



"Serve the Lord with Gladness..." Psalm 100:2

Greetings from the LWML Minnesota North District.

Autumn is upon us. The trees are changing their colors, the air is cooler and the days are getting shorter. LWML rallies are being planned and held.

LWML Sunday materials are available on lwml.org. LWML Sunday is usually held in October, but it can be held any Sunday. The title for this year's service is "For Us and With Us." It was written by Rev. Dr. Ryan Peterson, Vice President of Administration at Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Zone rallies have been scheduled. Rallies are a great time to encourage our sisters in Christ, renew our spirit, learn new things, and support local missions with our Ingatherings. The fellowship enjoyed is a bonus! Plan to attend your Zone rally and consider visiting another Zone's rally this fall. The information is available on our website, lwmlmnn.org, under the events tab.

Plans are well underway for the 2023 LWML convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The theme for the convention is "Lord of the Nations." Make your plans now to attend. Information can be found at lwml.org under the news and events tab. More information will be available soon. The Minnesota North District is again planning to have at least one and maybe two buses heading to Milwaukee. More details can be found in this newsletter and on the website.



As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Serving Him with Gladness,

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2023 LWML Convention
June 22-25, 2023
In Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man (Psalm 33:12-13).

The 2023 LWML Convention will be held June 22-25, 2023, at The Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Invitations, flyers, and polo shirt order forms can be found at lwml.org under the news & events tab. More information will be added as it becomes available. We are in the planning stage for bus reservations. There's still time to sign up. If you're interested, contact Nadine Drevlow at drevlowmn@hotmail.com or 218-770-3679. There will also be sign up sheets at the fall rallies.

2022-2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct-Nov	Fall Rallies
Nov 15	Group Reports due to Zone Officers
Dec 1	Zone Reports due to District Officers
Dec 15	Minnesota Northern Light Winter Issue articles due
Jan 10	Board of Directors Meeting



Mustard Seed Devotions can be sent directly to your email daily. Visit www.lwml.org/mustard-seed-devotions to sign up.

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Summer 2022 has come to a close. The LWML had a beautiful memory established at the MNN District Convention in June. In August we grew in our Christian faith and established more beautiful memories with our Christian friends at the annual LWML Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp.

Being a member of this Christian family of LWML sisters is so different than being a member of the family of the world. The family of the world is truly a blessing with various secular responsibilities. The function of being a Christian is to join with other believers representing Christ to one another. In this way we, as His children, build each other up in Him. We guide one another in the truth and power of God. When we gather with our Christian sisters, we remember, "If anyone speaks, we should do it as one speaking the very words of God." Why? It is so, that in all things, God may be praised through Jesus Christ. With Christ we have hope and assurance of things to come in our conversations along this earthly journey growing in Him and celebrating with our LWML members, young women, as well as our seasoned LWML members. We grow to become better representatives of our Lord Jesus and find peace and excitement in sharing Him with others in word and deed.

Serving God With Gladness, LWML 2022 is coming to a close. Now we look forward to LWML 2023. The national convention will be held June 22 – 25, 2023 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It is time again to encourage the young women of your congregations to apply for an all-expense-paid trip to attend this convention. Two young women from the MNN District will be selected to attend this

convention with all its fanfare. Please look for an application for this lovely opportunity in the fall packets which your society president will receive at your fall rally or at lwml.org/ywr. These applications should be sent to the District Young Woman Representative, Ruby Prochnow, by January 15, 2023.

As you encourage the young women from your congregation, ask them to do the following:

1. Go to lwml.org/ywr;
2. Listen to two former YWR gals' experiences at national convention;
3. Explore the entire website;
4. Pray;
5. Study the guidelines and know what is expected of you as a YWR. If you have any questions, please contact the Ruby Prochnow, Young Women Chairman, at 320-808-3371 (text or call); and
6. Fill out the application and send to the District Young Women Chairman at youngwomen@lwmlmnn.org by Jan. 15, 2023.

These young women do **not** need to be LWML members. We also do not strictly adhere to the age mentioned. The convention will be a highlight in two young Minnesota North District women's lives. They will 'CELEBRATE the LORD of NATIONS' in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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2022 Retreat



*"He Who Has
Ears, Let
Him Hear"*

Matthew 13:9

On August 12-14, 2022, 60 LWML women, guests and pastors from the MN North District gathered at Lutheran Island Camp for their annual retreat. This year's theme was "He Who Has Ears, Let Him Hear," based on Matthew 13:9. The weekend started on Friday night with a picnic supper, a Bible study titled "Hermeneutics ~

WDTM?" and a campfire with singing and snacks.

