



North Wisconsin District

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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Putting our Mites to Work



The NWD LWML's 2024-2026 Mission Grants are off to a solid start as we have funded the first six grants approved at our convention in June. Our

mites are making an impact through the ministries of these organizations. Please continue to keep them in your prayers along with the remainder of the approved grants and those whose grants we were not able to fund.

NWD Professional Church Workers Student Grants for \$30,000 - this grant will be paid in two installments in January 2025 and 2026. It supports students from the North Wisconsin District studying to become professional church workers.

The Hannah Center, Inc. for \$10,000 - the Hannah Center provides holistic services to women, including life skills training, health care, Christian counseling, and childcare classes.

Trinity House Maternity Home for \$10,000 - Trinity House offers free transitional housing for pregnant women and new mothers, providing essential support during and after pregnancy.

God's Word for Teenager Around the World for \$8,000 - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation will use this grant to provide Lutheran materials in multiple languages, focusing on teenagers who often lack targeted resources.

In Every Tongue: Translators for MOST Ministries Teams for \$8,000 - MOST Ministries will use these funds to secure translators for their teams, ensuring effective communication and collaboration in diverse cultural settings.

Bring Hope and Encouragement to Cancer Patients for \$10,000 - Phil's Friends will support cancer patients with care packages that include scripture and age-appropriate materials.

In His Service,
Debby Suchyta
Mission Grants Director

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2024-2026 Mission Grants
LWML – NWD Goal \$120,000

Please keep the 2024-2026 Mission Grants in your prayers.



1. NWD Professional Church workers Student Grants
\$30,000* **First ½ PAID**



2. The Hannah Center, Inc. \$10,000 **PAID**



3. Trinity House Maternity Home \$10,000 **PAID**

4. God's Word for Teenagers Around the World \$8,000 **PAID**



5. In Every Tongue: Translators for MOST Ministries Teams
\$8,000 **PAID**



6. Bringing Hope & Encouragement to Cancer Patients
\$10,000 **PAID**

7. Shepherd's Watch Christian Academy \$10,000



8. Funding for Lutheran Counseling & Family Services Virtual
Telehealth Counseling \$10,000



9. Personal Development Center, Inc. "Orenda Center"
\$10,000



10. Walking Together in the Mission Field-Alliance
Missionaries \$5,000



11. LCMS NWD Pastors Wives Retreat Support \$5,000*

12. Multiply Alaska Gospel Proclamation \$5,000



13. Wright Path, LTD - Housing for the Homeless \$10,000



14. Large Print Bibles for the Sight Impaired \$9,000



*Indicates partial payment for funds each year



National Convention Bus Registration



North Wisconsin District LWML

Join us for fun and fellowship as we travel by bus to the LWML Convention - June 25-29, in Omaha

We will leave aboard the Lamers Bus Lines motorcoach from points in our North Wisconsin District on Wednesday, June 25, and return Sunday, June 29. You will be able to enjoy the servant events, or other activities the convention will provide on Thursday

The approximate cost for travel is \$275 per person.

The motorcoach hotel approximate cost is \$140 plus tax per night per room. The cost for registration, housing and meals are separate.

The National Convention Committee is requesting approximate numbers traveling by bus for motel assignments by March 1, 2025.

Please register by February 10, 2025, with a \$150 deposit made out to: NWD LWML (if you are a delegate, you do not need to send any money, but you do need to sign up for the bus if that is how you are traveling) with:

**Bonnie Grosskopf, Meeting Manager (715-421-1436), Email: bonnielwml@gmail.com
Mailing address: 1031 Lakewood Lane Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494**

Deposits are transferable but not refundable. The minimum number needed to charter the bus is 30, maximum 50. If we do not have enough people to charter a bus, all checks will be returned.

I'm looking forward to being with you!

