



MINNESOTA NORTHERN LIGHT

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!

PSALM 100:2



2014-2016 Bible Verse

"For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken." Psalm 62:1-2 (ESV)

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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.

Dear LWML women of Minnesota North:

We're excited that so many women of our district are traveling south to Des Moines for the 2015 LWML Convention. What a great get-together it will be!

Whether attending or not, there are some things you can do to "be part of" this gathering:

- Bring or send with your delegate, convention offerings. More information can be found on www.lwml.org/convention, but here is a list with a brief description of the four convention offerings.

Offering #1: Towards the 2015-2017 Mission Goal

Offering #2: Discovering Disabilities—Including ALL of God's

Children, Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) Farmington Hills, Michigan Offering will provide educational events and supportive consultation to equip congregations and/or schools to reach out and include children/families with disabilities in their Christ-centered faith communities.

Offering #3: Cabins for Christ's Children, Lutheran Valley Retreat,

Colorado Springs, Colorado Offering will be used to purchase materials/beds for cabins burned in the 2002 Hayman Fire.

Offering #4: Family of God Mission, Detroit Michigan, A mission plant

of the Michigan District in Southwest Detroit. Offering will be used to replace the van that is 15 years old and near the end of its service life.

- Gather and bring, or send with your delegate or other convention goers—Gifts from the Heart. (List of items can be found on www.lwml.org/conventions.)
- Pray for those who will be attending the convention.
- Participate via your own computer, tablet or smartphone, or even a large screen television. You can join the worship services and programming via live streaming. Check the lwml website (www.lwml.org/convention) for more information.

May God bless you as you serve the Lord with gladness!

In His Service,

*JoNette Brogaard, District President
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President's Pen
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Christian Life or Human Care ?

There seems to be a problem distinguishing the difference between what is “Christian Life” and what is “Human Care,” and understandably so. Human care is a part of our Christian life. For Christ said, ‘as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me’ (25:40b).

When the Christian Life Chairman in each society fills out the pink forms at the end of each year, this confusion is evident in many of the responses as many of them could just as easily be put on the green Human Care form.

Years ago, when this LWML committee was called “Christian Growth,” perhaps it was more easily understood as an individual’s personal relationship with Christ and the growth of faith within. One’s

Christian growth naturally manifests itself in works – reaching out to others with compassion and love. It is impossible to separate one’s growth in Christ from the desire to help others in whatever capacity possible. A heart full of Christ’s love wants to give to others in need – its time, talents and/or treasures.

We give praise to God that we have an organization like the LWML, where our gifts can be shared through a variety of avenues—with many hearts and hands working together.

Lest we become proud of our accomplishments, always remember that Jesus also said, ‘But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret’ (Matt. 6:3).

Lori Salvhus, Christian Life Chairman

The 2015 LWML Retreat registration form can be found on page 13.

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Returning God’s Blessings

“Gifts From The Heart” Ingatherings

At the 2015 Spring Rallies various items will be gathered for:

- 2015 LWML Convention “**Gifts From The Heart**”
- Local food shelves
- Orphan Grain Train
- Lutheran Island Camp
- Crisis Centers
- Native American Children and Family Services
- And more...

Check the rally web page on our district website, www.lwmlmnn.org, under the events menu for updated information regarding the ingatherings that will be collected at the 2015 Spring Rallies.

The 2015 LWML Convention “Gifts From The Heart” items can be transported to convention by bus or car. Make arrangements with your zone delegate or other convention attendees.

Donita Kimball, Human Care Chairman

“dedicating ourselves to Christ with all that we are and have”

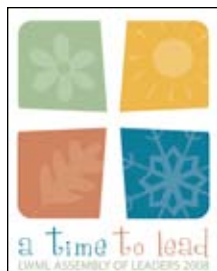
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What is leadership?



The following information is taken from an outline provided by the Assembly of Leaders event in St. Louis, MO (2008) with the

heading “A Time To Lead”. The bold print copy is taken directly from the outline, with my interpretation and thoughts in regular print.

