



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

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

Jesus! It's "Jesus Christ Above All" !

As LWML women, how can we share the most important news of our lives? There are many ways; I've listed a few below:

The question frequently asked by our women's groups is "How can we get the young women to join us?" I think I have heard that question asked since I was a young woman. I still have no answer for that question. Maybe instead of asking that question we should be sharing Jesus. If you sit by a young woman in worship service, become a friend to her. Tell her how our mites help to share Jesus with the whole world. Ask if she would like to contribute, and give her a Mite Box to fill. Don't forget to invite her to your next event!

Bible studies are a priority of Lutheran Women in Mission. God speaks to us through His Word. It is there that you will find comfort, hope and guidance. There you will find what is truly important. Is the young woman involved in Bible study?

If computers are not part of your life and you have decided not to have one, ask a young woman to help you look up the LWML website (www.lwml.org) so you can get some information. Or ask her to go to the LWML MN North website (www.lwmlmnn.org) to print out the quarterly newsletter for you (*The Minnesota Northern Light*). Be willing to share the articles with her.

An Apple iPhone could also be a conversation starter. Many seasoned citizens have one. Ask for help from a "techie" – she could help you download the LWML App, or show you how to find LWML on Pinterest, Facebook, Twitter, or YouTube.

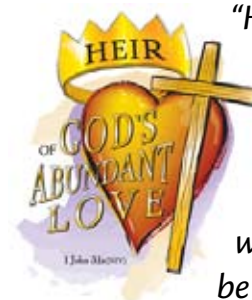
The LWML Prayer Service is now available online. A copy can be printed off at the LWML website, or a paper copy can be obtained by calling 1-800-252-5965. It can be used on its own or to coincide with the National Day of Prayer on May 4th.

Please pray for safe travel for everyone going to the Albuquerque Convention in June. Pray for your zone delegate as she votes for new mission projects. Pray for our Young Women Representatives, Nicole Beyersdorf and Victoria Nerud that the Lord would give them mission hearts. Pray for our organization as it faces new challenges in the future.



May God continue to bless us and keep our hearts tuned to His will. Remember, it's "Jesus Christ Above All"!

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"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)





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Getting past the cold sholder

by Lori Salvhus

The bulbs in my south facing front yard have been confused in the last month or so. It was so cold and icy after Christmas and then in late January it got so warm. The small leaves have been peeking out from the dirt, not sure whether to come forth or not.

Our faith life is sometimes like that. We are not sure what kind of reception we will get from those around us – even in the church. Do we dare stick our necks out and share out faith with others? Will someone put us down because of what we say?

So far, the bulbs in my yard have not given up. They are firmly planted and will soon bloom. May our faith lives bloom likewise, always ready to share what Jesus has done for us: dying on the cross to take our sins away and rising to new life.

Devotion: NEW! Important Connections

Bible Study: Women with Jesus at the Cross and the Tomb

Check the LWML website at lwml.org for more ideas for program helps. The link to the LWML Program helps is (www.lwml.org/program-helps).



Mustard Seed Devotions can be sent directly to your email daily – for free!

Visit www.lwml.org/mustard-seed-devotions to sign up.

New Mustard Seed Devotions

- God's Grace and Goodness #LWML40224
- Trust and Talents #LWML40226
- Praise and Patience #LWML40225

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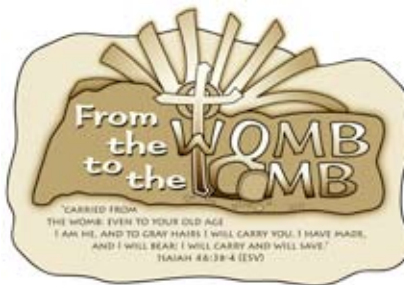
2017 LWML Retreat

August 11-13, 2017 at LIC

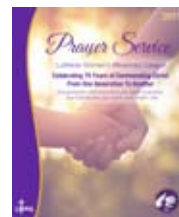
Our presenter is **Virginia Flo**, Regional Director of Lutherans for Life, speaking on "Living Faithfully in a Culture of Death"

The **Bible study leader** is Rev. Matthew Vrudny

The Saturday evening entertainment will be **Messiah's Minnesota Minutemen**.