On Saturday, participants were able to choose from a variety of breakout session topics led by Pastor Bruce Timm, Pastor Ben Hollingsead, Pastor David Buchs, and Pastor Josh Reber. During the free time, there were a number of activities to enjoy: a tour of Christ Serve Ranch, "Jessie the Juggler," a Prayer Walk, crafts, book exchange, relaxing, visiting with friends, and exploring the beauty of the island. On Sunday morning, there was a Prayer Service in the chapel before leaving for home.

Mark your calendars. Next year's retreat is scheduled for August 11-13, 2023.



Did you know...

Your LWML group can "star" in the *Lutheran Witness* LWML Supplement page! If you would like your group photo and activity displayed, please send a summary of the article and a photo to the Editor at editor@lwmlmnn.org.

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Hello Brothers & Sisters in Christ! I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself to you. I am from St. Paul's Loon Lake. I live in Vergas, with my husband Jon and three children, Jaden (13), Kaylin (8), and Kiersten (5). My two youngest children attend the St. Paul's School in Perham, where we absolutely love it! My husband farms with his family on a dairy and crop farm. I work for the Minnesota Dairy Herd Improvement Program based in Buffalo, MN. I am eager and excited to serve as your Park II Regional Vice President and Structure Chair.

When people hear the word "Structure," many think of Parliamentary Procedure and the Constitution. How is your group organized? Do you have agendas? Do you utilize calling trees? Do you have small groups within a big group? How do you serve the purpose and mission of the LWML? It's all that and MORE!

Throughout these newsletters, packets, and rallies, I hope to share some updated information with you that will benefit your groups and your organizational structure. Keep in mind that each zone and society should review their bylaws periodically and send them to the structure chair when they are updated. The National LWML has a variety of resources available to us to use at lwml.org/structure. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I look forward to serving you.

Karen Gorentz, Structure Chairman

Mission Grants Report

A total amount of \$18,500 in Mites for LWML MN North grants was available this past quarter. The Board of Directors approved the payment of grant allocations as follows: \$4,000 for Orphan Grain Train; \$3,000 for C.R.O.S.S. Appeal; \$1,000 for Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination; \$500 for Lutheran Island Camp, Summer Camp Program Updates; \$3,000 for Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students; \$2,000 for Swaddling Clothes; \$1,000 for "Main Street Living North" Ministry Outreach TV Program; \$1,000 for DOXOLOGY Pastoral Care and Well-Being; \$1,000 for Project 24, Christ's Care for Children - Kenya; \$1,000 for New Shepherds for South Sudan; \$1,000 for Connecting People in an inclusive Christian Housing Community. The chart below details the current balance remaining for the 2022-2024 biennium.

	MISSION GRANTS FOR THE 2022-2024 BIENNIUM (Balance as of October 11, 2022)	GRANT AMOUNT	BALANCE REMAINING
Grant 1	Orphan Grain Train	\$10,000	\$5,000
Grant 2	C.R.O.S.S. Appeal	\$18,000	\$11,000
Grant 3	Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$8,000	\$6,000
Grant 4	Lutheran Island Camp, Summer Camp Program Updates	\$10,000	\$9,500
Grant 5	Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students	\$32,000	\$21,000
Grant 6	Swaddling Clothes	\$10,000	\$7,000
Grant 7	"Main Street Living North" Ministry Outreach TV Program	\$10,000	\$8,000
Grant 8	Doxology Pastoral Care and Well-being	\$15,000	\$13,000
Grant 9	Project 24, Christ's Care for Children - Kenya	\$10,800	\$8,800
Grant 10	New Shepherds for South Sudan	\$7,500	\$5,500
Grant 11	Promoting an Inclusive Christian Housing Community of Faith	\$13,700	\$11,700
TOTALS		\$145,000	\$106,500



In thanksgiving for 80 years of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, each member, group, zone, or district is encouraged to reflect God’s love by blessing others with 80 of something, remembering events from the last 80 years, or sharing legacy concepts for carrying forth the LWML mission.

