



North Wisconsin
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

Winter 2021

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Giving Thanks for the Rest of the Harvest



MISSION GRANTS DIRECTOR
DEBORAH YOUNG
GREEN BAY, WI

*And when
you reap
the harvest of
your land, you
shall not reap
your field right
up to its edge,
nor shall you
gather the
gleanings after
your harvest.*

You shall leave

*them for the poor and for the
sojourner: I am the Lord your God"*
Leviticus 23:22.

Giving thanks to God this new year for all those who believe in the work God is doing through the LWML. The year 2020 has been a challenging year as we were unable to fellowship together for rallies and convention, but our God is a mighty God and we still came together with mite donations and prayers for all of our missions and for each other. These acts of

kindness are what brings us together and that is indeed worthy of praising God.

Have you wondered more about who is impacted by the Mission Grants we are supporting? Visit our website and click on **Missions** → **Mission Grants** → "Read more here," to meet individuals who have been touched by the generosity of our faithful mite givers and prayer warriors. We will continue to add to these stories throughout the biennium, approximately every six weeks, so be prepared to be inspired. I certainly have been.

May you all thank God for those who do not reap the harvest to the edge for this is where the support for our missions is gleaned.

In His service,

Deborah Young

Mission Grants Director



National LWML Mission Goal

2019–2021 Biennium

\$2,100,000.00

Amount Received: \$ 1,754,544.77

Total Mites Still Needed: \$ 345,455.23

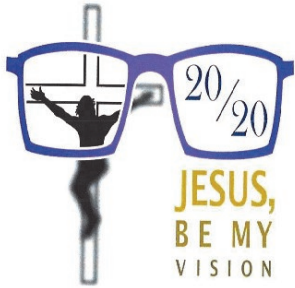
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North Wisconsin District LWML

Mission Grants 2020-2022

\$110,000 Goal

North Wisconsin District Professional Church Workers		
Student Grants	1/2 PAID	\$25,000
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Food Bank		\$10,000
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment for Future Generations - Camp Luther	PAID	\$20,000
Introducing Muslims to the Savior – Lutheran Heritage Foundation		\$7,500
Support for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, International Graduate School Students		\$10,000
Sharing the Joy of Jesus in Prague, Brno and the Czech Republic through Mobile app		\$12,000
Lutheran Bible Translators-Derricks Translation and Office Building Support		\$5,000
MOST Ministries Eyeglass & Evangelism Ministries		\$10,000
Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School, Mosinee, Tuition Assistance		\$5,000
Victory Lutheran Mission of Hope, Gwinn, MI,	Partial	\$4,782.61
Life Recovery Bibles Marathon County Jail Ministry	Partial	\$717.39

TO FIND MORE INFORMATION ON EACH PROJECT, VISIT NWDLWML.ORG



Short Term Mission: Change of Plans ...Again!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" 1 Jeremiah 29:11.

It is with regret that we have to inform you that next summer's short-term mission trip to *Orphan Grain Train* and *Mission Central* is cancelled. Your short-term mission coordinators have not made this decision lightly. We polled those women who had initially expressed an interest in taking this trip. The results indicated a lack of interest in the trip at this time. Many women plan to attend the convention in Lexington and do not want to do a second trip. Others are not ready to be part of large groups and did not want to take the bus. Out of respect for the organizations we were planning to visit, we made the difficult decision to cancel at this time. We hope to take this trip at a future date when the pandemic is under control and a vaccine is widely available.

