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As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

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Mission Tidings

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More Grants Paid 2024 Proposals Needed!

When the North Wisconsin District board convened in February, they



voted to pay two more grants. The first one, The Hannah

Center, Inc. is a local mission right here in our own backyard. Located in Marshfield, Wisconsin, the center bases their mission on 1 John 3:17-18: But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. This non-profit organization begins by teaching the true meaning of life through Jesus Christ. The program focuses on goal setting and provides the tools to help achieve them through support, advocacy and life skills classes.



The second grant paid is "God Speaks in Our Language!" Lutheran Books for North Wisconsin Immigrants and Campus Ministries. Jeff Rahn of the

Lutheran Heritage Foundation located in nearby Michigan, expresses his thankfulness to the ladies in our district for helping to share the Good News with people of all nations.

These two mission grant proposals were submitted by LWML members just like you as they were something near to their hearts. Is there a mission that you



MISSION GRANTS DIRECTOR DEBORAH YOUNG GREEN BAY, WI

would like to see on the ballot of the 2024 convention in Appleton? It is that time of year when we are requesting grant proposals. Information on submitting a proposal can be

found on our NWD website under "Mission Grants." If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Let's continue our mission of sharing the love of Christ through our mite offerings.

In His service,

Deborah YoungMission Grants Director

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2022 – 2024 Mission Grants LWML-NWD Goal: \$115,000



1. Orphan Grain Train - WI Branch \$15,000



2. NWD Professional Church Workers Student Grants*
\$25,000 1/2 PAID



3. Concordia Theological Seminary Food & Clothing Co-op, Fort Wayne, IN \$10,000



4. The Hannah Center, Inc. \$10,000



5. Developing Servant Leaders for Future Generations - Camp Luther \$20,000











9. Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families \$1,500



*Indicates partial request for funds each year



God Has A Purpose For Us

Grace, mercy and peace to you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ!

Christ is arisen

From the grave's dark prison.
So let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our comfort true will be.
Alleluia!
Were Christ not arisen,
Then death were still our prison.
Now, with Him to life restored,
We praise the Father of our Lord.
Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Now let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our comfort true will be.
Alleluia!
(Christ is Arisen Hymn LSB 459)

The words from this hymn are words we sing every Easter. These words have deep meaning to our understanding of how important the resurrection of our Lord is. What if Christ had not been raised?

1 Corinthians chapter 15 tells us And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins.

What does this mean? If the resurrection had never taken place, everything we do in church would be meaningless. Our faith would be meaningless. If Christ had not arisen, then the power of sin and death would still be reigning in our lives. A truly frightening thought.



PASTORAL COUNSELOR REV. BRIAN LIERMANN MINOCQUA, WI

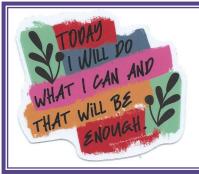
But Christ has arisen. We have multiple witnesses who attested to that fact and were killed for telling others this is what happened. Our faith is built on this. What Christ's resurrection accomplished was to destroy the power of sin, death and the devil. Death could not hold onto someone who committed

no sin. Christ entered death to pay for our sins and that sacrifice was accepted by the resurrection.

When we are baptized, this is what we are being baptized into. We are being baptized into Christ. When we are washed in the waters of baptism, we are putting on Christ's life and His death. Christ's life is our life. Christ's death is our death. Christ's resurrection is our resurrection. We need not fear the grave. Christ is the firstfruit of the resurrection to come for all. This is our faith and our promise from God! So, this month celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Give thanks for what He has done for you and worship Him in the sure confidence that Christ has indeed put away your sin.

May God's richest blessings be on you all!

Pastor LiermannJunior Pastoral Counselor



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and notes! I am doing well.

Betty Snyder xoxoxo

"What's in a Name?"

"What's in a name?" the famous
Shakespeare quote goes. I don't know
about you, but I enjoy identifying the variety
of blooms in my yard: irises, lily-of-thevalley, evening primrose, and hydrangeas.
Knowing the plant's name helps me to know
how to interact and care for my yard: does
this bush need pruning? How deeply should
I plant that tree? When should I expect
blooms?

Being able to accurately identify plants also has helped me to better enjoy hiking in the woods (wildflowers, ferns, and fragrant spearmint!) and kept me away from any harmful species.

