

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

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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Mites, Missions & Members

Paying mission grant #5, Developing Servant Leaders for Future Generations - Camp Luther, per the Board's recommendation, turned into more than a quick phone call, a short note, and the check's in the mail occurrence. Instead, the event was a mountaintop experience.

It was not just your Mission
Grants Director who delivered
the grant monies. Just like the
mites accumulated to pay the
\$20,000, the women of the
NWD multiplied to deliver
these funds personally to Luke
"Trigger" Kunze, Executive
Director at Camp Luther,
during the fall retreat. What a
blessing to be able to include
so many in this event, to share
in the excitement of being a



MISSION GRANTS DIRECTOR DEBORAH YOUNG GREEN BAY, WI

Lutheran Woman in Mission.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to all of those that devoted time to complete mission grant



William "Shuphyl" Jackson, Retreats Program Manager at Camp Luther, Luke "Trigger" Kunze, Executive Director, and Deborah Young, Mission Grants Director. *Photo by Dawn Via*

proposals for the 2024-2026 biennium. It truly touched my heart to know what missions are important to you and how you are the hands of Christ in your communities. The mission grant committee has some tough choices to make. Be assured, they will not embark upon that mission until they seek God's guidance.

In His service and singing His praises,

Deborah YoungMission Grants Director

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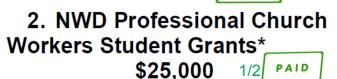
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2022 – 2024 Mission Grants LWML-NWD Goal: \$115,000



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







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



4. The Hannah Center, Inc.

\$10,000 PAID



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







7. WI Valley Lutheran High School, Mosinee, Tuition Assistance \$5,000

8. Labor of Love* \$20,000



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



*Indicates partial request for funds each year



Our Daily Walk With God



NWD CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE
SUE NEIDER, SHARON MAKELA—CHAIRMAN,
DEACONESS FRANCES SZETO

You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise (Deuteronomy 6:7).

LWMLers are so faithful about doing their daily devotions. When we gather, it seems like everyone has a favorite devotion that they have done each morning for years. Others are excited about a new devotion they are using and some keep adding new devotions to the ones they have done for years. Howie and I are up to four different devotions that we do together each morning. It is good to be retired and have the time to do this, especially on the mornings when we pull out concordances, commentaries, the Lutheran Study Bible, and of course, the

gospel according to Google to investigate a topic further. We often miss our morning TV show now and we haven't even started the practice of journaling.

How often do we continue to meditate on our devotions through the day? How often does something we read in our devotions come to us later in the day to help us through a rough spot? Have you ever had to go back and reread your devotion to help you during the day? Deuteronomy encourages us to do that as we sit in our home and talk to our children, as we walk through our day, and as we rise up and lie down. As we enter fall and winter and the days become darker and more drear, I encourage you to take your devotions with you into the day. One way my sister has done this is to write the part that helped her the most on a piece of paper to carry with her or to put up somewhere in her home where she will see it. Maybe you want to share some part of your devotion with a friend or family member. Can you think of another way to take your devotion with you into the day?

We thank the Lord for the precious gift of His Word and the freedom to treasure it in our daily lives.

Joyfully Yours, **Sue Neider**Christian Life Assistant

Mission Tidings Editor Needed

The editor of our North Wisconsin District quarterly newsletter, Mission Tidings, is going to be retiring after the January 1, 2024, issue. **Needed:** Desire to serve. **Helpful:** Experience with desktop publishing, proofreading, making corrections, meeting deadlines, working with photos, emailing .pdf files, working with others. Please contact Betsy Lane (715-350-9687) or Joan Berquist (715-699-1344) with any questions. We would love to have you join the team!

Baptism-Freely Given



PASTORAL COUNSELOR REV. BRIAN LIERMANN MINOCQUA, WI

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

Summer has gone by too fast as we move into the Fall. Our family had a wonderful August welcoming our son, Benjamin Brian, into the family of the Lord through baptism on August 6. Baptism is an act that is

so simple, the pouring on of water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but is something with such great meaning and importance. We are brought into the family of God freely.

