



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

MINNESOTA NORTHERN LIGHT



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

Welcome!

Welcome to the 30th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Minnesota North District!

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9).

As we come together at this convention, let us gain strength and enthusiasm from our sisters and brothers in Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad that we have a loving God who will be with us wherever we go!

In His service with you,

Kathleen Brandt

LWML MN North District President

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Meet and Greet Reception

On Tuesday we will have the opportunity to elect new officers for the next biennium. This Monday evening, you will have the opportunity to meet the candidates at an open reception in Salons D, E, and F (Also where the meals are served). Come and visit with the nominees following the worship service (around 8:30 pm). Lemonade and cookies will be served, compliments of Our Redeemer Ladies.

2022 LWML MN North District 30th Biennial Convention

June 20 - 22, 2022
 Courtyard Marriott,
 Moorhead, MN
 Hosted by Lakeland I Region

Convention Theme

"Drawn to the Cross"

Bible Verse

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."
 (Joshua 1:9b)

Message Board

We want you to leave messages on the Message Board for individuals at the convention. When writing your message, be sure to include contact information. We encourage everyone to check the Message Board throughout each day of the convention in case someone is trying to contact you.

Thank You

We appreciate and want to say "thank you" to Doug Schmitz, Financial Strategies Group of Fargo, ND for his generosity in providing granola bars and bottles of water for the Mite Walk.

Convention Ingatherings and Servant Events

The Ingathering collection area will be near the Main Prefunction Hallway. There will be ushers to help you. Large and multiple items will be directed to be dropped off on luggage rack by registration desk.

The Servant Event area will be Great Plains Meeting Room. Stop by even if you only have a few minutes and see what is happening - you may find something interesting to take back to your zone or group!

There will be cutting, splicing, and rolling plastic bag strips for those who crochet the plastic sleeping mats. Come join us!



Zone Presidents: When you come to the convention,

bring your banner to the Registration Desk, (Prefunction Hall). An usher will bring you to the place where you will leave your banner (North Hallway by coat racks). At 7:30 am on Tuesday, June 21, pick up your banner in the Exhibit Hall (Location) and put it on the pole. Take it into the hall where we will line up for the banner procession.

"A Closer Walk with God", Mite Walk

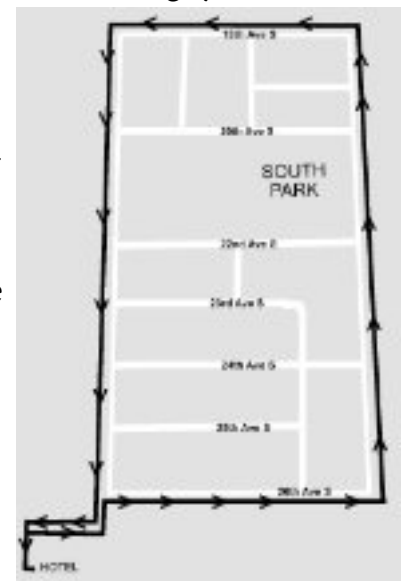
Wednesday, June 22, 6:15-7:30 am

Mite Walk participants should meet at the door between 6:15 and 6:30 am. Drop off your medical release and pledge forms and pick up water/snack bars. There will be medical release forms available if you have not filled one out yet, and you will receive your string backpack.

While you are enjoying the 45-minute round-trip walk through the mature residential areas of south Moorhead, ponder 80 things you see, that remind you of God's creation, as we celebrate 80 years that God has blessed us through LWML.

At 7:00 am, a photo of the walkers will be taken. The walk will end at 7:30 am.

ENJOY THE WALK; there will be time to enjoy breakfast following it!



Breakout Session Information

Breakout sessions will be offered on Monday. On the bottom left corner of your name tag, you will find a two-letter code for the breakout sessions you will be attending. The first letter represents the first session that starts at 1:00 pm. The second letter represents the second session that starts at 2:15 pm. If one of the two letters is an X, it means you did not sign up for that session.

Session Letter Code and Breakout Room Location Assignment:

CODE	LOCATION	SESSION LEADER
A	Salon D	Carol von Soosten
B	Salon E,F	Carole Borchers
C	Red River Room	Sheri Adkins
D	Grand Ballroom	Joy Markus
X	No session. You are free to participate in Servant Events or view the exhibits.	

