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District

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

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

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Mission Tidings

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More Grants Paid!

MISSION GRANTS DIRECTOR
LYNNE JOHNSON
ALMOND, WI

At our recent board meeting, it was voted to fund the next two grants—Mission of Hope, Gwinn, Michigan, and Operation Barnabas for Comfort Dog Congregations. Dee Mattson, president of Zone 2, and a member of Victory Lutheran Church in Gwinn was presented a check for \$20,000 at the meeting. Dee wrote to tell us what has been happening at Victory.



“This grant money is really appreciated to help keep the doors of Victory open. The people we serve are a needy bunch both physically and spiritually. Our Sunday worship service has been moved to 1PM after a noon meal. Pastor Mark Warner from Good Shepherd in Munising now comes to fill our pulpit as Deacon Weber has retired due to health reasons.

We continue to have the food pantry on Monday but it is open to any in need whenever there is someone at the church. The other day I was weeding in the flower bed at church and someone came who had no food. So I opened the church and supplied his need.

We had a summer Bible study with 12 pre-teens this summer. We thought that interest would wane over the summer, but they were faithful, wanting to continue to learn more about God's word. This past summer we sent ten kids to UP Bible Camp for two week-long sessions. One in June and one in August.

Each summer towards the end of July we have our annual pig roast. It is open to the entire community whether they come to worship at Victory or not. There is food and games in a relaxed and welcoming environment. It gives

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1. Orphan Grain Train - Wisconsin Branch
\$15,000
2. Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne-
Food Co-op \$10,000
3. District Professional Church Workers Financial
Aid \$25,000 (Pd \$12,500)
4. Ashland Cares, Inc. - Homeless Shelter
\$12,000
5. LCMS Mission Central - Current Need
\$10,000
6. Mission of Hope, Gwinn, Michigan
\$20,000
7. Operation Barnabas for Comfort Dog
Congregations \$2,500
8. "Wonderfully Made" - Resources for People of All
Abilities - Bethesda
\$7,000
9. Derricks Family, Missionary Support in Cameroon,
Africa, with Lutheran Bible Translators
\$5,500

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More Grants Paid! (continued)

people a chance to enter the church without pressure. Often this is the first time that they have set foot in a church.

Now we are getting ready to start youth groups again. It seems like the numbers grow with God's blessings. The kids are picked up at school and transported to the church where they are fed first as they are physically hungry. Then there is a Bible lesson and craft. This



can be a challenge as we have welcomed a couple of autistic children.

We continue to offer help to people who need help with accessing government and other forms of assistance. We had a grandmother come in with four grandchildren that she had taken away from her drug-addicted daughter in another part of the state. She needed help to get her utilities started and to get a personal protection order against her daughter. We spent the day helping her and showing her where to go as she could not read well. She signed all the paperwork with an X.

We are so blessed with all that we can do because of the generous ladies of the LWML."

By Dee Mattson

Blessings,

Lynne Johnson

Mission Grants Director

26 Mission Grant Proposals Received

Please keep the Mission Grants Selection Committee in your prayers as we go through the 26 grant proposals for the next biennium. Pray for wisdom and discernment in keeping with God's will as we choose a ballot for our June 2020 district convention. *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not unto*

your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path." Proverbs 3:6-7 NKJV.

Joy in serving,

Lynne Johnson



**National LWML Mission Goal
2019–2021 Biennium
\$2,100,000.00**

**Amount Received: \$ 351,212.99
Total Miles Still Needed: \$ 1,748,787.01**



...our God is an unchanging God.



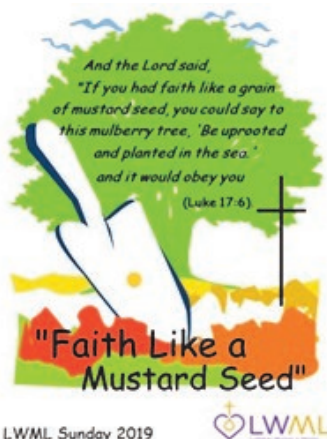
NWI DISTRICT PRESIDENT
BECKY HALTAUFDERHEID
ALGOMA, WI

It's fall, and the colors are beginning to change. The temperature will be getting cooler, and the severe storms many of you experienced over the summer will be gone.

