilities. Some shoes have laces which are either tied or hanging loosely. Shoelaces should be tied in order to keep the shoes in place. At times our lives can feel like we have loose ends. We need to be tied together with others in the LWML, this helps us work better.

So if a shoe has a job to do, it must fit right, be comfortable to withstand any conditions and be well worn. Always remember that God has promised to be with us always. So the next time you are asked to lead in any way, go to God in prayer. Ask for His guidance and "if the shoe fits, wear it!"

Becky Haltaufderheid
Leader Development Co-Chair

Short Term Mission Trip to St. Louis, Missouri and Christian Friends of New Americans July 27-30, 2017



2ND VICE PRESIDENT
MARY SCHARENBRÖCK

The North Wisconsin District LWML mission trip to St. Louis, Mo., to Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA) was truly a blessing!

Ten women attended this wonderful mission— Mary Scharenbrock, Anna Koepke, Pauline Paholke, Susan Ladwig, Coral Rose, Linda Koeller, Jan Schmidt, Barb Weinhold, Bena Stanley, and

Joannie Harwell. We departed on Thursday morning, July 27, with stops along the way and arrived in St. Louis at CFNA on Thursday evening and met with Pastor Stanley who gave us a tour.

We stayed at St. Trinity Lutheran School Facility in St. Louis, Missouri. They provided us with air mattresses and beautiful remodeled bathrooms/showers. They also provided a nice room where we could eat our breakfast. We began and ended each day in devotion and prayer.

On Friday, Pastor Buchman and Pastor Stanley did a presentation on Christian Friends of New Americans and how the mission began. A vacation Bible school planning meeting helped us prepare for the arrival of 26 refugee children. The theme for VBS was on baptism. We had an opening devotion, taught the children hymns/songs, crafts, had activity time and fun water

games for the children. We ended the day at (CFNA) with mission work of cleaning and painting.

On Saturday morning, we toured our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Seminary



Linda Koeller and Sue Ladwig making peach jam. Delicious!

with wonderful guides, Bridget and Jason. What a beautiful seminary we have and I would love to tour our Fort Wayne Seminary in the future.

We then arrived at CFNA and met six refugee women and traveled to Thies Farm and Greenhouse where

we purchased peaches. We then traveled back to CFNA where we had lunch, shared God's Word with the women and began processing our peach jam. We processed 72 jars of jam and the women were very excited to be with us and appreciated the fresh jam they could take home.

On Sunday, we attended church at the LCMS President Matthew Harrison's congregation, Village Lutheran Church, with an uplifting worship service.

I will be planning and organizing our 2018 Short Term Mission trip so please check the *Mission Tidings* for updates.

Serving the Lord with Gladness!

Mary Scharenbrock



Sue Ladwig and Pauline Paholke enjoyed working with the children on VBS crafts. Lots of laughter and opportunity to share the love of the Lord.



The children were proud of the baptism banners.



The mission team did some painting while we were there, too. A busy few days.



Eva, Isaac (baby), Jonathan Koeller and Linda Koeller.



President Patti Ross and the Executive Committee of the LWML have announced the appointment of these three ladies from the North Wisconsin District to serve on national committees.



*Deaconess Betty Knapp is serving on the Growth & Development Committee of the Organization Resources Department



*Linda Koeller is serving on the Christian Resources Editors Committee which is part of the Christian Life Department



*Mary Scharenbrock is serving on the Gospel Outreach committee.

May God Bless & Guide you as you serve to extend His Kingdom!

We Appreciate Your Help!

Each year the North Wisconsin District LWML asks all presidents of all societies to update your records and send them to the NWD LWML Corresponding Secretary by **November 30.**

The time is coming close!! So I ask you to please fill out your forms and send them to me.

The forms are in your HANDBOOK. They were revised in January 2017. If you do not have the current forms, they can be found on the LWML website: www.nwdlwml.org.

The forms needed by each society are:

- i-3 Society Information Sheet
- i-4 LWML Quarterly Subscription Form
- i-5 Mission Tidings subscription form

The form needed for each Zone is:
i-9 Zone officer sheet

If you want your society and zone to be statistically up to date, please send in your forms.