I am interested in riding the Lamers Motorcoach to the LWML Convention in Milwaukee

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email (*required*) _____

Roommate _____

Delegate? (*yes or no*) _____ Zone _____

Check Number _____

The Great Physician

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



I am writing to you this quarter from my recliner while I am at home recovering from my surgery. I want to thank everyone for their prayers during this time and I hope to be back on my feet soon. I'm thankful I was in the hands of a very good surgeon.

While I was thinking about what a good physician can do for you to make you well, it got me to thinking about our great physician in Christ who truly makes us well. Who goes to a doctor? We all do from time to time when we are sick or something is wrong. Generally, we don't wake up one day and think to ourselves, "I am feeling great, I think I will go to a doctor today." We go when we are sick. Sin has made us sick.

As we look around our church we are all united in one thing, we realize we are sick with our sin and are seeking out our great physician. Sometimes we avoid

going to a doctor because the cost can be too high for us. That is not so with Christ as our doctor. Everything is freely given.

When we celebrated Christmas, we celebrated the sending of a Savior to us at no price. Christ in the manger is the gift that we all share and celebrate. It is the gift that leads to the cross which brings us Christ's body and blood, the true medicine of immortality. All of this is given to us out of fatherly love and compassion for us. As we reflect on the birth of our great physician this past month give thanks to the Lord for everything that has been provided to you. Give thanks that you are healed of your sins by Christ.

May God's richest blessings be on you all!

Pastor Brian Liermann
Senior Pastoral Counselor



President's Message - Reflections of 2024



Serving as a District President (DP) is one of the ways to serve the Lord with gladness! Let me share some of the many joys of serving alongside of you this past year.

In January, I attended the Presidents Assembly meeting in St. Louis with the other 39 District Presidents and the LWML Board of Directors. What

a treat to be in the same place with others in the same position!

In February, I met with the LWML NWD Zone Presidents and the members of our district board to implement plans for the LWML 2023-2025 biennium.

March brought planning for the LWML NWD Convention in Appleton with the host committee. In April, I got to attend zone rallies; my favorite thing to do as a DP! And in May, I attended board meeting in preparation for the convention in June.

The convention in Appleton was in June, where we elected new officers and selected the mission grants we would support for the 2024-2026 biennium. We had great speakers and great entertainment at our Friday banquet! And in July, follow-up from convention and some much-needed vacation!

In August, I went on the Short-Term Mission Trip to

Michigan where we visited RSO and participated in servant events. September brought another board meeting and the fall retreat at Camp Luther! I also got to attend two zone rallies!

I represented our district at the combined North and South Wisconsin LLL (Lutheran Laymen's League) Convention in October and attended more zone rallies. I was able to attend the Christian Life Workshop in November; the Bible studies for the 2025 zone rallies are awesome!

And finally, in December, I caught up on paperwork and more importantly, I celebrated the birth of our blessed Savior by singing in the Hayward Community Choir Cantata!

Each one of us in the North Wisconsin District has our own special way to share the love of Jesus with others. Keep doing what you are doing, dear ladies! You belong to an amazing organization! We are blessed to serve!

Serving Jesus with you,

Joan Berquist
LWML NWD President

Ready, Set, Rejoice!

March 29, 2025

2025 LWML NWD Spring Retreat at Camp Luther

But all who take refuge in You rejoice, let them shout with joy (Psalm 5:11).

The Leadership Development Committee with some Purple Peeps helpers invite you to come to the Spring Retreat! Your registration form is in this *Mission Tidings* issue. Please send it in by **March 15th**, so we can have an accurate number for the planning with Camp Luther.



Debbie Young is going to be our Bible study leader and I know we are going to have an awesome time with her! Please read what she has to say about “Finding Joy in the Dirt” (Matt 6:24-34):

As spring arrives it signals a time of new growth but sometimes you must dig in the dirt to make it happen. Whether you are thinking about a vegetable or flower garden, there are steps to bring about this new growth. Preparation, planting, care, and harvesting are all required tasks if we are to turn those seeds or bulbs into food or flowers or even better, joy! And not just joy for ourselves but other people, birds, and insects; all created by God. What about our spiritual gardens? Are they going to require the same needs? We will dig into God’s Word to see what He has to say, after all, He is the Master Gardener.