In lieu of a trip this summer, we encourage individuals, societies, congregations, and church groups to consider participating in "mission" through one or more of the following:

- † **Look around your community** to see what is needed. Many people are isolated and hurting. Is there someone who you can intentionally connect with via phone, email or letter? Can you collect items or volunteer at a food pantry? Can you collect items for the homeless shelter?
- † **Go to Mission Central:** <https://missioncentral.us> Click on the Calendar tab at the top of the page. A number of missionaries have given a video report about their ministries in the countries they serve. Access these virtual reports by clicking the links. Pray for missionaries. Write them a note of encouragement.
- † **Go to Orphan Grain Train:** www.ogt.org Click the first tab What We Do and scroll down to Special Projects. You will find a number of projects from school kits to medical kits. Collect these items and assemble the kits.
- † **Go to the National LWML website:** lwml.org Press on the Service tab and scroll down for Mission service activity suggestions.
- † **Use Thrivent Action Teams** to organize a fund raiser for a non-profit organization like MOST Ministries. Many non-profits are struggling financially during this pandemic. Have a spring plant sale. Hold a bake sale. Do a silent auction and donate the profits.

We would love to encourage one another with stories and pictures of how you've used this COVID-Time to be a blessing to others. Send us your stories and pictures and we will write the article.

Blessings from your short-term mission coordinators as you navigate these times. Hold tight to Jesus and he will lead the way.

Lynne Johnson lafa@uniontel.net 715-366-4642
Penny Selle selle@athenet.net 920-987-5454

From the District Financial Secretary

I'm greatly amazed by the faithfulness of our LWML sisters and friends who continued to contribute their mites during the difficult year of 2020. Although many societies have not been able to meet for Bible study, fund raising activities, annual Advent activities and other service to their churches and communities, I hope we have been able to reach out to others through phone calls, texts, and emails as we all "get through this together."

Through the end of November 2020, NWD LWML is \$7500 behind in year-to-date mite collections compared to November 2019. Due to generous giving by many members and friends, we received \$3000 on "Giving Tuesday." We are still accepting contributions to the 2021 Convention Delegate Fund as well as donations to the 2023 Milwaukee National LWML convention, that we will be co-sponsoring with several other districts.

NWD LWML has been approved to be a recipient of funds from THRIVENT Choice Dollars. If you have qualifying THRIVENT products (life insurance, annuities, IRA funds) you may be earning "choice dollars." You can go to Thrivent.com website – our organization

to donate to is "Lutheran Women's Missionary League North Wisconsin District."

Please complete all information on the "Society Remittance Form." We have many churches and societies with the same or similar names – I need as much correct information as possible to give the proper credit to the proper society. Please make sure you detail on the **OTHER** line all types of contributions being remitted, such as "Special mites, 2021 Delegate, 2023 Milwaukee Convention donation, Mission Tidings, YWR" etc. to be sure your donation is reflected and credited to your society. **All checks need to be made out to "NWD LWML."**

Thanking everyone for their service to NWD LWML and Him –

Sharon Kautzman
Financial Secretary

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" John 16:33.

2021 Convention Delegate donations received:
\$1,275.00



Stamps for Missions

Our Lutheran Women's Missionary League began collecting used postage stamps in 1993 when The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod office in St. Louis, Missouri, ended this project. Our North Wisconsin District has worked with many different gentlemen over the years to sell our stamps. We are currently taking our stamps to a gentlemen in Green Bay.

Our stamps were sold five different times in 1994 and the total amount sold to help support our missions was \$345.49. The year-to-date total now is \$13,897.66. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Please continue to collect your stamps within your societies and encourage

others from your church to join. Please share with them how to trim the stamps leaving a quarter inch around the stamp. The perforation on the stamp must be intact, if the perforation is missing the stamps cannot be sold.

What a blessing to have the opportunity to collect our stamps and help those in need. Please continue in this mission as we serve the Lord with gladness!

In Christ,
Shirley Hein
Mary Scharenbrock



Smile!



My hope is that you are smiling looking at the picture of Jesus right now. My Grandma used to sing, *"When you're smiling, when you're smiling, the whole world smiles with you. And when you're laughing, oh when you're laughing the sun comes shining through."* I remember her eyes would just twinkle and wrinkle because she was happy or she wanted me to smile and be happy. Wouldn't you just love to see Jesus' eyes shine and crinkle?