NEW 2015 Program Helps

Twelve “NEW for 2015” devotions and Bible studies are available to download from the LWML website: www.lwml.org. May their use be a blessing both to you and to those with whom you share.

Three New Bible Studies:

- More Sins, Please - (Study & Answer Guide), Saved Despite Sinful Life
- O My Father - (Bible Study), Prayer
- What Do You Mean, Be Still? (Study & Leader’s Guide), Advent

Nine New Devotions:

- A Devotion Based on Psalm 87, Praise
- A Tech-Savvy World, Gospel Sharing
- Always the Cross, Cross-Focused Life
- Be Somebody, Service
- Do You Know The Baby?, Christmas
- Extra Pieces, Purpose in Life
- Lift High the Cross, Salvation, Witnessing
- Morning Has Broken, Christian Joy
- What Is Love?, Love

What is leadership? What is a Christian leader? Are leaders “born” or “made”? Why do people hesitate to assume position of leadership? As I ponder on these questions many answers come to mind. The definition of leader is simply being one who leads and a Christian leader simply being a leader being led by Christ. Born? or Made? I feel it is a combination of both because some are given leadership talent but it is then our responsibility to develop and grow in that talent. And why do people hesitate to assume position of leadership? Many feelings may come into play including a lack of self confidence, fear, fear of failure, fear of what others may think or say – many fears too numerous to list.

WE WILL MAKE MISTAKES.

(God will forgive us and we pray you and I will forgive each other for our mistakes.)

We each personally know how hard it is at times to admit to a mistake, take the steps to correct it, and then go forward. We also must remember how we feel at these times when we face someone else who has made a mistake. They are probably feeling the same feelings with which we can identify. Don’t make it harder for them; encouragement and forgiveness is truly in order.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPS DAILY, NOT IN A DAY.

GROW AS LEADERS BY:
Growing in your relationship with Christ, growing in your relationship with others, growing in your relationship with the leader in you.

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:5. Paul presents the imperative to think with our minds as Christ thought with His. A soul regenerated in Christ’s image has the revelation of Christ though the Word.” (The Lutheran Study Bible-ESV) In paraphrase: Your attitude needs to be exactly like Christ’s attitude.

In closing please take a few minutes to read Matthew 20: 25-28. “... even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28. “Jesus continues to convince His disciples that in His kingdom, humility and service, not acclaim and power, are most highly valued.” (The Lutheran Study Bible-ESV) In paraphrase: **Be a servant**, and in so doing, be a leader!

*Sisters in Christ,
 Deborah Anderson*

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Mission Grants in Review

Grant #6 – School Building for Gloria Dei in Cap Haïtian, Haiti - \$20,000 (PAID IN FULL)

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church’s school functions in an inadequate space, with very poor lighting. The congregation is unable, on its own, to build a school building. However, progress is being made to make it happen.

Land was purchased in 2009 by the Lutheran Mission Association (LMA); a well has been dug for use by the people of the area. Some funds have been raised by LMA for the new building, with hopes of acquiring additional grants to complete the project in a timely manner. By completing payment of this mission grant, the school building will be well on its way to completion. **This quarter the \$20,000 mission grant will be “paid in full”.**



EXPRESSION OF THANKS:

Lutheran Mission Association gratefully acknowledges your grant of \$15,000 to us. It will be used to construct an adequate school for the children attending Gloria Dei Lutheran School in Haiti. God has truly been with us and guided us in our mission to the Haïtian people. Thanks again and God bless you.

*Karen Lueth, Financial Secretary
 Lutheran Mission Association*

Mission Grants Committee Report

A total of \$15,500 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; \$2,000 for Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination; \$5,000 for Lutheran Island Camp Summer Staff Training; \$5,000 for School Building for Gloria Dei in Cap Haitian, Haiti. The chart below details the current balance remaining for the 2014-2016 biennium.



