



# Ripples and Waves

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

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## Convention highlights

### TUESDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Bible Study #1  
Rev. Terry Finnern
- 10:00 a.m.  
Eloise Kuhlmann,  
National Representative
- 10:45 a.m.  
Phyllis Wallace, Keynote  
Speaker
- 12:00-1:15 p.m.  
Exhibits open
- 1:15 p.m.  
Convention reconvenes
- 2:30-4:30 p.m.  
Breakout sessions
- 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
Exhibits open
- 6:00 p.m.  
Banquet  
Entertainment: Jan  
Struck
- YWR Gathering follows  
entertainment

### WEDNESDAY

- 6:00-7:30 a.m.  
Mite-y Walk, Arrowwood
- 6:00-7:45 a.m.  
Breakfast
- 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)*



## Come take the free gift of the Water of Life

Rev. Henry Koopmann's message at the Opening Worship Service Monday evening was centered on our theme verse from Revelation 22:17B. This message was given to Isaiah in the Old Testament. Then Jesus gave the same message to the 'woman at the well'.

These images and verses are evangelical, as is the mission of the LWML to proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad. All would be condemned and bound for hell without the Living Water. As part of His church, we are called upon to get this message of Good News to the unsaved.

As we were baptized and raised in His church, we may take this message for granted. We cannot become complacent. The Lord has put a lot of work into each of us to call others to partake of the Living, because God wants all people to be saved.

The Holy Spirit comes through Bible studies, schools, radio, television and the internet. These are some ways for us to call the unsaved to this Living Water. Once we share the Good News, are we just to tell them and go home? No. Invite them to church, involve them in Bible study, introduce them to other members, and help them to drink deeply of that Living Water.

Just as Jesus used the 'woman at the well' and her simple request for a drink as an opportunity to witness, we, too, need to take opportunities to witness.

Be ready to share the Water of Life. Be ready to drink deeply yourself as we wait for the Lord's coming.





Servant Events brought 35 ladies to tie 34 Linus blankets.



### Gifts from the heart: Ingathering

*Someplace Safe* donations help make a community violence-free by providing a place to stay when home isn't safe. We were grateful to receive: gas cards, gift cards, linens, blankets, towels, wash cloths, cookware and utensils, sweat suits, pajamas, infant sleepers, personal care products, janitorial supplies, diapers, health kits, totes, and baby supplies. **Over 700 items collected!**

*Operation-Happy Note* is a mission to send musical instruments to deployed service men and women throughout the world. **3 guitars, 2 trumpets, 1 clarinet and 4 harmonicas were collected!**

**Phone card** donations will be distributed to LCMS seminary students. **34 phone cards were collected!**

**Stamps for Missions** were received. Money raised by auctioning postage stamps to collectors goes towards our Mission Grants. **Over 12 ½ pounds collected!**



Thank you for bringing these donations to the convention!

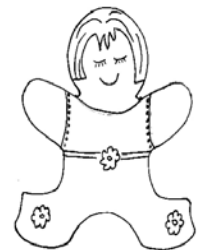
### Meet and Greet the candidates

It was great to see so many of you at the Meet and Greet Reception after the opening worship Monday evening.

- Thanks to those who coordinated this event: Fran Wittnebel and the Nominating Committee, and Zion Lutheran Coordinator Allyn Kuhnau
- Thanks to those who furnished and served the snacks: Zion Women's Fellowship and Zion Evening Guild, Alexandria.
- Thank you Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) for supplying the punch and paper products.

### Meet your AOL prayer partner

Immediately following the Tuesday morning session and before the lunch period, you will have an opportunity to meet the person whose hand-decorated paper doll you received at the Assembly of Leaders workshop last fall. Gather at the back left corner of the convention hall.



# YWRS

Young Women Representatives



Bethany Community nursing home visit



Pizza Party in the Rafters Room



Six Young Women Representatives came to the convention and have been very busy. They served coffee and treats to nursing home residents, made colorful scarves and got to know each other better in their gathering space at Arrowwood.

## Mite-y Mission Movers

Are you ready for your early morning walk along Lake Darling? There are even more walkers this year than we had at our Duluth convention in 2008! Here are some final preparation notes for you:



- ✓ Walk Wednesday morning any time between 6:00 and 7:30 a.m.
- ✓ Check-in at the gazebo located on the tarred walking path by the children's playground.
- ✓ Water and a granola bar will be provided to give you sustenance to be a Power Mover – Mite'aly.
- ✓ Wear your Mite-y Walk T-shirt so we know you're a Mite-y Mover and not a sleepwalker.
- ✓ Bring your insurance and medical information with you.
- ✓ Our Convention Nurse will be located at the gazebo.
- ✓ Breakfast with coffee is 6:00 to 7:45 a.m.
- ✓ Late registrants welcome.

## Did you like the banquet centerpieces?

**They're for sale!  
\$2.00 each**

These will be available for purchase after our Wednesday morning breakfast. Bring your chosen centerpiece to the LWML Sales Table in the Exhibit Area (Tennis Center).

## Leader Transition Workshop

Outgoing and newly elected officers of the Minnesota North LWML Board are invited to a very special workshop on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Lake Le Homme Dieu Room.

The outgoing officers will bring their files to assist you with your new position on the Minnesota North District LWML Board. See you there!

*Mildred Helmrichs  
Leader Development Chairman*

## 'Come to the Living Water' Breakout Sessions

The Breakout Sessions will be held on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Each session is 55 minutes in length and will be presented twice.

### ***Baptismal Remembrance***

Presented by Pastor Terry Finner in the Osakis Room.

### ***Shepherd and Sheep***

Presented by Pastor David C. Cloeter in the Minnewaska Room.

### ***Sharing Jesus...Here, There, and Everywhere***

Presented by Carol Benson in the Miltona A Room.

### ***Finding Purpose and Place as a Mature LWML Woman***

Presented by Eloise Kuhlmann (LWML) and Frances Wittnebel in the Miltona B Room.

### ***Proclaim His Message. Provide His Word.***

Presented by Pastor Ken Bunge, Lutheran Bible Translators in the Miltona C Room.



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### **Name tag code to the breakout sessions:**

In the bottom right hand corner of your name tag are two numbers. The first number is the first session at 2:30, and the second number is the second session at 3:30.

The numbers correspond to the title of the session as shown below:

- 1 - Baptismal Remembrance
- 2 - Shepherd and Sheep
- 3 - Sharing Jesus...
- 4 - Finding Purpose and Place
- 5 - Proclaim His Message

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## Check out the Exhibits Area (You'll find us in the Tennis Center)

### **LWML Sales**

Have you seen the new LWML jacket? We have a few of them on hand for you to see at the LWML Sales table in the exhibit area. You may place your order right then and there. No shipping charges!

Look through the new LWML Catalog you received in your registration packet. If we don't have the item you wish to order, you may place your order with us. No shipping charges! Your order will be delivered to you at your fall planning meeting by your Regional Vice President.



### **Have you pinpointed your society at the structure committee exhibit?**

Lakeland I Region is way ahead of the rest of you. . . You have until 5:30 p.m. today to pinpoint your society and register for the prize. Thanks to all who have stopped by already.

We've got answers to your questions about bylaws and meetings. There's lots of room in the 'question box' to place your inquiry. Come see us!



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