

North Wisconsin  
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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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## The Cheerful Giver

MISSION GRANTS DIRECTOR  
LYNNE JOHNSON  
ALMOND, WI

**B**ecause of your cheerful giving we have been able to pay seven and one half grants already this biennium. One of the last grants paid was "Operation Barnabas for Comfort Dog Congregations."

I received a note of thanks from Mary Hamilton, the Grants Manager for LCMS, and she wrote:

"The ladies' mites have enabled our chaplains to reach directly to congregations and their dog handlers. These individuals then reach directly to veterans and

military members, as well as their families, sharing and showing Christ's love.

"Operation Barnabas for

Comfort Dog Congregations"

provides training to introduce and orient handlers to our veterans. Training groups actively engage in Q&A sessions where helpful hints and resources can be shared.

Topics include sensitive issues of veteran suicide and post traumatic stress disorder. The training concludes with identifying the four gifts to give a vet: friendship, worship service, study and a job."

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

LWML ladies are bountiful givers.

Praise the Lord,

*Lynne Johnson*

Mission Grants Director



Chaplain Hokana (Lieutenant Colonel, US Army, Retired), the primary MAF instructor

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# 2018-2020 North Wisconsin District LWML Mission Grants Goal \$107,000

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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# Mission trip to Orphan Grain Train and Mission Central

## August 11-14, 2020

The North Wisconsin District LWML is planning a mission trip to Norfolk, Neb., and Mapleton, Iowa, next summer. We have also planned an extra opportunity to attend a Dinner Theater Thursday night, August 13, featuring "The Browns" family in La Mars, Iowa. ([thebrownsmusic.com](http://thebrownsmusic.com)) We will be traveling with Lamers Bus Service and seats are limited to the first 50 people sending in a completed registration.

The total cost of the trip for each participant is \$449 for one per room, \$281 for two per room, \$228 for 3 per room and \$199 for 4 per room that includes 3 nights lodging, transportation and 5 meals. The cost of the Thursday night optional dinner theater is \$45.

Plans are to leave at 8 AM Tuesday from Wausau with stops along Hwy 29 and in Eau Claire. We will arrive in Norfolk Tuesday evening. Lunch and supper on the way is at your own expense.

Wednesday there will be a continental breakfast with hot items provided by the hotel. Following devotions, we will go to the Orphan Grain Train headquarters for a tour and a servant event.

Doug Trampe, from OGT, has requested attendees to collect items for Health and School Kits. A list of items is on the OGT website. ([www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org))

Our mission at OGT will end at 5 PM Wednesday evening. The evening meal is at your own expense.

After breakfast and devotions on Thursday morning we will travel to Mapleton to tour Mission Central and spend time with missionaries Gary Thies and Brent Smith. Be prepared to be inspired by their amazing mission stories! Gary has asked that women bring along an extra pair of socks *"because they will have their socks blown off their feet!"* We will spend approximately four hours there and will be served lunch. Then we travel to our hotel in La Mars and attend the optional dinner theater.

The bus will return to the Wausau area Friday evening, Aug 14.

Contact Lynne Johnson at 715-366-4642 or [lafa@uniontel.net](mailto:lafa@uniontel.net) or Penny Selle at 920-987-5454 or [selle@athenet.net](mailto:selle@athenet.net) if you have any questions or if you need a roommate.

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

Virginia Fietsch will be our trip leader and she is looking for volunteers to help with the trip. If you are interested in helping, email Virginia at [vfietsch@gmail.com](mailto:vfietsch@gmail.com).

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Please send this **registration form** along with your check made out to **North WI District LWML** to Lynne Johnson, P.O. Box 84, Almond, WI 54909. **Registration is Due May 15.**

Fill out one registration form for each participant and attach your check. Mail all roommate registration forms in one envelope as hotel rooms will be assigned by the forms in the envelope. Cost of bus, 3 night accommodation and 5 meals: Check the appropriate boxes:

- ☐ \$449/- single occupancy ☐ \$281/- 2 per room ☐ \$228/- 3 per room  
☐ \$199/- 4 per room ☐ \$45 optional dinner theater

**TOTAL enclosed \$**\_\_\_\_\_

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# God Will Never Change the Christmas Story

Once again, we have had the wonderful opportunity to celebrate our Lord's birth. I'm sure some things have changed in our lives this past year. Change is a part of life. But with change comes some uncertainty. In some instances, change can turn our lives upside down, causing us to feel out of control.

