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Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Minnesota North District

Serve the Lord with Gladness! Psalm 100:2



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The President's Pen: Heritage



Genealogy: According to Dictionary.com, one definition is “the study of family ancestries and histories.” Another definition is “descent from an original form or progenitor; lineage; ancestry.”

I have been pondering my ancestry and 'family ties' over the past few months, as I had the opportunity a few weeks ago to celebrate the 90th birthday of my grandpa. We are not a large family, yet the history, stories and memories are abundant. I wanted to find out more about this side of my family and started to explore the website, Ancestry.com. I found actual documentation from a 1930 census and the record of my grandpa's military service. Isn't technology amazing?

This brings me to another record that I 'found' in a Bible study a few months back, Hebrews 11. I was told that this has often been dubbed 'Faith's Hall of Fame.' This chapter records many people throughout the Bible who, by faith, trusted in God and became heirs of the Heavenly Kingdom.

In referring to that second definition of genealogy, we can explore our original form - our true descent - being a child of God. This Hall of Fame shows us that we also have a faith heritage, one that points us to the family of God.

While it is very interesting to research documents that pinpoint certain events within our earthly family's lineage, we also have the Bible that documents our faith lineage (refer to Matthew, Chapter 1). We, the family of Christ, are given a challenge in Matthew 28, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,



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.

Visit the LWML websites:

www.lwml.org
www.lwmlmnn.org

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baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you (NIV)." Through the mission and ministry of the LWML, we have the awesome and rewarding responsibility to bring Christ to other women.

Our MN North District has also launched the 'Make a World for Christ' appeal to work together within our district and beyond, to further expand the family of God. I pray that through our prayer and financial gifts within our congregations, we can assist with this opportunity to spread the Gospel and welcome others into the family of Christian believers.

It is a privilege and a pleasure to call you, fellow MN North LWML women, sisters.

Tracing family history through different media, and tracking LWML history through documentation, provides a wealth of information that provides us a link to whom we are and where we come from.

Tracing our spiritual lineage makes us aware of whom we are in Christ, and how we can, through faith, extend His kingdom, not only in our congregations, but in our district and beyond.

Cheryl Petersen
Minnesota North District President

What is Gospel Outreach?

The purpose of the Gospel Outreach Committee is to equip and motivate women to live the Gospel and to share it with all people.



*Dorothy
Abrahamson*
Mission
Advocacy &
Grants Chairman

What does this mean?

God wants you to be yourself when sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others. He has chosen you, and given you the privilege of sharing that joy and excitement of your faith with others. Being a Christian is a blessing, and the joy of Jesus in our lives should be evident to everyone.

We want to share encouraging notes and resources to see how you can easily and naturally share the Good News of Jesus' great love in your everyday living by:

- developing a closeness to your Savior through prayer, Bible study, worship, and devotional materials;
- recognizing there are many opportunities every day to be God's witnesses;
- understanding that everyone is unique and loved by God and He wants you to reach out to them!
- See more at www.lwml.org/missions/Sharing_the_Gospel

Through our Mission Grants we can go beyond our individual means, and with our mites, help share our love for Jesus around the world.

Update: Medical Clinic, Cap Haitien, Haiti

In June of this year, I returned to Haiti for the third year in a row to teach English to about 40 eager, young, and some much older, Haitians. This trip was in part possible because of the grant from the MN North District LWML. Two weeks of very hot weather and many delightful people, made the trip memorable and enjoyable.

I was able to share my Haitian experience this year with my husband, who went with me (and Deb Larson, a nurse from International Falls). My husband taught seminary students and church leaders a course on 'The Means of Grace.' We shared many of the same students; they had long days of learning. Thanks to our district for helping me to pay for my trip

through the grants for short term mission trips.

I enjoy sharing my trip with a power point presentation, so please contact me to visit your organization.

