



# MINNESOTA NORTHERN LIGHT

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE  
MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!

PSALM 100:2



## Heir of God's Abundant Love

The 2016 convention verse on this page is and will be relevant in our lives as we go forward in time. We adopted a new Mite Goal of \$137,000 and selected ten mission grants to fund. Pray for our mission grants when you put your offerings in your Mite Box. All glory to God!

### Here are some items to think about and do this fall:

Fall Packets will be handed out at the fall zone rallies. Society presidents will see to it that all information is given to society members. Be sure to meet the deadlines as listed on the reports.

**Note:** It is very important that zone events be held after the Quarterly Board Meetings! The Regional Vice President is a link between the MN North District LWML and the zones/societies. When events are held before the Board Meeting the information does not get shared with everyone as it should be. In the fall many society/zone leaders go south for the winter. The Fall Packets that hold timely information do not reach the people who need it. Please, please help us out with this small matter.

**Zone fall rallies/workshops** are a wonderful way to be in God's Word and get to know your sisters in Christ. The LWML MN North website provides information about these events. ([lwmlmnn.org](http://lwmlmnn.org))

**LWML Sunday** information can be found at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org). The theme for this year is "Come and See". It is based on Psalm 66 and John 1:35-51. This Sunday service is usually held in October, but it can be held whenever your schedule allows.

**"Jesus Christ Above All"** is the theme of the 2017 LWML Convention to be held June 22-25 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It is based on Philippians 2:9. Make plans to attend. LWML will be celebrating its 75th anniversary.

We will be celebrating many events in the following months—Reformation, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas. Thank the Lord for the time spent with family and friends. Above all,



*Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! (Psalm 32:11 ESV)*

Marilyn Hirtel, LWML Minnesota North District President



*"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God! And that is what we are!"*

1 John 3:1a (NIV)



## 2016 UPCOMING EVENTS

**October** - Zone Rallies

**November 15** - Society packet material deadline. Send report to your zone officer counterpart!

**December 1** - YWR application due!

**December 1** - Zone packet material deadline. Send report to your district officer counterpart!

**December 15** - Lutheran Witness supplement page deadline.

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### The blessings around us.

by Kathlyn Steinmetz, Christian Life Committee Member

Where did the summer go? Have you heard that lately? Let’s recap the amazing summer the Lord has given us. In June, over 300 of us attended the LWML Convention in Willmar. Those in attendance may have stopped by the Christian Life booth and may have seen the abundant number of blessings God has bestowed on each of us. Rev. Stauty reminded us of the legacy we have as a Christian woman. We do not choose this eternal inheritance, but are undeserving heirs of His grace and love (Gal. 4: 4-7).

If your summer has been like mine, you have probably attended a wedding, school or family reunion, or have gone on a trip. We see a couple embark on a new journey together, like Abraham (Heb. 6:13-14). We get re-acquainted with family and friends and share our joy (1 John 3:1 and Gal. 3:26-29). We see God’s beautiful creation at home or on vacation. Surely these events just remind us of the blessings we have as God’s children.

In August at the LWML Retreat, “Living the Uncluttered Life”, we learned of things that can clutter our lives.... How conflict can cause clutter and clutter can cause conflict (Heb. 12: 1-2). The key to getting rid of emotional clutter is forgiveness and reconciliation (Matt. 5 & 6 and Col. 1:20-22). Christ’s love makes me feel so blessed and grateful!

I am grateful for the opportunity to meet several generous people, when twelve large trees came down into my yard during a wind storm. I am grateful for the Farmers Market every Friday because the deer ate most of my garden produce. I am grateful for the gorgeous autumn weather to enjoy while mowing my lawn. We are so very blessed in Minnesota to see the seasons change right before our eyes!

We have uplifting fall rallies and LWML Sunday to look forward to this Autumn.

*“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”* 1 John 3:1a

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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 world.

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### What to do next?

by Theresa Warnsholtz

It's that time of year again when our thoughts move to "getting back to work" in our sewing or quilting groups. There are many on-going projects that you can work on in the winter (summer, fall, and spring, too). In our area we think mainly of quilts—wonder why!

Some societies have made the clothing protectors and they have been a big hit with nursing homes. Also a 'new' project, making fleece ponchos, was done at the Willmar convention this past June.