Thank you.

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North Wisconsin District
Lutheran Women's Missionary
League
37th Biennial Convention

Sunday, June 24-Tuesday June 26, 2018

Holiday Inn and Convention Center

Stevens Point, Wisconsin



Members, friends, families and special guests from all over Northern Wisconsin and the upper Michigan Peninsula and beyond will meet in Stevens Point, Wisconsin to celebrate in convention the *Bouquet of Blessings* we share in Christ. It is a time to meet new friends, to greet old friends, and to learn, share and worship as we REMEMBER ALL HIS BLESSINGS, celebrating 75 years of LWML in the NWD.

The Bible verse for this convention:

"Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Psalm 103:2

The convention goal:

The attendees will be blessed through the gifts of the Word and Sacraments



"Save the date" for the convention!
Watch for registration form and
housing information in the winter
edition of the Mission Tidings.

Keynote Speaker: Jan Struck

Bible Study Leader: Michelle DeRusha

Music Leader: Wendysue Fluegge

Mission Speakers: Rev. Bob and Sue Pfeil—
Missionaries to Kyrgyzstan, Lutheran Heritage
Foundation and Mission Central

Luncheon Speakers: *Rev. Andy Weden—
Peace Lutheran Campus Center, UWSP

*Rev. Robert Roegner and Kristi—
Apple of His Eye Mission

*Wendysue Fluegge—music ministry

Banquet Entertainment: The Benson Family Singers

Servant Events/Gifts from the Heart/Mission Walk

69th Annual LWML Fall Retreat

at Camp Luther

September 7-9, 2017



2ND VICE PRESIDENT
MARY SCHARENBRÖCK
GLEN FLORA, WI

What a WONDERFUL Retreat we had as the Lord served us! One-hundred seventeen (117) women were registered. The retreat began with a Worship Service led by Pastor Steven Pockat.

Our guest speaker was Rev. Dr. James Lamb, Executive Director Emeritus of

Lutherans for Life. His Bible study and speaking sessions, "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" Psalm 139:14, were on the handiwork of God and the God-given value of life because we are created, redeemed and called by God.



Zones 1-4



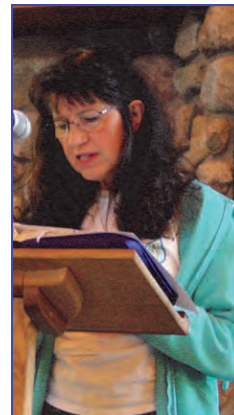
Manicures by Kim Zastrow, Pam Pfankuch and Susan Ladwig were well received as were hand massages offered by Joyce Krahn.



A special thank you to Laura Prodell who lead the praise team and for the beautiful hymns we sang in the retreat center and around the campfire. Praise team members were: Laura Prodell, Sue Neider, Linda Koeller, Judy Pelot, Lynne Johnson, Elizabeth McDowell, Barb Teetzen, Betty Martin, and Judy Raddant.



Pastor Pockat led Bible studies focusing on God's gift of life.



Pam Pfankuch led an early morning Bible study called "I Surrender" written by Donna Pyle.



Sue Pfeil led an early morning Bible study called "What Kind of Bread Are you."



Left: Rev. Dr. James Lamb distributes these fetal model sets for "Owen's Mission" in memory of his grandson.



Zones 5-10



Nancy Drumm won the LWML Glad Bag contest.



Fifteen picture books were made for the Ladysmith Nursing Home. A special thank you to Sandra Michaelis and Yvonne Schilsky who led this project.



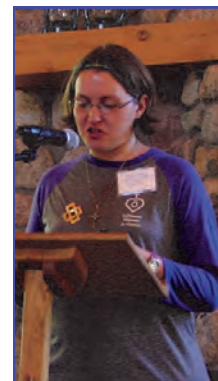
Thank you to Amy Tousey and Karen Samuelson who led the wall-hanging craft.



Thank you for all who brought Gifts of the Heart for Sunshine for Humanity in Eagle River Wisconsin. Twenty boxes and bags of donated items were delivered to Sunshine for Humanity, a ministry found in Eagle River.