Details, details, details! Come ready to get your hands dirty! Lots of hugs, games, laughter, singing, getting into God’s Word and spend the night on Friday if you want. There will be an ingathering for Camp Luther and of course, the notorious grazing table! Let’s try and keep it healthy and smaller portions please. Here is the list of suggested items to bring based on the first letter of your last name:

A-J: cheese, sausage, crackers, nuts, snack mixes

K-O: fruits and veggies

P-Z: bars, cookies, muffins, chocolates

Suggestions for the ingathering for Camp Luther: duct tape, lighters for the staff for lighting fires, bug spray, shaving cream, construction paper, sidewalk chalk, markers, and monetary donations.

For those spending the night on Friday, March 28th, please remember to bring a sleeping bag or a fitted twin sheet, blankets, and a pillow. Also, bring towels and toiletries. If you are up for a Polar Plunge, bring your swim suit! Bringing your own water bottle and/or coffee mug will keep down waste and costs.

Get ready! Get set! Rejoice! So many things to look forward to at the retreat! If you have any questions, please call, or email me. I am so excited to have you join the Leadership Development and Purple Peeps Committee at the 2025 LWML NWD Spring Retreat!

Sue Pfeil, Michelle Beardsley and LaRae Grotzinger
Leadership Development Committee

Join the fun at the
2025 North Wisconsin District LWML
Ready, Set, Rejoice! Spring Retreat
at Camp Luther, Three Lakes, WI

But all who take refuge in You rejoice, let them ever shout for joy! Psalm 5:11

Saturday, March 29, 2025
Registration begins: 8:30 a.m.
Retreat: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We invite you to come ready to relax, laugh, study His Word, and enjoy the rest and retreat of Camp.
Bring a friend—all ladies are welcome!

Back again this year! **An optional overnight at Camp Luther on Friday March 28**, Retreat Center lodging or cabins, fellowship, snacks & fun will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday!

We will be having an ingathering for Camp Luther. Items needed: duct tape, lighters for the staff, bug spray, shaving cream, construction paper, markers, sidewalk chalk,
Watch the Winter Mission Tidings for a list of items and more information about the Retreat.

For more information, please contact Sue Pfeil 715-567-0039

_____ Saturday only includes retreat registration, programming, and lunch-**\$40 per person**

_____ Friday and Saturday includes retreat registration. Retreat Center lodging, programming, and 2 meals-**\$85 per person**

Roommates (up to 4 people per room): _____

_____Cabins available through camp, please contact camp 715-546-3647

Registration, programming, and lunch - **\$ 50.00 per person if staying in cabin**

_____ for those staying in a cabin, breakfast on Saturday - *additional* \$10 per person

Any dietary restrictions _____

Total Enclosed: _____ *Please write checks out to: LWML NWD*

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ *E-Mail will be used for pre-retreat communication!

Address: _____

Home Church: _____

Please return to: Lisa Glessing, W6915 Pair O' Lakes Rd, Trego, WI 54888 by March 15, 2025!

*In the case of cancellation, funds will remain with the North Wisconsin District LWML to offset program costs.

Serving the Lord With Gladness

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2025 Calendar Items

February 10, 2025
Deadline to Register for
Bus to Nat'l Convention

February 10 & 11, 2025
EC & BOD Meeting
St. Mark Lutheran Church
Wausau

March 1
Deadline for Spring
Mission Tidings

March 28-29, 2025
Spring Retreat
Camp Luther



May 12 & 13, 2025
EC & BOD Meeting
Rock of Ages Lutheran
Church, Minocqua

June 26-29, 2025
LWML Convention
Omaha, Nebraska

September 4-6, 2025
Fall Retreat
Camp Luther

June 18-20, 2026
LWML NWD Convention
Marquette, MI

Check Us Out
on the Web!



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(Names of district officers are found on page 7.)