Many of you had storms that caused damage to homes and landscapes. Recently, my husband and I traveled to the

Mountain and Lakewood areas. We saw firsthand what the macroburst did in this area. We went to the Cathedral of the Pines where the oldest pine trees are located. Some of these pines that have stood for over 100 years were toppled because of the high winds of this macroburst. Fall may look a little different this year for those living in these areas. Even though life may change because of the storms, our God is an unchanging God. His love for us never changes. Our faith, little as it may seem some days, sustains us.

"Faith Like A Mustard Seed" is such an appropriate topic for our LWML Sunday this year. Perhaps you have already celebrated LWML Sunday or you are still in the planning stages. I remember as a child pulling mustard plants in the grain fields my uncle planted.



Those roots were deep and sometimes the plant was difficult to pull out. Faith as small as that mustard seed is sown in God's Word. LWML encourages women to be in God's Word because when we are, we can be so deeply rooted. Nothing can pull us away from God and His love for

us. Share some Mustard Seed devotions with those you come in contact with, not just on LWML Sunday, but every day!

Under the theme, Jesus Be My Vision, the North Wisconsin District LWML Convention will be held on June 14 – 16, 2020, at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay, located on the Oneida Reservation. Zones 19 and 13/14 will be hosting this convention and have been working very hard on the convention preparations. Your societies will be choosing two delegates to represent your society. You will be choosing a

YWR or more to represent your zone.

This is a great way for young women who are not familiar with LWML to see and experience what LWML is

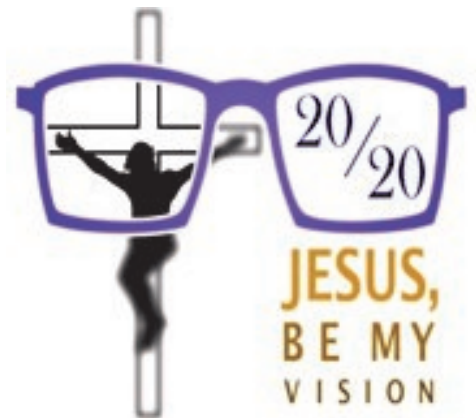
all about. Save the dates and plan now to attend. More information will be available in the Winter Mission Tidings.

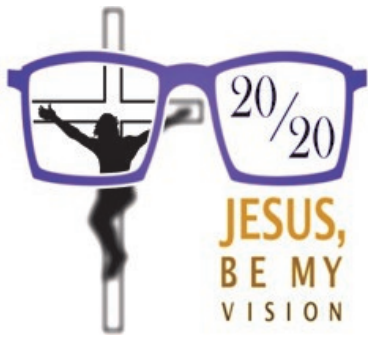
At the Executive Board meeting in September, the board approved paying three of the last four Mission Grants for a total of \$29,500. That leaves Mission Grant # 9 - Derricks Family, Missionary Support in Cameroon, Africa, with Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) for \$5,500 and the last portion of Mission Grant #3 for the District Professional Church Workers Financial Aid for \$12,500. Our biennium will end March 31, 2020. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

May you be blessed as you celebrate LWML and harvest festivals. God is good!

Blessed to serve,

Becky Haltaufderheid





NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT
LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
38th Biennial Convention
Sunday, June 14 - Tuesday, June 16, 2020
Radisson Hotel and Conference Center
2040 Airport Dr., Green Bay

Theme: "Jesus Be My Vision"

Bible Verse: " *Walk by faith, not by sight*" 2 Cor. 5:7

Goal Statement: "Attendees will be renewed through the gifts of God's Word and Sacrament, and He will guide us in our faith walk home."