Beyond the yard and forest trails, I just love names in general. Being named after my great-great grandmother and her legacy is a source of connection and identity for me. Knowing someone's name is the first step to connection. When my husband and I first moved to our congregation, I was eager to learn the names of our church family. Obtaining a church directory (with pictures) was incredibly helpful.

Psalm 91:13-15 tells us: Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;

I will protect him, because he knows my name.

When he calls to me, I will answer him;
 I will be with him in trouble;
 I will rescue him and honor him.

¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.

God tells us His name and what it means to know it: He listens when we pray, He rescues us, restores us, and grants us salvation. Knowing God's name has some great blessings!



CHRISTIAN LIFE ASST.
DEACONESS
FRANCES SZETO
MERRILL, WI

The Small Catechism explains how we are to rightly use God's name: "We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks."

(Luther's Small Catechism. 2006)

The truth is that we can only call upon God, by name, because He has already called us by name. The hymn, "I am Jesus' Little Lamb" proclaims this great truth:

I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am; For my shepherd gently guides me, Knows my needs and well provides me. Loves me every day the same. Even calls me by my name. (LSB 740)

God gives us His triune name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in our baptisms, where He makes us part of His family. He gives us both identity and connection. Knowing names is powerful and we know the most powerful Name of all!

Deaconess Frances SzetoChristian Life Committee

Spring, the Season of Hope



LWML NWD PRESIDENT JOAN BERQUIST HAYWARD, WI

Spring has sprung in the Northwoods! Spring is the season of hope as grass emerges from under the snow piles, the trees bud out. lawnmowers replace snowblowers and the sun warms us as the long winter subsides. This is the season we celebrate

Easter and renew our faith in the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

LWML NWD also emerges from the long winter, with our spring zone rallies, Spring Retreat at Camp Luther (April 14-15) and finishing up our host committee plans for the LWML convention in Milwaukee from June 22-25.

This year our delegates will be voting electronically in May for the 2023-2025 LWML Mission Grants and the rest of the voting will take place in person during convention sessions. Please remember to tell your zone's delegate if you have a preference on any Mission Grant or election of officers. They are representing the members of their zone and want to hear from you. The listing of Mission Grant Proposals, Candidates and proposed Bylaw amendments is posted online at www.lwml.org/2023 -convention

We are sending two buses to Milwaukee from the North Wisconsin District. Please contact Bonnie Grosskopf for availability (715-741-0209 or bonnielwml@gmail.com). There are three young women (YWR) being sent by our district to attend the special programming for YWRs. Please encourage these young women Amy Gawry—Zone 2, Holly Schmitt—Zone 3, and Andi Anderson, —Zone 16 as they prepare for a wonder filled experience.

We are hosting the national LWML convention in Milwaukee with the Northern Illinois and South Wisconsin District. Workers are still needed to sign up for various jobs. If you can donate some of your time, please complete the Call for Workers Volunteer Application form found online at www.lwml-swd.org/events/other. All workers will need to complete the form in order to work at the convention.

Besides being part of the host committee for the LWML convention, there are so many reasons to attend, but especially, it is close for traveling! Speakers, early morning Bible studies, worship, special programming, hugs and smiles are just waiting for you. Register today!

At the February Board of Directors meeting, because of your faithful support of mites, we voted to fund district Grant # 4, The Hannah Center for \$10,000 and Grant #6. Lutheran Heritage Foundation for \$8,500.

Zone Rallies are scheduled during the month of April. I think of these as mini conventions! Plan to attend your rally and enjoy the fellowship with your sisters in Christ. I plan on attending several and I hope to see you there!

Our Fall Retreat is being planned by 2nd Vice President Dawn Via and the retreat committee for September 7-9, 2023, at Camp Luther. The registration form will be in the summer issue of the Mission Tidings.

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Serving the Lord with you,

Joan Berquist LWML NWD President

Cooler by the Lake





ANNE HARTMAN
2023 MILWAUKEE
CONVENTION HOST
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

It's hard to believe that we are in the home stretch of hosting the 2023 convention in Milwaukee. We just met in Milwaukee with the coordinator and chairmen. It was awesome to be able to see people face-to-face. We toured the Wisconsin Center to get a lay of the land. It was great to see the location of certain events.

We are busy finalizing plans. Workers are being scheduled. Stay tuned to hear from the department you will be volunteering for. You will get a letter sharing all you need to know about being a worker.