Visit the LWML Retreat page for additional information; including the registration form and flyer at lwmlmnn.org.



2017 LWML Prayer Service

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Celebrating 75 Years of Commending

Christ From One Generation to Another by Rev. Dr. Steve Turner

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. (Psalm 145)

Downloads for the 2017 LWML Prayer Service and cover artwork are available at www.lwml.org. If you are unable to download the service, please contact the LWML Office at lwml@lwml.org or call 1-800-252-5965 to obtain a paper copy.

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Abundance in giving

by Theresa Warnsholz

These abundant gifts of human caring and other similar projects were reported by our LWML Sisters in Christ during the 2016 year. Hopefully they will give your zones and societies some additional ideas for projects this year. The full list is available on the Human Care web page on the district website at lwmlmnn.org.

- Youth family night, gave new books
- Provide meals for Kids Against Hunger
- Helped older members with cleaning and lawn work
- Soup or fruit baskets (to shut-ins)
- Valentine's Party for senior citizens
- Made fleece hats and mittens for various missions
- Salvation bracelets made for MOST
- "Purs'uing God's love" - gently used purses filled with hygiene items & tract
- Give baskets, cheer plates and plants to shut-ins
- Give rides to people who cannot drive anymore
- College care packages
- Honor public servants with plates of goodies
- Sponsored Honey Sunday for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch
- Write letters to missionaries
- Held a cookie walk to provide camper-ships to LIC
- Quilts for OGT, Salvation Army, Crisis Center, Mahube, LIC, food shelf and local benefits
- Host Christmas store - kids shop for family gifts for a 25¢ an item and wrapping
- Socks & underwear for Haiti
- Mitten tree missions

Gifts from the Heart Recipients

2017 LWML Convention Albuquerque

Albuquerque Christian Children

(Privately funded foster care that emphasizes Christianity.)

Lutheran World Relief

(Focuses on international disaster relief and recovery.)

Ysleta Lutheran Mission

(Provides ministry and human care on both sides of the US/Mexico border.)

Care Net

(Works with unplanned pregnancies Pro-life!)



Gifts from the Heart Items

The following items are being collected for the Albuquerque Convention. Before gathering items, though, make sure you have a way to get items to Albuquerque. (Do you know of someone driving to the convention who would have room in their car for the collected items?)

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| 1 Twin-sized Sheet Sets (new and in package) | 8 Baby lotion |
| 2 Quilts (60" x 80" preferred, but all sizes welcome) | 9 1 baby washcloth |
| 3 New Baby Kit (or individual items from kit) | 10 1 baby toy |
| 4 School Kits (or individual items from kit) | 11 1 gift for Mom (toiletry or personal) |
| 5 Health Kits | 12 Christian books or tracts |
| 6 Children's Underwear (Items should be new and in sizes for pre-school to middle-school aged kids.) | |
| 7 Gift Cards (\$10 or \$25 amounts recommended to Walmart, K-Mart, Kohl's, or JC Penney) | |

New Baby Kit

(Packed in diaper bag)

- 1 8-12 disposable diapers (Newborn or Size 1)
- 2 Wet wipes
- 3 2 sleepers (Size 0-3 or 3-6 months)
- 4 2 daytime outfits (Size 0-3 or 3-6 months)
- 5 2-3 pair of socks
- 6 1 fleece blanket
- 7 Baby wash

School Kit

(Packed in backpack)

- 1 Spiral notebook or lined paper
- 2 6 pencils
- 3 3 pens (blue or black)
- 4 Ruler
- 5 Blunt scissors
- 6 Washable Markers or Crayons
- 7 Glue sticks
- 8 2 folders
- 9 Eraser
- 10 Children's Bible

Health Kit

(Wrapped in bath towel)

- 1 Washcloth
- 2 Full-sized bar of soap
- 3 Toothbrush
- 4 Toothpaste
- 5 Comb
- 6 Christian books or tracts

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The Blessings Continue

by Susan Zeige

What a blessing it was last quarter to receive \$23,800 to help fund our mission grants for the 2016-2018 biennium! It never fails to amaze me to see how our mites become a blessing to those who receive these gifts. I would encourage all of you to continue to make a difference for others by remembering our grants, not only with your offerings but also with your prayers.