If you are looking for ideas, ask around in your community at veteran homes, nursing homes, group homes, etc. Find out if there are certain items they need to help or comfort their residents.

I recently visited the Orphan Grain Train website ([www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org)) and there are many items/kits that they 'collect' and send where needed. Some of the items are: pillowcase dresses, hygiene kits, school kits, feminine kits, layette kits, sweater mittens, t-shirt

shorts, sleeping mats made from plastic bags. A list of items needed are given for each kit, along with downloadable patterns ready for printing. OGT will pick up from almost any area in Minnesota.

### A look ahead...

This fall the Crookston Zone is having a 'servant event' instead of a speaker for their fall rally. They will be working on crocheted plastic [sleeping] mats made from repurposed plastic [grocery] bags and/or dry cleaning bags and making bedtime bags for children. I am looking forward to sharing the results of this project.

Saint Paul, in Philippians 4:10-20, thanked the Philippian church for the support they rendered to him on one of his journeys. He welcomed their support – was it prayers, money, goods – we are not told. He called it an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. May we do the same with our quilts, diapers and other items we make and use locally or send off to other places.



17 first-timers attending the retreat!



Lori & Leon Dawkins



Relaxing by the fire.



Catching up with friends.



Phyllis Jastram and JoNette Brogaard

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### Our focus forwards

by Susan Zeige

How exciting it was to see such a varied list of grants that were adopted by our LWML Minnesota North Convention that was held in June! Even more exciting is to actually see that some of our newly adopted grants have been funded to date, and one of them, Grant 3 - Orphan Train, has been fully funded for \$9,000.



Orphan Grain Train exists to provide food, water, clothing, medical supplies and equipment, layettes, quilts, health kits, school packs, and Scripture-based materials to individuals in our country and around the world. These are items that we often take for granted in our life, but for those without, they make a tremendous difference. The funding of this grant will be utilized to provide needed transportation for these items to those in need.

At this time of the year many of our societies hold special bazaars or dinners that have become yearly traditions in their congregation and communities. Why not consider donating part of your proceeds to support the mite projects for both our LWML 'national' and LWML Minnesota North projects? When we work together, we can do "Mitey" things.

### Mission Grants Committee Report

A total of \$11,500 in mites for LWML MN North grants was raised this past quarter. The Mission Grant Committee recommended and the BOD approved the payment of grant allocations as follows: \$3,500 for Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students; \$3,000 for Gloria Dei School and Church Building in Cap Haitian, Haiti (Paid in Full); \$5,000 for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Chapel Furnishings (Paid in Full). The chart below details the current balance remaining for the 2016-2018 biennium.



|          | <b>MISSION GRANTS FOR THE 2016-2018 BIENNIUM</b><br>(Balance as of October 11, 2016) | GRANT AMOUNT     | BALANCE REMAINING   |
|----------|--|------------------|---------------------|
| Grant 1  | Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination  | \$15,000         | \$15,000            |
| Grant 2  | Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students                                      | \$50,000         | \$46,500            |
| Grant 3  | Orphan Grain Train   | \$9,000          | <b>PAID IN FULL</b> |
| Grant 4  | Lutheran Island Camp's Christ Serve Academy  | \$10,000         | \$10,000            |
| Grant 5  | Caring for Our Pastors (Doxology)  | \$10,000         | \$10,000            |
| Grant 6  | C.R.O.S.S. Appeal  | \$14,000         | \$14,000            |
| Grant 7  | Gloria Dei School and Church Building in Cap Haitian, Haiti                          | \$15,000         | <b>PAID IN FULL</b> |
| Grant 8  | Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Chapel Furnishings                                       | \$5,000          | <b>PAID IN FULL</b> |
| Grant 9  | Love Works! Lutheran Braille Workers   | \$5,000          | \$5,000             |
| Grant 10 | Bible Translation Field Testing (Partially Funded)                                   | \$4,000          | \$4,000             |
|          | <b>TOTALS</b>  | <b>\$137,000</b> | <b>\$104,500</b>    |

### LWML MN North District Board of Directors Report

A special action to pass a resolution concerning the disbursements of LWML Sunday offerings. The following resolution was passed.