CONVENTION INFORMATION

<u>Sunday, June 14, 2020</u>			
		7:00 AM	Registration Continues and Gifts of the Heart
1:00 - 6:30 PM	Registration and Gifts of the Heart	7:30 - 8:30 AM	Displays Open
1:00 - 5:00 PM	Servant Events	7:30 AM	Delegate Orientation
1:00 - 6:30 PM	Displays Open	8:30 AM	Processional, Second Session
3:00 PM	Executive Board Meets	12:00 PM	Special Interest Luncheons
5:00 PM	Board Dinner (at your own expense)	1:30 PM	Third Meeting
7:00 PM	Opening Session	4:30 PM	Displays Open
	Divine Worship with Holy Communion	5:00 PM	Mission Walk
8:45 PM	President and Candidate Reception	7:00 PM	Banquet & Entertainment
<u>Monday, June 15, 2020</u>		<u>Tuesday, June 16, 2020</u>	
6:30 AM	YWR, H2H, Mentors & Guests Breakfast	7:30 - 8:30 AM	Displays Open
		8:30 AM	Fourth Session
		Noon	Extinguish Convention Candle & Adjournment

Society Information

Every November your society information needs to be updated. Your society may have been provided a society information form to update your society officers. Even if your officers have not changed, this form needs to be sent to Corresponding Secretary, Georgette Vandenburg. This helps to keep the North Wisconsin District LWML directory up to date. Many times, officer information has changed, but that information had not been updated in the directory.

Two other forms that need to be completed and forwarded are: The Mission Tidings Subscriptions and the Quarterly Subscriptions. These forms are necessary to make sure your society is receiving the Mission Tidings and the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly at the address that is convenient for you. Each of these forms can be located at nwdlwml.org by placing your cursor over membership and clicking on the link – "Handbook Resources."

If you have any questions, please contact Georgette at: mrsvan1941@yahoo.com and she will be happy to help you.



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
GEORGETTE VANDENBURG
MERCER, WI

Congratulations

Congratulations to these ladies from North Wisconsin District who are serving on committees at the national level.

Deaconess Betty Knapp is Vice President of Special Focus Ministries. She is responsible for the Heart to Heart Sisters Committee, Committee on Young Women, and Church Workers in Mission Committee.

It is so exciting to know that she will be working with Karol Selle who was appointed Chairman of the Heart to Heart Sisters Committee and Anne Hartman who was appointed as Chairman of the Committee on Young Women.

It is so wonderful to have these women from our district involved at the national level.

Congratulations Karol and Anne. God bless you and those with whom you serve.



Deaconess Betty Knapp



Karol Selle



Anne & Michael Hartman

Let Your Gospel Light Shine!

I'm sure you all remember the song, "This Little Gospel Light of Mine," probably taught to you during Sunday school or vacation Bible school. Let's sing it: "This little Gospel light of mine, I'm going to let it shine ... Let it shine all the time, let it shine." The song has a wonderful message, not just for children, but for all of us.

That song has been running through my head recently, and it may be because the song was part of a devotion I presented at a recent LWML meeting at my church. The ladies were all asked to sing that song together with the actions. That brought many smiles to all of our faces, reminding us of our younger days. But, what are we doing now to let our "Gospel Light" shine?

Jesus told us, as recorded in Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV): "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

That's right, our good works should give glory to God. Maybe your good works can only be praying for others, that is wonderful.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 (ESV) says, "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." But then, remember the thanksgiving part also. Give thanks and give glory to God for answered and unanswered prayers. Sometimes God has a better way to respond to our prayers than we can even imagine.

Since God desires "all people to be saved," we should also be telling others about Jesus. Of course, we can't all be missionaries in

foreign countries, but we can be missionaries in our own community. Not all of us can "preach like Paul," but maybe we can visit a nursing home and do a little devotion. When I recently did just that, those attending really perked up when we sang "This Little Gospel Light of Mine." Sometimes just loving actions toward our neighbors is a way to witness, especially when we connect that action with words such as "God bless you" or as my mother always ended her letters, "God loves you and so do I." You are then giving glory to God.

Let that song, "This Little Gospel Light of Mine," run through your head to be a reminder to you to let your "Gospel Light" shine.

