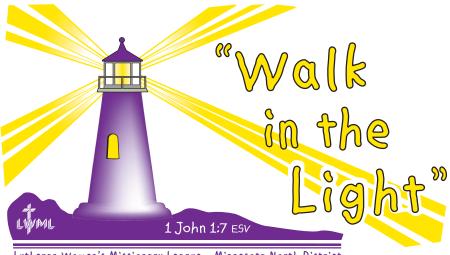


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"Serve the Lord with Gladness" p Psalm 100:2



Lutheran Women's Missionary League - Minnesota North District 23rd Biennial Convention at the DECC - Duluth, MN - June 8-10, 2008

Nominations Sought

Nominations are being sought for the following positions on the Minnesota North LWML Board of Directors:

- President
- Corresponding Secretary
- Treasurer
- Regional Vice Presidents for Arrowhead I Lakeland I, and Park I
- Pastoral Counselor for Lakeland Region

Contact Lucille Lidbeck at 218/233-7014 or <phillipsndaz@aol.com> See page 19.

Mark your calendar now!

Come to Duluth!

Plan to join other LWMLers at the Minnesota North LWML convention in Duluth on June 8-10, 2008. A letter from the chairman of the nuclei committee, Gladys Lorntson, is on page 8.

Mighty Mites

Our mission grants are our Mighty Mites at work. As we near the end of the biennium, please prayerfully consider the many places that your Mites can help to bring the Gospel of Christ to others. See page 11.

Haiti Container Project

Update and pictures from the mission grant project. On page 6 and 7.

District Website

Helpful hints from the webmaster. On page 9.

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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 people of the world.

THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

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Sisters in Christ, greetings in the name our Rock and our Redeemer.

Remember the enthusiasm that filled your hearts as you returned home from the

convention at Sioux Falls? Has this influenced how you plan your future activities in your societies? As we look to the future in our Lutheran Women's Missionary League, it's good and right that we take time to re-focus and set our sights.

To assist us in our planning, the LWML Board of Directors has prepared and adopted a: Primary Targets and Organizational Goals. (These were printed for you in the summer issue of Minnesota Northern Light.) Beginning this fall, I will review these targets, giving your society the opportunity to evaluate your LWML program. Our first Primary Target is: Christ-Centered Living – Being nourished by the Word and guided by the Spirit, each woman is actively demonstrating Christ's love. Our challenge: Are we nourished daily through personal Bible study?

In our last issue, Vice President Joan Johnson encouraged us to begin each day by reading (studying) a passage from Scripture, giving us a launching pad for the day. Do we make it a practice to invite and welcome other women to our Bible study circles? In applying the Word



to our lives, are we seeking out new ways to demonstrate Christ's love? Being nourished and guided by the Word (as our goal states), we will reflect Jesus' love. We will receive courage to more confidently speak of our faith. As we share our faith in love, we will build up our sisters in Christ.

The best guiding method to energizing and encouraging our LWML membership is to personally care about each woman in the congregation as Jesus cares for her. Be interested in her. Accept her where she is and share the joy you experience as you "serve the Lord with gladness."

In His service, Laurain

LOOKING AHEAD

"Walk in the Light" – 2008 Minnesota North District LWML Convention: The women of Arrowhead I Region are hard at work planning for this convention. They will serve as hosts. Be sure to read the message in this issue from Gladys Lorntson, Convention Nuclei Chairman.

Special speakers will be President Jan Wendorf, national representative; Dr. Eugene Bunkowski, mission speaker; and Annetta Dellinger, keynote speaker. Break-out sessions are planned for the Monday of the convention. A special banquet program is being planned. Under the guidance of Rev. John Grein, senior LWML District counselor, we will be led to confidently "Walk in the Light" (theme verse: 1 John 1:7) through our Bible study.

Make plans now to attend. The dates are June 8-10, 2008 (Sunday evening to Tuesday noon), at the DECC (Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center) in Duluth. Post the convention poster which will be in your fall packet.

God's blessings as you "Walk in the Light" in the joy of your salvation.



CHRISTIAN LIFE

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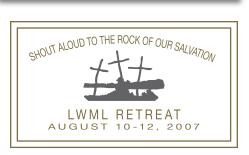
Joan Johnson, Chariman 218/326-5913

In Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, the 3rd definition for the word 'retreat' is "a period of group withdrawal for prayer, meditation, study and instruction under a director."