Now don't misunderstand me. I'm not implying that all change is bad. We welcome the good changes in our lives. But there is comfort in knowing that some things are constant and don't change, like gravity, for instance. I don't think we'd like the experience of floating around all of a sudden because the gravitational pull on our bodies has just changed. It's comforting to be able to depend on the law of gravity, something that doesn't change. Let's face it, we appreciate stability in our lives.

The Christmas story hasn't changed since last year. The fact that Jesus was born of a virgin and became like one of us in order to save us hasn't changed one bit in the last 2000 years. Just think how terrible it would be if the facts of the Christmas story changed from Christmas to Christmas. We

would never know where we stood with God. One Christmas we could be confident of our salvation, while the next Christmas we might doubt our salvation in the Lord. But praise God that the Christmas story never changes. That means we can be certain of God's salvation for all people in Jesus without ever worrying whether or not the Christmas story will change.

I am hoping that this Christmas brought all of us great joy. The Christmas story will never change because God will never renege on His promise to save us by His Son, Jesus, who was born in Bethlehem some 2000 years ago.

May the Lord bless you in the coming year as we await another Christmas!



JUNIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR  
REV. DOUGLAS REINDERS  
FREMONT, WI

*Rev. Douglas Reinders*

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## Young Woman Representative

The winter season is upon us. While we are getting cozy by the fire watching the snowflakes fall, it is a good time to reflect on the past and also consider the future. I am always in awe of the amazing things that LWML has done throughout the years. We have supported so many different mission projects. Our mites have traveled the entire globe bringing the news of Christ to people everywhere. Locally our societies are working tirelessly to help those who need it. God has used us to be a blessing to so many people.

Looking ahead I know that God has great things planned for the LWML. I know He is going to use us to spread His Word to the ends of the earth. But we can't just sit back and wait for it to happen. We need to take action so He can use us. As the YWR Coordinator for our district for the last 8 years I have seen so many great things from our young women. But the young workers are few. We need to continue to find more young women to carry on this wonderful organization.

This is the age old question ... how do we get more young women involved in LWML? After talking to many of you through the AOL program I learned a few things and have a few suggestions. The first

step in getting someone involved in any organization is to build a relationship with her. Think about the young women in your church and start building relationships. Next, give them something worthwhile to do. And remember - what you think is worthwhile may not be what she thinks is worthwhile so ask what she would like to do. Finally, encourage her to become involved with other young women in our district and in our national organization.

This brings me to the task at hand. Who do you know that might be interested in being a Young Woman Representative to our district convention? Being a YWR is a great opportunity for young women to get more involved in the organization and to build relationships with other young women in our district. Start building relationships with the young women in your church and get them involved now. Give them an idea of what an amazing group of women we are. In the spring when it comes time to nominate your YWR to the district convention they will be excited to learn more about this organization.

So cozy up. Enjoy the snow. And pray that God will provide our organization with many more young women to continue the good works of LWML.

LISA GLESSING  
YWR CO-CHAIR  
TREGO, WI

# Quiet! Be Still!

December comes as a season of busyness. We want to decorate, buy gifts, attend choir practice, attend Bible studies, bake cookies, help a friend, go to meetings, and shovel snow all while doing our normal daily routines. Our days are jammed packed with going to work, making meals, getting kids ready for school, helping with homework, doing dishes and laundry all before bedtime. There just doesn't seem to be enough time in the day to get everything done. There is a storm brewing in all of us. All the daily chaos swirls furiously around in our minds and distracts us from our main goal of spending time with God.

In Mark 4:39, Jesus was awakened by his frightened disciples and rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" And the wind died down and it was completely calm. What a feeling! Being quiet and still while being with God.

To do this, you must step away from the swirling chaos even for a few minutes. Let your mind be quiet, slow yourself and just talk with God.

Sometimes stepping away from everything is hard to do. You might need to set a daily reminder on your phone or keep a small devotional book by your coffee cup or by your TV remote. Do whatever reminders you need to give yourself a few minutes of being quiet and being still with the Lord.