	MISSION GRANTS FOR THE 2014-2016 BIENNIUM (Balance as of April 7, 2015)	GRANT AMOUNT	BALANCE REMAINING
Shortfall	Shortfall from 2012–2014 Biennium	\$2,205	PAID IN FULL
Grant 1	Scholarships for Full-time Church Work Students	\$50,000	\$24,900
Grant 2	Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$15,000	\$10,000
Grant 3	Orphan Grain Train	\$8,500	\$4,100
Grant 4	Lutheran Island Camp Summer Staff Training	\$10,000	\$5,000
Grant 5	Salaries for Teaching Staff - Yambio Lutheran School	\$10,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 6	School Building for Gloria Dei in Cap Haitian , Haiti	\$20,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 7	Lutheran Braille Workers	\$5,000	\$5,000
Grant 8	Life in Christ Lutheran Church, Grand Marais, MN	\$15,000	\$15,000
Grant 9	Reverend James Kollie Education Fund, Liberia (Partially Funded)	\$295	PAID IN FULL
	TOTALS	\$136,000	\$64,000



A backhoe clearing the land.



The new well at the construction site.

Construction at Gloria Dei Church/School

The Gloria Dei Church/School, which is located in the poorest part of Cap Haïtien, is becoming a reality. Generous donations and a \$20,000 grant from the LWML MN North District have been given to help with this project.

The Gloria Dei Church/School Progress Report: Due to a high water table where the church/school is being built, a contractor has been hired to clean up the land, pump out the water, and make preparations to haul gravel in to build up the land. A concrete pad of 5-6inch thickness needs to be laid before foundation work begins on the building.

Because of the high cost of preparing the land and foundation, the builders may not be able to complete the entire two-story structure before September when school begins. The hope is to have one of the two floors completed so that it can be used.



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KINDS OF MITE BOXES

(Article excerpt from the LWML Resource "Overflowing Love")

Mite boxes are our way of carrying on His mission, with all the projects they have helped our mites have shown ambition. Mite boxes mean many things to many people – we’re depicting just a few. They really are our Thank-boxes - which one pertains to you?

- FORGETFUL** My owner’s the forgetful one - she doesn’t feed me ever – She puts me in her dresser drawer – bring me to church? NEVER
- FRUSTRATED** I’m the box that’s frustrated – I seldom get a coin, I’m really very curious – why my owner ever joined.
- PRAYERLESS** My owner makes it obvious – she regards me as a chore, She never breathes a little prayer – even though she feeds me more!
- HUNGRY** I’m always feeling hungry – I’m seldom ever fed, I have an empty feeling – where my coins should be instead!
- TOPSY-TURVEY** I’m the topsy-turvey box – the one that can’t be found, If someone has a coin for me – I just am not around.
- ENVIIOUS** I’m the envious box – I’m pretty empty inside, The others always get so much – my owner hasn’t tried.
- EAGER** Eager is the word for me, – always ready and waiting. For any coins to come my way – without one bit of baiting!
- JOYFUL** I’m the box that’s joyful – my owner seems the best, She feeds me and she says a prayer – she certainly is blest!

Now you’ve heard them, The excuses that are used!
Think about your own mite box - Is it one that is abused?

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Planning your meetings...

The LWML MN North District Structure Committee met and reviewed several zone and society bylaws that were submitted for review. This brought about some discussion about our meetings. How can they be more interesting? The LWML website offered some suggestions. They suggest a simple agenda which keeps the meeting on tract and moving. Be sure to start on time and end at a scheduled time. Technically an agenda refers only to the items of business at a meeting. Any member may print the agenda, but encourage members to that person and the president any items that they would like discussed.

Do you plan a yearly program? What does this include? The term “program” may include speakers and other non-business items such as a reading, trivia, a sketch, mite box devotion. Just a few ideas to get you started.