Every year on the second weekend of August, ladies from the MN North District LWML gather in 'retreat' at Lutheran Island Camp.

In August 2007 we were led in study, prayer and meditation by Rev David Cloeter on the topic of relationships, primarily family relationships: husband and wife, parent and children, grandparents and grandchildren. As we work toward developing and maintaining healthy family relationships, we look to God's Word and the example of the relationship between Christ and His Church. Unconditional love, acceptance, forgiveness, sacrifice —this is the heavenly model we look to and strive to emulate in our relationships on earth.

Our Mission – Ministry Vision representatives, Cheryl Peterson and Fran Wittnebel, provided us with fun breaks and valuable information on working with others. Judy Uran led us in singing, Judy Nelson, Pastor Dagel and Ken Erlandson took us on interesting and informative short term mission trips. And, of course, we cannot forget fellowship: making new friends, renewing old acquaintances, sharing with someone special on the Emmaus walk. If you have never experienced a 'retreat', now is the time to set aside August 8 -10, 2008 to 'withdraw for prayer, meditation, study, and instruction.'



"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen."

I Peter 4:8-11

REPORT FORMS

- Presidents
- Christian Life Chairmen
- Human Care Chairmen

Society Officers: Please send your reports by December 1, 2007.

The report forms are in the Fall Packets which you received at your fall rally. They are also available on the Resource Page online at: www.lwmlmnn.org



Joan

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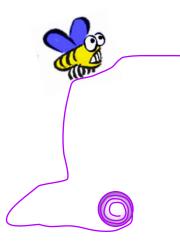


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Visit the MMV webpage under Resources on the MN North District Website: www.lwmlmnn.org

For additional information about MMV please contact: Cheryl Petersen and/or Frances Wittnebel at: mmv@lwmlmnn.org



A Dozen "Bees"

Characteristics of a Dynamic LWML Society Submitted by Carolyn Blum

- 1. Be in the WORD and PRAYER.
- 2. Be a survey taker of the ladies in your congregation.
- 3. Be diverse and creative in your-structure and programming (Be flexible!).



- 4. Be a "job divider" break jobs into small components (Be organized!).
- 5. Be in the habit of separating business meetings from events.
- 6. Be sure each event has a spiritual aspect.
- 7. Be adept at one-on-one PR.
- 8. Begin and end events and meetings on time.
- 9. Be a delegator and mentor.
- 10. Be in communication with members, zone and district.
- 11. Be plugged into zone, district and national events.
- 12. Be in the WORD and PRAYER. (So important that it **BE**ars repeating!)



Be an LWML Lutheran Woman in Mission!



Be on the lookout for ways to continually rejuvenate your society, thus encouraging all of your congregation's women to participate!

> Be sure to work with your MMV consultants to share good ideas!











HUMAN CARE

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The 2007 Haiti Container Project

(Excerpt from the August 2007 Lutheran Mission Association Newsletter.)

"Many of you are wondering how things are going! The container arrived at the church complex in Cap-Haitian and was unloaded on August 16th 2007 ahead of hurricane Dean!

Many needs were filled by the second Haiti Container Project and we feel tremendously blessed to be a part of the Lord's work in Haiti. To the Minnesota North LCMS and others: you are making a difference in the North District of Haiti and its surrounding country; your love is shining and bringing hope. Faith is an awesome thing."

Stamps for Missions - Continue saving your commemorative stamps.

Human Care Opportunities:

• Invite a young woman to your society and mentor her at the meeting. Be sure to invite her again and again.

• On LWML Sunday, make a display of your society, district and national mission projects. Let them know what LWML is about.

• Join LWML women on Mondays at noon to pray for missions and thank the Lord for using the hands of women across the U.S. as they reach out to others.

• Display a special tree in your church and collect items to give others: Mitten Tree, Stocking Tree or Angel Tree.

• Volunteer to shop for someone who can't shop for herself.