God loves you and so do I,

Sharon Makela

Christian Life



CHRISTIAN LIFE
SHARON MAKELA
TREGO, WI

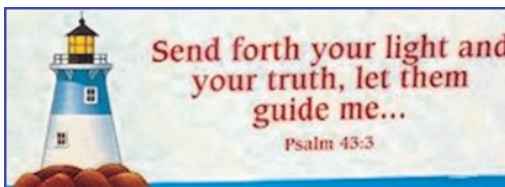
LAST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2020 BALLOT!!!

SEND SUGGESTIONS/OFFERS TO:

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Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

BEFORE OCT 31ST

**Office to be filled: 1st Vice President,
Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary,
Mission Grants Director, Pastoral Counselor**



2019 LWML FALL RETREAT

Our 70th annual LWML Fall Retreat was attended by 108 people. Many ladies arrived Thursday evening to enjoy beautiful Camp Luther and get in a few extra LWML hugs.

Pastor Doug Reinders led Vespers using verses about leaders like Moses and Jesus our good Shepherd.



Rain changed the evening activities from a campfire to cheering for the Packers on the two large screens in the retreat center.

Friday's early Bible study was led by Karol Selle. Her Bible study, "A Missionary? Me?"



highlights missionary women and who they identify with in the Bible. She shared Joanna Johnson's story and how she chose Balaam's donkey!

Our praise team, led by Laura Prodell, included old favorites like, "He Leadeth Me" and



a contemporary song, "My Lighthouse" by Rend Collective that went perfectly with our theme of leadership and light house decorations.

Georgette Vandenburg started the morning



with a wonderful devotion reminding us of all the times to use prayer.

Our Bible Study leader, Rev. Gary Schultz, led us in the study of Nehemiah's prayers and leadership in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. Rev. Schultz has been to Africa six times to do leadership training for pastors for the Pastoral Leadership Institute. He and his wife, Nan, shared photos of Tanzania. On Saturday, Nan Schultz talked about women in Tanzania and used a photo timeline of her family to talk about "The Doors We Walk Through" in life.



We had a couple humorous interruptions by "Martha Mission," (Sharon Niemann). I am sure she will be invited to make many more appearances. Our mite offering topped \$1000. What a blessing!



We had cool weather for the outdoor activities. But even getting caught in a



downpour didn't dampen LWML spirits. Ladies enjoyed bean bag toss, wagon tours, and pontoon rides in the beautiful outdoors. Many enjoyed the Friday campfire and singing.



Sue Grotjahn helped ladies make lovely light house candles.

The servant event was assembling over 150 hygiene kits and 18





layette kits for Orphan Grain Train. It was awesome to see LWML ladies organizing and working together toward a goal!



Friday evening we were blessed with Kathy Altergott sharing how God leads you in really tough times. Her "cow bell hug" times and humor

made us see how His presence can carry us through difficult times in life.



Saturday morning, Sue Pfeil led a Bible study entitled, "Age of Grace." Opening with humorous pictures about getting old, she showed how God used women of all ages in the Bible. (Miriam, Sarah, Naomi, Mary, and Anna)



Bailey Piepenburg shared her experience on her 1st MOST eyeglass mission trip to Honduras.

We were privileged to be the last group to eat in the old dining hall. The kitchen staff did a wonderful job of feeding us while

packing up the kitchen before construction begins on the new dining center.

I thank God for blessing me with so many helpers who used their gifts to make planning my first retreat a joyful experience!



Registration
Linda Tryczak

What a pleasure it was to see all of you!