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Mission Grants

September 30, 2010

2010-2012 Mission Goal Status

PROJECTS	GOAL	PREVIOUSLY PAID OR ALLOCATED	PAID OR ALLOCATED THIS QUARTER	BALANCE
Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students	\$55,000	\$7,000	\$6,750	\$41,250
Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$500	\$7,500
Lutheran Island Camp, Financial Support for Staff Training	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$500	\$7,500
Food Bank at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	\$5,000	\$0	\$775	\$4,225
Orphan Grain Train	\$8,500	\$3,000	\$0	\$5,500
Children's Bibles for the People of SE Asia	\$7,500	\$2,000	\$0	\$5,500
Medical Clinic, Cap Haitien, Haiti	\$25,000	\$5,600	\$0	\$19,400
Food & Clothing Co-op, Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne	\$5,000	\$0	\$775	\$4,225
Production of Audiocassette Materials - Lutheran Blind Missions	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
Anuak Ministry, Sauk Rapids, MN	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
TOTALS	\$135,000	\$21,600	\$9,300	\$104,100

All mite contributions should be sent to the Financial Secretary Marilyn Hiltel
6850 Golden Spike Road, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379-9715.

What is a 'mite'?

“And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny [mite]. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, ‘Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on (Mark 12:41-44).’”



Lessons from the Seventh Grade

Mary Kuhnau
Christian Life
Chairman

In the seventh grade, students take a four-week class in sewing. During this class, each student completes an appliquéd pillow. Many of these students had never sewn before. They didn't know how to thread a needle, much less use a sewing machine. I

volunteered to help these students with their sewing projects. This is what I learned from them.

One boy had trouble getting the sewing machine to sew correctly. He kept blaming the sewing machine saying, "I got a bad sewing machine." When he switched to another machine, he still had the same problems. What I learned: It is easier to blame something or someone for difficulties rather than examine ourselves to see if we are doing something wrong and take responsibility for our actions.

Another boy would put his fabric in the machine, but rather than let the sewing machine guide the fabric through at the correct rate, he would hold the fabric back. What I learned: We often ask God to guide us in our lives, but then we resist him. We keep pulling back, hanging onto things. We are reluctant to let Him have control of our lives.

On the other hand, another student put his fabric in the machine, lowered the presser foot, pressed on the speed controller, he then sat back and did not guide his fabric at all. What I learned: We can become too passive, saying it is all in God's hands. God has given us certain responsibilities as Christians, such as to obey, to resist Satan, and to witness of our faith. We need to seek balance and to discover what God will take care of and what He has given to us as responsibilities.

Just looking at his pincushion was enough to tell that this student was a perfectionist. He had all his pins arranged by color and all at the same height. His project was beautiful. However, on the next to last

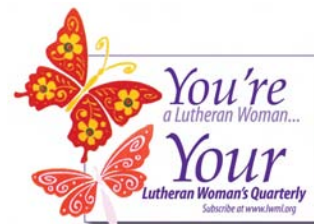
day of class, he still had a lot of work before his pillow would be finished. What I learned: We can become so caught up in perfecting unessential details (sorting pins) that we lose sight of our purpose.

A girl in the class asked me questions about what it was like when I was in seventh grade. What I learned: How nice it is when someone shows a personal interest in us, and we not only need to be concerned about the project, but also about the person and who they are.

Another student needed to do a lot of ripping out of his stitches. He was frustrated with himself and wondering if he was ever going to finish his project. Because class time was over for the day, I offered to finish removing the old stitches and pin it so it would be ready for him to start sewing the next day. He was so grateful; his whole attitude about the class seemed to change. What I learned: It takes so little of giving of yourself to affect someone's life. We need to be aware of more of those opportunities. We also learn to show our appreciation for the people that help us.

I hope the seventh graders learned as much as they taught me.

We're in the LWQ!
The *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* picked up our story about Zion Evening Guild's event, "Aprons: Symbols of Service." This story from the Alexandria society first appeared in the *Minnesota Northern Light* Spring 2010 issue. See it in the "Updates" section, page 27, of the Fall 2010 edition of LWQ.





Ellen Strickler
Human Care
Chairman

Where did summer go?

As I welcome in the fall season with a melancholy sigh, I wonder, where did summer go? Why does this one season fly by so quickly? Despite the hot, humid weather and the mosquitoes, we yearn for “lazy, hazy” days. I believe God gave us this special time, especially in Minnesota, to

deepen our appreciation of His world and to remind us He is in control of all things.

My favorite part of summer is being a grandma, when the grandkids come to stay without their parents. It is a time for teaching and a little preaching. Deuteronomy 6:6,7 reminds us, “*And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*”

Children are never too young to learn God’s Word and what giving and sharing is about. They must be made aware of people less fortunate and that loving the Lord means caring for others. These visits presented the perfect time for me to talk about and demonstrate compassion for others through Human Care projects.