Haiti Container Project Unpacking The Container











There are numerous opportunities to reach out

A SERVANT'S HEART



Haiti Container Project Unpacking The Container

The Generator that the LWML helped purchase for the Cap-Hatian Complex through one of our mission grant projects.



with care and compassion. "Instead, whoever wants to become great among you, must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be last." Mark: 43-44

There is a tendency for children to want to be first. Is it any different for us adults? Each of us wants to take care of number one, me first. Jesus gives this example to His disciples. Jesus came to serve, not to be served. He put our needs ahead of His own.

Looking at Jesus' example we need to examine our own motives in how we reach out and serve others. Everything we do and say should reflect the love of Jesus.

Each of us needs to have a:

Servant Heart - Being considerate of others, valuing their opinions and being helpful. Be a servant. Matthew 20:25-28

Caring Heart - Showing others that you really care.

Listening Ear - Listen to what others are saying. Learn from what they are saying, and to what is not said. Listen with your heart not only your ears.

Teachable Attitude - Learn from what friends and foes are saying. People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

We need to keep our eyes and ears open for opportunities to reach out to the people God has placed in our path.

Gladys



DISTRICT CONVENTION

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A letter from the Chairman of the Nuclei Committee

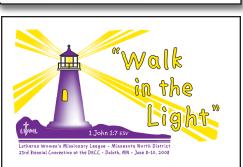
The Minnesota North LWML Convention will be held June 8-10, 2008 at the DECC Convention Center in Duluth.

WALK IN THE LIGHT

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His son cleanses us from all sins." 1 John 1:7 ESV

The Nuclei Committee has met twice on July 9th and August 13th. At our July meeting we discussed the various committees and had some women volunteer to be in charge of a number of them. Our August meeting had more discussion on the committee work. Many helpful suggestions were made for the work on the different areas. We also had more ladies volunteer to head the different committees.

We journeyed from Esko, our meeting site, to Duluth to visit the convention center site. It helped us to see the rooms and spaces that could be used in projecting our theme "Walk in the Light." All those present felt that much progress was made with all the suggestions and ideas, which will be worked on at our November 5th meeting when the different committees



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present their reports for discussion and final decisions.

It is an exceptional group of ladies who have offered their time and talents. They are open to suggestions and ideas which helps us all to have this convention go smoothly. We're hoping that you will set aside the June 8th thru June 10th, the dates to go to the 2008 convention. Meanwhile, remember to "Walk In the Light" (Live in God's Holy Truth) I'll see you next June in Duluth.



Gladys Lorntson, Nuclei Chairman

James Wagner, Webmaster

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Still trying to find things on the MN North District website?

To the left is an interactive page listing of the website. "Left" Click on any of the links and it will open your web browser to the page you clicked. (Only works if you are online!) Additional information, resources, and other weblinks are found on each of the pages.

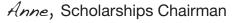
HELPFUL WEBSITE HINTS:

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 - HOW TO DOWNLOAD FILES: To download information to your computer, "Right Click" on the Form you wish to download and then "Left Click" and choose "Save Target As." Proceed to select the directory folder or location you want to save the file and then click "OK".

Scholarships, continued from page 18.

church professions when career options are being considered.

Our scholarship recipients look forward to receiving the monies from this Mission Project Grant. This grant is funded from our individual mite offering. So please be faithful supporting the mission grant by filling your mite box with your coins and paper. Continue to pray for our scholarship recipient's families as well as for those individuals who are wondering whether God is urging them to church work professions. God's benefits are awesome!





MISSION ADVOCACY AND GRANTS Judy Uran, Chariman gospeloutreach@lwmlmnn.org 218/879-5373

Goals + Commitment = Challenges

This fall of 2007 finds us with two very different challenges. One is to complete our current mission goal and the other is to push forward to set a new goal and choose new grants.

We are working on fulfilling our grant projects for 2006-2008. As we near the end of this biennium, I find that God has blessed us richly and urges us to share our blessings through mite giving. Take a look at the projects and you will see what a difference they make in our world. Their help is felt from feeding children in Haiti to educating workers for the Lord's work to helping start a new mission church. Please pray that everyone will pick up the challenge and help reach our goal of \$130,000.

On the other hand, we are excitedly looking forward to setting a new goal and selecting new mission grants at the District Convention in June 2008. What area of the world or what would you like to see as a project for the 2008-2010 biennium?

Talk about it...

Pray about it...

Consider submitting an application.



