

*"Serve the Lord with Gladness..." Psalm 100:2*

Dear LWML Sisters,

Soon it will be time to observe LWML Sunday. This year, the theme is "Ready to Serve" based on Luke 1:38.

*And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.*

As redeemed children of God, Lutheran Women in Mission give thanks for the opportunity to serve others as we have been served and to proclaim that Jesus is our Lord and that He came for all nations, and to respond with our mite offerings to support God's mission. All the necessary materials are available for download on [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck President, the LCMS North Wisconsin District authored all the materials.

Check out the Fall rallies being planned for our zones. Rallies provide a wonderful opportunity for encouraging our sisters in Christ, renewing our spirit, learning new things, and supporting local missions with our in-gatherings. The fellowship enjoyed is a bonus! Plan to attend your Zone rally and consider visiting another Zone's rally this fall. The information is available on our website, [lwmlmnn.org](http://lwmlmnn.org), under the Events tab.

The LWML convention will take place in Omaha Nebraska on June 26-29<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "Growing in God's Grace," based on 2 Peter 3:18. Make plans now to attend. Zone Delegates should be chosen at the Zone rallies this fall. Information about a district bus will be shared when we get it. We look forward to seeing many of you in Omaha!!

God's continued Blessings to you all.

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**2024 Prayer Service now available**

Find it at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org)  
Click on News and Events Menu  
Choose Prayer Service

**Upcoming Event**

- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 15 Group Human Care Reports to Zone Human Care Chairman  
Group Record Form to Zone President
- Dec 15 Zone Human Care report form to District Care chairman, Jean Tester  
Zone President and Group Record forms to District Corresponding Secretary, Katy Gifford
- Jan 14 Board meeting
- Jan 15 Group Christian Life Report form to Zone Christian Life Chairman
- Jan 31 Zone Christian Report form to District Christian Life Chairman, Valerie Johnson

**Submit an article**

Does your zone or society have an event or story to share? Please send your article and pictures to the Editor at: [editor@lwmlmnn.org](mailto:editor@lwmlmnn.org).

**Minnesota Northern Light**

Sign up to receive an email notice each quarter announcing when the *Minnesota Northern Light* is ready to download from the district website: [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org).

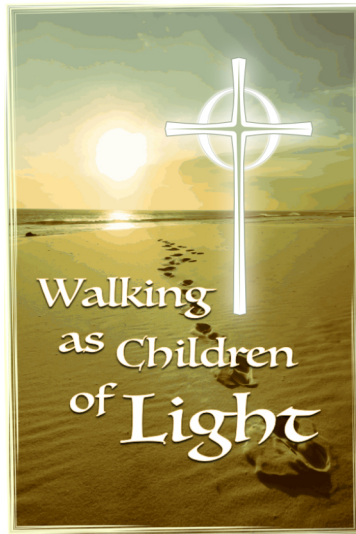
**Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar**

A great help in your prayer and praise life – especially remembering the mission grants we’re supporting. Download this month’s calendar from the [Publication](#) menu.



Mustard Seed Devotions can be sent directly to your email daily. Visit [www.lwml.org/mustard-seed-devotions](http://www.lwml.org/mustard-seed-devotions) to sign up.

## Minnesota North District 31<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention



“..for at one time you were darkness,  
but now you are light in the Lord.  
Walk as children of light.”  
Ephesians 5:8

Our LWML Minnesota North District convention this past June was a wonderful time to refresh our spiritual life, renew friendships and remember the purpose of the LWML. As we gathered with fellow LWML members, we worked on several servant events like eyeglass covers, bracelets for M.O.S.T. ministries and making “plarn” for plastic sleep mats. The women enjoyed working together and visiting while making projects to help others. During the convention we had an amazing ingathering for a local woman’s shelter! We also set a goal of \$147,000.00 to fund various mission grants proposed by our members. This is what we do. This is our mission; to help others and proclaim Jesus to everyone, everywhere.

As we go forward, there are many more opportunities for our groups to support ministries found right here in the Minnesota North District. There are local food shelves, women’s shelters, children’s shelters, organizations assisting foster children, and let’s not forget our Lutheran schools and Seminaries we should support. These are just a few of the ministries we can reinforce.

Our Fall Zone and Region rallies will be held in October and November, and I encourage you to attend not only your own but consider attending

another one nearby. The speakers and the Bible Studies are excellent. You will also receive the fall packets with lots of information and forms to complete and return. A list of Rallies with dates, places and speakers will be on the “Events” page. Check it out.

Our LWML national convention will be June 26-29, 2025, in Omaha, Nebraska. Delegates from each Zone will be chosen at the fall rallies. Make plans to attend!!