Sharon Hanke
2nd Vice President



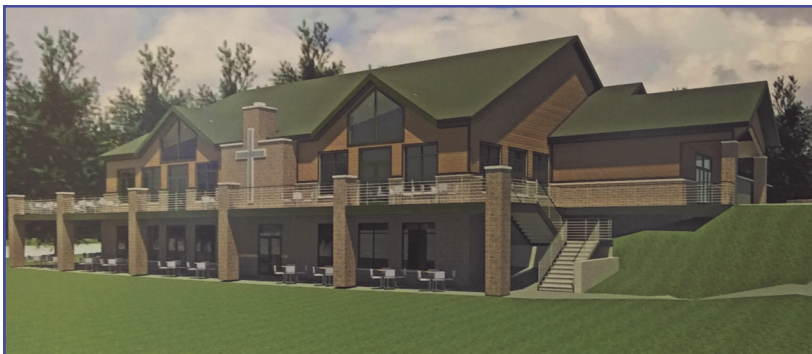
Zone Group Pictures



LWML Fall Retreat at Camp Luther

Zone Group Pictures





Sketch of the new Camp Luther Community Center including a kitchen and dining hall. It is scheduled to be completed by summer of 2020 so we will be able to enjoy it at the next fall retreat!



Leadership Development

Qualities of good Leadership

In Titus 1:5-9, Paul lists the qualities of good leadership. In God's Word Paul uses words that help make us effective leaders today: blameless, faithful, not overbearing, not quick-tempered, self-controlled, holy and disciplined—even being a good parent is covered.

We have a responsibility to lead. But, when we think about leadership maybe words like, “not worthy” or “ill-equipped” come to mind and therefore, we may shy away from leadership.

What we do have is a Savior who tells us to “Lead!” In John 21:15-17, Jesus tells Peter to feed and care for His sheep. As followers of Christ, we lead others to know who Jesus is and share what He is doing in our lives. Whether we are at home, with friends, or at church, we have the responsibility to lead. God calls us to show the world Jesus by being like Him.

The LWML website has many resources on leadership. At lwml.org check the tab ‘Resources’ to find the ‘Helps for Leaders and Groups’ tab. There you will find information to help equip you to lead. Remember, leadership is not about position. It is following what Christ has called us to do.

Serve the Lord with gladness, giving God the glory. He is our one true Leader.

Serving Him with you,

Deb Grothman

Mary Scharenbrock

Leader Development

Harvest Time

Harvest time is upon us once again. It has been a difficult season. There was too much wind and rain. High hopes and expectations are replaced with doubt and despair. How are we going to make it?

Somehow, the Lord provides for us even in the darkest times of our lives. Often it is not in the way that we want but it is always beneficial for us and our families. If He takes care of the little birds, won't He care for you, his children?

Luke 10:1 *“After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ²And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”*

We know what a plentiful harvest in the fields means for us. What does it mean for Jesus? There are many who believe in Him as Lord and

SENIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR
REV. JONATHAN WESSELL
AUGUSTA, WI



Savior. They believe that this salvation is all His work and not ours. He gives us this message to proclaim to the world. He gathers us into the one holy, Christian, and apostolic church. One day He will gather all into the great and glorious heavenly Church. That will be a wonderful day.

There are also many that don't know this saving Gospel. The Lord uses the LWML and mites for “mighty” deeds. He has placed us right where He wants us to, in the words of the explanation to the First Article, “thank and praise, serve and obey Him.” He calls us to “go, tell, everyone, the news that the kingdom has come.” Soon we will be gathered together with all the faithful and taken to that great harvest home.

LWML Mission trip to Bethesda Lutheran Communities and Faith Lutheran, Watertown



What a blessing it was for twenty-one sisters in Christ to attend the mission trip to Bethesda Lutheran Communities and Faith Lutheran Church! We traveled by car to Bethesda's Corporate Office in Watertown where we were greeted by Director Kirsten Whitsitt. We unloaded our vehicles and began to assemble cookies and candies into individual containers to distribute to the 120 staff members, thanking them for their service to others. Bethesda graciously served us lunch. Kirsten



suggested the group visit the Bethesda Thrift Store in Watertown and purchase items that could be repurposed and given as gifts to the friends of Bethesda Lutheran Communities. Pauline Paholke is pictured with Kirsten and her gift to Bethesda. After shopping, we went to the Bank of Lake Mills where we got ready for the friends of Bethesda by preparing the crafts, music and a puppet show. More gift bags were assembled for the staff in Bethesda homes. The staff working in the homes were very appreciative of our gifts. These men and women are dedicated to the friends of Bethesda living there.