Mite Calendars for the months of November and December are on found on pages 21-22 of this newsletter. Mite calendars may also be downloaded from the district web site: www.lwmlmnn.org

If you do not use a computer, please ask someone to download them for you.

- Mite Alert -

In order to meet our Mite goal of \$130,000 by March 31, 2008, our total Mite offerings will need to be in excess of \$56,000 (25% goes to the national LWML). Please encourage your society members to prayer on behalf of the mission outreach of the LWML.



Forms and instructions for submitting Mission Grants are found on the district web site: www.lwmlmnn.org

MISSION PROJECTS FOR THE 2006-2008 BIENNIUM as of October 9, 2007

MISSION PROJECTS	GOAL	PREVIOUSLY PAID or ALLOCATED	PAID OR ALLOCATED THIS QUARTER	BALANCE
Scholarships for Seminary Students	\$11,000	\$8,000.00		\$3,000.00
Scholarships for Full-Time Church Worker Students	\$55,000	\$29.394.99	\$9,971.43	\$15,633.58
Summer Staff Training – Lutheran Island Camp	\$10,000	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
Orphan Grain Train Transportation	\$7,000	\$6,000.00	\$1,000.00	PAID IN FULL
Outreach to the Muslim	\$6,000	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Trinity/HOPE - Feeding children in Haiti	\$4,750	\$1,000.00		\$3,750.00
Generator for Cap-Haitians, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Haiti	\$10,000	\$6,000.00		\$4,000.00
Transportation of VBS Teams in Ontario	\$5,000	\$2,827.00		\$2,173.00
VBS for Native American Children White Earth Res Nebraska Youth	\$3,000	\$3,000.00		PAID IN FULL
Shepherd of the Lake Mission Outreach, Two Harbors, MN	\$10,000	\$4,367.67		\$5,623.33
Partners in Mission—Outreach to Hmong children in Minneapolis & St. Paul	\$3,250	\$3,250.00		PAID IN FULL
Audiocassette Materials for blind and visually impaired people	\$5,000	\$2,000.00		\$3,000.00
TOTALS	\$130,000	\$60,670.10	\$13,169.56	\$56,160.34



MISSION GRANT - \$10,000 SHEPHERD OF THE LAKE MISSION OUTREACH - TWO HARBORS, MN

Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church is a mission congregation begun in January 2004. While the community has a variety of churches, over 50% of the population is unchurched. This mission outreach project is to extend God's Word to young families, particularly those with children.

In order for the Pastor to continue with Word and Sacrament ministry, support personnel in the form of secretarial office help and money for materials and supplies is needed. The congregation budget has very limited funding available, as the congregation is small and has mostly aging members.

There is need to continue the church's visibility in the community through various events such as Vacation Bible School and Christmas for Kids programs which have increased in attendance from 5 to 33 children. Through these children, the pastor has been able to begin contact with over 15 families in the community. This grant will help further the message of God's Son, Jesus, being born and dying as the atonement for the forgiveness of our sins.

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MISSION GRANTS become realities when one member or society learns of a mission need and makes an effort to meet that need by submitting a



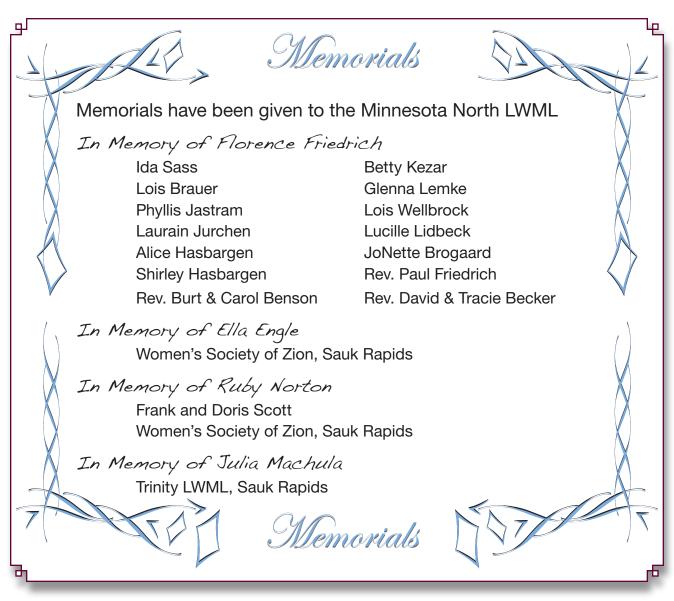
MISSIONS IN FOCUS

proposal. You can help grants be a blessing by becoming aware of needs and submitting a grant proposal. Contact Grants Chairman, Judy Uran, or get forms on the website www.lwmlmnn.org The deadline for submission of the grants is February 15, 2008.