Doris Weispfennig, Structure Chairman

2015 Spring Rallies and Workshops

ARROWHEAD I REGION

Iron Range	Thur, May 7	9:30 AM	First Evangelical, Grand Rapids
Kettle River	Thur, April 23	8:30 AM	Peace, Finlayson
Lake Superior	Sat, April 11	9:30 AM	Our Redeemer, Cloquet

ARROWHEAD II REGION

Little Falls	Sat, April 18	10:00 AM	Bethany, Ramey
Rum River	Sat, April 25	9:30 AM	Joy, Cambridge
St. Cloud	Sat, April 11	9:00 AM	St. Paul’s, Eden Valley

LAKELAND I REGION

Alexandria	Tue, April 21	9:30 AM	Good Shepherd, Alexandria
Fergus Falls	Wed, April 22	9:30 AM	Grace, Breckenridge
Long Prairie	Fri, April 17	9:00 AM	Trinity, Long Prairie

LAKELAND II REGION

Appleton	Sun, April 19	2:30 pm	Trinity, Ortonville
Montevideo	Sat, April 18	9:00 AM	St. John’s Sparta Twp, Montevideo
Wheaton	Tues, April 21	9:00 AM	St. John, Wheaton

PARK I REGION

Bemidji/Park Rapids	Thurs, April 30	9:30 AM	Redeemer, Bagley
Crookston	Sat, April 25,	10:00 AM	St. Johns, Thief River Falls

PARK II REGION

Brainerd	Thurs, April 30	9:00 AM	Our Savior, McGregor
Detroit Lakes	Mon, April 20	9:00 AM	St Johns, Vergas
Wadena	Sat, April 18	9:00 AM	St Johns, Wadena

2015 Spring rallies details concerning speakers and ingatherings and other information can be found on the district website (www.lwmlmnn.org) under events menu.

Time for a Quiz!

Below is a true/false quiz to see how savvy your meeting participants are regarding basic parliamentary meeting knowledge.

- _____ 1) Bylaws are a permanent document and should not be changed
- _____ 2) The secretary may enter into the discussion and vote at meetings.
- _____ 3) One of the primary purposes of the president is to preside all meetings of the organization and its executive committee.
- _____ 4) It is not necessary for the president to prepare an agenda if she knows the procedure well.
- _____ 5) The quorum is the minimum number of voting members who must be present in order to transact business legally. A society’s bylaws should establish the quorum. If not, a quorum is a majority of the membership.

(Answers can be found on page 8.)

Board Positions Available: We are currently look for a an Editor and an Archivist-Historian for our distrct. The duties of this position are described in our District bylaws which can be downloaded from our district website at www.lwmlmnn.org. If you are interested, please contact JoNette Brogaard at president@lwmlmnn.org or by phone at 320-846-0984.

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My LWML Journey...

Inspirational portraits of women who “Serve the Lord with Gladness” through the LWML.

The LWML MN North Public Relations Committee will be submitting articles about women who are current members of LWML throughout the MN North District. It is our prayer that these articles will inspire others as they use their gifts to serve others. May the Lord guide you in your journey of serving the Lord with gladness through the LWML!

My friend, Sally, is a retired RN who also served as a parish nurse. She has been my LWML mentor for many years. Most recently she spends her time caring for her husband, going to Bible study, and leading Bible study. All of what she does is because of the love and forgiveness offered to her by her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I will let her tell you in her own words what LWML means to her.

*Submitted by Marilyn Hiltel
Public Relations Committee*

THANKS LWML FOR 45 YEARS OF JOY IN THE LORD

In 1966, I came to Minnesota with a nurse friend I met in Florida for a new adventure – deer hunting (the 4 legged type). Surprise...surprise, we both met our future husbands (two-legged dears). I am forever grateful to God, my husband, and his godmother for bringing me to the Lord and LWML. God blessed me with a godmother-in-law who was my mentor in the Lutheran church and in LWML. Over the past 45 years I have been active in our local society at Popple Creek, in the Little Falls Zone, and on MN North District committees. What a blessing it has been to attend zone rallies, district, and national conventions!

