



# Ripples and Waves

Minnesota North District  
Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
24<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention

Issue 1

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## Convention highlights

### MONDAY

- 11:00 a.m.  
Registration begins
- 12:30 p.m.  
YWRs: Bethany Nursing Home
- 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Servant Events and Ingathering
- 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
Exhibit booths open
- 4:00 p.m.  
Choir rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m.  
Opening Worship Service at Zion Lutheran
- 8:30 p.m.  
Meet & Greet Reception at Zion Lutheran
- After worship service  
YWR Get Together

### TUESDAY

- 7:00-8:15 a.m.  
Registration
- 6:30-7:45 a.m.  
Breakfast, Tennis Center
- 8:00 a.m.  
Convention meeting



"Whoever is thirsty, let him come;  
and whoever wishes, let him take  
the free gift of the water of life."  
REVELATION 22:17b (NIV)

## We're glad you have come!

Welcome to the 24<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the Minnesota North District Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Over the course of our gathering at Arrowwood, we will learn of God's plans for us in our lives as we discover the 'Living Water.'

What better setting than to be right next to Lake Darling and view the splendor of the earthly water God has provided? Enjoy the coming days with other Women in Mission, as we worship, fellowship, study the Word, serve, and yes, conduct the business of our district.

God bless our time together that it may be used to God's glory.

*Cheryl Petersen*  
*President*



## Welcome to Alexandria

We're very excited to have you here and hope you enjoy your time with us. If time permits, please enjoy some of the other summer activities Alexandria has to offer (as we say, it's "easy to get to and hard to leave.").

May the convention be a blessing to all of you as we study God's Word, sing His praises, hear inspiring messages from our speakers, participate in the breakout sessions, servant events, Mite-Y Walk, and enjoy the fellowship of our sisters in Christ.

'Come to the Living Water' and be refreshed.

*Evelyn Beulke*  
*Nuclei Chairman*

## You're invited to the Meet and Greet Reception tonight

Immediately following the Opening Worship Service this evening at Zion Lutheran Church you have the opportunity to meet the candidates for board positions. Please come to the church school gym for refreshments!

## Welcome Young Women Representatives

We have several opportunities during this convention to meet, visit, and have fun together. Our gathering space is at “The Rafters,” which is located on the fifth level, just above the hotel check-in lobby.

Today we’ll meet between 12:30-12:45 p.m. at “The Rafters.” We will be leaving from there to go to Bethany Nursing Home to visit with the residents.

If you didn’t get a chance to go with us to the nursing home, don’t worry, you may join us at “The Rafters” after the Opening Worship Service for a pizza party!

*Marilyn Hiltel, YWR Chairman*

All young women at the convention are welcome to join us for any of the YWR activities.

## Ripples of Human Care

The ingathering items that were brought from your home congregations will be collected today in the Lake Darling room, which is our convention assembly room. *Thank you for your generous contributions!*

Our servant events will also be taking place in the Lake Darling/convention assembly room today. Please come and offer your service in helping us with the two projects we chose:

- tying Linus blankets
- cutting soup labels for Lutheran Island Camp

A single stone dropped in the water will send out many ripples in ever growing circles. The same can be said of our service to others. It begins with a single charitable act, yet it radiates out and is felt by many in desperate need of our care and compassion.

*Barb Andring  
Human Care Committee Chairman*

### Prayer Chapel

The prayer chapel is located in the Lake Carlos room (to the right as you exit the convention assembly room). This will be staffed when the convention is not in session.

Two prayer boxes will be available: one in the prayer chapel, and one in the back of the convention assembly room.



### Convention Nurse

Betty Kuelbs, R.N., will be available if a medical need arises. She will be wearing a first aid arm band to identify herself, as she will be spending most of her time in the convention assembly room.

The Nurses Station will be located under the stairs going down from the hotel check-in lobby to the convention assembly room.

On Wednesday morning, the nurse will be down at the gazebo where the Mite-y Walk is being held. *Mite-y Walkers: Be sure you have your insurance card and medicine list with you.*

### Lost and Found

Found items may be brought to the information table near the registration table. You may inquire about lost items in the same place.

### Message Board

The message board will be located by the press room (across from the convention assembly room).

If you have a message for someone, please post it on the board.

Be sure to check the board once in a while to see if you have messages!