I made Linus blankets with my 6 year old twin granddaughters, Ava and Grace. I told them about the children in Haiti, showing them pictures of how they live. I explained there may be children in this area that need help. Donating their books, toys and outgrown clothes to a thrift shop or shelter would be a thoughtful thing to do. They were delighted to know they were old enough to help.

Later, granddaughters, Olivia (11) and Taylor (16), joined us. A few more blankets were made and an outing was planned to visit an assisted living complex where their great-grandmother lives. What a fun time we had with Grandma Jean and several other residents! I consider this a “win, win” situation as everyone enjoys the interaction. It is an excellent teaching tool to reinforce kindness, respect and

compassion for the elderly. We talked about the feelings of sadness and loneliness, how life changes and the importance of faith and trust in God at all times. This activity emphasized that giving doesn’t always have to be material things, but sharing your time is a gift as well.

I introduced them to the giving of mites, which the twins thought was a very silly word. I gave each one a child’s Mite Box and hopefully, with the help of their parents, they will joyfully fill it, and realize that pennies, nickels and dimes are needed to carry out God’s work.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! That was the line of the hymn that spun over and over in my head as I interacted with my grandkids. I was not just grandma, but a mentor, a teacher, a spiritual presence in their young lives.

With that in mind, an experience like this does not have to be exclusive to grandchildren. Sunday school classes and youth groups present us with wonderful opportunities to plan an outreach campaign for Human Care. Talk with and encourage your youth leaders. Join together and teach by example what can be done in your church and community. Lead your youth as they administer to the elderly, shut-in’s and lonely. Go with them, set an example, as you assist senior centers, meals on wheels, shelters, food shelves, thrift shops, and humane societies. Show compassion as you prepare and serve a meal at a mission.

Pray for wisdom and creativity as you plan your outreach. Challenge yourself and the young people you know to give of their time and talents. Instill in them that their actions are done to the glory of God and love for their fellow man.

As a grandmother, LWML member and mentor, I thank God for the privilege and responsibility of witnessing to my grandkids and other young people. As Christian women, we have no other job as important. Proverbs 22:6 says, “*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*”

LWML Catalog

Here are references to a few sketches and devotionals from the LWML Catalog that could help in the ministry to the young and old.

Back to School – simple school supplies are used as teaching tools by linking items with Scripture verses to provide a great object lesson for children. Code 59935

Journal Gems – twenty-eight new devotions for teens on topics of concern to today's youth. It is written from a teen's perspective on cheating, divorce, sexuality, self-image, witnessing and many more. Code 49300

Buddy Check – with this program you can reach out to those who are lonely, at risk or living alone. Code 59126

On-going Human Care needs:

- Items for Haiti are encouraged for the in-gatherings at the zone fall rallies. Check on the MN North LWML website for information on kits and items needed.
- Serve your community to address local needs.
- Continue to collect stamps, soup labels and phone cards.
- Don't forget our military men and women as their needs continue and the holidays are approaching.



Big News! LWML is now on Facebook!

Click the "Like" button at the top of our page to become a fan, stay current on LWML news, and share in Christian fellowship right from your desk: www.facebook.com/TheLWML. Once you are a fan of the LWML page, click the 'Suggest to Friends' link to let all your friends know about the page. If you don't have a Facebook account, now is a great time to sign up.

Fall 2010 Scholarships



Linda Jeske
Scholarships
Chairman

When you put your coins in your Mite Box do you wonder how God is going to use them to extend His kingdom? Isn't it amazing how all of those coins add up? Who would think that one could ever help pay for a college education with pennies – perhaps they are 'Pennies from Heaven'. Our mites do great and wonderful things when given to the glory of God.

In July the LWML District Board of Directors approved the disbursement of scholarship awards for the first semester, fall 2010, in the amount of \$14,177.52 to be divided equally between the following students preparing for full time church work. The checks were sent directly to the respective Concordia Colleges.

Concordia University Nebraska, Seward NE
John Koopman, junior, from Ortonville.

Concordia University, St. Paul, MN
Sarah Berg, freshman, from Duluth
Amanda Jacobsen, sophomore, from Little Falls
Mark Langton, sophomore, from Akeley
Adam Myers, senior, from Moorhead
Kyle Sorkness, sophomore, from Fergus Falls
Rachel Vogt, freshman, from Braham
Kayla Vrudny, junior, from Finlayson
Rachel Vrudny, sophomore, from Finlayson

Let us remember to keep each of these students in our prayers through this coming school year that they will remain faithful to our LORD. May their prayer and ours be "Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths (Psalm 25:4)."