I am thankful to my LWML sisters for:

Being Christian role models to me and others as we learn to balance family/home, careers/work, with our love and service to our Lord;

- Authoring helpful articles in the LWML *Quarterly*, books and resources available from LWML
- Broadcasting national convention speakers for those of us who were unable to attend
- Developing numerous needed mission projects for those in need in Minnesota, the U.S., and all over the world – what a great way to show God’s love!
- Offering prayers of support to strengthen us in our daily walk with the Lord - for me in 1978 following a severe head injury, for the past 30 years caring for family members.

It is truly AMAZING to see what God can do with our mites!

My first national convention was in 1975 in St. Paul, Minnesota, “Saints, Arise”. What a joy it was to be surrounded by so many Lutheran women! It still gives me goosebumps!

Since that time, I have been able to attend 7 national conventions and 12 conventions in MN North District. “Grow, Glow, and Go” was the theme of our 1982 Convention in Crookston, MN. That theme has become my goal ever since - to “Grow” in the Lord so I will “Glow” for Him as I “Go” on my daily walk to serve Him. I am so looking forward to the June convention in Des Moines, IA, as we grow, glow, and go in loving and serving our Lord.

I hope to see you there!

Sally



2016 LWML Minnesota North District

27th Biennial Convention,
June 20 - 22, 2016
Willmar Conference Center,
Willmar, MN

THEME: Heir of God’s Abundant Love

VERSE: “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 (NIV)

YOUNG WOMEN

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Young Women Representatives

The YWR Committee has selected two young women from LWML Minnesota North District to represent us at the 2015 Des Moines Convention. After prayerful consideration, Karen Gorentz and Beth Dinger were chosen from the excellent applicants.

Karena Lapolice, Young Women Chairman

Committee Members

Amy Finnern • Kari Kremer
 Kristina Kuh nau • Ruby Prochnow
 Rev. Don Stauty



Beth Dinger

Warm greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! My name is Beth Dinger, and I am honored to have been selected as one of the Young Woman Representatives to the LWML Convention in Des Moines this summer. I will celebrate my 35th Birthday while at the Convention so it will be one to remember! My husband, Justin, and I have been married for 14 years and have four children: James (almost 13), Luke (11), Ruth (6), and Rachel (3). We live in the small town of Barnum, Minnesota, where we are members at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. I currently serve as the President of our LWML Society. I have greatly appreciated the wonderful mentorship that I have received from the other LWML members at Emmanuel, as well as from my pastor, Rev. Brad Vogt.



I grew up in Princeton, Minnesota, and was blessed to grow up in my grandpa's church. My grandpa, Rev. Marvin Blaske, baptized, confirmed, and married me. My faith has been strongly influenced by both Grandpa and Grandma Blaske, and I have been abundantly blessed to have them in my life. I enjoyed many Sunday dinners with them - running across the church parking lot to the parsonage after Sunday morning service to enjoy a family meal together. After my grandpa retired from the ministry, he and my grandma built a home across the field from us, which only increased the visits back and forth. Last summer, when traveling home after the MN North District Convention, I visited and spent the night with Grandma and Grandpa. Just a few short weeks later my grandma was called to her eternal home. I am so grateful not only for the experiences that I had at the LWML MN North District Convention, but also that it provided me with that one last precious visit with my grandma.

After graduating from Princeton High School, I attended Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. I met my husband at Gustavus, where I majored in Music Education. Incidentally, the YWR to the LWML Pittsburgh Convention, Amy Finnern, and her husband, Rev. Brady L. Finnern, were also in attendance at Gustavus at the same time as my husband and I: a fun connection I discovered at last summer's district convention. My husband and I were married during our junior year at Gustavus. Following our graduation, we lived in Hastings, MN, where my husband worked with Target. In 2006 we moved to Barnum, where I had accepted a band teaching position.