When we come to the font, we aren't bringing gifts to God in the hope we will be accepted. We come knowing that Christ has invited us to the font freely out of love for us. Christ is able to do this because the debt that was owed to bring us into the family of God was already paid. On the cross, Christ shed His innocent blood on our behalf to cover us and pay our debt of sin.

While baptism is a one-time gift, as we acknowledge only one baptism for the remission of sins, Christ still continually gives us free gifts as we come to church. The gift of forgiveness in absolution is freely given to those who repent. The gift of Christ's body and blood is freely given to those who come to the altar with repentant hearts. All of this is given out of Fatherly love for us.

When we have children, we give our children gifts and good things out of love for them. That same love and care is what Christ has for us. We are the children of God. We celebrate that daily. When we wake up in the morning Luther invites us to cross ourselves to remind ourselves, we are children of God and we have been baptized into Christ. This love that Christ has for us is what should carry us throughout our days. So, celebrate this love that Christ has for you. Proudly proclaim you are child of God. Live in and for His kingdom.

May God's richest blessings be on you all!

Pastor LiermannJunior Pastoral Counselor

Rhubarb Meringue Torte

Coral Paul 715-652-3939

Mix together in bowl:

About 5 cups cut-up rhubarb About 1 ¾ cup sugar 2 egg yolks well beaten 7-8 T. flour

Let sit while you mix crust.

Then put this rhubarb on top of crust

Mix together and put in 9 x 13 inch pan: bottom layer (crust)

2 cups flour

1 ½ tsp baking powder

2 1/2 T. sugar

2 egg yolks well beaten

½ cup plus 3 T. butter, melted

3/4 cup chopped nuts

(may add ¼ cup—1/2 & 1/2 cream if too crumbly). Press in pan—(lightly)

Bake at 350 degrees for almost an hour.

Meringue

4 egg whites-beat stiff add ¾ cup sugar gradually Add 1 tsp vanilla.

Put this on top of baked crust the last 20 minutes of baking.

President's Message



LWML NWD PRESIDENT JOAN BERQUIST HAYWARD, WI

We had a wonderful fall retreat at Camp Luther organized by our 2nd Vice President Dawn Via. The retreat theme was Adoption featuring the topic that we are all adopted into the family of Christ. There were great opportunities for Bible study, fellowship, servant events and relaxation.

At our meeting in September, the LWML Board voted to pay NWD Mission Grant number five, Developing Servant Leaders for Future Generations in the amount of \$20,000. Deb Young, Mission Grants Director, presented a check during the fall retreat to Camp Luther Executive Director Luke "Trigger" Kunze. It was a special moment for those attending to be able to see the presentation of one of our Mission Grants!

We continue to look for a newsletter editor for Mission Tidings. If you are able to help out with our quarterly newsletter, please contact me or Betsy Lane, our current editor. Betsy is going to continue as editor for two more issues, and then she will step down as editor. There is more information on this position in the LWML NWD Bylaws and Leader Helps or by contacting Betsy or me. Don't wait to be asked to serve, volunteer now!

Zone 3 is in the early stages of making plans to sponsor a retreat next spring at Camp Luther on April 5-6. Check the winter Mission Tidings for more information.

Our YWR committee is up and running again! Katie Shaffer and Andi Anderson are

co-coordinators and Holly Schmitt is serving on the committee. Please be on the lookout for a young woman that you might encourage to participate in this program by attending the district convention in June as a YWR from your zone!

Start thinking about attending our NWD



convention in Appleton coming up on June 13-15, 2024! The registration form for the June convention will be in the winter issue of the Mission Tidings. There is a link to the hotel https://

group.hilton.com/9m9mz1 if you would like to make your hotel reservation early or you can call 800-774-1500, ask for the Hilton Appleton Paper Valley Hotel and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League -Booking Code LWML

Enjoy your fall rally! What a wonderful way to gather with our dear sisters in Christ!