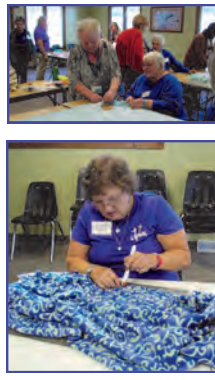
Thank you to Linda Tryczak for her many years of handling registrations efficiently for the fall retreat. Cindy Braatz and Anna Koepke served as greeters.



Katie Pahoke, YWR, gave her report on the National Convention.

LWML

Georgette Vandenburg
"Are You Having a Bad Day?"

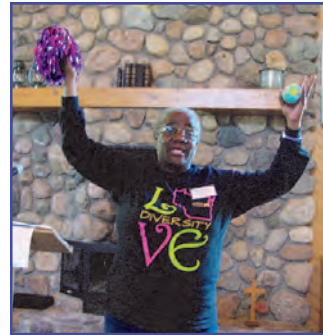


Thirty blankets were tied and delivered to six Pregnancy Resource Centers: Apple Pregnancy Care Center, Eau Claire; A & A Alexandrina Center Ltd, Green Bay; First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center, Stevens Point; Hope Life Center of Wausau. Other recipients were Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center, Ladysmith and Northwood's New Life Resource Center in Hayward.

Below: Mary Harrington making a "Luther Rose" snowflake. Deirdre Batiansila Christiansen; "Who will go and fish today?" skit by Linda Koeller & Chris Jockisch; Heart to Heart Sister, Sarah Long Radloff, "Serve God Through Serving Others."



Above: Prayer partners. Right: Sharon Niemann, LWML Store & Victory Mission Trip.



Zones 11-14

LWML Fall Retreat at Camp Luther



Zones 15-19



Clockwise: Kitchen Band, Woody ringing lunch bell, wagon ride, pontoon ride, morning walk, and Pastor Pockat receiving gift from Mary Scharenbrock for being our Senior LWML Counselor.



Mark your calendars for the 2018 Fall Retreat which is scheduled for September 6 - 8, 2018, as the Lord serves us! Serve the Lord with Gladness! In Christ, *Mary Scharenbrock*

2017 Spring Rally

BECKY HALTAUFDERHEID, PRESIDENT
ST. JOHN LWML
ALGOMA, WI
ZONE 19



Zone 19 held its Spring Rally at St. John's Lutheran Church in Algoma on April 22, 2017.

The rally focused on the 75th Anniversary of the LWML as many of the zone members were not planning on attending the National LWML convention in Albuquerque. We had a large sheet cake with the 75th diamond logo that served as our dessert! This was placed at the registration table for all to see as they arrived. We were blessed with 63 members and 5 guests in attendance!



Our Gifts of the Heart recipients were the Violence Intervention Project. This organization helps those affected by domestic and sexual abuse.

Many household items and cash were collected. Cathy Hartman did a super job of leading us in the Bible Study, "God's Word - A Road Map for Life." She encouraged us all to continually turn to God's Word for our direction in life.

Our guest speaker was Wendysue Fluegge, musician, songwriter and worship leader, and song leader for the National LWML Convention in Albuquerque. Her theme was "Flight for Life" and consisted of several points:

1 – Turbulance Builds Trust. How long does it take to give control to God in your life? We need to learn to trust God on our flights in life;
2 – The view is half of the victory. God continues to open your eyes so we don't miss the view;
3 – Practicing praise forms a Holy Habit! Instead of making requests in your prayers, try praising out loud instead; and

4 – Our Pilot Prospers. She asked everyone what their purpose was in life and encouraged all to be BOLD! She said at the end of our flight, we arrive at the terminal and enter through the narrow gate to heaven. She sang the song she wrote for the 75th Anniversary Convention entitled: "You Are Above All" based on the Convention theme, "Jesus Christ, Above All."



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Deadline Winter Mission Tidings

January 20, 2018

*Christian Life Workshop
Rib Mountain, Wausau*

January 27, 2018

Snow date for Christian Life Workshop

February 12-13, 2018

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St. Marks, Wausau*

March 1, 2018

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