Do you know how good smiling is for you? It slows down your heart, reduces stress, elevates your mood, strengthens your immune system and is contagious! Without saying a word, a genuine smile can bless those on the receiving end. And guess what? It only takes 17 muscles to smile; whereas a frown uses 43.

But during this time of the pandemic, how do we share our smiles behind our masks when we meet others? The first part of Proverbs 15:13 tells us a glad heart makes a cheerful face. So, with a mask on, we need to use our eyes. Using them can show many expressions such as happiness, joy, concern, and love just to mention a few. One of my favorite Bible stories is about Sarah finding out she was going to have a child in her 90's and she laughed. Can you imagine what her eyes would look like if she was wearing a mask?

The eyes of your smile can hug someone with love without giving them even the slightest touch. For some of us right now, you may feel that life is not giving you a reason to smile. Just think about a child giggling or an elderly friend seeing her family in person for the first time in ten months, your heart will be encouraged and you can't help but smile.

I encourage you every day to consciously smile, as you go about your day, especially if you do get out and about and just watch the reactions you will get. Even behind your mask your eyes will let the love of God shine through.

In the blessing recorded in the book of Numbers we get the idea that God "smiles": *The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace* Num. 6:25-26. Those words are a Hebrew saying for the favor of God on a person's life, asking God to smile on His children.

Give God thanks and always smile! Bless someone's life today by just giving them that smile with loving, crinkling eyes and say a prayer that they know the love of our great and awesome God.

NWD LWML Christian Life Team

Dawn Via

Sharon Makela

Sue Pfeil



CHRISTIAN LIFE
SUE PFEIL
WINTER, WI



"The Future Can Be Daunting"



NWD PASTORAL COUNSELOR
REV. DOUGLAS REINDERS
FREEMONT/APPLETON, WI

The future can be daunting because most of the time we have no idea what it has in store for us. That can be scary to be quite honest. It would be wonderful if we knew for certain that in the future nothing but good always awaited us. It sure would make living a lot less stressful. But that isn't the case. We don't always know what

negative things we may encounter in the future. We don't have a crystal ball to forewarn us.

We haven't the slightest idea what may happen in 2021. We are entering another new year that may have both pleasant and unpleasant surprises for us, but what they will be is still unknown to us.

However, in spite of the uncertainty of the future, we need not let that uncertainty govern our emotions and allow fear to overtake us. Our Lord Jesus promised to be with us wherever we may happen to find ourselves in life. What really matters is that Jesus knows what the future has in store for us and that no matter what may happen to us or our friends and relatives Jesus will use it all for our good. *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose* Romans 8:28. With Jesus at our side we have nothing to fear and worry about in the new year.

I pray that 2021 will be a year of spectacular spiritual growth for us and that we will put more trust in the promises of Jesus like we've never done before. If we do, we will have a lot less stress and fear to face, and 2021 will be a very blessed year for each of us.

May the Lord bless you throughout 2021!

Pastor Douglas Reinders

Call for Young Women Representatives

The national LWML Convention is right around the corner and we are seeking young women representatives (YWR). Our district will select two young women to represent us and those two young ladies will have the opportunity to learn about LWML. We are looking for young women between the ages of 22-35 who have a love for the Lord. As a YWR, she will get to learn how LWML works, meet new sisters in Christ, and spend a week among other women worshipping God together. To apply, please go to the North Wisconsin District LWML website, select fellowship and click on Young Women in Mission. From here, at the bottom of the page you can select Conventions/Young Women Reps and there you can find the application and hear from past YWRs. This is a wonderful opportunity to

worship God and a great chance to meet new women. The applications can be emailed to:

Denise Fall (dfall16@gmail.com) or
Catie Porter (catieporter11@gmail.com)



Welcome to 2021!