#### Resolution for the Designation of LWML Sunday Offerings in the MN North District

**Whereas,** The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML), as the official women’s auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, focuses on affirming each woman’s relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions; and

**Whereas,** A major emphasis of the LWML is the support of mission and ministry throughout the world by means of mite offerings; and

**Whereas,** The collection of mite offerings is used to further God’s kingdom through the mission grants selected by delegates at district and national conventions; and

**Whereas,** Congregations within the MN North District traditionally set aside a Sunday to educate, recognize, and celebrate the work of the LWML; and

**Whereas,** Offerings are taken at the LWML Sunday observations in support of the LWML; therefore be it

**Resolved that,** The LWML Sunday Offerings be designated for the LWML MN North District Mite Fund to be disbursed as follows: seventy-five percent (75%) to the MN North District Mission Grants and twenty-five percent (25%) to the National Mite Fund.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect and after October 1, 2016.

### Mission Grant Thank You

LWML MN North,  
The Minnesota North Branch of the Orphan Grain Train express thier sincere gratitude for your generous commitment.  
Thank you very much for your generous gift, a grant for \$9,000. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated to help those in need with medical supplies, food, clothing, layettes, health kits, quilts and share God’s Word.  
God’s Blessings,  
Eugene Pasche, MN No. O.G.T.

**Relief for Human Need Worldwide**  
John 14:18, *“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”*

LWML MN North,  
I recently received your letter stating that the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Chapel Furnishings project was adopted to be funded in the amount of \$5,000 by the Minnesota North District’s LWML. How wonderful!  
On behalf of the staff and children at the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch I want to extend our gratitude for this gracious gift made possible by you, the Mission Grants Committee and ALL of the amazing women of the LWML MN North District.  
We are nearing completion of the new chapel on the DBGR Fargo campus and recently the stained glass windows were installed. It looks beautiful! Thanks to this generous gift from the LWML MN North, we will soon be purchasing the mobile pulpit, chairs and other equipment needed to complete our “sanctuary”.... The staff and children at our Fargo facility are so excited to use the new space to learn about Christ’s love through chapel services and spiritual life activities, and as a place for reflection, peace and recreation.  
Many Blessings,  
Amanda Mosser  
DBGR Corporate and Foundation Development Officer



## 2016 LWML MN North District Convention Offerings – A Response to Monetary Gifts

### Thank You

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ  
of the LWML MN North

Many of you know that the third convention offering (\$6,042.29) gathered at our Willmar Convention in June was given to Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa. I want to share a portion of the letter I received from Old Missionary Gary Thies about the money received AND a thank you from one of the recipients, Sarah Harris.

“...Your kind gift of love from the LWML is really a blessing. We have allocated the gift that you have sent between the two most needy missionaries that I am working with. Your total gift really is a blessing and \$3021.14 was allocated to our new missionary, Sarah Harms. just a few days ago. She will be teaching in the Czech Republic and she will be touching lives of students who have never heard about Jesus. I know she will be so pleased to know that this one of the very first gifts she was able to receive. I know that God will use this young lady. In her interview it about made me cry because she was so sincere.”

#### A Note from Sarah Harris:

Dear LWML,

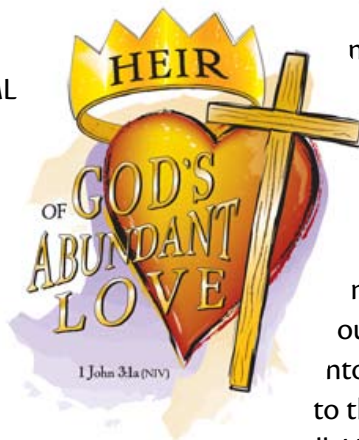
*Thank you so much for your generous gift as well as your prayers of support. It means so much that you are willing to be part of the journey with me. We are all the hands and feet of Christ, and to know that I have all of your prayers is both a comfort and encouragement. Even as you pray for me, I will be praying for you. I look forward to sharing with you God's work in the Czech Republic in the days and years to come!*

*In Christ,  
Sarah Harris*

### Thank You

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ  
of the LWML MN North,

A few days after hearing from Sarah Harris, I received a second Thank You—this time from the second recipient of the Mission Central Convention Offering (#3). Let me share the words first from Old Missionary Gary Thies. . .



“...The other half of your gift is going to missionary Pastor Jordan Tomesch. He was just ordained from the Seminary in St. Louis. He speaks German and his father was a German. He has studied in Berlin and is desperately needed in Hamburg, Germany, as our very first missionary. Pastor Tomesch will be reaching out to the thousands of refugees flooding into Germany and he will be reaching out to the German community in Hamburg as well. He is so desperately needed because only 2% of people attend church on Sunday morning and the German government recently announced that by the year 2050 Germany could be a Muslim state.”