Please know that it is not too late to sign up to volunteer. You get the discounted rate of \$80 if you volunteer for 8 hours over the span of the convention. There are so many different opportunities to serve. Please complete the Call for Workers Volunteer Application form found online at www.lwml-swd.org/events/other. All workers will need to complete the form in order to work at the convention.

We can't wait to "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations" with all of you in June. Please keep our committee in prayer as we continue to make sure this is an incredible experience for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Serving Him

Anne Hartman
annelwml@gmail.com
715-450-0681

Host Committee Coordinator and chairmen met in Milwaukee.



Convention Servant Event Supplies

Greetings 2023 LWML Convention Host Districts! Eight servant event activities will be offered at the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee. The three Host Districts assist in providing ⅓ of the materials needed for the activities. Items need to be brought to the convention center by noon on Wednesday June 21, 2023. For the first time, Host Districts have the option of gathering items through Amazon "wish list" links. The links are available on the LWML SWD website https://www.LWML-SWD.org

District Buses to Milwaukee Convention



We are sending two buses on June 21 to Milwaukee for the LWML convention and there are still seats available. The buses will drop you off at your Milwaukee hotel on June 21, and pick you up on Sunday, June 25, after the close of convention.

You will need to make your own hotel reservations at a Milwaukee hotel. There are several within walking distance of the convention or there will be shuttles to and from convention provided at several of the area hotels.

Contact Meeting Manager, **Bonnie Grosskopf** for more information 715-741-0209



WANTED:Mission Grant Proposals



Due September 1st

Please see our website for more information.



nwdlwml.org/missions/mission-grants/ Mission Grant Complete Submission Information

74th Annual LWML-NWD Fall Retreat Camp Luther, Three Lakes, Wisconsin September 7-9, 2023



2ND VICE-PRESIDENT DAWN VIA CLAYTON, WI

It is my great pleasure to invite you all to our 74th annual fall retreat on September 7-9, 2023.

The retreat will begin on Thursday, September 7, with registration opening at 4 p.m. and opening devotions at 7 p.m. that evening.

Our Bible study leader will be Rev. Jeff Kazmierski

from St. Matthew, Eau Claire. Our retreat theme is "Adoption." Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will (Ephesians 1:4-5). Not only will we hear about how Rev. Jeff was adopted as a seminarian student by LWML groups; we will hear about some adoptions that happened in the Bible. Can you think of any?

We will have early morning devotions each day at retreat; hopefully the weather will be beautiful so we can enjoy at least one down by the water.

Gifts of the Heart is still being decided on, but our servant event will be tying fleece blankets for Lutheran Family Services. We will be looking forward to fleece donations (more information in the summer issue of Mission Tidings).

One of our crafts with be string art or yarn art. Our design is a heart with a cross off to the left side. If anyone has extra yarn laying around and wants to donate to this, please let me know. Looking for all colors.

We will also be having a corn hole tournament, a vintage Bean game as well as BINGO. The scavenger hunt will be back again and we will be having another Mite walk Friday evening. There are so many things to look forward to.

With this being my first time planning a retreat, I would like to know if you are interested in helping me in any way. Please email: dbscorpio76@gmail.com or

email: dbscorpio76@gmail.com or cell: 715-641-2072

Emails and texts are the fastest and easiest way to contact me. My phone is on silent during work hours 6-4 p.m. so I may be calling you back if you leave me a message. Registration and more last-minute information will be in the summer issue of the Mission Tidings.

I am so thankful for this opportunity to serve as your 2nd Vice President. I look forward to meeting you all at the Fall Retreat.

Your sister in Christ,

Dawn Via
LWML-NWD 2nd Vice President

What a Special Blessing!

One of the highlights of our short-term mission trip last August was visiting Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa. We learned that over 200 missionaries are supported through the work of Mission Central. After all expenses from our trip were paid a sum of \$479 was left. The women that went on the trip voted to send the money to support a missionary in need.

Gary Thies wrote in his thank you letter, "We can't begin to thank the ladies of the LWML enough for your love, prayers and generous support! The last words of Jesus as He was ascending into heaven in Mark 16:15... He said ... Go into all the world ... and that's what you are helping to do... to carry the Gospel of Jesus to people who will be in heaven with us."