This quarter \$21,000 was given for scholarships to students going into either the ministry or full-time church work. As costs increase in our colleges, it can be

a tremendous benefit to students to receive this aid. Most of us who are reading this article did not have the huge expenses of college that our students do today, and many of us were debt-free at graduation. Unfortunately, today students may become discouraged due to student debt, and these scholarships become an encouragement to them in continuing their pursuit in serving our Lord full-time. These monies also ensure our future as congregations in providing much needed workers who will serve us in various roles.

It is not too early to begin thinking about the next biennium and the mission grants that will be

chosen for funding. The forms for submission of these grants will be available in the next few months, but it is always good to think about possibilities of grants that will be blessed with our mites.

One way to increase your mite giving would be to take all of the change in your purse at the end of each week. Consider dividing those coins evenly into two piles—one for your purse and the other for your Mite Box. You will be amazed to see how quickly those coins add up. Serve the Lord with gladness!



Mission Grants Committee Report

A total amount of \$20,800 in mites were raised for LWML MN North grants this past quarter. The Mission Grants Committee recommended and the BOD approved the payment of grant allocations as follows: \$5,500 for Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students; \$5,000 for Lutheran Island Camp's Christ Serve Academy; \$5,000 for Caring for Our Pastors (Doxology); \$5,300 for C.R.O.S.S. Appeal. The chart below details the current balance remaining for the 2016-2018 biennium.

	MISSION GRANTS FOR THE 2016-2018 BIENNIUM (Balance as of March 31, 2017)	GRANT AMOUNT	BALANCE REMAINING
Grant 1	Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$15,000	\$10,000
Grant 2	Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students	\$50,000	\$25,000
Grant 3	Orphan Grain Train	\$9,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 4	Lutheran Island Camp's Christ Serve Academy	\$10,000	\$5,000
Grant 5	Caring for Our Pastors (Doxology)	\$10,000	\$5,000
Grant 6	C.R.O.S.S. Appeal	\$14,000	\$5,900
Grant 7	Gloria Dei School and Church Building in Cap Haitian, Haiti	\$15,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 8	Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Chapel Furnishings	\$5,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 9	Love Works! Lutheran Braille Workers	\$5,000	\$5,000
Grant 10	Bible Translation Field Testing (Partially Funded)	\$4,000	\$4,000
	TOTALS	\$137,000	\$59,900

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Developing societies

by Kathy Brandt

The HOPE Committee of the LWML has put together resources for developing non-traditional societies. It is worth looking at to perhaps meet a need that is present in your congregation. The following is taken from "LWML 102-What to do? What to do! PING –inspiration: 2012 LWML HOPE Committee"

- In the Spring 1968 issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, Alma Kern, author of devotions and books for the LWML, wrote "...women no longer need the women's society of the church as a social outlet. But we've got something...We've got the good news! Jesus has given us the 'pearl of great price.' Let's display it as a jeweler would – in the most attractive way possible. Let's tell it with excitement, enthusiasm, and variety." Not only does the LWML have good news, we also have resources and talented women. Matthew 22:37 states ... love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 1 Corinthians 10: 31 says ... whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we can put God first and share His Good News. How can we accomplish the work of the LWML? How do we keep God as the focus? What exactly do we "do"? How do we step out of our comfort zones and help the women of the LWML be together in the Word and service? Romans 12:6 says, *since we*

have gifts that differ according to the grace given us, let each exercise them accordingly (NAS). In the real world, meetings still need to take place. The altar still needs care. Quilts still need to be made. People die, people marry, and meals need to be prepared. This is all a part of ministry, and there are people who have the gifts to accomplish this work. Women who want to serve in this way need to be encouraged; however, women who wish to serve in other ways need to be given the opportunity and the freedom to do so. Let's build each other up.