#### Rev. Tomesch responded to us with. . .

*“Today I received the awesome news that you supported me in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with refugees in Germany! I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart! I look forward to sending you more about myself and my calling to serve Jesus.*

*Your missionary,  
Jordan Tomesch*

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### Finding our place

by Kathy Brandt

So often we feel that we have nothing to contribute to a group. The thought of being a leader is daunting. By taking a step back and studying God's Word we can get a better idea of what our gift might be in respect to leadership. Leadership is service to others and that is something most of us do already. We can lead others by example, by mentoring and by encouragement. Remember to lead in love toward one another and always pray for the Holy Spirit to work in you to the Glory of Jesus Christ!

### Memorials and Honorariums July 2016 - October 2016

From Trinity Ladies' Aid, Bellingham  
 In memory of Maxine Zahrbock

From St. John's of Sparta LWML, Montevideo  
 In memory of Ardeth Kvanli

From JoNette Brogaard in memory of Jack Sander

From Immanuel LWML, Parkers Prairie  
 In memory of Katherine Quitmeyer

From St. John's Ladies' Aid, Ottertail  
 In memory of Chris Johnson

From St. John's Ladies' Aid, Ottertail  
 In memory of Delores Menze

From Carol Westendorf  
 In memory of Jack Sander

From Immanuel LWML, Parkers Prairie  
 In memory of Dale Venzke

From Immanuel LWML, Parkers Prairie  
 In memory of Pat Ellwanger

From St. John's Ladies' Aid, Ottertail  
 In memory of Karen Koplin

### Leadership and Spiritual gifts

*"Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness."*  
 Romans 12:6-8 (NASB)

### Seven Steps Toward Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

- A. **Pray.** Ask God for understanding, wisdom, and direction in discovering your gift(s). Be still, and listen for the needs to which God draws your heart. Ask: If I could do anything I want for God, what would it be?
- B. **Study.** Study the Scriptures; learn that everyone is gifted.
- C. **Examine.** Examine life experiences and abilities that may shape the use of your gift. Use a talent survey that may help determine what your gift(s) may be.
- D. **Experiment.** You have the freedom to try new ministries until you find one that "fits."
- E. **Question.** What degree of satisfaction and fulfillment do you find in what you are doing?
- F. **Evaluate.** Do others benefit from your gift? Gifts are given for practical use in the Body of Christ.
- G. **Verify.** Do other Christians affirm your own ideas of what your gifts are/aren't? (It is as important to ask: "Which gifts don't I have?" as well as "Which gifts do I have?"). Listen to what others say about you. So often others can see your strengths much better than you can. (From LWML, "Gifted for Service" #7153)

Send memorials and honorariums to the Financial Secretary, Corles Rainer. **Corles Rainer, 8813 71st Street SE, Clear Lake, MN 55319-9465.** Remittance forms can be found on the district website at ([lwmlmnn.org](http://lwmlmnn.org)) under the resources menu tab.

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### Repair and rebuild.

by Ruby Prochnow

Fall is in the air. Mornings and evenings get cool. Summer projects have to start wrapping up; hence, I am waiting in the truck at Menard's for my husband to finish loading lumber needed to repair our deck. The support system is strong, but the surface boards need replacing due to weathering elements. As I am waiting in the truck, I realize how the repair job reminds me of my new position on the LWML MN North District Board. I am the Public Relations. This article will illustrate to you, the readers, our committee's main goal.

The mission of the LWML 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. **Notice "to assist EACH woman of the LCMS."**

Many societies' rosters show a decline in membership. With this we see less and less enthusiasm to search for a solution to increase this membership. Our societies continue to invite ladies to join them only to be rejected for various reasons. This committee would like to offer ideas for each society to repair the declining membership. No, you can't go to Menard's and purchase members, but you can attempt to repair that roster.