He also said that your kind gift is an answer to prayers and couldn't have come at a better time. It is a special blessing because Ashley Lehr is one of our missionary teachers in need of financial assistance. She is working in Puerto Rico where there has been devastating damage this last fall from a hurricane. She is touching the lives of some of the poorest of poor people and she is worried about her support.

Ashley is an outreach specialist, who connects, equips, and organizes local and international volunteers for service to Christ on the island of Puerto Rico. She also helps with the English as a Second Language (ESL) program.

Ashley's hometown is Appleton, Wis. Her home congregation is Faith Lutheran Church. She received a bachelor's degree in social



work, with a minor in communication from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn. She participated in two short-term mission trips one to Haiti (2014) and another to Guatemala (2018). These trips inspired her to go into missionary work.

Please pray for Ashley as she serves the church and people in Puerto Rico. Ask God to give her patience and wisdom as she adjusts to the language and culture of Puerto Rico and the missionary team she works with there. Let us pray also for her family and friends as they support her in her missionary journey.

If you would like to send Ashley a note of encouragement or birthday greeting (Sept. 29) her address is 177 Ave Algarrobo, Apt. 2302, Maygyez, PR 00682. (Use a Forever Stamp –no extra postage needed.) Visit lcms.org/lehr to learn more about her ministry.

Serving in gladness,

Lynne Johnson

Short Term Mission, Co-Chair





Back row: Marsha Swanson, Nancy Wilhelmi, Sue Patton, Gloria Sjoquist, Sherry Cadato, Joan Luthanen, Barb Carlson, Caren Erickson, President. Front row: Maridol Bey, Teachers Kelsie R. and Emmye H.

CAREN ERICKSON, PRESIDENT OUR REDEEMER LADIES GUILD OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH KINGSFORD, MI ZONE 2

With Christmas and winter quickly coming upon us for our "What's your 80?" for the LWML challenge, Our Redeemer Lutheran of Kingsford, Mich., presented our ingathering of socks, mittens, gloves and hats to two of our teachers from the Willis Child Care Center at our October 10 meeting. Teachers Kelsev R. and Emmye H. received 275 in all. That's 35 over three times the goal for "What's your 80?" celebrating 80 years of God's grace of LWML 1942-2022. God bless all for your generous gifts for our young ones in need. Warm hands and feet make happier, healthier students.



DARLENE BUCHMAN CHRIST LUTHERAN LADIES AID/LWML CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH LAMPSON, WI ZONE 3

Did you know that girls in many third world countries miss a week of school each month because they lack access to feminine hygiene items? Our quilting group and LWML at Christ Lutheran in Lampson has taken on the project of making washable reusable feminine hygiene kits for girls and young women that will be distributed through Orphan Grain Train. In celebration of LWML's 80th year we have reached the goal of 80 kits!

Laura Andersen, Zone 3
Mary Scharenbrock, Zone 4
St Paul, Irma, Zone 6
Dee Moths, Zone 10

Purple Slurple pie with 80 hearts on crust

Ingathering of over 80 toilet paper rolls at a fall rally

80 Cans for 80 years for food pantry

Thank the Lord for space/workers/materials to make quilts all winter which will be shipped to OGT



LINDA PELOT OUR SAVIOR'S LADIES SOCIETY OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH GLEASON, WI ZONE 5

Our Savior's Ladies Society LWML of Bundy (Gleason) completed 80 items including sleep mats, school bags, and sewing kits for Orphan Grain Train. In the picture are Debbie Verbist, Marcia Schneider, Bea Montgomery and Linda Pelot. Not pictured is our ace crocheter, Annette Grant. We may be a small group but God can still use us in big ways.

Mildred Behm and Lois Oestreich took up the 80's challenge that was given at the 2021 Fall Zone rally by our Zone Chairman Linda Tryczak. We started out making newborn infant caps for the local hospitals. We reached our goal, making 80 caps each for a total of 160 baby caps in time to have them at the Zone 6 Spring Rally at St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Pine River, Merrill Wis. Mildred is 101, Lois is 72.

We have been making baby caps for the local Birthing Center for a number of years and have lost count of all the caps we have made and donated.