There are unique ways that LWML groups can be organized to allow for service by all women with various gifts and interests. Some zones have "ministry teams" which are led by a few visionary women. These leaders plan events and activities to take place at different churches throughout the zone. The hosting churches ask women to help with the event on a one-time basis. They are more likely to accept a short-term role than a longer-term commitment. Many cannot commit to a traditional one-or-two-year term of office. Be patient; perhaps at another time they will be able to serve more. Non-geographic groups can be composed of women who may belong to various congregations or who are individual LWML members. They may have unique interests or talents and need the fellowship of those who share these passions. Some churches use the "circle plan" where there are multiple groups in one congregation. Encourage women with common interests, like quilting or parenting, to form their

own groups. They will be fed and grow by being with each other and with their Lord.

Consider developing a cyber-group which has online Bible studies, devotions, encouragements, and (News!) fellowship over the internet. This kind of group may appeal to many women who, for various reasons, cannot be away from home to attend meetings or events. There are also women who work outside the home all day, come home, prepare dinner, help with homework, and get the kids to bed. Finally, they have a chance to catch their breath. Send these women encouraging messages, chat on Facebook, and pray together online. Someday their schedules may allow them to serve through LWML, but again, be patient.

Another revelation ... not all societies, circles, groups, or whatever you choose to call them, need standard officers or regimented bylaws. Designed for You is a resource from the LWML Catalog with ideas for creating different kinds of groups. Clean Sweep; Is Your LWML Group "Brain-Friendly"?; and How to be a "Pillar" in Your Group are web articles written by the HOPE Committee that you can use to get started if your group needs a change.

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8)

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Choosing a vocation by Elizabeth McTighe

The deadline to apply for an LWML MN North District scholarship is May 15, 2017. To qualify for a scholarship, a student must be a resident of the Minnesota North District, a member of an LCMS church and enrolled in one of the LCMS Concordia Universities or Seminaries. (see list) The student should also be preparing for full-time church work which includes pastor, deaconess, church school teacher and others. (see list)

The 2017-2018 application form is available online at lwmlmnn.org. Scholarships are awarded

in mid-July and the monies are sent directly to the appropriate university or seminary. The applicants are also sent an award notification.

This past year the LWML MN North District has been able to assist 7 church work students and 3 seminarians due to your generous mite offerings. Please continue to support these future church leaders with your prayers and your mites.

→ Remember the **May 15th deadline** for applications. Any questions or concerns please contact me at: scholarships@lwmlmnn.org

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 Director of Parish Music
 Lay Ministry • Pre-seminary
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Fort Wayne, IN ctsfw.edu
 St. Louis, MO csl.edu

Concordia University System

Ann Arbor, MI cuaa.edu
 Austin, TX concordia.edu
 Bronxville, NY concordia-ny.edu
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History by JoNette Brogaard

History? You know by now that LWML is celebrating its 75th Anniversary! I found a lot of “items” at my fingertips through LWML resources. You can too!

First—our society, along with guests from other societies, worshiped together, using the LWML Prayer Service. Within the service, which was authored by Rev. Dr. Steve Turner, Iowa West District President, was the following information:

“The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League was founded on

July 7, 1942, in Chicago. The purpose then of the LWML was to develop a greater mission consciousness among women (“missionary education, missionary inspiration, and missionary service”) and to gather funds for mission projects for which no adequate provision was made in the LCMS budget. ‘Missionary’ meant the individual member, who was to ‘win and hold souls for Christ the Master, visit the sick and the shut-ins, relieve the needy, and cultivate the spirit of sisterly good cheer and fellowship.’”
 (History of the LWML by Marlys Taege Moberg)

Celebrating 75 Years of Mission Service

I received my Spring 2017 *Quarterly*. When you get your copy, turn to page 28 and you’ll gain some more historical facts about LWML.

Looking for a way to get your society involved? Go on the LWML website page (www.lwml.org/75) 75th Anniversary Happenings. Scroll down to the bottom of the “article” and you’ll see some fun things. Check out “The Dazzler” newspaper; it’s filled with facts to share with your LWML group!