I get the daily Mustard Seeds emailed to my work computer, so first thing at work I stop, read and pray before I start the workday. In my car I have a string of colored beads that

represent Psalm 23. Each colored bead represents a verse in that psalm and between each colored bead there are three small clear beads that represent the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These are just a couple of examples of how I spend time with the Lord. How do you spend time with Him? How are you still and quiet?



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Blessings on your stillness,

*Dawn Via*

Christian Life

## Upcoming event for our Christian Life team

Christian Life Workshop

January 18, 2020

Rib Mountain Lutheran Church, Wausau

8:30am until 3:00pm

We will be covering both Bible studies  
for the 2020 rallies.



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

**Amount Received: \$ 576,321.04**  
**Total Mites Still Needed: \$ 1,523,678.96**



As of November 19, 2019

# Welcome to 2020!



NWI DISTRICT PRESIDENT  
BECKY HALTAUFDERHEID  
ALGOMA, WI

What an early winter we have been experiencing. We have certainly learned how to drive in the snow this fall and should be experienced drivers today. Thank goodness the roads were in good condition for all of you traveling this fall to your Fall Rallies and to the leadership training sessions. Thank you to all of you who attended the trainings or helped in any way

during these sessions. I pray you were blessed by all that was presented and the fellowship with our LWML sisters.

Recently, President Debbie Larsen met with LWML leaders from across the country under the theme, "Inspired to Share HIS Story" and shared the logo of the Heart of Christ in Us. President Larson prays that every woman of the LCMS centers her life on Christ and remembers that all of us are HIS.

As her logo revealed, we are **HELD** by God's Word and through His Word, we are assured of His promises. We have a better understanding of how we need to live our lives to His glory. We are **INSPIRED** to share His Gospel message with the world, and we do this through mission education, service to others,

and our mite offerings. We are **SURROUNDED** by His Grace. We mess up as we live our lives, but as His children we are covered with HIS grace and mercy, and we are able to live in joy knowing that our sins have been forgiven. President Larson stated, "Let the Holy Spirit fill you and Christ will remain at the heart of all you do." What a great message to carry with us through 2020.

We will have many opportunities to be **HELD** by God's Word, **INSPIRED** to share His Gospel message and be **SURROUNDED** by His Grace as we travel through this new year. The Christian Life Committee and Zone Christian Life Chairs will be gathering for their workshop on Saturday, January 18 in Wausau. The Heart to Heart Sisters are planning the Spring Retreat for April 18 at Camp Luther. This is new this year and is shaping up to be an inspiring cultural experience. On Sunday, June 14, we will gather at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay for the 38th Biennial LWML District Convention.

I look forward to being with you this year as we are **HELD**, **INSPIRED** and **SURROUNDED**! May you be filled with the Holy Spirit daily so that Christ will always live within your heart. I pray you are an inspiration to all those you meet on a daily basis. God bless you and your family this year. You are a blessing!

Serving with Joy,  
*Becky Haltaufderheid*



## GIFTS FROM THE HEART FOR THE 2020 CONVENTION

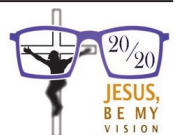
**MOST MINISTRIES:** Eyeglasses (regular or sunglasses), Soft eyeglass cases.

**FREEDOM HOUSE:** FOOD – kid's snacks; Kool Aid, lemonade, punch mixes; crackers, coffee creamer, sugar and the like (nothing perishable). **PERSONAL CARE:** diapers (size newborn to 6); baby wipes; socks, underwear, bras; body wash; hand and body lotion; **CLEANING:** aluminum foil; Saran wrap; garbage bags (13 or 33 gallon); laundry detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets.

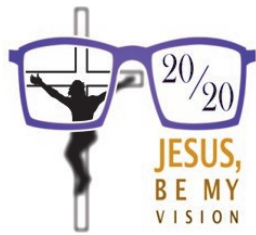
**GOLDEN HOUSE:** baby bottles; Sippy cups; disinfecting wipes; garbage bags; sugar; coffee; coffee creamer (non-refrigerated); laundry soap; body wash; dish soap; dishwasher soap/tabs; paper towels; disposable silverware; toilet paper; women's underwear; twin size bedding.