Those serving on the Scholarship Committee along with me are Pastor Stauty, Linda Paskewitz and Tessa Giru.



Lynn Lahd
Leader
Development
Chairman

Here am I, send me!

This is a beautiful time of the year when the world that God created displays all its glory in the majestic fall colors; a time when many groups are returning to what is considered a more regular schedule. Many people we know are going back to their work serving on committees and boards at church and in their communities. As women we are often asked to fill some of the leadership positions. We stop and say, "Who me? I just don't know."

When I've been asked about accepting any leadership position, I can't help but think of the hymn, "Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying." The entire hymn is about serving our Lord and who will accept His call. It is a wonderful hymn and it can be found in on page 826 in the *Lutheran Service Book*. Do we answer as in the last verse "Here am I, send me, send me." or do we say, "I don't think I have what it takes to be a leader?"

Just who can be a leader? What makes a good leader? What are we to be leading, encouraging, and teaching about? How can we develop and become a better leader?

Who can be a leader?

Any person who encourages, teaches, guides and assists others is a leader. A person who wants to assist others in developing and using the gifts our Lord has given them to their greatest potential. If you are a mom, a teacher, a mentor, you are already in a leadership role. We are also being a leader when we are a role model to others; we are being a person who leads by their example. In Hymn 826, verses two and three describe some of the many roles we can accept.

Verse two:

If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus; You can say He died for all. If you cannot rouse the wicked, With the judgment's dread alarms, You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.

Verse three:

*If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall, Pointing out the path to heaven, Off'ring life and peace to all, With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what God commands; You can be like faithful Aaron Holding up the prophet's hands.*

What makes a good leader?

God, our Father has given the gift of leadership in some form or another to all of us. A good leader prays and asks Jesus to help them in the leadership role they have.

What are we to be leading, encouraging, and teaching everyone about?

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:19-20)."

We can all share Jesus' love for us with others; we can share that great message of John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

How can leaders develop and become better leaders?

First, you need to grow in your faith walk with your Lord. Study and be in His Word daily; you need that daily encouragement and strengthening for you to continuously encourage others.

Second, pray for His guidance and blessings daily on your work.

Third, use the many other resources our Lord has allowed to be created to assist you in developing leadership skills.

The LWML has many great aids that will assist you in developing as a leader; go to the LWML websites and you can find them. Remember, as St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Philippeans, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Serving the Lord in gladness!



Lynnelle
Roshell
YWR
Committee
Chairman

YWRs needed to attend national convention

The main task of the Young Woman Committee over the next quarter is to choose two Young Woman Representatives (YWRs) and alternates to attend the LWML convention in Peoria, Illinois next June. But I am asking everyone's help in finding our representatives. Our district YWR may be the woman who sat behind you in

church last Sunday, or she may be the woman who brought that tasty salad for the potluck last month, or she may be the new fourth grade Sunday school teacher.

Applications will be available in the fall packets and are online at www.lwmlmn.org. They are due to me by December 1, 2010; detailed contact information is on the forms.

A YWR may be any mature woman preferably between the ages of 22-35 and a member of the LCMS. A YWR has a deep love and devotion for her Lord Jesus Christ and is willing to participate in the full scope of the Peoria Convention. A YWR is willing and able to be away from home/work for the entire convention and the travel time involved to attend. A YWR will attend all sessions of the convention, sitting with her district delegation, though she will not be able to vote. A YWR will be asked to report on her convention experience either orally or in written form to the district, zone and/or society that nominated her.

YWRs come from many backgrounds. Some are new to the LCMS others were baptized as an infant into the faith. They can be single or married. They can be working outside the home or at home.

Take a look around next Sunday. Meet that new woman in your congregation or talk to the daughter of your best friend. Invite her to your society meeting and to your zone rally. Tell her about the LWML and how it has impacted your faith life. Encourage her to fill out an application and be her reference on the application.

The YWR program was started many years ago to get more younger women involved in the LWML. We have two former YWRs on our district board. Cheryl Petersen represented the Minnesota North District as a YWR at the 1999 Convention in Minneapolis. I represented the Minnesota South District as a YWR at the 1997 Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina.