LOIS OESTRICH, PRESIDENT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PINE RIVER, WI ZONE 6



Linda Tryczak, Lois Oistreich, Mildred Behm



SUE NEIDER St. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH TOWNSEND, WI ZONE 7

The quilters at St John, Townsend, are sending their second shipment of 80 quilts to Orphan Grain Train. Our first shipment made it to Wausau in time last spring to be on the airplane to Ukraine. We pray for all the nations affected by war and earthquakes during this time. Pictured are some of our quilters who meet twice a month for tying and hemming. Others cut squares and sew tops at home.



BETSY LANE ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH WHITE LAKE, WI ZONE 7

During Lent the congregation collects items for making hygiene kits for Orphan Grain Train. After we had met the goal of 40 kits and there were more items, we decided to continue collecting to see if we could make 80 kits. We did! The Sunday school students helped to put the kits together.

META KRUEGER
ALL SOCIETIES
ZONE 12

Within just two weeks, the societies in Zone 12 worked together and were able to collect, pack, ship and deliver 120 hygiene kits for Ukraine refugees through Orphan Grain Train!

We didn't list the congregations, because it was "zippity-do-da" job because of the window of time to get boxes to OGT ready to ship by air on March 16 for Ukrainian relief.



Ladies of St Paul meet Tuesday mornings September through May in a wonderful room for quilting and fellowship. Others may cut and sew squares at home or shop for material. With combined efforts the finished quilts serve many here and abroad with the love of Christ and ours.



Karen Banaszynski St. Paul Lutheran Church Bonduel, WI Zone 13-14





Above: Co-chairman Sandy Liethan and Coral Paul with the baskets

Right: Linda Reich, Judee Jicensky, Sarah Kolstad, Coral Paul, Kathy Nelson, Sandy Liethan, Ellen Steckbauer, Joyce Weiler, Janet Weiler, Judy Schlinsog. Absent: Carol Beck, Nancy Waters and Phyllis Wendt. CORAL PAUL, PRESIDENT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES AID/LWML IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH HEWITT, WI ZONE 16

The ladies of our society had a raffle basket sale and put in at least 80 items. The baskets were purchased by members of the congregation. The amount of money raised from the basket sale was \$1,425.00 and was sent to support Concordia's Food Bank.

Also, the Ladies Aid/LWML women agreed to send in to the treasury \$800 for their 80's project.



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HEIDI SCHWANZ ZION LWML ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH GRANTON, WI ZONE 16

LWML members of Zion Lutheran Church, Granton, Wis., purchased purses and filled them with women's hygiene products. They then donated the purses to a nearby women's shelter, The House of Mercy, in Loyal, Wis.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church Quilting Group celebrated the anniversary by making 80 guilts. JUDY MOSCINSKI, PRESIDENT ST PAUL QUILTING GROUP ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH JUNCTION CITY, WI ZONE 16

SUSAN MARTINSON, TREASURER ST. JOHN'S LADIES AID ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ALMOND, WI ZONE 17



St. John's Lutheran Church, Almond, LWML Ladies Aid colored and laminated 80 LWML Encourage-ment bookmarks and 25 postcard magnets. The bookmarks were delivered to Love Packages, Inc, Butler, III. The magnets were mailed to the congregation shut-ins and those needing cheer by the LWML Sunshine Committee.

Over 80 dishcloths were made by Patricia Footit, LWML member, St. John's Lutheran Church, Almond. These were taken to Orphan Grain Train Wisconsin Branch to be distributed as needed.







St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Almond, WI, LWML zone 17, organized a February Bible Drive for their "What's Your 80?" challenge.

Over 100 Bibles will be delivered to Love Packages, Inc, Butler, Ill., to share God's word all over the world.

Serving the Lord With Gladness

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2023 Calendar Items

April 14-15, 2023 Spring Retreat Camp Luther

May 15-16, 2023 EC & BOD Meeting Rib Mountain, Wausau

June 22–25, 2023 LWML Convention Milwaukee, WI

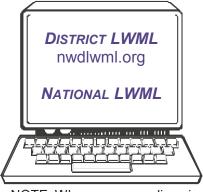


July 1, 2023 Deadline Summer Mission Tidings September 6-7, 2023 EC & BOD Meeting Camp Luther

September 7-9, 2023 Fall Retreat Camp Luther

November 11, 2023 Christian Life Workshop

June 13-15, 2024 LWML NWD Convention Paper Valley Hilton Appleton, WI Check Us Out on the Web!



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