



DAILY ILLUMINATION

Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Minnesota North District

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Convention Highlights

TUESDAY

- 8:30am Bible Study #1
Rev. Don Stauty
- 9:30am Mission Grants balloting
- 10:00am LWML Representative
Edie Norris
- 10:45am Keynote Speaker
Cynthia Khan, POBLO
- 12:00-1:15pm Lunch Hour
Exhibit Booths open
- 1:00pm Singing with Barb Schewe
- 1:15pm Convention reconvenes
- 1:45pm Balloting for Officers
Proposed Bylaws Voting
- 4:30-6:00pm Exhibit Booths open
- 6:00pm Banquet
Entertainment: Jilleen
- YWR Gathering after entertainment

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00-7:30am SON Rise Mite Walk
- 6:00-7:45am Breakfast
- 7:45am Singing with Barb Schewe
- 8:00am Convention Meeting #4



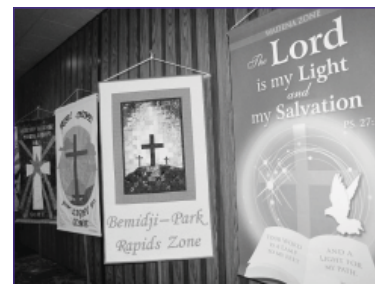
*Arise, shine, for
your light has
come, and the
glory of the Lord
rises upon you.*

*See, darkness
covers the earth and thick darkness
is over the peoples, but the Lord rises
upon you and his glory appears over
you. Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your
dawn. (Isaiah 60:1-3 NIV)*

Rise Up and Shine!

At our Monday evening worship, The Reverend Ronald Hobbie, Lakeland Region Counselor, reminded us that we all have special gifts from the Lord to use in His service.

These gifts will be actively used during the convention in many ways—we will be joyfully singing praises to



the Lord—we will be using our time to the Lord's glory as we gather around God's Word, doing LWML business, sharing our faith in fellowship and love for one another—and in prayer for each other and all peoples of the world.

LWML embodies the words of Isaiah. Jesus' Light shines through us as forgiven sinners. His Gospel shines

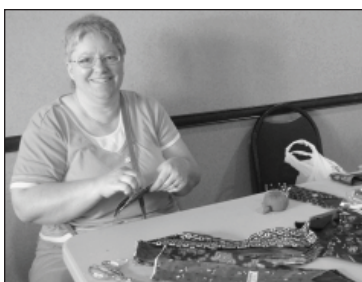
through us and others as they see Jesus' love throughout the world. The women of LWML may never see the places our love reaches, but God's love through us sends Light to the dark places of the world.

LWML missionary funding is a sacrifice. Great is our reward for giving to the Lord. Isaiah points to Jesus as lighting the dark, "Your God will be your Glory."

Before we work for our Savior, we need to arise, so we can shine. His Light shines on us and through us, so we can shine for others.



Servant Events



Gifts from the Heart: Ingathering

Lakes Area Pregnancy Center is a volunteer organization providing alternatives to abortion and committed to sharing the message of Jesus Christ to women and men facing unplanned pregnancy situations. Thousands of items were collected, including baby quilts, baby clothes, diapers, sweaters, a stroller and a baby walker.

Bethany Good Samaritan Society—Brainerd ministers to the elderly and those needing special care or can't live alone. Over 150 puzzles and books were donated, as well as 250 pairs of socks, 130 lap robes, quilts and afghans.

Ken Erlanson of Lutheran Island Camp loaded 900 pounds of tennis shoes in his van for the Green Sneakers Project.

Fifty phone cards were collected and will be donated to the LCMS seminary students.

Over 20 pounds of stamps for Stamps for Missions were given. Money raised by selling the stamps goes toward our mission grants.

Society or Zone event idea

The Human Care Committee was delighted to receive more sheets and ties than we could complete projects for the servant events on Monday. If your society or zone would like to pick up these extra items and continue the projects, please pick up the extra sheets and ties from Heartland III today. Over 60 women took part in the servant events. Over 10,000 bandages came in already rolled, and 800 were rolled on Monday.

Thank you all who donated items and worked on the servant events!

SON Rise Mite
Walk
Wednesday
Morning
6:00-7:30 a.m.



Arise! - walk with us.

Shine! - as witnesses to God.
Your Light has Come - through Jesus our Savior.

Mite Walk proceeds will go toward our 2012-2014 mite goal.