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

Serving Jesus with you,

Joan Berquist
LWML NWD President



Let Your Light Shine

Shining God's light by serving with gladness! 2024 District Convention June 13-15, 2024



Matthew 5:16: In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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Call for Nominations

The following positions will be up for election at our 2024 LWML District Convention in June:

Pastoral Counselor First Vice President Recording Secretary Financial Secretary
Mission Grants Director

- ⊕ Each of the open positions will be for a four (4) year term.
- ♣ A full list of duties can be found in the Handbook on the *nwdlwml.org* website on pages C8-C23.

Please pray about considering serving in one of the positions yourself and/or encourage others. Serving on the Executive Board is a wonderful experience!

You or the person(s) you are nominating, will need to complete and sign the nomination form. A picture of each nominee is also required.

The forms must be received by the nominating committee no later than **November 30**, **2023**. Please return your completed forms to:

Sharon Hanke, 2803 Apple Lane, Wausau, WI 54401 or attach them to an email to: srhanke60@gmail.com

Thank you, and God's Richest Blessings to you as we seek new leaders to help us "Serve the Lord with Gladness!"

In Christ,
The Nominating Committee,
Sharon Hanke
Dawn Via
Michelle Beardsley

Spring Retreat 2023

How God Has Gifted Us-What's Your Story

The Leadership Development Committee planned and hosted the April 14-15 Spring Retreat at Camp Luther.

Friday evening, twenty-one ladies enjoyed a relaxed evening with devotions, fellowship, table games, and writing notes to our LCMS missionaries in Latin America. As a special treat, footbaths with homemade bath salts were offered to all those with servant hearts.

Saturday brought together 75 LWMLers and pastors. Our district counselors led us in opening and closing devotions along with special music from the staff of Camp Luther.

Michelle Beardsley welcomed everyone and talked about the spiritual gifts we all have



and how we use them. She then passed out a survey for everyone to fill in regarding what we feel our spiritual gifts might be. Discussion was held later about how we can use our gifts including filling in a personnel file for our LWML NWD board.

Deaconess Frances Szeto lead us in an awesome Bible study called "In Due Time."

We also heard from President Joan and a report about the AOL training in St. Louis. For some fun, we visited Camp Woe Be Gone in a skit about five campers seeking peace and



tranquility. Many of us saw ourselves in the campers.

Together, we collected \$557.37 for mites, enjoyed lunch, sang more, shopped the LWML store, wrote more notes to 26 missionaries in Latin America, and enjoyed the spring beauty at Camp Luther.

Praying that God would lead you to where He desires you to serve within the LWML!

Sue Pfeil Leadership Development

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven (Matthew 5:16).



Camp Woe Be Gone skit.



LWML NWD Fall Retreat at Camp Luther September 7 - 8 - 9, 2023



2ND VICE-PRESIDENT DAWN VIA CLAYTON, WI

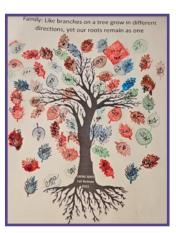
Wow, what an amazing fall retreat. I cannot thank all of you enough!! We were truly blessed to have 104 of the 109 registered attend the retreat at Camp Luther on September 7, 8, & 9 this year. Our theme was on Adoption from Ephesians 1:3-14. Rev. Jeff Kazmierski led us in Bible study. We had speakers from Lutheran Child and Family Services

(LCFS), Carol Flanary – CEO and Kate Feiertag – Adoption Coordinator; both spoke on some history of LCFS as well as personal stories and experiences while on the job. We had Missionaries Rachel and Esther Baker join us, not only did they speak briefly on their work; they also joined the Praise Team and played their guitars. We played bingo on Thursday evening, Bible trivia on Friday evening, and a camp fire was also lit on both nights. We had the LWML Store available as well as our grazing table.