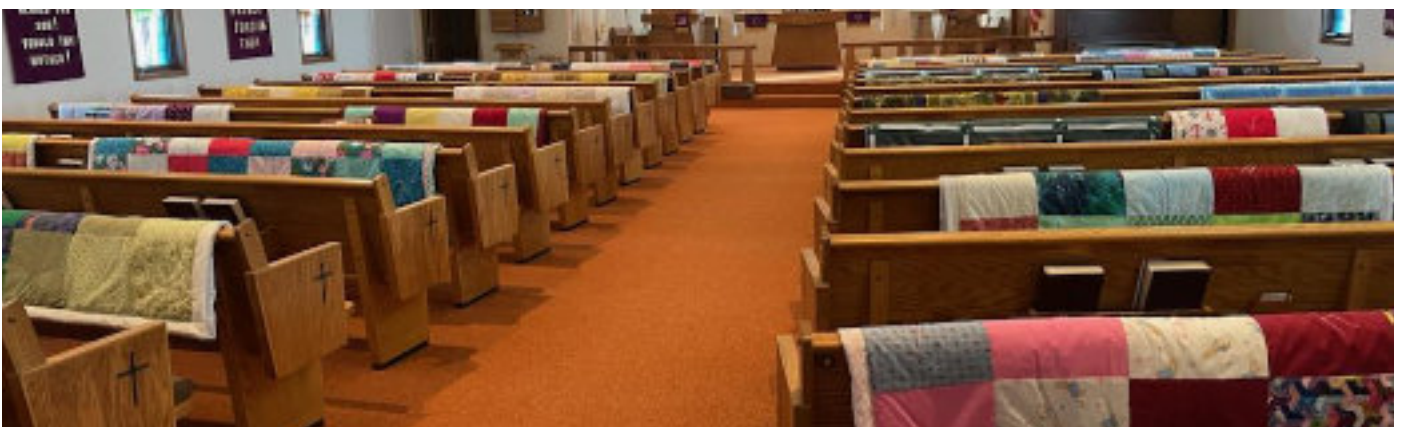
We are planning a montage of your activities at the 2023 LWML Convention on June 22-25 in Milwaukee. Be sure to take a picture of your group’s 80. Submit one or two photos and brief description of "your

80" to depcom@lwml.org. These will be used to build the montage. If you would like your pictures and information included in the Northern Light Newsletter, send them to editor@lwmlmnn.org in addition to depcom@lwml.org. Visit lwml.org/80 for more information.

The quilters at Trinity Lutheran in Twin Valley, MN made over 80 quilts! In fact, closer to 150 since November of 2021! The quilts will be given to the Orphan Grain Train, the Crisis Center in Detroit Lakes, MN, Public Health in Twin Valley, The VA in Fargo, ND, an Alaskan Mission, Social Services, to local Benefits, the local high school prom, as prayer blankets to congregational members, to people in need, in addition to all graduates and newly baptized members of Trinity.



Pictured are: Janice Tjon, Carol Olson, Elaine Jacobson, Alice Berg, Margo Hanson & Sharon Kraft. Not pictured: Joyce Kraft



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Prayer IS Human Care

As I read the fall 2022 issue of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly with its focus on prayer, I felt the need to reassure each of you that praying with and for one another IS human care. Pastor Stockman's article in the September 2022 Minnesota North Supplement to the Lutheran Witness reinforced the need for us to be content where God places us.

If where He has placed us is in a hospital or another facility or at home caring for someone, we need to remember that God put us this place at this time. Pastor Stockman said it like this. "There are many people whom God has called to stay where they are. Jesus did call the apostles to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth, but not everyone who heard it was called to far off places. The unsung heroes, whom we so rarely hear about, are those who stayed in Corinth, Galatia, Rome, Thessalonica, Ephesus, Philippi, and elsewhere and built up the churches and lived as God's people in those places." Praying is one of those things we do as God's people.

If our situation keeps us from doing many of the things that we think we should be doing, prayer, praise, thanksgiving, and supplication CAN be done. Many or most of us know that we can pray more or better. I was particularly intrigued by the second part of ideas stimulated by the quarterly such as the Beyond Bible Coloring article on page 7 by Alli Bauck. She talks about Visual Faith Ministry (VFM) (visualfaithmin.org) of which she is a part of the Family Life Coaches team. The website says, "Visual prayer takes place at the kitchen counter, at your desk, or while traveling – it is possible anytime and anywhere you pray. A visual prayer might be as simple as a written-out prayer or prayer requests. It also may include designs, "doodling", and color added during a

time of conversation with God. In this way, visual prayer is both a process – of writing, doodling, and coloring as you pray, and the result is a product, or a picture of time spent with God." It could be something that you purchase, like the picture below so you could pray intentionally in each of these areas as you color. It can be your doodles around a particular word theme for your prayers or a blank notecard with categories for themes or sectioned by the people you want to remember in your prayers. Notes can be added as ideas or people pop into your head during your busy time so that you remember when you have quieter time to reflect on them. Just the card is a reminder to put prayer in your schedule. If you fasten your cards together when they are full, you have a history or "picture of your time spent with God."

Human Care is more than giving or making things or physically doing something for others. It is also about prayer. Visual praying could help us be content in the spot God puts us by letting us "see" what we are doing. We see a card or other visual waiting for us to slow down and pray and it helps us include a variety in our prayers including praise, thanksgiving and supplications. God will bless your prayers.