The Break Out Committee is excited to introduce the four amazing speakers for this year's convention. You will recognize us wearing hot pink fascinators in our hair.



Break Out Committee

Front L to R: Kathy Steinmetz, Board Liaison; LuAnn Carow, Chairman; Back L to R: Vicki Ruzicka, Olivia McDonald, Tina McDonald.; Not pictured: Glenice Hall, Board Liaison; and Betty Greiff.



“Extra, Extra, Read All About It”

The next issue of “Cross Connections” will be available following the BOD meeting in July. The convention newsletters are “special editions” of the district newsletter. Sign up to our eNews announcement list for the Minnesota Northern Light newsletter. Go to lwmlmn.org, and look for the subscribe button.

Transition Meeting

There will be a transition meeting for all outgoing Board members and all newly-elected Board members on Tuesday, July 11, 2022 at the Minnesota North District LCMS Office in Baxter, Minnesota. Information will be shared regarding responsibilities and helps available for each Board member.

Thank you to those who have served and we welcome the new officers to this time of sharing!

*Carole Borchers
Leader Development Chairman*

Welcome Young Women!

The young women will gather in the Horizon Room immediately following the general convention activities Monday and Tuesday night. Feel free to gather here whenever you have free time and would just like to relax and hang out with other YWRs.

Come for games, ice breakers, and SURPRISE activities. There will be AWESOME prizes provided by “My Pillow”, Thrivent, and individual talented donors.

Please come and meet other young women and enjoy growing in your faith with other Lutheran Women in Mission! Join us to hang out and visit with others and our special guest, Joy Markus, from POBLO.

See you Monday night!

2022 UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 10 *Lutheran Witness* supplement page deadline
- July 11 BOD Officer Transition Meeting, Baxter, MN
- July 12 LWML MN North District Board of Directors Meeting, Baxter, MN
- Aug 10 *Lutheran Witness* supplement page deadline
- Aug 12-14 The 2022 LWML MN North District Retreat “He who has ears let him hear” at Lutheran Island Camp, Henning, MN
- Sept 10 *Lutheran Witness* supplement page deadline
- Oct 11 LWML MN North District Board of Directors Meeting, Baxter, MN



Bible Study Leader: Rev. Sam Pitsch
LWML District Convention Bible Study

“Fear” (noun) An unpleasant and often strong emotion caused by the anticipation or awareness of danger, evil, or pain.

Because we live in a world full of danger, evil, and pain fear is always an option for us. However, one of God’s most consistent commands in the Bible is “Do Not be afraid!” Rev. Sam Pitsch will lead us in a study of the scriptures to discover how we can live a life of courage and confidence instead of fear and anxiety.