I also want to thank all of the volunteers who stepped up and helped me organize and achieve all the goals we had set for this retreat. Fleece blankets were cut and tied, yarn art was done, a scavenger hunt was

available as well as a Mite Walk on Friday after supper. Ladies also enjoyed some water time, either by jumping in the lake, going down the water slide, paddle boarding or kayaking. It was just an amazing retreat.

There also was an LWML family tree project available for all the ladies to put a leaf stamp on a paper tree and they also had to initial or sign their names. We had over 60 ladies participate. Our craft project was a heart and cross yarn art.



Lastly, I leave you with the tally of all the gifts of the heart and servant event items:

- ⇒ Fleece Blankets: 80 cuddle size blankets, 45 crib or twin size blankets
- ⇒ Mite walk collection: \$50.00
- \Rightarrow Mite offering: \$965.13
- ⇒ Gifts of the Heart for Camp Luther: 14 cans of shaving cream, 44 rolls of duct tape, 22 packs of embroidery floss, 27 packs of Uno style cards, 37 decks of cards, and a total of \$300 cash donations.

Joyful in Christ, *Dawn Via*LWML-NWD 2nd Vice President



President Joan
Berquist
updated us on
NWD
happenings and
National YWR
Holly Schmitt
reported on the
Milwaukee
convention.



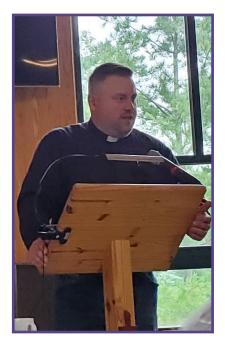
Participants were welcomed by Cindy Braatz and Registration Chair Linda Tryczak.



Dawn Via is prepared to lead the fall retreat.



One of the yarn art projects created by participants.





Left: Rev. Jeff Kazmierski from St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, led the retreat Bible study "The Adoption of Christ and Our Adoption into Christ." Both LWML Pastoral Counselors were in attendance. Pastor Yaw led the opening devotions and Pastor Liermann led the closing devotions.



LCFS, Carol Flanary – CEO and Kate Feiertag – Adoption Coordinator



Missionary Rachel Baker and daughter, Esther, joined Sue Neider and the rest of the Praise Team with their talents.







Cathy Hartman, "Bible Journaling" Bible study on Friday morning. With the help of three volunteers, Sharon Makela, "A Journey of JOY" early morning Bible study on Saturday. Both presentations were well attended.









Above: Fleece tying in action—cutting and tying. Cuddle size fleece prep & Friday night work session in a cabin. Goal accomplished.



Far right: Tricia Minturn, Mary Scharenbrock, Esther Baker and Jacquelyn Lahn joined the fleece work group.



Fall Retreat







"Wait for the wagon!" Well, we didn't. The wagon ride took a little longer than expected, so a group picture was taken before lunch (above) and then a picture of those who enjoyed the wagon ride through all the camps and villages was taken upon their return.







Free time was spent in a variety of ways from shopping at the canteen, completing yarn art or working on fleece blankets to enjoying the beautiful weather outside on the lake or relaxing and visiting with others.

Stamps for Missions



"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." Thank you so much for your collection of stamps that were received. You are all a blessing! We are continuing to sell our stamps to the gentleman from Stevens Point.

The current total raised so far from the stamp sales is: \$14,628.71.

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).

Please continue to collect your stamps within your societies and encourage others from your church to join in. Please bring your stamps to your rallies and have your Zone President or another member on the board bring them to the District Board Meeting. The Board meets in February, May, and September.

What a blessing to have the opportunity to collect our stamps and help those we love, care about, and with whom we share Jesus. Please continue in the Lord's mission as we serve the Lord with gladness!