We are looking for ladies to serve in several positions in the LWML Minnesota North District. We have vacancies for Regional Vice Presidents for Arrowhead II and Lakeland II, a member of the Communication Committee, and a convention bus coordinator. Please prayerfully consider any of these positions and any Zone or Group positions that may be open. We need leaders so that the LWML Minnesota North District may continue to function properly.

As always you may contact me with any questions or concerns.  
Serving Him with you,

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**OVERFLOWING with THANKS and PRAISE**

(Article taken from Pastor Matthew C. Harrison’s article in Jan. ’24 LCMS World Relief & Human Care Newsletter)

“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!” (2 Cor. 9:10-15).

Thanks and praise be to Christ! Paul says that when the Corinthians gave for the needs of others, this caused an “overflowing” of praise

and thanksgiving. “Your confession of the gospel” causes the recipients to thank and glorify God. And those who receive the gifts “long for you and pray for you.” When we give, we rarely think of the thousands upon thousands of individuals all over the world who thank God for you and pray for you.

I have no doubt the Gospel is remaining even among us because of such prayers unknown to us.

*Pastor Matthew C. Harrison, President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

When I saw these pictures from the event hosted by Zion, Detroit Lakes, I thought of Overflowing.

Two hundred eighteen Health Kits were assembled by ladies, some of them young, from 7 congregations from the Detroit Lakes Zone. The supplies were collected in those congregations and brought to the event. Sheri Adkins packed 15 apple boxes to be collected for Orphan Grain Train.



May you and your gifts in the name of Christ Jesus be the cause of much “Thanks and Praise” to Christ, our Savior.

Packing the Health Kits



**Scholarships**

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The Minnesota North District LWML, at its convention in June of 2024, awarded \$ 40,000.00 over the biennium to fund Scholarships to students from the District enrolled full-time in areas of study leading to service to God and the church. These funds, derived from MITES, assist the students as they prepare to serve in a variety of professions within the LCMS.

The Minnesota North District LWML identifies two categories for scholarship; men preparing for ordination, awarded \$8,000.00 and full-time church workers, awarded \$32,00.00. The seminarians are enrolled in either Concordia Seminary, St. Louis or Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. There, they prepare to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to whomever and wherever God may lead them.

Full-time church workers encompass a broader array of study and service and can include Deaconess, Director of Christian Education, Director of Christian Outreach, Director of Family Life Ministry, Director of Parish Music, Church School Teacher, and Church Youth Director. These students attend one of the various LCMS affiliated universities to obtain their degrees.

The following students were selected by the Scholarship Committee and the MN North District LWML Board to receive scholarships in 2024-2025:

**Full-time Church Workers:**

- Sarah Jeppesen, Concordia, St. Paul, education; hometown Sunburg
- Rebecca Pumphrey, Concordia, St. Paul, pre-deaconess program; hometown Villard
- Isabella Wolter, Concordia, Seward, elementary education; hometown Benson

**Seminarians:**

- Jacob Franck, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne; hometown Duluth
- David Danzeisen, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; hometown Kandiyohi

Scholarships are available to residents of the Minnesota North District who are members of an LCMS congregation. Applicants must attend an LCMS university or seminary and be preparing for full-time work for the LCMS. Please remember the Scholarship Committee and our scholarship recipients in your prayers.



Download your application from Scholarships page of the district website; [lwmlmnn.org](http://lwmlmnn.org).

**Lutheran Island Camp Cross**

**Church Workers**

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On August 7, the new church workers met at the MNN District Office for an orientation. LWML MNN President Kathy Brandt and MaryAnn Bell, new church worker’s representative, met with the five pastors who were present. All of the pastors were familiar with the workings of the LWML. They were presented with information about our societies along with treat bags which included gift cards.

Following this event everyone went to Madden’s Resort for a meal with retired church workers. Please give a warm welcome to your new pastors and remember them in your prayers, with encouragement, as well as with gifts from the heart.

MaryAnn Bell

**Mission Grants**

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**Mission Grants Report**

A total amount of \$9,600 in Mites for LWML MN North grants was available this past quarter. The Board of Directors approved the payment of grant allocations as follows: \$4,800 for St. Paul Lutheran School, Perham; \$2,400.00 for Immanuel Lutheran School, Walker; \$2,400 for Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Elk River The chart below details the current balance remaining for the 2024-2026 biennium.