Prayer Requests

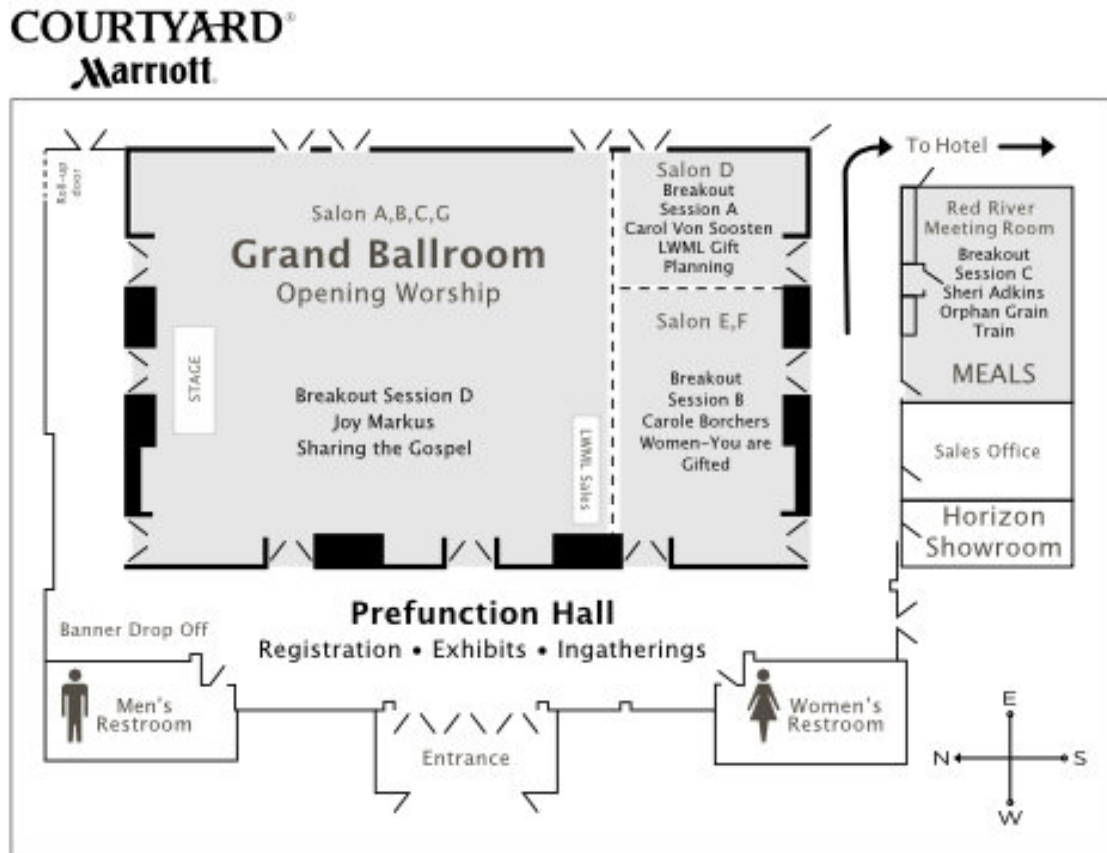


Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working (James 5:16).

Prayer boxes are available at the back of the convention hall to address prayers of thanksgiving, adoration, and supplications.



The mission of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the world.



Convention Room Locations

- Registration & Exhibit Hall - Prefunction Hall
- LWML Store - Grand Ballroom Back Wall
- Convention Hall - Grand Ballroom
- Servant Events - Great Plains Meeting Room
- Banners & Ingatherings - Prefunction Hall
- Meals - Salon D,E,F

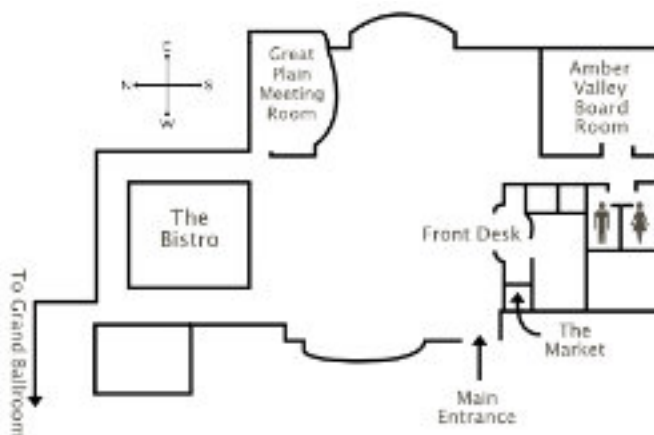
Mite Walk - Entrance

Young Women - Horizon Room

Breakout Sessions

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| Session A - Carol VonSoosten | Salon D |
| Session B - Carole Borchers | Salon E,F |
| Session C - Sheri Adkins | Red River Room |
| Session D - Joy Markus | Grand Ballroom |

Main Hotel Entrance and Additional Meeting Rooms



Lost & Found

There will be room on the Message Board to post Lost and Found items. Any items you find can be turned in at the Registration Table, and they will hold on to them throughout the convention. If a purse is found, we will respectfully look through it to see if we can determine the owner's name. If you misplace an item, please describe the item on a note at the Registration Table and post it on the Message Board. We encourage you to put your name on your convention tote as soon as you receive it.

Exhibits for the 30th Biennial Convention

Give a warm welcome to the Exhibitors that have joined the MN North Convention in the Exhibit Hall (Main Prefunction Hallway). The Exhibitors would like to share their information with all the convention attendees. Please make sure that you visit them throughout the convention. It is always uplifting to hear how these wonderful groups are serving the Lord and spreading His Word.

During the convention sessions, the Exhibit Hall will be closed. Exhibitors are invited to join us in our convention sessions.