I am currently working as a Math Corps Tutor at Moose Lake Elementary. In addition, during the last 18 months I have been taking Graduate classes at the College of St. Scholastica to add K-6 Elementary Education certification to my current teaching license. Working full time, raising four children, and going to school full time have kept me very busy. I am looking forward to May, when my certification will be complete, and I can return to doing the things that I enjoy, such as spending more time with my family.

I am looking forward to the convention and spending time with the other YWR from MN North, Karen Gorentz. Karen and I enjoyed several activities planned for the Young Woman in attendance at the MN North District Convention last summer, and were surprised to discover that my current home is the town where she grew up. As Barnum boasts less than 1,000 residents, that is quite something. God's hand brought us together last summer for our first LWML District Convention, and He has again brought us together to represent the Young Women of the MN North District as we attend our first LWML Convention together. I am excited to renew my friendship with Karen, and experience all that is involved in the LWML Convention. Thank you for selecting me, and for giving me this opportunity to be part of the LWML Convention in Des Moines.

Quiz Answers: 1) F 2) T 3) T 4) F 5) T



Karen Gorentz

Hello! My name is Karen Gorentz. I live in Vergas, MN with my husband Jon and our two children Jaden (5) and Kaylin (1). We are in partnership with Jon’s family on our dairy farm. We are currently milking 160 Holsteins & Jerseys, and farm 1,500 acres, consisting of corn, alfalfa, soybeans, and oats. The farm raises all of its own young stock and we also have a steer enterprise, where we finish all of the steer calves.



I grew up in Barnum, MN, where I graduated from Barnum High School. I pursued a degree in Animal Industries Management from the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) and graduated in 2004. After graduating from UMC, I pursued a Master’s degree in Dairy Nutritional Physiology at North Dakota State University and graduated in 2006. While at UMC, I met my husband Jon, and we were married in 2006.

After moving to the Vergas area in 2008, we have been blessed to be a part of our church family at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Loon Lake, in rural Vergas. I am currently on the Board of Education, Church Council and serve as a Sunday School teacher. My husband and I also helped to start a young adult group, which focuses on the young adults in our parish and throughout

the community. I am also involved in LWML and am currently serving as the Detroit Lakes Zone President.

My other activities include being a Director on the East Otter Tail County Fairboard & East Otter Tail County 4-H Volunteer. I head up many activities and serve on various committees for these organizations and I was recently elected to the West Central Holstein Club as Secretary. In October, I was selected as one of 23 people from Frazee, Vergas, and Wolf Lake to participate in the Blandin Community Leadership program. Along with my fellow Blandin Buddies, will complete this training in March.

In my spare time, I like to play the saxophone and watch my children grow up on the farm. I also enjoy showing cattle at various county fairs and take Perham FFA students down to the MN State Fair. Our farm also leases cattle to youth in East Otter Tail 4-H that would like the experience to show dairy.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent MN North at the LWML Convention in Des Moines. I attended my first LWML MN North District Convention at the St. Cloud Rivers Edge Convention Center and it was such an inspirational time for me! Words cannot express how that changed my view on life. I cannot wait to experience an LWML Convention on the national level! Thank you so much!

What Is A Young Woman Representative?

- Any mature young woman who is preferably 22-35 years of age, a member of the LCMS, and has not previously attended a national convention as a YWR may become a Young Woman Representative.
- A YWR has a deep love and devotion for her Lord Jesus Christ and is willing to participate in the full scope of the convention.
- A YWR will fill out the application completely and honestly, and return it to the district by the date it is due.
- A YWR is willing 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 or society that nominated her.
- A YWR will actively seek to be involved in her local LWML as well as encourage other young women to be active in the LWML.



Check out this new LWML resource!
Download it at: www.lwml.org.

Support a Young Woman Representatives

BEFORE THE CONVENTION
Promote, mentor and pray

DURING THE CONVENTION
Encourage, strengthen and pray

AFTER THE CONVENTION
Invite, listen, share and pray.