- Wear a recycled "Walk" T-shirt.
- Check-in at the Fawcett House next to the convention center.
- Maps will be given so you can choose your route and walk as far, or as near, as time allows.
- No public restrooms available along the route.
- Water and a granola bar will be provided.
- Bring your insurance and medical information with you.
- Our convention nurse will be located at the Fawcett House.
- Breakfast is 6:00-7:45 a.m. in Minnesota I.



Meet and Greet the Candidates

It was great to see so many of you at the reception after the opening worship Monday evening.

YWRs

Young Women Representatives

The YWRs are celebrating 14 reasons to be at convention—with 14 Young Women Representatives!

As they gathered together Monday, they were greeted by some familiar and some new faces. They were welcomed and given purple heart crosses to wear as a symbol of appreciation for joining us this convention.



After the beautiful worship service and meeting the candidates running for office, they gathered outside to meet each other and share their stories. Some young women shared how they were, let's say, strongly encouraged to join. And others just couldn't pass up a mini-vacation. It was clear they all have a love for the Lord and are interested in networking.

The YWRs were excited to hear from Cynthia Khan and look forward to hearing her message today. She encouraged all of them to embrace the Lord, be diligent in his Word, and share their faith with other young women.

Edie Norris shared with us that the LWML can be compared to a bike tire. Your church is the hub, your zone is the spoke, the rim is the district, and the wheel is the national level. What does this mean? We all work together to serve a function: to serve the Lord with Gladness. We all make the tire go around.

She also shared, "I want to get behind you and teach what you have to share." These words filled the group with empowerment, support, encouragement and excitement.

The YWRs are ready to Arise and Shine!

Inspiring breakout sessions were well received

Yesterday afternoon convention attendees had the opportunity to attend one of five breakout sessions. At each session, those in attendance had a unique and wonderful experience, and they wished they had time to attend more sessions.

Crossing Barriers-Building Bridges presented by keynote speaker Cynthia Khan contained a message those attending needed to learn about even though they found it frightening. They were excited and moved by the presentation and were looking forward to hearing more from Cynthia today and Wednesday.



LWML 101, presented by Edie Norris, LWML Public Relations Director, was all about who we are and how we as LWMLers can serve our Lord. Do you know what the main purpose of LWML is? Those who attended these sessions do--be sure to ask one of them.

PURSEsonalities presented by convention entertainer Jilleen Butler allowed those who attended to learn how a set of keys, tube of lipstick, and a cell phone can be instrumental as everyday tools to uplift and encourage themselves and others.

Breakout sessions ...



Using his life experiences in the army, along with Ephesians 5:15 and a portion of the

Army Field Manual, Chaplain Eric Erkinnen's breakout session, Be, Know, Do—Serving Through Action, was a Bible study lesson on wise leadership.

Heart to Heart Sisters, presented by Sheila Peterson, got everyone involved in discussing a multitude of various cultural barriers and how to overcome them in a Christian manner. The Ice-Breaker portion had everyone laughing and participating in answering the questions.

Massages for Mites

Scarlet Dittmann from New York Milles will be giving massages for mites on Tuesday, 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Minnesota Room.

A suggested donation of \$10 for each massage will be given towards the 2012-2014 mite goal.



Ingathering

Shown is just a few of the ingathering items generously donated by our societies.

Outgoing and Newly Elected Officers Wanted!

There will be a Transition of Officers workshop held following the close of convention on Wednesday in the Governors Room beginning at 2:00 p.m. All outgoing and newly elected officers need to attend.

This will be the opportunity for the outgoing officers to review and transfer all records, files, and materials pertaining to their position to their newly elected counterpart.

Attention! Attention! All convention attendees

If you haven't registered for the convention bag contest, it's not too late! Register for one of three prizes being given for the recycled LWML convention bags. Register at the recycled convention bag table near the registration tables in the main lobby.



There are three different categories. Complete the slip of paper with your name, year of the convention your recycled bag is from and your zone name. Put the slip of paper in the correct bag category.

Listen for the names of the winners to be announced on Wednesday at the end of the 2014 convention invitation. You can pick up your prize after the close of convention, see Lynn Lahd. Lynn will be at the Board of Director's table near the stage.



Two projectors were loaned to us from Trinity Lutheran, Fisher, Minn. We thank

Brian Beiswenger, son of our past Park I Regional Vice President Joanne Beiswenger, for one of the projectors.

St. John's Montevideo Society printed and collated the bulletins for our Monday evening worship. Thank you!

The cross above the altar at the worship service was donated by Shepherd of the Cross, Garrison.

Offering #1 results

Offering #1 was collected at the opening worship service Monday evening. The offering of \$5,657.41 will be going towards our 2012-2014 mite goal.



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