**Press Room:** This is located across from the convention assembly room. Items for publication in the convention newspaper, *Ripples and Waves*, may be dropped off here. The deadline for both Issue 2 and Issue 3 is 9:00 p.m. You may also bring postal and e-mail address changes to the editor in the press room.



## Mite-y Walk registration

Your official registration for the Mite-y Walk is easy! Sign-up at our LWML registration table Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning. Your Mite-y Walk Pledge Donation Form, plus a \$5 registration fee, entitles you to a T-shirt. The walk is Wednesday morning, 6:00-7:30 a.m., and begins at the lakeside gazebo by the children's play yard.

## Photos

There will not be any scheduled photo-taking times for zones or societies. You will need to gather your members together during a break, and provide your own photographer. Thank you.



## AOL doll ladies

Were you at one of the Assembly of Leaders (AOL) workshops last fall? If you exchanged a paper doll at this event, you will have an opportunity to meet your prayer partner on Tuesday, after the morning session. Instructions will be given before the lunch break.



The Minnesota North District extends a big 'Thank you' to Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) for their assistance in funding the following for our convention:

- The Meet and Greet Reception
- Our coffee breaks
- Subsidizing the production of the convention charms
- Lunch for the officers at the Transition Meeting

A special thank you to George Miller from the MN North District office for his generosity in assisting our MN North LWML during the past two years.

## Banner processional tonight

The Opening Worship and Banner Processional will take place at 6:30 p.m. **tonight** at Zion Lutheran Church, 300 Lake Street, Alexandria. All zone banner carriers are asked to meet at Zion Lutheran, lower level, at **6:00 p.m.**

The zone banners should be taken over to Zion Lutheran when you arrive this afternoon. The banner poles and display stands will be there. After the worship service, reclaim your banner and take it to the Lake Darling room (our convention assembly room) at the Arrowwood Convention Center. The banners will be displayed there for the rest of the convention. Thank you for sharing your banner with us. Welcome to the convention!

*Janet Hasbargen  
Banner Committee Chairman*

## Visit the Exhibit Area! -- It's located in the Tennis Center

The exhibits and LWML store will be open at the following times:

- Monday, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, 7:00-8:00 a.m., 12:00-1:15 p.m., and 4:30-6:00 p.m.

These exhibitors have set up tables and displays for your learning enjoyment:

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| • Lutheran Student Fellowship                  | • Concordia University, St. Paul        | • Bethesda Lutheran Communities                    |
| • Confessional Lutheran Education Foundation   | • Lutheran Island Camp                  | • Operation Barnabas                               |
| • Lutheran Heritage Foundation                 | • Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) | • Lutheran Blind Missions                          |
| • Concordia Publishing House                   | • Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch           | • Lutheran Association of Missionaries & Pilots US |
| • Orphan Grain Train/ Lutheran Layman's League | • Lutheran World Relief                 |  |

*Arlene Cochran, Exhibits Chairman*

## Check out the LWML Store

Located in the Exhibit Area (Tennis Center)

Take this opportunity to purchase items from our LWML Catalog and save on the shipping cost!

- 2010 convention logo charms and lapel pins available for purchase.
- Some store items are in multiples and you can buy and take them home with you today.
- Some "sample" items are on display (clothing and jewelry). If you're the first to pay for the item, you will be able to pick it up when the convention ends. See the sales worker for details.
- All LWML Catalog items may be ordered at the convention by turning in an order form with a check at the LWML Store. No shipping costs! Your item(s) will be delivered by your Regional VP at your fall planning meeting or fall rally.
- You may pay with cash, or a personal check.

*Doris Weispfennig, Sales Chairman*

### Stop by the Structure Committee display

We have an attractive exhibit with some interesting and informative activities.

- Pinpoint your society on a large map of the Minnesota North District
- Bring your questions about bylaws and meetings.

'Come to the Living Water'

*Doris Weispfennig  
Sales Chairman*

### Come see the Gospel Outreach display

- We will have information about short-term missions and other mission opportunities for your societies.
- Enter your name in a drawing for an LWML banner.

We pray that your convention experience is uplifting and a blessing. See you at the water's edge.

*Dorothy Abrahamson  
Gospel Outreach Chairman*



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***Serve the Lord with gladness!***