**SAM 25, SHAWANO:** bottled water; small bags of chips for lunches; oatmeal- individual packs; coffee; powdered creamer; non-perishable food with pull tabs; gift cards for Aldi, Charlie's County Market, Kwik Trip, Walgreens, Walmart; men's & women's underwear, women's sport bras, women's ankle socks; paper towels; new hair brushes; diapers (size 4, 5, & 6); plastic wrap; plastic gallon bags; plastic sandwich bags; room freshener spray.

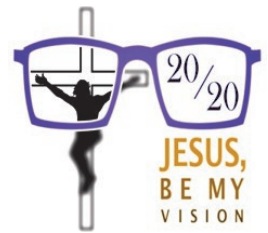
**JAKE'S DIAPERS:** cloth menstrual supplies-pattern is at [www.lunawolf.co.uk/wordpress](http://www.lunawolf.co.uk/wordpress); and waterproof bed pads (washable Chux-4 layers of flannel plus a water resistant layer (PUL), size 2 x 3 feet). These items could be made at home and just brought to convention.



# 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 Drive, Green Bay**  
*"Walk by faith, not by sight" 2 Cor. 5:7*



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## **Mission Walk**

**Monday, June 15**  
**4:45 PM to 5:45 PM**

Betty Snyder has been planning and working on the mission walk. Walking arrangements will be made at the hotel. She will add a registration form and cost to the next Mission Tidings. Please watch for it.

## **Servant Events**

**Sunday, June 14**  
**1:00 - 5:00 PM**

- **Witness Bracelets** for MOST Ministries
- Coloring **Greeting Cards & Bookmarks**
- Knitting **Pocket Prayer Shawls** (bring size 8 knitting or crocheting needles and yarn)
- Assemble Picture Books for King Veterans Hospital or nursing homes (1" binders & sleeves needed)

## **Radisson Hotel and Conference Center**

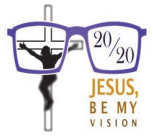
Radisson Telephone: 920-494-7300

- Group rates will be \$129 per night for single to quad rate for two queen beds.
- 100 rooms have been blocked off for the nights of June 14 and June 15 until Sunday, May 24, 2020.
- Individuals should make their reservations by calling the Radisson Hotel and telling them you are attending the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention.
- Individuals are responsible for all charges including taxes and any incidental charges.
- Check in time is 3 PM and check out time is 11 AM. Breakfast is included and will be served in the restaurant.
- Amenities include: indoor pool, hot tub, mini fridge, free Wi-Fi, cable TV, complimentary bottled water, iPod charging station, coffee maker, hair dryer and fitness center.
- Please call Sue Neider immediately at 715-889-6992 if the block is full before May 24th.
- Some arrangements may be made to secure extra rooms at the convention rates.



# Convention Speakers

## Mites in Motion Speaker - Tim Young Eagle - Lutheran Indian Ministries



**T**im Young Eagle was born and raised in Wisconsin. He is a Native American of Pawnee descent.



Throughout his career Tim has been a successful leader with a distinguished record of accomplishment in fundraising, sales, marketing and leadership that spanned for more than 40 years.

Prior to his calling as Executive Director of Lutheran Indian Ministries,

Tim served as the Senior Principal Gifts Officer for the Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee Foundation (LHSAGM Foundation), National Director of Development for Bethesda Lutheran Communities, Executive Vice President of Mission Advancement for the Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee and as LHSAGM's Interim CEO.

Tim earned his designation as a Certified Fund Raising Professional (CFRE) in 2014. He also holds a Certificate in Fund Raising

Leadership from Indiana University's Lilly School of Philanthropy. In addition to his work in fundraising, Tim is a professionally certified workshop facilitator for The Extreme Leadership Institute's LEAP program, The Leadership Challenge, The Student Leadership Challenge, and Team Emotional and Social Intelligence. He is the author of "The Dream Catcher – A Father and Son Story" a work of Christian fiction published by Author House in 2003. Tim received his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

He is the current chairman of the board of the Lutheran Urban Mission Initiative (LUMIN), and a past board member of the Lutheran Indian Ministries (LIM), the Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee (LHSAGM) and the National Christian Foundation (NCF).