The Exhibit hours are as follows:

Monday, June 20 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Tuesday, June 21 7:00 am - 7:30 pm

(Exhibitors are closed during worship and convention sessions. Exhibitors tear-down begins at 7:30 pm)

The following exhibitors will be attending:

Lutherans for Life
 Main Street Living
 MOST Ministries
 Perry Center
 LAMP Ministries, INC
 Lutheran Mission Association
 Lutheran Church Extension Fund
 Lutheran Heritage Foundation
 Lutheran Island Camp
 Lutheran Braille Workers
 Lutheran Hour Ministries
 Confessional Lutheran Educational Foundation
 Lutheran Bible Translators
 Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch
 Orphan Grain Train
 LWML MNN District Christian Life
 LWML MNN District Human Care
 LWML MNN District Leader Development
 LWML MNN District Public Relations

Photographer: Melodie Hobbie

Melodie Hobbie is from St. John's Lutheran and Zion Lutheran in Ada, MN. She is married to Rev. Ron Hobbie.

She has dabbled in photography for many years. She loves to see the beauty of God's creation and capture it on film. Her creativity extends to many craft projects and is always willing to help create fun projects for her church. She has an eye for color and composition .

Melodie grew up in Illinois and has been blessed to live all over the Midwest, spending time in Michigan, South Dakota, Missouri, Indiana and now Minnesota. Before she came to Ada, she lived in Montevideo, MN.

"Whatever I have been blessed to be a part of, it is by the Grace and Mercy of God. I give all Glory to God."

Stop by the "Selfie Corner" located in the hallway between the hotel and convention center, for a quick picture!

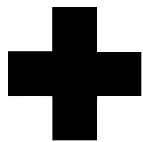
Exhibit Hall

Learn about mission opportunities and ministry organization that are about the Lord's business all over the world. Check out the "Exhibit Hall" open 11:00 am, Monday through dinner hour, and 7:00 am, Tuesday through dinner hour. All exhibits closed during worship and convention sessions.

Share Your Convention Experiences

Share your pictures and stories with us. If you took an interesting convention photo, why not share it with us? We are always looking for information to help our district better share and communicate with each other.

When you have group/zone events, share them with the other churches and groups in our district! Please send all information to the Editor at editor@lwmlmnn.org.



First Aid Station

A first aid station has been set up in the Horizon Room, which is located in the main hallway near registration. It will be available for most of the hours during the convention. If help is needed at other times, please contact Joan Getty at 701-640-3351 or Mary Scott at 320-248-8878. You may also contact the hotel front desk.

After the daily convention hours, you will need to seek care at the area hospital or call 911 for assistance.

Zone/Group Photos

There is not a scheduled photo-taking time for zones or groups. If you want a photo of your group, you will need to gather your members together during a break and provide your own photographer. Or you can contact Melodie Hobbie to schedule a time for her to take a picture for you.



"He Who Has Ears, Let Him Hear"
Matthew 13:0

The 2022 LWML Retreat will be held at Lutheran Island Camp August 12-14, 2022. The theme will be "He Who has Ears, Let Him Hear". Registration forms are available in the April issue of the Minnesota Northern Light and online at lwmlmnn.org.

Other Gathering Areas

There are other amenities that are available in the convention center. They will be open each evening. Including the pool and courtyard.

Mustard Seed Devotions

Did you know you can go on the LWML website (www.lwml.org) and sign up to have the Mustard Seeds sent to your email daily? For Free! It's fun to explore the LWML website to see all the things available.

Choir Rehearsal information

Choir rehearsal will be held in the Main Convention Hall at 4:00 pm on Monday.

LWML Store

Make sure you check out the LWML Store located in the Southwest corner of the pre-function area. The LWML store will be open during normal exhibit times. Here you will find a selection of LWML jewelry, LWML clothing items, and some new items such as the LWML cookie cutter, measuring spoons, sticky prayer pads, and "Mission Minded Woman" t-shirts. Of course, there are some of the traditional items including Mustard Seed booklets, note cards and devotionals.

Remember: All sales are cash or check. Your purchase of LWML products and resources assist the national organization in paying for programs and administrative expenses.



The Lutheran Women in Mission of the North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and South Wisconsin Districts invite you to the LWML 40th Biennial Convention in beautiful Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22 - 25, 2023

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).