NWI DISTRICT PRESIDENT
BECKY HALTAUFDERHEID
ALGOMA, WI

We are beginning a new year. We have been walking by faith with our Lord Jesus Christ in 2020. He has led us through and will continue to lead us through 2021. We have not seen each other in months and I pray this year will bring us back together as sisters in Christ. The new words for 2020 we have heard many times are “pandemic,”

“masks” and “social distancing.” I pray you have been protecting yourself and each other by wearing your mask and keeping a distance between you and those not in your household. God has been with us through this pandemic and has not social distanced from us. I have read the following several times posted on Facebook and you may have too: “Make sure you test positive for *Faith*, keep distance from *Doubt*, and isolate from *Fear*. Trust God through it all.” (by Crossmap Prayers) I am looking forward to the time we can be together again this year. *Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, “for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you”* Deuteronomy 31:6.

I am excited to tell you the North Wisconsin District LWML is now enrolled in Thrivent Choice. You can now choose NWD LWML for your Thrivent Choice dollars. Thank you to Sharon Kautzman, District Financial Secretary, for setting this up.

We have also enrolled in “Joyful Response,” an electronic offering program through LCEF. The district has an LCEF account for our Gifts and Bequests offerings and this program will piggy back to this one. If you wish to give electronically, you can fill out an enrollment form and send it on to Jody Cook, District Treasurer. Your offerings can be automatically taken from your personal checking, savings or LCEF steward account. This enrollment form can be found on our website. Since we have not been able to be together to give our mite offerings, this is another way to provide mite

offerings on a regular basis. This form and all other forms can be found on our website at nwdlwml.org under the link membership. By hovering your mouse over membership, you will see handbook resources. Click on this link which will contain all forms including the Joyful Response form. Don't be afraid to search our website regularly. There is a lot of great information to be found there, including a link to the national LWML webpage!

Our Spring Retreat planned by the district Heart to Heart Sisters Committee will be held on Saturday, April 10, at Camp Luther. Fellowship will begin on Friday night for those wishing to stay at Camp Luther the night before. Camp Luther will be adhering to COVID-19 protocols in place at that time. Our Heart to Heart Sisters have worked hard to put this retreat together. This will be a great time for us to finally be together in God's Word, praising Him for bringing us through this pandemic and perhaps being close enough to elbow bump! All information and the registration form can be found in this edition on pages 10 and 11. I hope to see you at Camp Luther!

The National LWML Convention committee continue their plans to meet together in Lexington, June 24 – 27, at the Rupp Arena. Our district has planned transportation by bus to the convention with registration forms printed in the Fall 2020 Mission Tidings. The

registration deadline was January 5. If you are interested in riding the bus to Lexington, please contact Sue Neider, Meeting Manager, as soon as possible so arrangements with the national convention committee can be made. All convention information can be found in the winter edition of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. I hope to see you in Lexington!

May our good and gracious Lord keep you safe and healthy this winter. God grant you many blessings in the New Year!

With sisterly love,

Becky Haltaufderheid



39th Biennial Convention
Thursday, June 24 - Sunday, June 27, 2021
Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center • Lexington, Kentucky



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2

Are you making plans to travel to Lexington for the 39th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League? With COVID increasing all around us, it is difficult to focus on a convention that is six months away. But, the time is now to begin to make arrangements to attend. The convention committee has worked very hard at making sure everyone attending is protected. By now you should have the Winter 2020 edition of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly in your hands which contains all the convention information.

Linda Reiser, past LWML president will be serving as the Keynote Speaker. She is a faithful, mission minded, God-fearing child of God who served and continues to serve in the LWML. Bible study leader will be Deaconess Heidi Goehmann who also serves as a licensed clinical social worker, authored several books and writings on mental health, relationships and hope.

Back by popular demand is Jan Struck who will serve as the humorist interrupter along with Abby Goehring of Texas. Dr. Dina Venditti will serve as the song leader.

There are several Mites in Action speakers you will have the opportunity to hear and several great luncheon speakers to choose from. Friday night there will be a "Winner's Circle Celebration" in the exhibit hall where you will be encouraged to wear purple, put on some bling and sport your finest fascinator or "winner's" hat - in purple preferably! Enjoy the evening as you meet the past LWML presidents and the many exhibitors.