MAY WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US!



Mildred



Memorials are to be sent to the District Financial Secretary: Donna Schleif, 8181 269th Ave. NW, Zimmerman, MN 55398-4011

If you wish, you may designate the memorial for Mites or Minnesota North Mission Grants.



LEADER DEVELOPMENT Mildred Helmrichs, Chariman

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Hospitality

How adaptable and accommodating are you and your group to new members? Do you have flexibility? "stretch-ability"?

We might compare LWML societies to rubber bands. Some are very tight; stretching is difficult, perhaps even painful. Some bands might be brittle and break. You want your LWML society and circle to be the kind that stretches easily and returns to its original shape. You want to be the kind of group that accommodates new members comfortably.

I See Women As Leaders

Autumn is a time for returning – to school, to work, to service on committees and boards in church and community. Women will fill so many leadership roles in these areas. What kind of leaders do women make?

The most effective female leaders I have known and worked with share some common characteristics - characteristics revealed in very telling remarks they have made.

"Will you work with me on this?"

Women are collaborators. We seem comfortable working side by side.

"We can do that!"

Women see the possibilities.

"I'll take care of that!"

Women accept responsibility.

"Let me know how

I can help." Women are supportive.

"We can work around that." Women are flexible.

> "What are your thoughts on this?" Women value others.

Do these characteristics describe you? If so, go... There is a special role for you. Watch for it. Snatch it. God's blessings on your elections. Mildred



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Parliamentary Pointers from LWML

This is about the time of year that many societies are putting into motion the selection and election of new officers. In most societies it is usual for a nominating committee to select the candidates for office. That committee has an important duty to perform. It should consist of a representative group of 3, 5, or 7 members. The nominating committee is the one committee that is never appointed by the president, but is elected by the members.

These are some questions:

Question: Should a nominating committee submit more than one name for each office?

Answer: Not unless the bylaws require it. Even large federated groups permit the committee to submit one name for each office, then have nominations from the floor.

Question: If a nominating committee cannot secure even one name for an office, what can be done about it?

Answer: After conscientiously attempting to secure candidates to fill an office, the committee may ask the membership for suggestions of names. If completion of the slate becomes a physical impossibility, the president upon hearing the report calls for nominations from the floor for a candidate for the office.

Question: Upon giving the report, does the nominating committee move adoption of the report?

Answer: The chairman of the nominating committee gives the report and hands it to the president without further comment. This is one report that does not require a motion to get it before the membership assembled. It does not require a second.

Question: (a) May the nominating committee submit the name of one of the committee members as a

candidate for office? (b) Do committee members cast their votes?

Answer: (a) Yes, this is a privilege of the committee. Being on the committee does not prohibit a member from being a candidate for office. (b) Yes, the same as any other member.

Question: Does the chairman of the nominating committee ever preside over the election?

Answer: No. If the president is absent, the vice president presides. A nominating committee really has a difficult and responsible assignment. It takes a great deal of courage and fortitude, but the results are gratifying when you have helped your organization to have excellent leadership.

 This excerpt was taken from Parliamentary Pointers written by Mrs.
Walter N. Hoppe

In November Glenna Lemke and her husband will be moving to Topeka, Kansas. Thank you for your faithful service and we wish you God's blessings, Glenna, in your new home.

Phyllis Jastram has been appointed to fill out the remaining term as Regional Vice President of Lakeland I and as chairman of the Structure Committee. Welcome back to the Board of Directors, Phyllis.



YOUNG WOMEN/TEEN LWML

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Convention: Strengthened for Further Service

I'm sure as you read this you have settled into your fall schedules. In your flurry of activities, take time to notice God's changing landscape and the full array of colors He has given us to enjoy. Set aside time each day to listen to Him speak to you through His word.