We thank God for the LWML— and our 75 years of ministry!

Enjoy the celebration!

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The Bylaw Process

by Carla Patton

BYLAWS: When writing bylaws it is better to write basic bylaws that fit your society's need rather than trying to follow sample bylaws. Sample bylaws may be used as a guideline.

Start with ROBERT'S RULE OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED and follow the guidelines given there for writing suggested articles.

The articles to include are:

- Name
- **Object***
- **Members***
- Officers
- Duties of officers
- Nominations & Elections
- Appointed Personnel
- Pastoral Counselors
- Meetings

- **Representation at conventions***
- Executive Committee and Board of Directors
- Committees
- Finance(s)
- Mission Grants
- **Parliamentary Authority***
- Amendments
- **Standing Rules:** such as zone dues, National Convention Expense Fund assessment, speaker fees and mileage, rotation of regional and zone rally hosting, serving for funerals, etc. (Standing rules are related to details of the administration of the organization, rather than to parliamentary procedures. Standing rules can be changed easily by a majority vote at any meeting.)

NOTE: The four articles (**marked in bold ***) must agree with those of the LWML on the national level.

Mail your society or zone bylaws to:

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Bylaws may be emailed to: structure@lwmlmnn.org

Procedure for Zone Bylaws

- Review your bylaws every five to six years, making changes as necessary to keep with current practices of the zone and LWML;
- Send your bylaws to the LWML District Structure Committee Chairman for approval, comments and/or suggestions;
- Bylaws are then returned to the Zone Board with the approval, comments and/or suggestions from the LWML District Structure Committee;
- The Zone Board prepares the proposed amendments to the bylaws; they are to be voted upon at the Zone Spring Rally;
- Zone Rally participants vote on the proposed bylaw changes
- Print updated bylaws and send a hard copy to the LWML District Structure Chairman; include a note telling whether bylaws are to be reviewed by the committee or are ready for filing

Procedure for Society Bylaws

For society officers or a committee.

- Review your bylaws every five to six years, making changes as necessary to keep with current practices of the society and LWML,
- Mail proposed bylaw changes to LWML District Structure Committee for approval and comments,
- The LWML District Structure Chairman will return the bylaws, with comments and suggestions to be made, to the society.
- Proposed amendments to the bylaws are to be presented to the local society for approval.
- Send updated bylaws to the District Structure Chairman, with a note that it is ready to be filed.

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Spring is springing with LWML

by Ruby Prochnow

This morning as I was having my coffee I noticed the robins had returned. I watched 12 healthy robins digging fervently in the leaves which had been put on the raspberry patch last fall. The leaf mulch was to protect the raspberry plants throughout the winter, and as spring moves in, this mulch provides nutrients for the plants. These plants then produce super delicious fruit. The robins were obviously searching through the mulch for bugs and worms to provide them with needed food for nutrients for energy and strength as well as nutrients to sustain their lives.

This morning, I compared those robins to us, GOD'S CHILDREN. In my mind that mulch was equated with God's Word. God's Word was given us as an umbrella of protection and provides us with spiritual food. We search the Scriptures for the food we need for energy and strength to continue on our life's journey to produce fruit. These fruits are products produced by the good works which God prepared for us in advance. *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them* (Ephesians 2:10 RSV).

We certainly can learn from these robins. Just as the robins come into the raspberry patch and grow from searching the mulch, we grow by searching the Scriptures.

This is how LWML works. We, too, invite our sisters in Christ to the raspberry patch to search the Scriptures. Look around in June and see the fruits. Before that, look around and see the fruit produced by your LWML (shut-in visits, meals delivered, church dinners served, human care deeds, and the list goes on).

Many sisters in Christ will be gathering in Albuquerque, New Mexico June 22 – 25th to scratch in the mulch, growing in Christ to the theme, "Jesus Christ Above All". They will see the fruits of the 2015-2017 mission grants. How Exciting! Look forward to hearing your delegates share the fruit of the 37th Biennial Convention with you and your congregations.