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In this issue of the Minnesota Northern Light, I would like to introduce the three recipients of the LWML MNN scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination. All three of these men have the same goal, becoming ordained ministers in the LCMS, but they are following different courses of study.

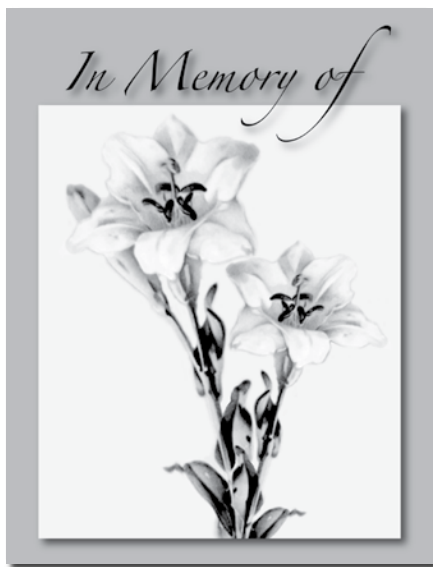
Andrew Coop is following the traditional course. He graduated from Concordia, Wisconsin, and is in his first year at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Andrew is from Mora, MN; he is the son of an LCMS pastor.

The Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) program is the course being followed by John Bakou. John is originally from Sudan, Africa, and now lives with his wife and four children in St. Cloud, MN. The EIIT program is online, so he is able to continue to serve the Anyuak congregation in Sauk Rapids. John has shared his story with several LWML groups; he also spoke at the LWML MNN Convention in June, 2014.

Jeffrey Manthe is in the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) program. This program enables a man to serve his congregation while pursuing his studies. Jeff is currently serving as Vicar at SonRise Lutheran Church in Avon, MN. Jeff and his wife, Christine, have four children.

Through your generous Mite offerings, the LWML MNN is able to fund the Men Preparing for Ordination Scholarship. (\$15,000 for the 2014-2016 biennium) Please continue to remember these men in your prayers and by your Mite offerings.

The LWML MNN is offering scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination and also for Full Time Church Work Students. Applications for these scholarships may be found on our district website (www.lwmlmnn.org) on the resource or scholarships page. The applications for the next school year are due by May 15, 2015.



Memorials Given

Peace, Finlayson for Dorothy Hahn

Immanuel, Parkers Prairie for LaVern Hollatz

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LWML RESOURCES PLUS

www.lwmlmnn.org



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The deadline for articles in the *Minnesota Northern Light* are: March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15. Please send your articles, information, and pictures to the Editor at: editor@lwmlmnn.org.



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.

2015 Spring Rallies

Attend a spring rally! Plant a seed of friendship and fellowship.

E-Subscribe to the *Minnesota Northern Light*

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Visit LWML website at www.lwml.org

2015 LWML Prayer Service

God-Given Hats: A Vocational Prayer Service By Rev. Kristopher Whitby, LWML Pastoral Counselor (2009 – 2013)

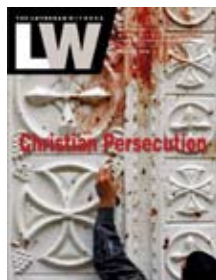


Our Lord graciously has called us to various stations in life. They are the "hats we wear" in

His world. We are His children, baptized into Jesus'

death and resurrection. We daily die to sin and rise as new creatures in Christ. Our Lord blesses us to take this amazing identity as His forgiven children into the vocations to which He has called us. The theme Scripture passage for this service is 1 Timothy 2:1-4.

The prayer service and other resources may be downloaded from the LWML website at: www.lwml.org.



Share your society or zone events in *The Lutheran Witness*

LWML Minnesota North District purchases one page in the supplement insert included in each issue of *The Lutheran Witness*. A great way to share ideas and events in our LWML societies and zones is to submit your articles and photos for publication in *The Lutheran Witness*.