I was introduced to the LWML by a number of women in my local congregation Peace Lutheran Church in Robbinsdale, Minnesota. I am grateful that God placed Gloria Pitschka in my life. Her love of our Savior was a huge influence to me as a young mother and new Lutheran.

May each of you encourage a young woman you know to fill out an application to be a YWR. Even if we cannot choose her to attend the Peoria Convention, bring her along to the Minnesota North District LWML convention in 2012.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League 34th Biennial Convention Thursday, June 23 – Sunday, June 26, 2011 Peoria Civic Center – Peoria, Illinois



Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge
*And they realized they had been with Jesus.
“For we cannot but speak the things we have
seen and heard.” Acts 4:13b and 20 (NKJV)*

Convention Goal Statement:
Empowered by being with Jesus,
I courageously speak of Him
and live a life transformed by His love.



Time to review your bylaws

We are now enjoying the fall weather, changing colors and the various activities to prepare for the next season. Among these activities is the election of new society officers. This is a good time to review your bylaws.

Doris Weispfennig
Structure
Committee
Chairman

- ☞ Do you have bylaws?
- ☞ Are you doing what your bylaws state?
- ☞ Do your bylaws need to have some changes?
- ☞ When were your bylaws reviewed?
- ☞ Bylaws should be reviewed and changes made, if necessary, every five (5) years.
- ☞ Bylaws are a permanent document, intentionally difficult to change, but do need to be up to date.
- ☞ Bylaws can be organized by Articles, with more divisions, into sections and subsections.

Let all things be done decently and in order.
I Corinthians 14:40 (KJV)



- ☛ Doris Weispfennig in memory of Pearl Rust and Joanne Beiswenger
- ☛ Immanuel, Parkers Prairie, in memory of Margie Scheelke, Bill Jerome, and Blanche Hanson.
- ☛ Elaine Metzger in memory of Joanne Beiswenger.
- ☛ Anne Hansen in memory of Joanne Beiswenger.

Memorial gifts should be sent to the Financial Secretary Marilyn Hittel, 6850 Golden Spike Road, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379-9715.

Your LWML stories



When doing family history, I try to include stories about family members, which adds “flesh” to dates and places. While collecting history of the Minnesota North District LWML, I would also like to add flesh to it.

Janet Miller
Archivist-
Historian

Do you have a story you would like to share about an event: how or why you became an LWML member, how many conventions you have attended, or perhaps a funny story or uplifting experience? Please put your writing cap on and send me a 50 to 100 words story about your LWML days. I really would appreciate it.

Thrivent Choice Dollars for LWML

Attention Thrivent Members:

About 30% of Thrivent Members have Thrivent Choice Dollars that can to be directed to any Lutheran organization of their choice. Notification was recently mailed to qualifying members.

If you have Thrivent Choice Dollars available for you to direct, please consider designating those dollars to Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Minnesota North District, Brainerd, Minnesota, by calling: 800-847-4836 and saying "Thrivent Choice;" an operator will then assist you. This is the only way our organization will receive Thrivent funding.

GoodSearch.com

Using the search engine www.goodsearch.com generates a donation to LWML. At the box, “Who do you GoodSearch for?” type in “Lutheran Women’s Missionary League - LWML - National Organization.” Search the Internet just like you normally would — the site is powered by Yahoo! Fifty percent of the revenue generated from the sponsored search advertisers is shared with our organization.

Reaching Today's Woman ... Wherever She Is

Today's women are everywhere and doing everything, all at once. They are running their homes, advancing their careers, leading the charge in philanthropic circles, taking care of family finances-you name it-and women are probably doing it. Somewhere amid the chaos of taking care of everything and everyone, Jesus wants to take care of them.

When asked why outreach to women is so important, a 31-year-old social worker from California and life-long Lutheran said, "Because women rule the world." She followed up that statement with this: "I don't mean that in a negative way toward men. What I mean is, women do everything. We keep the world running ... we get the job done." She explained that the Church needs to do something to get the attention of women. Even the involvement of those who have grown up in the Church is starting to wane.

In a recent research project on women's ministry, Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) conducted two surveys: one was directed toward Christian women and one was sent to congregational leaders. We asked how women and leaders view their congregation's ability to reach out to women. Some of the statistics taken from the survey are below and are helpful to keep in mind when reaching out to women-both inside and outside the Church.

The top two stressors women noted were children and finances. When asked what they would change about themselves, most women listed something dealing with body image - the single most common answer being a weight-related response.