As you fill out your registration form, please read it over carefully. You will get a full refund minus the \$3.00 processing fee should the convention be cancelled or you are unable to attend and cancel your registration by June 10, 2021. As you fill out the registration form, there is a highlighted area in which you will need to check that you read the General Release, COVID-19 Release and the Photo Release form that is on page P of the insert.

As your District President, I hope to see you in the "Winner's Circle" in Lexington!

2021 National LWML Convention



Gifts From The Heart

Recipients for the 2021 Lexington Convention include Assurance for Life Ministry located in Lexington, MOST Ministries and the Food Bank Support at Fort Wayne and St. Louis Concordia Seminaries. The following new items are needed:

Baby Toiletries such as shampoo, soap & lotion	Baby bath towels, wash cloths, & burp cloths
Baby wipes, diaper bags and crib sheets	Laundry baskets - small or collapsible
Disposable diapers - size three	Baby clothing sizes newborn to 12 months
Baby toys such as teething rings & rattles	Small "First" Christian vinyl or board books

Other items needed are: Walmart or Target Gift cards in denominations of \$10, \$20 and \$25
New and "like-new" eyeglasses.

Watch the LWML eNews and the LWML website at lwml.org for announcements for book specials through Concordia Publishing House.

Photo Finish Mission Walk

Saturday, June 26

from 4:30 - 5:30 PM

You will have the chance to enjoy historic downtown Lexington with other brothers and sisters in Christ during the Lexington Convention mission walk. You will be able to walk to Thoroughbred Park less than a mile from the Convention Center. You will walk past several life-size and lifelike bronze racehorses streaking toward the finish line while lifelike horses, foals, and the great stallion, Lexington, graze in a nearby field. Enjoy the history of horse racing, fellowship with others and support LWML missions all at the same time! Make sure you register and I hope to see you at your photo finish mission walk!



2021 NWD LWML HEART TO HEART SISTERS SPRING RETREAT
“CONNECTING CULTURES AND GENERATIONS”
Camp Luther, Three Lakes, Wisconsin
Friday, April 9, optional overnight and Saturday, April 10, 2021

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 Senior 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.

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 (LGBTQ is an acronym for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer or questioning.) 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.

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?

<p style="text-align: center;">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!</p>
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Spring 2021 North Wisconsin District LWML

“Connecting Cultures and Generations”

Retreat: Camp Luther, Three Lakes, WI

Friday, April 9, 2021

6:00 P.M. Registration

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

Devotion: Heart to Heart Sisters – Multicultural Community Meal Sampling

Saturday, April 10, 2021

Registration begins: 8:00 am

Retreat: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Back again this year! **Optional overnight at Camp Luther on Friday, April 9, 2021!**

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 regarding Virtual Option

Registration questions to Linda Tryczak, 715-848-2686

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

_____ Retreat Registration - \$20 per person

_____ Retreat Center Lodging on Friday, April 9, 2021 - \$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 9th Ave., Wausau, WI 54401 by March 13, 2021

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

2023 LWML Convention Fund Raising Event

MARY SCHARENBRUCK
ZONE 4

On Friday, August 7, in Dorchester, Wis. Zones 4 and 10 came together to have a fundraising event to help support the 2023 LWML Convention that will be held in Milwaukee on June 22-25, 2023. Sharon Niemann, Anna Koepke, Mary Scharenbrock, Pastor and Kaye Schwalenberg sold brats, hot dogs, root beer floats, pie and ice cream at the Cenex gas station. Anna Koepke applied for Thrivent Action Team monies to help support the event. Many thanks to our sisters in Christ who made beautiful pies and baked goods for this blessed event. We heard many times, "You Lutherans really know how to bake." We had many workers from local businesses and others who came to help support our fundraiser. The total amount raised



for our 2023 LWML convention was \$2,064. Many thanks to Pinters Packing Plant who made our brats and to Sandy, the manager at the Cenex gas station, who allowed us to have our fundraiser at her business. You are all a blessing! *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace Numbers 6:24-26.*