In 2007, Tim was honored to receive the CUM DEO Award as a Distinguished Alumni of the Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee.

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## Bible Study Leader - Luncheon A Speaker- Schawn Starfeldt



**S**chawn Starfeldt is a teacher, storyteller, and encourager! She loves to share the uplifting truths from God's Word in ways that engage the heart and inspire the soul. She has started women's Bible study programs and has written and led small group Bible studies. Schawn has

been speaking at retreats for over 20 years. From 2010-2012, she presented for Lutheran Hour Ministries' Mission U.

Schawn graduated from Concordia University-Chicago and served at Lutheran

High School of San Antonio as an English teacher. After changing careers to stay-at-home mom, Schawn experienced a deeper need for God's encouragement. She soon discovered that need was universal. Women, young and old, were encouraged by the truths from scripture that Schawn was learning and sharing.

Today, Schawn loves being a wife to her pastor husband, Chad. Schawn also inspires family fun as the homeschooling mom of Sarai, Caleb and Eden. She is fond of reading, hiking and knitting. She enjoys serving Jesus in whatever ways seem to come along. Her passion is sharing the forgiveness and freedom found in Jesus with other women.



## Luncheon B—Deacon Bob and Deon Prue - LIM - Haskell Light, Kansas



**D**eacon Bob and Deon Prue along with their three children: Treson (7), Jorey (5) and Marlee (3) serve at Haskell Light a campus ministry at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas. They are joined by a full-time volunteer, Bill Paris who moved from Dayton, Ohio to help.



Haskell is a government funded Indian school that enrolls

over 900 students each semester. They also serve the large native community (4,000+) in Lawrence. Bob, Deon and Bill stand in as many of the students' parents while they are away from home. They come from homes filled with physical and sexual abuse, addiction, neglect and broken families. Bob and Deon openly share their story and how God saved them, while offering Bible studies, men and women's groups, motherhood and fatherhood classes, trauma healing programs, and drum making classes. They are looking forward to sharing what God has done in many of the students' and native families' lives.

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## Luncheon C and Mission Speaker - Cynthia Khan & Joy Markus of POBLO



**Cynthia Khan** was born and raised in Pakistan. She lived in Saudi Arabia for ten years before immigrating to North America. From her personal experience, she has raised awareness about the people and issues involved.

She now resides in Michigan but travels extensively. She has lived and served within an unusually broad variety of settings in different countries. Her hands-on experience makes her workshops very interesting and impacts the attendees in a special way as she shares her real life stories to validate her point.

She has maintained her integrity and effectiveness though she had to cope with the relentless upheavals due to rapid change of locations; she has experienced a rich diversity of people around the world that helps her draw new ideas of outreach that profoundly shifts the audiences' world view of evangelism—the mission field right here; and the time is now!

Cynthia serves the Lord by serving the community through human care services using different evangelism strategies. These services meet the needs of refugees and new immigrants from all over the world. Audiences find Cynthia's unique experiences and vast understanding of world religions and cultures very valuable at conventions, conferences and

many workshops she conducts nationally and internationally.



**Joy Markus** gained a master's degree in Islamic Sharia law, going on to establish a high school department of Islamic religion. One day in class, a student asked a question about Allah that Joy could not answer.

This caused her to search, eventually doubting Islam. A fellow teacher, who was Christian, gave Joy a Bible to read, connecting her to a pastor who answered all her questions.

Joy was convinced of the truth but could not face the challenge of losing her career, her family, and a secure life in order to follow Christ. This is how Joy found herself living a double life, teaching Islam by day, and living a Christian life by night. Moved by a dream in which she saw a door labeled "Christianity" and a voice say, "Enter here-- this is the way, and the truth and the life," Joy believed and was baptized. Sharing her faith in Christ with family brought her threats of death. Miraculously, with God's help, POBLO received Joy as a missionary in training as she now shares Jesus' love with Muslim women in Metro Detroit and via the Internet.

## Luncheon D and Keynote Speaker - Linda Reiser, Past President Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Linda Reiser was born and raised on a farm in Waterbury, Nebraska. She was confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church, Martinsburg, Nebraska, where fall mission festivals began to spark her interest in the mission work of the church.