- Have a special LWML society meeting and invite all the women of your congregation to hear the zone delegate's report.
- Publicize your zone rally well. Special invitations to women of your congregation could be productive to your membership roster.
- Sponsor a congregational dinner with a convention delegate sharing her story of Albuquerque.

May the Lord bless the gathering in Albuquerque, and may the Lord bless you!

Memorials and Honorariums January 2017 - March 2017

- † Corles Rainer, in memory of Verna Bass
- † Trinity Ladies' Aid, Bellingham, in memory of Mary Ann Tucholke
- † Don & Nancy Oswald in memory of Earl Wolf
- † JoNette Brogaard in memory of Elwood Carlson
- † Lois Sather, in memory of Elwood Carlson
- † Pearl Dohrmann, in memory of Elwood Carlson
- † Bill & Ruth Thompson, in memory of Elwood Carlson
- † Kathy Brandt, in memory of Bethel Visser
- † Kathy Brandt, in memory of Arlene Gullingsrud
- † Kathy Brandt, in memory of Elwood Carlson
- † Zion Women's Society, Sauk Centre, in memory of Mabel Trierweiler
- † Lord of the Lakes Women, Forest Lake, in memory of Norris Brand
- † Lord of the Lakes Women, Forest Lake, in memory of Grace Polege
- † Lord of the Lakes Women, Forest Lake, in memory of Marcella Hartfield
- † Lord of the Lakes Women, Forest Lake, in memory of Jenny Schnider
- † JoAnn Schoep, in memory of Norma Nordby
- † Zion LWML, Detroit Lakes, in memory of Elna Brahmaer
- † Zion LWML, Detroit Lakes, in memory of Edna Newman
- † Lois Sather, in memory of Jean Willgohs
- † Trinity Ladies' Guild, Staples, in memory of Sally Ross
- † Our Savior's Afternoon Guild, Crookston, in memory of Christine Worf
- † Trinity Ladies' Aid, Bellingham, in memory of Marion Maatz
- † Kathy Brandt, in honor of Harold and Hilde Ford
- † Anita Petersen, in memory of Gloria Schroeder
- † Our Savior's LWML, McGregor, in memory of Genevieve Babcock

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 LWML district website at (www.lwmlmnn.org) under the resources menu tab.

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Introducing the YWRs

by Beth Dinger

The Young Women Committee is pleased to report that we have reviewed the YWR applications and selected two young women to represent the LWML MN North District at the LWML Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on June 22-25, 2017. It is my pleasure to introduce you to our newest YWRs, Nicole Beyersdorf and Victoria (Tori) Nerud. Make sure to note their names, and study their photos, so that you can say "Hi!" when you bump into them in Albuquerque or at other LWML events in the district.

Some of my best memories from the trip to the LWML Convention in Des Moines, IA, included the friendly greetings from fellow MN North LWML women who recognized me, and made sure to wish me well, or to make sure that I had everything that I needed. I appreciated the kind gestures, and I know that our newly selected YWRs will appreciate them too!



My name is **Nicole Beyersdorf** and I am so thankful to be selected to be one of the LWML Young Woman Representatives for the Minnesota North District. I am so looking forward to learning more about the LWML in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

I am 28 years old and have been involved with the LWML for a little over two years. I currently serve as Human Care Co-Officer for my Ladies Aide group at St. John's Lutheran Church in Villard, MN. I also love being involved in Altar Guild where I am learning to make banners with the help of our congregation's more experienced hands. I have been married for almost three years to my husband, Philip, who serves as pastor of our congregation. My husband and I met at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana where I graduated as a deaconess in 2013.

I love to read, build furniture, study and teach God's Word, as well as find opportunities to serve the church and the community.



Hello! My name is **Victoria Nerud**, but please call me **Tori**. I'm 27 years old and live in Wyoming, MN with my grandmother, Shirley. Currently I'm working as a bookseller for a Half Price Books store.

I grew up in Wyoming, MN and graduated from Forest Lake Sr.

High in 2008. I earned my bachelor's degree in Animal Ecology with a double focus in Wildlife Care and Interpretation from Iowa State University in Ames, IA in 2013.