Because the Bible is the support system of the LWML, we know we have a strong foundation. We would like to encourage each society to engage in a Bible study at each meeting. I have noticed that our synod is encouraging more participation in Bible studies. What does this have to do with repairing the roster? Increase the publicity of the LWML Bible study in your congregation. The Bible is the inspired and inerrant word of God. From the Bible we derive the truths by which we govern our lives. From the Bible we learn about God himself. The Bible reveals the will of

God for mankind, for the family, for raising children, and for grand parenting. Be creative in this publicity pointing out the importance of Bible study in each of our ladies' lives. God's word serves as the manual for moving along on our journey of life using our gifts. Studying His Word can enlighten our lives whether we are already on that membership roster or not. Pray for God's Spirit to touch the women's hearts and to stir them in the desire of studying the Bible with other women.

Be creative in that Bible study by searching the resources offered by the LWML or by our LCMS Synod. The website of both are filled with creative resources to alert the women of our congregations of the goal of LWML. If you are not computer savvy, you can spend time with someone who can help you bring up information. That someone can be another LWML member, church secretary, minister, or a woman who has not yet joined the LWML. These resources can most often be printed off for you.

Once you have your Bible study determined, be sure to use all the aids within your reach to stimulate a yearning for God's Word. This fall, meet under a nice shade tree to study right in the midst of God's beautiful creation. Limit the time spent on the Bible study, but encourage discussion among the participants. Many times women think they have to rush through the study to get on to the meeting. If the material is pertinent, you will have interest that creates good discussion, and the ladies will grow in God's Word. Remember the mission of LWML!



The LWML is thrilled to announce a Facebook Bible study on spiritual gifts that will run every Monday through Saturday in May 2016 on our Facebook page! Participating in the online Bible study is easy and free!



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### Training workers for the harvest field.

by Elizabeth McTighe

At the 2016 LWML Minnesota North District Convention held in June the voting body again chose to support seminarians and church work students by selecting proposals for scholarships. Scholarships in the amount of \$50,000 for Full Time Church Work Students and \$15,000 for Men Preparing for Ordination were approved. Thank you all so much for your continued support of the students from the Minnesota North District.

There are three gentlemen preparing for ordination into the LCMS. They are:

**Jeffrey Manthe** from Avon, MN. He is in the Specific Ministry Program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He has already been ordained as the minister at SonRise Lutheran Church in Avon and is involved in all aspects of the congregation. Many of you may have heard him speak at the District Convention in June. Rev. Manthe has an interesting story to tell about his

involvement with the SMP and has stated he would be happy to speak at LWML gatherings.

**Berett Steffen** is a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Willmar and lives in Spicer, MN. He will be entering Concordia Seminary in Ft. Wayne after four years at Augustana in Sioux Falls. Berett has been involved with music since the age of five and plays several instruments. He is also interested in researching and writing theological articles.

**Gino Marchetti II** is from Otsego, MN. and attends Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Elk River. He attended the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis and will be entering Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne. He has served on several boards in his local church. Gino has a website and a blog ([ginotheseminarian.weebly.com](http://ginotheseminarian.weebly.com)) so we may all follow along with his activities. His email is [gino.marchetti@ctsfw.edu](mailto:gino.marchetti@ctsfw.edu).

Please remember these men in your prayers and by your mite offerings.

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### STRUCTURE GUIDELINES

by Carla Patton

As the newly assigned Structure Chairman, I am looking forward to serving our Lord with gladness. Three wonderful women have agreed to be part of this committee for the next two years:

With any new endeavor there are always changes. This committee is no exception. The following changes will be put into place beginning in October.

- Each committee member will be assigned two regions. They will be responsible for reviewing the bylaws for the zones and societies in their regions.

- Bylaws will be sent to the chairman and handed out to the appropriate member of the team.
- The team member will then review the bylaws and the final approval will be made at a group meeting of all members of the committee.
- Upon final approval, a letter will be sent to the president of the zone or society, letting them know that their bylaws were approved.
- After approval by the zone or society, a final copy will be sent to Carla Patton for filing.

The structure committee is looking forward to serving the Lord and the District Zones and Societies.

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### The demands on our time.

by Beth Dinger

Greetings Young Women of the Minnesota North District! Whether you are back to school, beginning your professional careers, or sending your own little ones off to school, fall is a busy, but exciting time of year. As a teacher with four children of my own, we are starting to get back into the routine of school, homework, after school activities, and confirmation with my middle son. There never seems to be quite enough time to finish all of the dishes, get caught up on the laundry, or get the house as clean as I would like it to be.