That mission interest was further realized years later as she served as the 15th President of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League from 2003-2007. As President of the LWML, Linda was able to witness firsthand the amazing "mighty Mite Box" donations from the women of the church. Those millions of dollars, as well as the prayers offered for the missions and missionaries, have made an eternal difference throughout the world. Linda was also able to attend a graduation ceremony in Bo, Sierra Leone, where men were being "set aside" for ministry in local congregations at the Center for Theological Studies that was started by an LWML grant 30 years ago.

Before her election as LWML President, Linda served as Vice President of Servant Resources, Leader Development Committee Chairman, and as Nebraska South LWML President. Linda presided over the 31st biennial convention in Tampa, Florida, under the theme *Live Joyfully as*

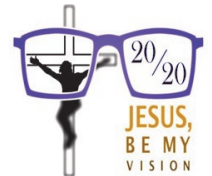
*Salt and Light*, and the 32nd biennial convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where the LWML gathered to *ROCK! Rest On Christ the King*.

Currently, Linda serves as a board member and Executive Committee member of Mission of Christ Network and as a member of the Nebraska District Lutheran Church Extension Fund Committee. Previously she has been a board member of Lutheran World Relief and the LCMS Board for Missions.

In her home congregation, Peace Lutheran Church in Grand Island, Linda serves as the chairman of the congregation and a Bible study leader.

She has been married to her husband, Ron, for 47 years. They have two married adult children Matthew and Amy and six grandchildren.

"To help and to love" could be the LWML motto, because that is what I saw as the "heart" of this organization, women who loved their Lord and served God's people in countless and amazing ways.



## Music Leader - Wendysue Fluegge

Wendysue Fluegge has a passion for talking about Jesus "anytime - anywhere - with anyone" and wants to encourage us to be BOLD *Every day Christians as we share our faith!*



Since 1996, Wendysue has had the unique ministry of taking her music "on the road," singing in 31 states in the US

(and on a Caribbean cruise Feb. 2019!) She has partnered with hundreds of churches and organizations to lead music for worship services, concerts, and women's retreats. Wendysue has sung our National Anthem for the Milwaukee Brewers baseball team three seasons, sang for Southwest passengers while flying over Kansas, and shared songs, prayer and conversation with strangers in airports, hot tubs, parking lots, and other random places!

She has been the song leader for LWML national and district conventions, and was on the cover page for the spring 2017 edition of Lutheran Woman's Quarterly magazine. She sings on a weekly LIVE series on Facebook called "Bold Life." Her CD's "Everyday Christian" and "Bold" contain a mix of original songs, hymns, and praise songs that you may have sung with her at the last district convention in Stevens Point. Stream her music on Spotify, I-tunes, and Apple and see her inspiring faith based videos on YouTube.

When Wendysue is not traveling for her full time job singing, she teaches private music lessons in her home in Menomonee Falls where she lives with Craig, her incredible husband of 23 years, and their two fabulous young adults (Collin 18 and Miranda 20). We welcome Wendysue back with us for a second time!

**NORTH WISCONSIN LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE  
38TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION  
RADISSON HOTEL/CONVENTER CENTER, GREEN BAY, WI  
JUNE 14-16, 2020**



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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_ LWML Zone \_\_\_\_\_

First time attending a District Convention: \_\_\_\_\_ Registrant \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse

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- F. \_\_\_\_\_ District LWML Board Member
- G. \_\_\_\_\_ Special Guest/Pastor
- H. \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibitor
- I. \_\_\_\_\_ Heart to Heart Sister (H2H)

**Note: All persons attending any portion of the convention activities must pay the registration costs.**

(Please extend amount of fees to the column on right)

**Registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE**

1. Registration (postmarked by May 1, 2020) Under 18 free
2. Spouse registration: Name \_\_\_\_\_
3. Late Registration (postmarked after May 1, 2020 or on-site)
4. Monday Luncheon (check one) A. \_\_\_\_\_ Radisson Croissant (chicken)  
B. \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef and Cheddar Sandwich

**Luncheon Speakers (Indicate 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice) Max of 125**

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. Schawn Starfeldt, Bible Study Leader
- \_\_\_\_\_ B. Deon & Deacon Robert Prue of Lutheran Indian Ministries
- \_\_\_\_\_ C. Cynthia Kahn, POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach)
- \_\_\_\_\_ D. Linda Reiser, National LWML President from 2003-2007