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One of the Leader/Member Development Goals is to help women discover the Spiritual Gift(s) the Holy Spirit provides to do His work.

Spiritual gifts are our special abilities, not necessarily our talents and abilities, although God can use them in the Spiritual gifts the Spirit gives to be used for the purpose of building up the body of Christ and extending His mission on earth. Spiritual gifts change as we grow in understanding our faith and become more mature Christians and as the Spirit leads us in new ministries and tasks. Why should we know about Spiritual gifts? In 1 Corinthians 12:1, Paul tells us not to be “ignorant” or “misunderstand” the gifts. He has already designed the work we are to do as we read in Ephesians. 2:10, “We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

We probably all have experienced at some time or another, if we are honest, that serving isn’t always with gladness (our motto). How do we get to serving with gladness?

Have you ever asked yourself these questions?

- How do I fit into this congregation?
- What can I/should I do?
- Do you ever just jump in and later think to yourself, “Maybe this isn’t what I should be doing?”
- What makes you say “yes” when someone asks you to do something and then realize maybe this wasn’t the role God gifted to you?
- How many times do you find yourself saying “yes” because you feel obligated--because someone must do it?
- Do you ever find yourself saying “no” because you are fearful?

If we know our good gifts, the ones the Spirit

gives us to do the work He has chosen for us, it can help to answer these questions and make serving a joy.

The Leadership Development Committee has designed a Spiritual Gifts Discovery Workshop to help women learn more about Spiritual gifts. The workshop will:

- Give an awareness and understanding of the spiritual gifts;
- Help understand why the Spirit gives gifts;
- Know the purpose(s) of spiritual gifts and;
- Provide tools to help women discover the Spiritual gifts God might be giving them

This Discovery Workshop could be used for a spring or fall rally, or even a weekend retreat. For more information on the Discovery Workshop, contact Carole Borchers at leaderdevelopment@lwmlmnn.org.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another; as good stewards of God’s varied grace (1 Peter 4:10).

Memorials And Honorariums

July 2022 to September 2022

In memory of Geraldeane Tomhave from Fergus Falls, Friberg Immanuel & Faith Lutheran
In memory of Estelle Johnson from Sauk Rapids, Trinity
In memory of Melvin Hardekop from Parkers Prairie, Immanuel
In memory of Angie Gangelhoff from Finlayson, Peace Lutheran
In Honor of Carla Patton from Corky Rainer

Memorial gifts and honorariums should be sent to the Financial Secretary, Jan Carlson, 408 3rd Ave S, Princeton MN 55371. Phone: 763-631-0399 (C), financialsec@lwmlmnn.org. The financial remittance form may be downloaded from the resources page of our district website at lwmlmnn.org.

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Greetings!

As a newly elected regional vice president and assigned to the Scholarship Committee, I felt that I needed to learn more about each of this year’s scholarship recipients. I was very inspired by their applications. Each recipient submitted a 400-500-word essay about themselves and the activities that have inspired their vocational choices. I thought I’d share a brief portion of each of the applicants’ responses to the first essay question, “Who is Jesus?” thinking that you may be encouraged by them, as am I.

Jacob Franck, a first-year student at Concordia University, Chicago, Illinois majoring in Theological Languages and minoring in Philosophy while also in the army, confesses that “nothing else matters except the fact that Jesus died for you.”

Mark Langton, a first-year student at Concordia Theological Seminary at Fort Wayne, Indiana studying towards a Master of Divinity degree answers the question quoting the Apostle Peter with “Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”

Jacob Lemke, a second-year student at Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin, studying Theological Languages, confesses that “Jesus is my

Lord and Savior and friend who has died on the cross for the remission of all sins and redemption of all mankind.”

Bruce Maul applied for a scholarship as first-year student at Concordia Seminary, St Louis, Missouri in the Specific Ministry program. He wrote that “Jesus is the God-Man who lived a sinless life, was the perfect Lamb of God, took my sins away with Him to the cross, and gave up His life so I may live in eternity with our Heavenly Father.” (Please note that Bruce Maul has recently resigned from the Specific Ministry program.)

The students have a long, hard road ahead of them. We pray that all will have a blessed year, learning to apply the Law and Gospel. Please help spread the word that the Minnesota North District LWML has scholarships available for those within the district attending a synodical college for a church worker degree. This is an underutilized opportunity that may benefit someone you know.

Teresa Klatt,
Scholarship Committee Chairman

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Submit an article

Does your zone or society have an event or story to share? Please send your article and pictures to the Editor at: editor@lwmlmnn.org.

Minnesota Northern Light

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Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar

A great help in your prayer and praise life – especially remembering the mission grants we’re supporting. Download this month’s calendar from the Publication Menu.

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