In Christ,

Shirley Hein

Mary Scharenbrock

SAVE THE DATES

2024 SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP TO MICHIGAN AUGUST 5 - 8, 2024

We are investigating Recognized Service Organizations of LCMS

LAMP * Camp Restore * Lutheran Heritage Foundation

PABLO * Flint Mission Network * MOST Ministries

Let's get together in a busload of North Wisconsin LWML Women on

a Mission! Contact:

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Annette Schmidt, Zone 12 President Women of St. Paul St. Paul Lutheran Church Bowler, WI Zone 12



Pat Zeinert, Mary Fischer and Lou Ann Herzberg

Women of St. Paul have been busy for a number of years making quilts for Orphan Grain Train and World Relief Ministries. Over the years we have made nearly 200 quilts and thus far, this year, we have finished 43. We are blessed with four members still meeting for a Bible study and quilting once a week.

Lou Ann Herzberg cuts the blocks. Mary Fischer, Pat Zeinert and Annette Schmidt assemble and sew the blocks into 60x80"quilt tops.

Thrivent funds help with the purchase of batting material and many ladies search for backings at Goodwill and rummage sales. Annette also sews the edging to finish each quilt. We are grateful that the Lord Jesus has blessed us with this mission outreach.

MARY SCHARENBROCK TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH SHELDON, WI ZONE 4

On Friday, July 14, in Dorchester, members from Zones 4 and 10 came together to have a fundraising event to help support our missions. Sharon Nieman, Anna Koepke, Kaye Schwalenberg, Pastor Schwalenberg, Judy Wittlinger, Joyce Hamann, Dee Strack, Nancy Schwalenberg, Bonnie Weideman and Mary Scharenbrock sold brats, hot dogs, pies, and baked goods at the Cenex Gas Station. Anna and Kaye applied for Thrivent Action Team monies to help support the event. Thank you to Judy Wittlinger who joined in on the fun this



year. Many thanks to our sisters in Christ who made beautiful pies and baked goods for this blessed event. As we have 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. 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 total amount raised for our North Wisconsin District LWML mission goal was \$1,851.25.

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.

YWR Coordinator-Katie Shaffer

My name is Katie Shaffer and my husband, Corey, is a pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Edwards. I was born and raised in the LCMS church and both of my grandmothers were active participants in the Ladies Aid and LWML.

I decided to join the LWML chapter here because I wanted to and because the women who are part of this group are amazing and just the best. I was able to attend the district convention in Green Bay as a YWR rep in 2022 and this past summer I went to the national convention in Milwaukee.

At the district convention in Green Bay, I was floored by the amount of money we are able to send to missions here and abroad. Who would have thought that a little pocket change, or our mites, could do so much? Then, when I went to the national convention and saw how much we could be the hands and feet of Jesus when we work together, I knew I wanted to be a part of that.

I want to be a part of this group because of the women. Apart from my mom, mother-in-law, and grandmothers, the most influential women in my life I met at church through LWML. When my daughter was born and we spent time in the NICU, the women made sure our house was ready to come home to. When my husband deployed it was the women who called and made sure I was okay. When we moved, and moved and moved and moved again, it was the women who came and helped pack. clean, entertain kids or whatever we needed. When we moved here the women put together a pot of blessing meal and stocked our pantry. Whether it is a phone call, an email, a hand to hold, a shoulder to cry on, a cup of coffee or a glass of wine, child care, a ride when a vehicle is in the shop, or anything else, it is you, the women who are always

there for me. You have been the hands and feet of Jesus for me exactly when I needed them most and you have always answered the call. I want to be that for someone else as well. When we work together, when we put our mites together, when we pray for and uplift each other and when we sit beside and cry with each other, we answer that call. We can do the work of Jesus by just being us. Thank you for having patience with me. Thank you for helping me because I am still learning. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Katie Shaffer

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November 11, 2023 Christian Life Workshop Rib Mountain

December 1, 2023
Deadline for Mission
Tidings

February 12-13, 2024 EC & BOD Meeting St. Mark, Wausau

April 5-6, 2024 Spring Retreat Camp Luther April 18-20, 2024
Pastors Wives Retreat
Camp Luther

June 13-15, 2024 LWML NWD Convention Paper Valley Hilton Appleton



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