64% of women and 68% of congregational leaders say their women's ministry is not an outreach to lost or struggling women.

76% of women and 75% of congregational leaders say young women are not interested in joining their women's groups.

64% of women and 68% of congregational leaders say mothers of young children are not involved in church activities.

64% of women and 72% of congregational leaders wish their churches would offer something for women that they currently do not. Both groups offered the same top three concerns. They wanted to see a more tangible outreach to younger women (both married and single); they wanted to see better opportunities for younger mothers to become engaged in church life, and they wanted women's Bible study options to be available.

The LHM women's ministry research project also found that, according to the 2000 U.S. census, only 57% of adults over the age of 25 were married. A decade later, this statistic has leaned toward even more American adults being single than ever before. This statistic

should have an impact on how we think and minister to women. If our only outreach is to wives and mothers, we are missing a large number of women who can be served by our churches and hear the Good News of Jesus.

More women work outside of the home; more women are business owners, and more women have advanced degrees than ever before. Wherever they are, whatever they are doing, women of all ages and situations need to be targeted with the powerful Gospel message so the Holy Spirit can transform their lives through the amazing love of Jesus.

Don't let these statistics scare you! Yes, we have a lot of work to do to reach women-both inside and outside the Church-but the Lord of all creation is with us, leading and guiding us in our witness so He can claim the lives of His children through His Word!

Read *Tips for Sharing* for ministry outreach tips that will help you and your congregation as you strive to reach women for Christ.

Provided by Faith Spelbring
Manager, U.S. Ministries
Program Research &
Development



LWML Plays in Peoria



Thousands of women will gather in Peoria, Illinois, for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League convention, June 23-26, 2011. It will be an awesome experience. Those who attend will find ways of **"Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge."** There will be worship, Bible study, inspirational speakers and missionaries, fellowship opportunities, singing, servant events, voting, and, of course, fun!

Heidi Floyd will provide lots of humorous interludes, Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus will lead the worship service, and Katie Stam, 2009 Miss America, will share her radiance and joy. Registration and detailed information about the convention will be in the winter issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.

Today is a great day to begin your plans to be in Peoria, Illinois, Thursday, June 23 – Sunday, June 26, 2011!

Take the bus to Peoria!

The Minnesota North District LWML is arranging for a bus/travel coach (or two, if we have lots of you sign up) so we can travel to Peoria together. Here's why you want to reserve your spot on the bus:

- The trip will only take 10-1/2 hours, so we will spend one day traveling each way, with stops for meals and stretching our legs.
- The bus will shuttle us to and from the convention center.
- The cost is about \$40 for the round-trip (cost per person depends on the number of riders).
- It will be lots of FUN!

Your early sign up will enable us to reserve a block of hotel rooms, so please indicate how many will be staying in your room, and their names (this is not your hotel room reservation).

Please send this form by January 1, 2011 to: Jean Nygaard, 1202 20th St. N, Moorhead, MN 56560, or e-mail to ljnygaard@cableone.net.

Yes, please include me on the list of those interested in traveling by bus to Peoria, IL, for the national LWML convention in June 2011!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Please indicate how many will be in your hotel room: _____

Roommates: _____

(This is not your hotel room reservation but will give us an idea how many rooms to reserve in a block.)



November 2010

Prayer and Praise Mite Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>All Saints' Day</i> Praise God for the saints who have gone before us.	2 <i>Election Day</i> If you voted today - 25¢	3 Memorize a Bible verse today - 25¢	4 <i>MNN Project</i> Pray for Lutheran Blind Mission	5 Invite someone to worship with you	6 Pray for "Make A World for Christ Appeal"
7 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> Did you remember to set your clock back? - 50¢	8 Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon	9 <i>MNN Project</i> Pray for the ministry of the Orphan Grain Train	10 Thank God for those who serve in the military - 25¢	11 <i>Thank a veteran for service to our country</i> <i>Veterans Day</i>	12 Praise God for the blessing of your community	13 <i>MNN Project</i> Pray for students preparing for church work careers
14 Greet someone at worship today	15 Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon	16 <i>MNN Project</i> Pray for Children's Bibles for SE Asia Ministry	17 Pray for our national leaders - 25¢	18 <i>MNN Project</i> Pray for medical mission in Haiti	19 Be thankful for a close sister in Christ.	20 <i>MNN Project</i> Pray for the staff at Lutheran Island Camp
21 <i>Feast of Christ the King</i> Pray for the Sunday school teachers at church	22 Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon	23 <i>MNN Project</i> Pray for the Food Bank at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	24 Thank God for willing feet to follow Him. - 25¢	25 <i>O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good!</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i>	26 <i>MNN Project</i> Pray for Anuak Ministry of Sauk Rapids	27 <i>MNN Project</i> Pray for Food & Clothing Co-op at Ft. Wayne seminary
28 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> Prepare for God's gift of Jesus' birth	29 Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon	30 <i>MNN Project</i> Pray for seminary students				