With so many demands on our time, it seems very daunting to think about getting involved in even one more thing. And yet, that is exactly what I want to encourage you to do. I understand very well the stresses that many of you Young Women are facing. Tests and deadlines if you are still in college. Finding a job, and making a name for yourself in your profession if you are a recent graduate. Perhaps even working several part time jobs, trying to make ends meet while you continue your hunt for the 'perfect' job.

Possibly you are a new mother, learning how to balance both the wonderful blessing that children are, with the added responsibilities that come with having children. Or, if you are on the older end of the Young Women spectrum as I am, perhaps you have several children, and have entered the phase of chauffeur to your children as you cart them between the activities that they participate in. Maybe you even help coach a team, or teach a Sunday School class. Even at this time in your life, when your time is at a premium, I would like to encourage you to consider how you can become involved in the LWML.

While I would love to see every single one of you at the next district convention, I know that it simply is not possible for each of you. However, I would encourage you to find out more about the LWML as you are able: attend a local meeting or servant event, go to a zone workshop or rally, or attend a district or national convention.

You could also check out our new Facebook page to connect with other Young Women in our district. Our Facebook group is **LWML YWRs of MN North**, or our group link is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/332080887141179/>. I encourage you to take time to join our Facebook group so that you can begin to "meet" some of the fantastic Young Women we have in our district. I look forward to the little devotions and messages that I see in my Facebook feed from the LWML groups that I am a part of, and I hope that our Facebook group can also be a source of encouragement for you.



**One of the most fun ways to get to know more about the LWML is to attend a national convention as a Young Woman Representative (YWR).**

I was one of the YWRs for our district at the 2015 LWML Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, and I can honestly say that the time away from my family was time well spent renewing my spirit, making new friends, and finding encouragement from all of the other YWRs who I met. Plus, it was so much fun! Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to attend the 2017 Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico as a YWR for our district. I know that if you attend, you will be richly blessed – it is truly the experience of a lifetime!

If you feel led to apply to represent our district as a YWR, please complete an application, which can be found on the LWML MN North district website, [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org), or in the fall packets which will be disbursed at fall rallies. Applications are due by December 1, 2016, and two representatives will be selected from the applicants to represent us June 22-25, 2017, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Come, help us celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the LWML, and be in the Word, as we focus on the theme "Jesus Christ Above All" and study the Scripture verse from Philippians 2:9, "Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name."

**LWML RESOURCES PLUS**

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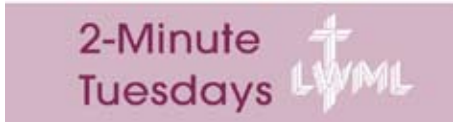
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**Go! Gospel Outreach Opportunity**

This week pray for our missionaries and send them a card of encouragement. Put a donation in your Mite Box to support LWML Mission Grants. Check out [www.lcms.org/prayercards](http://www.lcms.org/prayercards) or call 1-888-843-5367 to find out about each missionary family and prayer requests.

And he said to them, *“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest”* Luke 10:2.



2-Minute Tuesdays are an effort to encourage women to share the Good News of Jesus and about LWML in short, non-threatening “pep talks” via email. The Time is NOW to urge women to sign up for these great ideas and words of encouragement. It is the first step and helps us to know how many women are being reached. Each woman gets an email with helpful tips – they take only a short while to read and they come every other Tuesday. The emails are even archived for a wealth of ideas!

After you pledge your intention to share about LWML with all the women in your lives, you will be asked to sign up for this special email list. Join the thousands of women who are already receiving 2-Minute Tuesdays! Sign up at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org).

**Mustard Seed Devotions**

Did you know you can go on the LWML website ([www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)) and sign up to have the Mustard Seeds sent to your email daily? For Free! It’s fun to explore the website to see all the things available.



**Mites are Mighty!**

Help support the mission work of the LWML by dropping your loose change in the little purple box.



**2017 LWML Convention**

**Date:** June 22-25, 2017

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Theme:** “Jesus Christ Above All”

**Scripture Verse:** Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name (Philippians 2:9).

**President:** Patti Ross

**Convention Goal**

**Statement:** Empowered by the Holy Spirit, through Word and Sacrament, I will proclaim Jesus Christ above all.

**Convention Objectives:** Each convention attendee will be:

- Encouraged through worship and Bible study.
- Equipped to share His message of salvation.
- Engaged in celebrating God’s faithfulness while serving the Lord with gladness.

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