Two young women in MN North District set aside time from their busy lives to attend the LWML Convention in Sioux Falls in June 2007. Rhonda Menze and Rachel Vanderplaats were the Young Women Representatives for MNN to the convention. They soon found they had more in common than being Young Women Representatives; they were both pregnant. Rachel had a girl, Paige, in July. Rhonda had a boy, Paul, in September. Both babies were born early; however, God has blessed both with thriving growing bodies.

Both new mothers took a few minutes to share their thoughts of the convention. Rachel and Rhonda expressed great joy and thankfulness for MN N giving them the opportunity to attend the convention. Both shared how the convention experiences strengthened them for service. Rhonda shared she could see the bigger scale of mites and mission from a local congregation into the larger picture of LWML missions. She especially enjoyed meeting and sharing with Young Women from across the nation. Rachel shared she could hear from other Young Women Representatives their frustration in getting young women to even attend church. She was strengthened and encouraged by the camaraderie she felt with other Young Women from across the nation as well.



Mountain Top Adventure

The Young Women's Retreat was held October 5 & 6 at Lutheran Island Camp. Seventeen people attended, three of them under 17. The retreat featured a cyberspace walk, ice cream social, an Emmaus walk, Bible study, and meeting Paul Menze (Rhonda's newborn son.) Pastor Dagel led the Bible study with breakout sessions allowing more time for sharing. Saturday afternoon the women stamped cards for seminary students.

The weather was great — and the fellowshipand Bible study were even better!





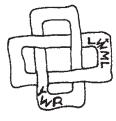
Kathleen

YOUNG WOMEN/TEEN LWML



"Mountain Top Adventure" Retreat and YWR Letter





I would like to express my thankfulness to the MN North District for sponsoring me as a Young Women's Representative to the National LWML Convention in Sioux Falls in June. I had a wonderful experience meeting many new people from our district, visiting with friends, and meeting other young women from across the nation.

National LWML Convention is a very uplifting and inspiring event, and I am grateful that I had the opportunity to attend and represent our district. I would highly encourage members who have not attended a convention to do so... perhaps Portland, Oregon in 2009? It is wonderful to witness the impact that our Mite Boxes have on the mission field and humbling to think of the "quiet work" of so many thousands of Lutheran women throughout our country. What an awesome God we serve!

Thank you again to the MN North District. This program is a wonderful outreach tool for showing young women what LWML is about. Women page on the district web site at: www.lwmlmnn.org to read more comments from the two YWRs about LWML and the 2007 Sioux Falls

Convention.

Please visit the Young



In Christian service, *Rhonda Menze*

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Scholarships: Ongoing Prayer Opportunity

When you think about scholarships, do you think the process is; fill out application, distribute money with the end result being a professional church worker? Is it more complicated then that? We, the LWML, fund grants to help those who are studying for professional church careers. Is there more? Yes!

From the blessings God has given to us we give our Mites and are pray-ers too. We, as pray-ers can concentrate our efforts on the scholarship recipients as God fulfills His plan through them. We can be the pray-ers and rejoice when our scholarship recipients begin their careers working full-time in His kingdom.

More often than not, details and plans that we work so hard at change and we need to work them out. Our time is usually not in sync with God's time. Recently one of our scholarship recipients informed us that he was not able to attend seminary at this time. His plans changed. The timing was off. We pray that things will work out so he can continue his education.

Seminarians repeat again and again how grateful they are for the support they received from the Minnesota North District LWML. They appreciate the scholarships, yet they also appreciate the many letters and gifts from societies and individuals.

Others recipients continue to expressed their appreciation. Adam Myers from Moorhead is a freshman pre-sem student studying at Concordia University in St. Paul. He is grateful for our support.

Jennifer Rohr from New York Mills, also studying at Concordia University in St. Paul, states that her studies to become a Director of Christian Outreach are coming close to the time of her actually filling that position.

Their thankfulness doesn't necessarily end at graduation. Sharon Peske recently remarked that their

daughter Kalika, who received an LWML scholarship during her studies at Concordia in Seward, NE, were appreciated by her — and her parents! Kalika is now in her second year of teaching 5th grade at an LCMS school in Denison, Iowa. (Sharon also asked that we pray for their son Nathan who is currently stationed with the Army in Baghdad.)