Anna Koepke and Kaye Schwalenberg.
Below: Sharon Niemann



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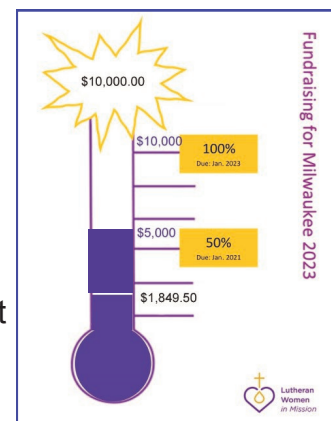
North Wisconsin District along with the South Wisconsin and Northern Illinois Districts will be hosting the 2023 National LWML Convention in Milwaukee. We are excited to be given the opportunity to bring convention attendees from all 40 districts to Milwaukee! Even though it seems like 2023 is a long way off, it will be here before we know it! We are in need of volunteers to begin to prepare and help execute this convention. What can you do? *Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms 1 Peter 4:10.*

God has given each of us unique talents to use. Check out the volunteer application form and convention guidelines for the host committee located on our district website at nwdlwml.org. Simply hover your mouse over "Membership" and click on the "Handbook Resources" link. Pray about your God-given talents, then fill out the volunteer application

form and send it on to Anne Hartman before April 26. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Hartman, Convention Host Chair at 715-450-0681.

Or email:
annelwml@gmail.com

Or mail: Anne Hartman
s7515 South Davis Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54701



2023 National Convention Funds
Raised as of
November 30, 2020

\$5,079.40

Continue your fundraising efforts once
assembly restrictions are lifted.

Zone 2 Fall Rally

The LWML Zone 2 Fall Rally was held on Saturday, October 3, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Munising, Mich., with 14 ladies in attendance.

Our special speaker was Cindy Werner of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church while Rev. Mark Werner delivered the opening and closing devotions. Cindy's talk was titled "Faithprints along Life's Journey."

Zone 2 President, Dee Mattson conducted the business meeting that included District President Becky's video message. Dee also led the Bible study on Jonah.

Except for the moment to take the group picture, social distancing was implemented as well as wearing of masks and each lady bringing their own sack lunch.



SHARON NIEMANN
MARY SCHARENBRICK
ZONE 10

Zone 10 Fall Rally

Twenty-four sisters and brothers in Christ gathered at St. John's Lutheran Church in Edgar on Saturday, October 22, for a wonderful Fall Rally. Lloyd Schultz began the rally with a wonderful devotion taken from the Gospel of John proclaiming and telling others the Messiah has come.



Sharon Niemann welcomed all who attended and Marilyn Mueller led us in the Bible study written by our former Pastoral Counselor, Pastor Jonathan Wessel, titled "Where is God Calling You to Witness or to Serve Him?" NWD President, Becky Haltaufderheid gave her video message.

Karen Carter of Bethesda Lutheran Communities, was the guest speaker for the day. Karen shared how Bethesda Lutheran Communities is going through many changes right now. Bethesda is excited to share they built a new facility called Cornerstone Village in Victoria, Minnesota, that is



a blessing for seniors and for our Friends of Bethesda who may want to live independently. She advised that Bethesda Lutheran Communities was in need of Christmas decorations, Christmas cards, and scrapbook materials for our Friends of Bethesda Lutheran Communities. What a blessing to help support our friends.

Sharon Niemann, Geraldine Fox and Mary Scharenbrock presented a LWML skit called "Running the Race" and invited everyone to the 2021 LWML National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, June 24 - June 27, under the theme, "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus."

St John's Edgar society chose Hannah House located in Marshfield to be recipients of Gifts from the Heart. Items donated went towards the needs of the house for the young expecting moms. What a gift they are from God to these young ladies as they offer their love and support.