5. Monday Banquet with Entertainment (check one)

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. Pecan Encrusted Chicken
- \_\_\_\_\_ B. Pot Roast in Port Wine

6. Convention Jewelry: Pin/Tie Tack \_\_\_\_\_ Charm \_\_\_\_\_ (each \$5.00)

7. Sunday Servant Events/Gifts from the Heart \_\_\_\_\_ Attending (check if participating)

Note: Mission Walk Registration is a separate form

Make your check or money order payable to: **LWML 2020 Convention**

Your Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Needs (Physical and/or Dietary)**

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Mail to: **LWML Convention**  
**Attn: Miriam Slaght**  
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Contact with any questions at 920-676-4232

All registration forms must come by US mail

**Please make your own hotel reservations:**

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center  
2040 Airport Drive  
Green Bay, WI 54313  
920-494-7300

Room block name: LWML Rate is \$129/double + taxes

**REGISTRATION OPENS AT 1 PM CDT - Sunday, June 14, 2020 at hotel**



**2020 NWD LWML HEART TO HEART SISTERS SPRING RETREAT**  
**“CONNECTING CULTURES AND GENERATIONS”**  
**Camp Luther, Three Lakes, Wisconsin**  
**Friday, April 17, optional overnight and Saturday, April 18, 2020**

**Heather Ruesch:** KEYNOTE SPEAKER, is a nationally recognized speaker and author  
**Debby Suchyta:** Guest Speaker on Human Trafficking  
**Pastor Doug Reinders:** North Wisconsin District LWML Junior Counselor



**CONNECTING CULTURES AND GENERATIONS IN THE BODY OF CHRIST!**

We all have a story and a unique contribution to make in this world. But, why? And how? And when? And with whom? Being a relevant voice of Christ's love to every generation and every culture begins with building relationships. Relationship is the heart of God, Himself, and through it, He opens our eyes to the significance of every other human life. Join us for a biblical discussion.

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**LOVING OTHERS AS JESUS LOVES US!**

Debby cares deeply for people and has been learning a lot in order to reach them. She is happy to share what God has put in her path to learn about the LGBTQ. She says, “youth” are at such risk for so many external draws away from the church. The LGBTQ community is a group of God's children that are often misunderstood, isolated and at risk for depression, suicide, and human trafficking. *He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?* Micah 6:8.

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Pastor Reinders will speak on, **Leaving Our Comfort Zone to Share the Gospel Story**, with those who don't look or think like we do.

“I don't know what to say to another person about my faith in Jesus.” “Why do I need to say anything about Jesus? If people are interested, they can pick a church to attend. They're advertised everywhere.” “I don't want to force my beliefs on anyone. Just because they work for me doesn't mean they'll work for others.” Does any of this sound familiar? I'm sure it does. These are most likely the reasons we use to avoid sharing the Gospel story.

Matthew 28:19, *Jesus told the disciples to tell ALL people about the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.* That meant that the disciples had to leave the comfort of their own Jewish culture and come in contact with cultures that made them feel uneasy and uncomfortable. But this didn't stop them. They were so convinced that Jesus was the way to salvation for all people that they were willing to endure anything.

Are you convinced that Jesus is the Way? Are you excited about your salvation in Jesus? If not, why? If so, why do you keep your excitement to yourself?

**We will sing praises to the Lord, offer an LWML Skit, Food, Fellowship and Fun!**  
**Gifts from the Heart will be distributed. Please bring various size diapers, tuna, soup, jelly, snacks and cereal.**  
**Friday, PLEASE bring your bedding and toiletries to Camp Luther. SEE YOU THERE!**



## Spring 2020 North Wisconsin District LWML

"Connecting Cultures and Generations"

Retreat: Camp Luther, Three Lakes, WI

Friday, April 17, 2020

6:00 P.M. Registration

SPECIAL - 6:30 P.M. Food, Fun, Fellowship

Devotion: Heart to Heart Sisters – Multicultural Community Meal Sampling

Saturday, April 18, 2020

Registration begins: 8:00 am

Retreat: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Back again this year! **Optional overnight at Camp Luther on Friday, April 17!**

Retreat Center lodging will be available for \$45.00/person up to 4 persons per room.