In LWML societies how can we foster church work vocations within your church family?

Perhaps you can offer transportation money to encourage men who are considering the pastoral ministry help them attend a seminary consideration weekend at either Fort Wayne or St. Louis.

The Concordias also sponsor regional career workshops that encourage high school youth to consider full-time church work careers. You can help provide transportation for the young people to attend these events.

Of course, your personal word of encouragement and support to these individuals helps them in their decision-making process. As parents and grandparents, we need to encourage our children and grand-children and discuss the possibility of them seeking

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Check out the information below! If you feel you relate to the statement on the left, you just might be a good match for the corresponding job on the right. If so, please prayerfully consider whether God could use your gifts and let the nominating committee for the district know.

The nominating committee met on Tuesday, October 9 and will soon be sending letters of application to potential candidates. If God says 'yes' in your heart, please accept the invitation to serve Him gladly, in whatever way He needs you. He will provide what you need to do a good job for Him.

If you enjoy making lists, keeping records and going to the printer & the post office	>	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
If you enjoy writing checks and balancing the checkbook	>	TREASURER
If you like meeting new people and hitting the road to new places: for Lakeland I, Arrowhead I and Park I	>	REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS
If you like planning in addition to encouraging and inspiring others	>	PRESIDENT
If you love your pastor or counselor and would like to share him with the rest of us: for the Lakeland Region	>	PASTORAL COUNSELOR
Of course, more detailed job descriptions can be obtained from the committee, or its chairman. Lucille Lidbeck, Chairman	to se	u or someone you know is willing erve as a candidate, please contact eone on the committee.
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Full job descriptions can be found in the 2006 Bylaws also, which can be downloaded from the district web site: www.lwmlmnn.org	• Dia	aron Thalmann (Park II) ane Mueller (Arrowhead I) arilyn Hiltel (Arrowhead II)



Psalm 100:2	MN NORTH PROJECT		MN NORTH PROJECT	MN NORTH PROJECT		
"Serve the Lord with Gladness!"	Pray for the hungry children in Haiti	10 ¢ if you have sent Christmas greetings 25 ¢, if not	Pray for blind and visually impaired people	Pray for blind and visually impaired people	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	10 ¢ for each hymn you sang today
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MN NORTH PROJECT	MN NORTH PROJECT		MN NORTH PROJECT			
Pray for the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti	5 ¢ for each person at your Thanksgiving celebration	Thank God for all His many blessings!	Pray for the VBS program in northern Ontario	Pray for outreach to the Hmong children in the Twin Cities	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	Praise God for the choirs that enhance our worship services
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25 ¢ and praise God for His faithfulness	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	Pray for the ministry of Lutheran Island Camp	50 ¢ if you bought a Christmas present today	Pray for students preparing for full time church work	25 ¢ for each inch of snow on the ground	Pray for Orphan Grain Train outreach
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6	10	11	12	13	14	15
Praise God for His Word	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	25 ¢ if you exercised today, 50 ¢ if you did not	Pray for mission outreach in Two Harbors, MN	25 ¢ if your Christmas tree is not up yet	Pray for outreach to the Muslim	Pray for blind and visually impaired people
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
25 ¢ for each candle lit on the Advent wreath	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	Pray for outreach to the Hmong children in the Twin Cities MN NORTH PROJECT	Pray that teachers find extra patience during this holiday season	Pray for the VBS program in northern Ontario MN NORTH PROJECT	Pray for all pastors preparing for Christmas services.	Pray for the Native American children on the White Earth Reservation MN NORTH PROJECT
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Praise God for the beautiful music of the Advent & Christmas season	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon	Praise God for the gift of His Son!	Pray for the hungry children in Haiti MN NORTH PROJECT	Read Luke 2:1-20 again	Pray for the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti MN NORTH PROJECT	50 ¢ if you plan to go to a New Year's Eve party.
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50 ¢ and thank God for His many blessings during 2007	Pray with your LWML sisters at noon		Don't be afi need. Indeed, I	aid to ask you Heavenly Father for 10thing is too small for God's atten for His power. – Dennis Swanberg	Don't be afraid to ask you Heavenly Father for anything you need. Indeed, nothing is too small for God's attention or too great for His power. –Dennis Swanberg	eat this

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