- Clearly identify all of the people in the photo, and provide any other information about the photo you think would be helpful for the reader to know.
- Digital photos should be submitted in JPEG (.jpg) or TIFF (.tif) formats and attached to your email.
- Please include the name, email address and phone number of a contact person in case there are questions.
- Please email your articles/pictures to the Editor at: editor@lwmlmnn.org
- Articles and pictures may also be mailed to; JoNette Brogaard, 6158 County Rd. 11 NW, Alexandria, MN 56308.



Receive Mustard Seeds Devotions

directly in your email inbox. You can subscribe to this inspirational resource by clicking on the Resources tab on the LWML website, www.lwml.org.

Quarterly subscriptions

Questions/problems with your Quarterly subscription? Contact Tessa Giru at corrsec@lwmlmnn.org. (Also, remember that subscriptions can be increased during the year; they cannot be decreased.)

LWML Week Planner

Tuesdays: Every other Tuesday – get a tip on reaching out to others. The Time Is Now! Visit www.lwml.org for more information.

Saturdays: 9 @ 9 with President Kay. Pray for mission grants supported by LWML (Pray at 9:00 a.m. for 9 minutes.)

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2015 LWML RETREAT

"Anatomy of a Christian" 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (ESV)



"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."



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Join us as we explore the parts of our "spiritual bodies," in Bible study, discussion, song; our physical bodies in exercises and good food.

Rev. Anthony Cloose will lead us in Bible study.

Parish Nurse Kathy Schultz will be our guest speaker.

We will be touring the **Christ Serve Ranch** which will be dedicated the weekend of August 28-30, 2015. Singing and fellowship around a fire, praying and meditating in a serene setting, walking through the woods...all parts of a fun, relaxing and enjoyable experience as we learn about ourselves, our Savior, our Christian life.

SPECIAL: Bring a "Retreat First Timer" and you both will receive 25% off the registration price.

2015 LWML Retreat
August 7-9, 2015 at
Lutheran Island Camp
Henning, MN

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4:00-6:00 pm	Registration
6:00 pm	Picnic supper provided by LIC
7:00-8:30 pm	Getting in Shape
8:30 pm	Campfire
9:30 pm	Snacks in the Fireside Room
-----	SATURDAY
7:00-8:00 am	Registration
8:00 am	Breakfast
8:30 am	Devotions and Announcements
8:45 am	Bible study - <i>Rev. Anthony Cloose</i>
10:00-11:30 am	Speaker - <i>Kathy Schultz</i>
12 noon	Lunch
1:00 pm	LWML MN North District President <i>JoNette Brogaard</i>
1:15-2:45 pm	Speaker - <i>Kathy Schultz</i>
3:00 pm	Free Time - (<i>Tours of Christ Serve Ranch, pontoon rides, etc.</i>)
5:00 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Entertainment
8:30 pm	Campfire
-----	SUNDAY
8:00 am	Continental Breakfast
10:00 am	Worship
11:00 am	Brunch and Farewell



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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christianlife@lwmlmnn.org
 or call **(218) 784-2475**
 Updates about the retreat and a map to LIC can be found on the District website:
www.lwmlmnn.org

ITEMS TO BRING:

- Bible • Flashlight
- Clothes for Sun or Rain
- Insect Repellent
- Towel & Washcloth
- Toiletries
- Pillow, Bedding or Sleeping Bag
- Snacks for health(y) appetites

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2015 LWML Retreat
August 7-9, 2015
at Lutheran Island Camp

Registration Deadline: August 1, 2015

(There will be an additional \$10 fee for late registration. No refunds after August 7. Young women ages 12-17 receive a 25% discount.)

√ Check	Before Aug. 1 st	After Aug. 1 st
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday-Sunday	\$120	\$130
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday-Saturday	\$70	\$80
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Only	\$50	\$60

Choose your housing preference:

- Cabin Retreat Center

Make Check Payable To: **LWML MN North District**

Send Registration To: **Lori Salvhus**
 102 Thorpe W
 Ada, MN 56510

Name : _____

Address : _____

Phone : _____

Email : _____

Special Needs : _____

Roommates : _____