Thank you to Pastor Mark Schwalenberg who filled in for Pastor Schoop to install the new LWML officers, Bonnie Whitecome—President, Kaye Schwalenberg—Vice-President, and Sharon Niemann—Secretary.

Members of St. John's, Edgar, prepared a wonderful meal that was appreciated by all. As the saying goes, "You Lutheran women really know how to cook." Keep up the fantastic job ladies! The day was much enjoyed and uplifting by all who attended!

Zone 18 Fall Rally

The Fall Rally for NWD LWML, Zone 18, was hosted by Faith Lutheran Church, Appleton on Sept 19. Because of COVID restrictions, all



attendees were required to wear masks and to distance in the sanctuary.

The opening devotion was led by Pastor Dan

Thews. He also installed the new officers, Jane Morrow, president, Sarah Long Radloff, vice president, and Diane Simon, secretary. Gloria Zemple, Asst. Christian Growth chairperson, led the Bible study titled, "Jonah-Reluctant, Effective, Angry? Prophet."

Debby Suchyta and Bonnie Coonen, who work with "FIVE STONES," an organization helping women and men get released from the bonds of human trafficking were the guest speakers. Their presentation was chilling, sad, and yet hopeful. Gifts of the Heart items were collected for this mission.



There were 22 attendees including pastors and guests. The mite offering was \$261.00. Even with our restrictions, we had a joyous and inspiring rally. The Zone 18 Spring Rally will be hosted by Good Shepherd, Appleton.

2020 LWML East Tennessee Zone Fall Retreat

September 25-27, 2020

What a blessing Anna Koepke, Susan Ladwig and I had to go to East

Tennessee for a wonderful, uplifting retreat and to be in God's word and fellowship with 38 women at Eagle Rock Camp, Tallassee, Tennessee. The retreat began in prayer and devotion led by Zone Pastoral Counselor Gordon Smith.

The theme for the retreat was "It is Well with My Soul" based on the hymn and God's Word. The Bible study was led and written by Candy Habich, Ladell McWhirter, and Karen Trebus.

We began Friday evening with group activities to get acquainted. We sang praises to



Top: Susan Ladwig & Anna Koepke
Below: Candy Habich & Mary Scharenbrock.



our Lord led by Jane Hillhouse and Julie Duncan, (guitar and violin) and Becky Gresse (keyboard).

Saturday began with singing and opening prayer followed by Bible study, special activities, an LWML skit and a nature walk up the gorgeous Smoky Mountains. We had a great time playing Bible Trivia with three teams--from Arkansas, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. The evening ended with a beautiful campfire and fellowship.

Sunday began with singing, opening prayer and a service of praise and communion led by Pastoral Counselor Gordon Smith. As pastor was ending his sermon, he shared with us how important our Lutheran Women's Missionary League is especially with our missions and the people we are helping through our mission grants, and how important it is to gather together as sisters in Christ through LWML and be in fellowship with one another.

What a WONDERFUL retreat we had. All glory and praise be to God.

In Christ,

Mary Scharenbrock



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2021 Calendar Items

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March 1, 2021
Deadline for Spring
Mission Tidings

April 9-10, 2021
H2H Spring Retreat
Camp Luther

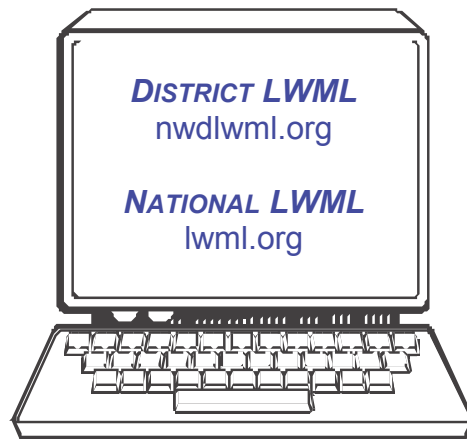
May 17 & 18, 2021
EC & BOD Meeting

June 1, 2021
Deadline for Summer
Mission Tidings

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