	<b>MISSION GRANTS FOR THE 2024–2026 BIENNIUM</b> (Balance as of October 8, 2024)	<b>GRANT AMOUNT</b>	<b>BALANCE REMAINING</b>
Grant 1	Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$8,000	\$8,000
Grant 2	Scholarships for Full-Time Church Worker Students	\$32,000	\$22,400
Grant 3	C.R.O.S.S. Appeal	\$20,000	\$20,000
Grant 4	Doxology – Pastoral Care and Well-being	\$15,000	\$15,000
Grant 5	Physical Wellness for At-Risk Children - Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch	\$15,000	\$15,000
Grant 6	St. Paul’s Lutheran School, Perham, MN	\$17,127	\$12,327
Grant 7	Immanuel Lutheran School, Walker, MN	\$10,000	\$7,600
Grant 8	Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Elk River, MN	\$9,840	\$7,440
Grant 9	Swaddling Clothes, Redeemer, Aura, MN	\$15,000	\$15,000
Grant 10	Lutheran Heritage Foundation-Hmong Lutheran Books	\$5,033	\$5,033
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$147,000</b>	<b>\$137,400</b>

**Memorials & Honorariums**

Memorial gifts and honorariums should be sent to the Financial Secretary, Jan Carlson, 408 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave S, Princeton MN 55371. Phone: 763-631-0399 (C), [financialsec@lwmlmnn.org](mailto:financialsec@lwmlmnn.org).

The financial remittance form can be downloaded from the resources page of our district website at [lwmlmnn.org](http://lwmlmnn.org).

**Memorials and Honorariums  
July 2024 to September 2024**

- In Memory of Clara Czech from Sauk Rapids, Trinity
- In Memory of Judith Langhorst form Barnum, Emmanuel
- In Memory of Marlys Knutson from Hinkley, St. Paul’s
- In Memory of Marlys Knutson from Hinkley, St. John’s
- In Memory of Dorothy Vangness from Bellingham, Trinity
- In Memory of Florence Loeschke from Jeanetta Heinrich
- In Memory of Melvin Loeschke from Jeanetta Heinrich
- In Memory of Marlys Schultz from Parkers Prairie, Immanuel
- In Memory of Joyce Jahnke from Parkers Prairie, Immanuel
- In Memory of Ardine Zimmer from Parkers Prairie, Immanuel
- In Memory of Richard Imsande from Ottertail, St. John’s
- In Memory of Cynthia Names from Ottertail, St. John’s
- In Memory of Martin Brutlag from Ottertail, St. John’s
- In Memory of Evonne Bode from Darlene Lind
- In Memory of Irene Wilson from Family & Friends, Grand Rapids, First Lutheran



**Structure**

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Greetings!

I hope this newsletter finds you with joy filled hearts. The seasons are changing, and my favorite time of year is upon us. I'm looking forward to football games, harvest, and the fall rallies!

The seasonal change is a good reminder to glance at your bylaws. Here are a few things to consider when looking through your by-laws.

1. Do they indicate a group size?
2. Are your meetings structured differently now that there are more/fewer people?
3. Is your group okay with the way the officers are listed?
4. Is there a specific meeting date listed?
5. Compare what your bylaws state to how you should be structuring your group to what you are doing now.

If you find that your group is structuring your meetings as your by-laws state, no action is needed. If there is language or grammar to critique, consider completing that soon.

If you find that your group is not structuring your meetings as your bylaws state, remember that change is good! Re-conforming your by-laws to what you are doing now is an easy step, and an easy way to make sure that your LWML group is ready to succeed in the future.

If you have any questions during this process, please feel free to reach out to me via phone or email. I look forward to helping to your groups and zones.

**Young Women**

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The pumpkins and corn shucks have been placed near the front door of homes. Fall decorations line the storefronts. Leaves are turning color. FALL HAS ARRIVED.

LWML is busy moving into the fall. Rallies are being held across the Minnesota North District with interesting speakers and much information for us to take to heart and become active in. The rallies will encourage our societies to encourage the YOUNG WOMEN in their congregations to apply to be a Young Woman Representative (YWR) at the national LWML Convention (Growing in God's Grace) to be held in Omaha, Nebraska June 26-29, 2025. The application will be in the Fall Packets to be distributed at the rallies. This convention will inspire you to dig into God's Word and will inspire you to enthusiastically share Christ's love Growing in God's Grace.

If there are any questions from society members or from young women in our congregations about becoming a YWR at the LWML national convention; please contact Ruby Prochnow at 320-808-3371 or at [nrproch22@gmail.com](mailto:nrproch22@gmail.com) to learn more about it.

YWR representatives know "Words to Live By": Laugh Just for Fun. Pray Often. Celebrate Life. Thank and Praise God - SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS.