Fellowship and tasting of ethnic foods will begin at 6:30 pm, Friday!

Cultural attire is encouraged.

**Bring a friend – ALL LADIES are welcome!**

For more information, please contact Sarah Long-Radloff, 920-257-7673

Registration questions to Linda Tryczak, 715-848-2686

Publicity questions call Mary Scharenbrock, 715-826-0160.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Retreat Registration - \$20 per person

\_\_\_\_\_ Retreat Center Lodging on Friday, April 17, 2020 - \$45.00 per person

Roommates (up to 4 people per room): \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE BRING, BEDDING, TOWELS AND TOILETRIES

\_\_\_\_\_ Breakfast on Saturday \$8.00 per person

\_\_\_\_\_ Lunch on Saturday \$8.00 per person

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ *Please write checks out to: NWD LWML*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: Linda Tryczak, 807 S 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Wausau, WI 54401 by **March 13, 2020**

**\*In case of cancellation, funds remain with the NWD LWML to offset program costs.**

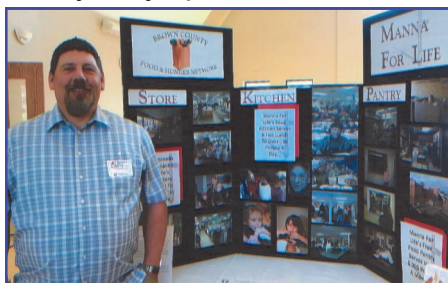
# Annual Mystery Breakfast

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

Pillowcase dresses and Panera bread were highlights of the women of Faith third Annual Mystery Breakfast on August 3. Twenty seven women from Faith Lutheran and our Savior Lutheran churches in Green Bay and St. Paul, Bonduel, were challenged to complete a word scramble of "Women of the Bible" as they enjoyed coffee and getting acquainted. Prizes were awarded. Thrivent provided an Action Team Grant which was used to provide a light breakfast of pastries, fruit salad and coffee.

An LWML devotion titled "Bread of Life" asked us to determine what spiritual "bread type" we are, for example: banana, sliced, manna, bagel, croissant, etc. No matter which type we relate to, we all have the assurance that in Christ Jesus (the Bread of Life) we have life, and have it abundantly.

Mystery speaker was Chad Clements from



Manna for Life, a Christian organization in Green Bay. He detailed how they help people of the Green

Bay area through their food pantry, soup kitchen, thrift store and job training. Volunteers are always welcome.

A display of pillowcase dresses attracted attention. Women of these congregations have created almost 400 of the dresses in just under two years.



These were sent to girls in Puerto Rico, Haiti and the Dominican Republic as well as Lutheran Indian Ministries in Hawaii, Arizona and Washington. Most recently 50 were sent to an orphanage in Mexico.

The program ended early but the women stayed to enjoy another cup of coffee and friendship. The Lord blessed our time together. To Him be the glory!



## Lunch with a Mission

SUE HINTZ, PRESIDENT  
WOMEN IN MISSION  
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
STEVENS POINT, WI  
ZONE 17

The ladies of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Stevens Point were invited to attend lunch at the Amber Grill on Thursday, June 27, while also doing mission work for the LWML. They were to donate toothpaste and toothbrushes to be given to the veterans at King and the Salvation Army in Stevens Point. Dessert was provided by the LWML organization of St. Paul.



It was a huge success with 16 ladies attending. A total of 123 toothbrushes and 53

tubes of paste were donated to the designated places.

During the month of July the LWML asked the members of the congregation to do mission work by donating oral hygiene products. Everyone had the chance to freely aid and love another through this mission. Great news! No cavities! Mission accomplished.





# *Serving the Lord With Gladness*

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## 2020 Calendar Items

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

February 17-18  
Board Meeting  
St. Mark, Wausau

March 1, Deadline  
Spring Mission Tidings

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

May 18-19  
Board Meeting  
Rib Mountain, Wausau

June 14-16  
NWI District  
Convention  
Green Bay

June 20 Deadline  
Summer Mission Tidings

August 11-14  
Mission Trip to OGT and  
Mission Central



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