I'm a member of Lord of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Forest Lake, MN with my parents and grandmother where I am an active member of the choir, a yearly actress in our dinner theater performance In Bethlehem Inn, a Confirmation Mentor, and, of course, an active member of the LWML. The standing joke is that I started attending meetings in early 2015 to convince my grandmother to go and "spend time with people her own age". However, I found the LWML ladies to be a group of sisters, mothers, aunts, and grandmothers whom I love... and I've been regularly attending meetings ever since.

I was blessed to be able to attend the last LWML Convention close to home in Des Moines, IA with a group of ladies from my church, and grew closer to my home group as a result. I'm excited for the opportunity to go this year to Albuquerque as a YWR and learn even more about our organization and to grow in my walk as a woman in Christ.

In my free time I enjoy reading, hiking, and cooking... assuming someone else is doing the dishes. And in my not free time I like to procrastinate by compulsively reading manga and bingeing on Netflix.

I am grateful for the opportunity to represent the LWML Minnesota North District at the LWML Convention as a YWR in Albuquerque this year. Thank you very much!

May the peace of God be with you all.



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2017 UPCOMING EVENTS

April-May - Zone Spring Rallies
(Visit the Rallies web page at www.lwmlmnn.org for dates and times)

June 10 - Lutheran Witness supplement page deadline.

June 15 - Minnesota Northern Light newsletter summer issue deadline.

Aug 11-13 - 2017 LWML Retreat at LIC

Submit your 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.

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.

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.

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2017 LWML RETREAT

“From the Womb to the Tomb” Is. 46:3b-4 (ESV)

August 11-13, 2017
at Lutheran Island
Camp, Henning, MN

The Bible study leader is **Rev. Matthew Vrudny, Park Region Pastoral Counselor**, from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Walker, MN.



“Living Faithfully in a Culture of Death”

Our presenter is **Virginia Flo**, Regional Director of Lutherans for Life. She lives in Eagan, MN. She has spent her life in a dual career; both in business management, as well as making a career in church work. She

has worked extensively in the areas of Christian education, stewardship, and evangelism, while also serving as a choir director.

Her strong conviction for life has given her the opportunity to speak on all the life issues, with a particular emphasis in the area of physician assisted suicide, which is being addressed in many states today. Virginia is now working in Minnesota helping equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for life.

The Saturday evening entertainment will be **Messiah’s Minnesota Minutemen** who use drama to share the Gospel to the world.

SPECIAL OFFERS: Bring a “Retreat First Timer” and you both receive 25% off the registration price. Also, young women ages 12-18 receive a 25% discount.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Salvhus at: christianlife@lwmlmnn.org or call (218) 784-2475

Retreat updates and a map to LIC can be found on the MN North District website: www.lwmlmnn.org

4:00-6:00 pm Registration
6:00 pm Picnic supper provided by LIC
6:45 pm Get Acquainted Activities
7:30 pm Bible study I: *Rev. Matthew Vrudny*
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 II: *Rev. Matthew Vrudny*
9:30 am Break
9:45 am Program: *Virginia Flo*
“Living Faithfully in a Culture of Death”
LWML MN North District President
11:30 am Lunch
12 noon Program: *Virginia Flo*
1:00 pm Free Time - (*Tours of Christ Serve Ranch, pontoon rides, etc.*)
2:15 pm
5:00 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Entertainment
8:30 pm Campfire with Smores

SUNDAY
8:00 am Breakfast
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Farewell and Ice Cream Social

ITEMS TO BRING:

- Bible
- Flashlight
- Clothes for Sun or Rain
- Insect Repellent
- Towel & Washcloth
- Toiletries
- Pillow, Bedding or Sleeping Bag
- Snacks

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August 11-13, 2017
at Lutheran Island Camp

Registration Deadline: August 1, 2017

(There will be an additional \$10 fee for late registration. No refunds after August 7. Young women ages 12-18 receive a 25% discount.) **Check here** **if you are a Young Women.**

√ 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 : _____

Check here if you a “Retreat First Timer”

Name of person bringing you. _____