Opportunities abound as we:

- † Worship together with our sisters and brothers in Christ!
- † Share the Good News with everyone the Lord places in our path.
- † Fellowship with good friends while meeting new ones.
- † Enjoy accomplishing God's work with LWML sisters and brothers in Christ!
- † Bring our family and friends to enjoy a city of many cultures.

For more LWML convention information and the convention shirt order form, visit: www.lwml.org.

MITES IN ACTION SPEAKERS

SCHOLARSHIPS



*Jacob Lemke
Lakeville, MN*

I am a freshman at Concordia University Mequon studying Theological Languages in the Pre-seminary program, which will prepare me for my post-graduate studies at seminary and more specifically for the ministry. My interests are in languages, reading, and music. Enjoys hunting and fishing with father.



*Madison Patrow
Cohasset, MN*

I am a May 2022 Concordia University-Saint Paul graduate with a Christian Ministry Major, Lutheran Theology and Religion minors, in the Director of Christian Education and Outreach programs. I have been an LWML grant recipient for the past four years.



*Stacy Lung
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Stacy is the Executive Director at Lutheran Island Camp in Henning, MN. She is a life-long educator who loves to share the wonder of God's creation with students of all ages. Stacy spent most of her life cheering for the Packers in the state of Wisconsin with her husband of 24 years and her five children.

My presentation, Equipping Those Who Serve, will describe the impact of LWML mites in providing training and resources for the summer counselors who share the love of Christ with campers. Mites are used to provide CPR and life guard training as well as resources to help staff support campers, lead devotions, and work together to nourish guests for joy-filled, Christ-centered life and service.



*Stephanie Wilde
Fargo, ND*

Deaconess Stephanie Wilde serves as

Spiritual Life Coordinator on our Fargo Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Campus. She works alongside the treatment team in providing a full array of services to care for the youth who come to Ranch.

Stephanie will share the roles that the Deaconesses perform on the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch both to our residents and to our staff.



*Sandra Trittin
Crookston, MN*

Sandra is a 3rd & 4th grade teacher and principal at Our Savior's Lutheran School, Crookston, MN.



Janna



Melissa

Janna Kietzman, Principal at Immanuel Lutheran School in Walker and Melissa Lamkin, Director of School Ministry at Good Shepherd Lutheran High School, Elk River, will be speaking with me.

We will share information about the CROSS Appeal and how it is used in the MN North District Lutheran Schools.

Leader Development Exhibit

Stop by and test your knowledge of Spiritual Gifts. Give your opinion on leadership questions. Check out available leadership information. Enjoy Sweet Treats!

BREAKOUT SPEAKERS



*Carol von Soosten
Swansea, IL*

With over 25 years of joyful service in various positions in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, LWML Gift Planning Counselor Carol von Soosten blends her previous development experience in academic and non-profit settings to serve LWML women and their families.

Through Gifts of Love, an official ministry of the LWML, Carol provides free gift planning services to help bless family and impact ministries. After talking with Carol, you will have the confidence in knowing that you are working with an LCMS professional who serves our LWML with joy and a servant heart. (And she'll have an LWML hug ready and waiting.)

LWML Gifts of Love

Let LWML Gift Planning Counselor Carol von Soosten inspire you to share your faith, bless your family, and benefit ministry. Take legacy planning off your to-do list! Hear how making a lasting impact is possible in any situation and go home with free resources.



*Carole Borchers
Moorhead, MN*

Women: You are Gifted! Know the Gift God has given you which enables Him to work through you! In this session we will define Spiritual Gifts and their purpose.



*Sheri Adkins
Detroit Lakes, MN*

Sheri is a busy wife, mom, grandmother and still finds time to fill apple boxes for Orphan Grain Train. She truly exemplifies what a Lutheran Woman in Mission is! Please join me in welcoming Sheri Adkins!

Sharing resources and bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near. Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical and other needed items to people in 69 different countries including the USA.



*Joy Markus
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My name is Joy Markus. I'm a muslim convert from Kuwait, I have a masters degree in Shariah law. God opened my eyes to follow Him after I read Bible in 2012. I now serve God as a missionary in Dearborn, Michigan through POBLO Ministries.

Poblo is reaching People from many Nations, cultures and color, we believe that God is bringing the Nations to America, the mission field is right here and the time is now. Joy will share some practical ways of talking to and sharing the message with people who do not know Jesus.