December 2010

Prayer and Praise Mite Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>One cent for each Christmas card you are sending this year</i>	2 MNN Project <i>Pray for Lutheran Blind Mission</i>	3 <i>Pray for those who are suffering during this Christmas season</i>	4 <i>Grow in your faith daily through His Word</i>
5 <i>Our hearts are raised in high expectation as we await our coming Savior</i>	6 <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>	7 MNN Project <i>Pray for seminary students</i>	8 <i>God is Love - share it with someone today - 25¢</i>	9 MNN Project <i>Pray for students preparing for church work careers</i>	10 <i>Pray for families of military personnel who are separated from loved ones</i>	11 MNN Project <i>Pray for Food & Clothing Co-op at Ft. Wayne seminary</i>
12 <i>Praise God for pageants & choir programs this Christmas season</i>	13 <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>	14 MNN Project <i>Pray for the ministry of the Orphan Grain Train</i>	15 <i>Use your hands in willing service for Him today - 25¢</i>	16 MNN Project <i>Pray for medical mission in Haiti</i>	17 <i>Take a plate of Christmas goodies to someone homebound</i>	18 MNN Project <i>Pray for the staff at Lutheran Island Camp</i>
19 <i>Pray for a family from your church</i>	20 <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>	21 <i>If you shoveled snow before today - 25¢</i> <i>Winter begins</i>	22 MNN Project <i>Pray for Children's Bibles for SE Asia Ministry</i>	23 MNN Project <i>Pray for Anuak Ministry of Sauk Rapids</i>	24 <i>O holy night, the night of our dear Savior's birth</i>	25 <i>Christmas</i> <i>Unto us a child is born. Unto us a son is given.</i>
26 <i>Praise God for the opportunity to worship today</i>	27 <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>	28 MNN Project <i>Pray for the Food Bank at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis</i>	29 <i>Thank God for your family - 25¢</i>	30 <i>Free-will mite offering</i>	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> <i>Thank and praise God for the gift of another year of grace</i>	



January 2011

Prayer and Praise Mite Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Praise God for the gift of the new year</i>
2 <i>Make your offering at church today</i>	3 <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>	4 MNN Project <i>Pray for seminary students</i>	5 <i>Pray for the blind and visually impaired people. - 25¢</i>	6 Epiphany of Our Lord MNN Project <i>Pray for Lutheran Blind Mission</i>	7 <i>Thank God for your spiritual and material blessings</i>	8 MNN Project <i>Pray for the Ministry of Orphan Grain Train</i>
9 <i>Praise God for those who share the ministry of music</i>	10 <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>	11 <i>Pray for LWML MNN board meeting today</i>	12 <i>Pray for those that are hungry - 25¢</i>	13 MNN Project <i>Pray for students preparing for church work careers</i>	14 <i>Pray for unbelieving family and friends</i>	15 MNN Project <i>Pray for the staff at Lutheran Island Camp</i>
16 <i>Pray for the individual whom you sat near in church today</i>	17 <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>	18 MNN Project <i>Pray for Children's Bibles for SE Asia Ministry</i>	19 <i>Help or encourage a busy Mom today - 25¢</i>	20 MNN Project <i>Pray for medical mission in Haiti</i>	21 <i>Pray for your Pastor and his family</i>	22 MNN Project <i>Pray for Food & Clothing Co-op at Ft. Wayne seminary</i>
23 <i>Thank God for His Word that was heard today</i>	24 <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>	25 MNN Project <i>Pray for the Food Bank at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis</i>	26 <i>Pray for those who need shelter - 25¢</i>	27 MNN Project <i>Pray for Anuak Ministry of Sauk Rapids</i>	28 <i>Pray for the homebound members of your congregation</i>	29 <i>Praise God for your hope in Jesus - 25¢</i>
30 <i>Listen for the signs of God's presence</i>	31 <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>					

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