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**SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

Spiritual gifts can enable Christians to participate more effectively in the work Jesus commands in His commission “to go and make disciples.” The study of Spiritual Gifts begins with the understanding of the Gift that God the Father has given to each of us in our Baptism, the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is true that God has created each of us with unique abilities and gifts, but our identity and self-worth are found in our relationship with the Holy Spirit, the Spiritual Gift from God the Father. It is from Him we receive a special gift(s) (Rom. 12, 1 Cor. 12, and Eph. 4) as He sees fit when He needs a laborer for the task He wants done. He looks for the one with the obedient heart so He can accomplish His purpose through the person and He, God, receives the glory. In 1 Cor. 12:7, we are told “Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.” This means the Spirit will reveal Himself and His activity through you! He will accomplish His purpose and be glorified.

Have you ever found yourself asking questions such as:

- How do I fit into this congregation?
- What is my part in the church?
- What can I do?
- Or What should I do?

Do you just jump in and later find maybe this isn't what you should be doing? We may be asking the wrong questions. Notice how these are self-centered questions? We should be asking God-centered questions and seeking His will: What does God want to do through me? What is His assignment for me?

In our baptism, we were gifted with the Holy Spirit? From Eph. 2:10, we have the assurance that we are uniquely created – not one of us like the other – “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” We are created for a

purpose; that of serving and glorifying God and serving others. He has provided us with everything we need; all we need to do is recognize what He has given us and step out in obedience and faith when He gives an assignment, with full reliance on His grace and the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 12:6)

God created each of us with the personality and a body we would need to fulfill His purpose for our life. He has equipped us with strengths, abilities, and talents necessary to do what He has planned for us. They are not spiritual gifts, although God could use them as spiritual gifts. God has given different gifts, according to His grace (measure of faith) to meet the needs of the body of Christ. (Rom. 12:6)

So, how do we define Spiritual Gifts? Dean Nadasdy, in his book “Concerning Spiritual Gifts,” gives a definition of a Spiritual Gift: 1) given by the Holy Spirit; 2) given by the grace of God; 3) all members receive one or more gifts; 4) given to be used within the Church; (and sometimes within the community); 5) given to build up the church.



**Leadership  
Development**

Are we seeking gifts of the Holy Spirit but not the Spirit itself? Do we understand that out of that relationship with the Holy Spirit comes the filling of the Holy Spirit with His gift(s)? So, how is your relationship with the Holy Spirit? As you understand God’s gift of the Holy Spirit in your life, you won’t struggle with burnout serving God or carry the weight of anxiety and stress. You will find joy in serving and the thrill of being involved in the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Leadership Development Committee can provide you with a study that enables exploration of spiritual gifts:

- What are Spiritual Gifts and what is the purpose of spiritual gifts?
- Why does God give spiritual gifts?
- How do spiritual gifts work in the body of Christ?
- Define the spiritual gifts.

District Leadership Development Committee  
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### Christian Life

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“For EVERYTHING THERE is a SEASON, and a time for EVERY MATTER under HEAVEN...” Ecclesiastes 3:1

This was the theme for the 2024 Women's Retreat held again at Lutheran Island Camp. There were 48 registered campers, this includes Saturday only women.

Things started out on Friday evening with supper, ice breakers, campfire sing along and devotion by Pastoral counselor Pastor Patrick Lovejoy. There were snacks and games in Fireside room afterward.

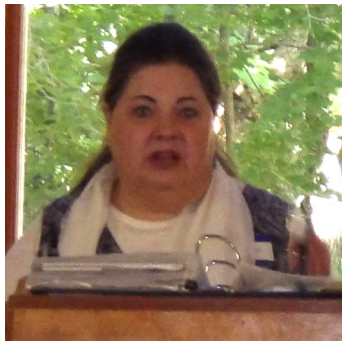
Saturday Pastor Lovejoy held Bible Study, and our speaker gave two sessions, one in morning and one in afternoon.



First Time Attendees



Singing Around the Campfire



Our speaker was Pati Kachel of Vadnais Heights, Minnesota. Pati loves God, His people, and His Holy Word. She loves to tell stories about all of them! She is The Storyteller. Stories make up our lives,

moments around campfires, tales before bed and laughter in a car ride. They knit us together for generations. Her God-given talent of storytelling is delightful, inspirational, and encouraging.

Pati's presentation was entitled, "A Time of Refreshing and Renewal." She gave us several Bible verses for our contemplation during her talk.

Everything comes from God alone. Everything lives by His power, and everything is for His Glory. (Romans 11:36)

The Lord has made everything for His own purposes. (Proverbs 16:4)

In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will. (Ephesians 1:11)

We ended weekend with the Closing Prayer Service on Saturday evening. "May God bless everyone this season and seasons to come, because "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under Heaven" Ecclesiastes 3:1





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