We had the privilege of touring St Peter's Lutheran Church of Lebanon where we met Pastor Douglas Bergelin who gave us a tour of the church and shared the history of St. Peter's that began on August 6, 1881. If you get a chance to be in the Lebanon area, stop



by to see this beautiful church. We stayed at Holiday Inn Express in Watertown where we were provided with a special rate, breakfast, and a large room for our evening devotions, prayers and hymns. In the morning, we held devotions outside the motel in the parking lot.

On Friday we met at the Bank of Lake Mills where friends from Bethesda Lutheran Communities were to arrive. Five friends arrived and we shared God's word, hymns and activities with them and gave them a baptismal banner they crafted with our assistance. Lunch was provided and Kirsten shared information about Bethesda, the homes for the friends of Bethesda, and the Community Center at which some of the friends work and assemble items for sale. As we visited the friends and staff of Bethesda, we gave them prayer cloths made by many of the ladies in the North Wisconsin District. In the afternoon, we traveled to the homes of friends of Bethesda. We sang hymns with them, shared a devotion with the use of puppets and helped them make baptismal banners.

On Friday evening, we traveled to Faith Lutheran Church in Watertown to prepare for our mission with the children of that congregation. Faith Lutheran members graciously provided us with a wonderful fish fry. On Saturday morning Pastor Hoepfner welcomed us with an opening devotion. We sang hymns with the children, shared God's word and taught them about Baptism. The kids had fun with various activities, a puppet show, scavenger hunt, crafts, and games. Other mission work was conducted. Some painted a class room and two bathrooms, flower beds and the playground were weeded in preparation for the school year. Some ladies helped staff prepare for their vacation Bible school planned for the following week. Cleaning of the school was started for the staff and lunch was



provided by Faith Lutheran Church. We had fun as we sang hymns and presented the adults and children with the LWML skit "Be a Gem for Christ."

What a wonderful mission trip this was! If you have never been on a mission trip with our LWML, please consider joining us. You will be uplifted and blessed!

Serving the Lord with Gladness!

Mary Scharenbrock

Leader Development, NWD LWML

LWML Spring Retreats

YWR/Young at Heart Spring Retreat 2019

"Wandering in the Wilderness: Waiting on God's Timing" was the theme of the retreat held at Camp Luther on April 6, 2019, with Pastor Martin Koeller as the keynote speaker. Attendees enjoyed the program with a skit by Pastor and Linda Koeller and were energized by friends old and new. Fun and fellowship were abundant.

Thank you to Denise Fall and Lisa Glessing for organizing this event.



Spring Retreat 2020

Come to Camp Luther
April 17 & 18, 2020

"Connecting Cultures and Generations"

Join us on Friday evening for a tasting of ethnic foods and displays from different cultures. We will have music, speakers, and a Bible study based on these different cultures on Saturday. Everyone is welcome to attend! Save the date! There will be more information in the Winter Tidings. Hosted in 2020 by your Heart to Heart (H2H) Sisters Committee.

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Betsy Lane, Editor 9/27/2019

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2019-2020 Calendar Items

October 12 - AOL Training
Zones 8, 9 & 15
Faith Lutheran, Chippewa Falls

November 2 - AOL Training
Zones 6, 10, 11, 16 & 17
Christ Lutheran, Wausau

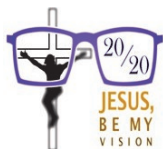
December 1, 2019, Deadline
Winter Mission Tidings

January 18, 2020 (1/25 snow date)
Christian Life Workshop
Rib Mountain, Wausau

February 17-18, 2020
Board Meeting
St. Mark, Wausau

March 1, 2020, Deadline
Spring Mission Tidings

April 17-18, 2020
LWML Spring Retreat at Camp
Luther hosted by H2H Sisters



June 14-16, 2020
NWI District
Convention,
Green Bay

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