



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE  
MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT

# Minnesota Northern Light

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*"Serve the Lord with Gladness"*

Psalm 100:2



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## LWMLers "Walk in the Light" in Duluth, MN

Greetings to all Walkers in the Light!

I am so honored to serve as your  
MN North District President.

God has a plan for each of us as we walk in His light and so I challenge each of you to take some time and look at what God has placed in your life. How will you use it?

As stated in Ephesians 4:1, *"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received."* and Ephesians 4:12-13, *"... to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."*

Together as Women in Mission, I look forward to using our time and talents to do God's will.

Cheryl Petersen

Mite goal for 2008-2010  
is set at \$132,500

The thirteen projects that  
were selected are listed  
on page 13



Outgoing President Laurain Jurchen presents the gavel to newly-elected President Cheryl Petersen

## Newly Elected Officers



From left, Rev. John Hecht Knierim, *Lakeland Region Pastoral Counselor*; Dorothy Abrahamson, *Arrowhead I Regional Vice President (RVP)*; Julia Peery, *Lakeland I RVP*; Cheryl Petersen, *President*; Joanne Beiswenger, *Park I RVP*; JoNette Brogaard, *Corresponding Secretary*; Marlys Knutson, *Treasurer*



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 people of the world.

## Minnesota Northern Light

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## Living Out His Plan



Fifty-two years ago, I began my career of “full-time” service in the Lord’s church, ready to get into the classroom of a Lutheran School to apply the lessons I had been taught.

I will never forget the commencement address. As young grads, we were challenged to place our lives in the loving hands of our Savior and follow His lead to use us to accomplish “what He had planned [for us] before the world began” (Ephesians 2:10) In His mercy He has used me in places and positions I would never have imagined. One of these was the privilege of serving as your District President.

Each time we speak our LWML Pledge we pledge to Him, “our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us.” The four years of serving as your president have been an exciting, challenging, educational, and faith-strengthening experience—all in His plan to use me “wherever He had need of [me.]” Seeing God at work through you, the members of the LWML, is a joy to witness. Your lives and service are a colorful reflection of the Light of Christ’s love. His Word has been and will continue to be our guide and living in His forgiveness will be our joy.

As we step into a new biennium, we have laid the ground work for our LWML once again. We have elected Cheryl Petersen as our president. May the Lord guide her, giving



(President's Pen cont.)

her wisdom and joy as she serves her Lord and you.

We have challenged ourselves to a new mission mite goal of \$132,500 with an exciting selection of mission grants to support. We will continue to write HIS-story through our Mite gifts given to His glory and for the extension of His kingdom.

We see challenges in our LWML. As we rise to these challenges, we will be empowered by the Holy Spirit working in us. We will be energized to rise to the challenges with our eyes focused on Jesus and His cross.

In gratitude for His dying love we will "consecrate to our Savior" our entire lives to the "great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him," living out all He has planned for us from eternity.

In His love now and forever,  
Laurain Jurchen  
District President  
2004-2008

The first biennial Transition of Office Workshop was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Deer Creek.

The workshop was led by Mildred Helmrichs, Leader Development Chairman.

Retiring and newly-elected officers met to review duties and pass along the files of the office.

There was also information given about the fall packets, the newsletter, the web site, and how to handle money matters. Mildred also presented information helpful to those who have accepted a leadership role in the MN North LWML.

The LWML of Trinity hosted a luncheon for the group, as well as a birthday cake for celebrating Gladys Wagner's birthday.



Judy Uran explains to Dorothy Abrahamson how to handle the LWML mission grants



Front row, Judy Uran, Dorothy Abrahamson, Phyllis Jastram, Cheryl Petersen, JoNette Brogaard. Back row, James Wagner, Carol Benson, Julia Peery, Joanne Beiswenger, Gladys Wagner, Mildred Helmrichs





## L I G H T !

Walk in the Light at  
Lutheran Island Camp  
in August

The LWML District Convention in Duluth is behind us, but the theme of the convention "Walk in the Light" and the convention Bible verse:

1 John 1:7, *"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sins,"* are and should be with us every day. As we 'Walk in the Light' of God's love through Jesus, what does God expect us to do with His light?

In our LWML Fall Retreat theme verse, Matthew 5:16, we read: *"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."*

"Sharing the Light" is the theme for our Fall Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp. The retreat begins on Friday, August 8th, with registration from 4-6 p.m. and ends on Sunday morning with worship and brunch.

Come and listen...

- to Mr. Gary Thies tell us how Mission Central and the missionaries affiliated there 'Share the Light.'
- to Pastor Mike Dagele lead us in the study of our theme verse and how we can let our light shine.
- to the Mathison family (Dad, Mom and five children) entertain us with song and instrument.
- to mission groups tell us about their work in 'Sharing the Light'.
- and then go and 'Share the Light' with those in your family, your neighborhood, your workplace or school.

This year we are combining the Retreat and the Young Women's Retreat. Lutheran Island Camp offers several 'Kid's Camps' that week-end, so moms or grandmas can bring kids along for a 'retreat' experience. Check the LIC website at [www.islandcamp.org](http://www.islandcamp.org) for more information about kid's camps.

Plan to join us,  
Joan Johnson



# Memorials

## Memorials

Jane Ashe in memory of  
Norma Wittnebel

Ardis Horn in memory of  
Laverne Gunderson

JoNette Brogaard in memory of  
Kenneth Klug

Frances Wittnebel in memory of  
Kenneth Klug

First Lutheran, Grand  
Rapids in memory of  
Friends

Trinity LWML, Sauk  
Rapids in memory of  
Lillian Lennes

Our Redeemer LWML,  
Cloquet in memory of  
Aletha Rosin

St. Peter's LOCS,  
Bellingham in memory of  
Norma Wittnebel

Immanuel LWML, Parkers  
Prairie in memory of  
Meta Rauschel

Zion Evening Guild,  
Alexandria in memory of  
Rosella Bergstad

Helen Wilkening in memory of  
Rosella Bergstad & Junyce Giese

Marian Maatz in memory of  
Norma Wittnebel, Fran  
Rakow, & Asborn Morken

Trinity Ladies Aid, Bellingham  
(Walter Township) in memory of  
Norma Wittnebel

Our Savior's Afternoon Guild,  
Crookston in memory of  
Evelyn Boetcher & Alva Halosa

## Memorials

Memorials are to be sent to the District Financial Secretary:  
Donna Schleif, 8181 269th Ave. NW, Zimmerman, MN 55398-4011

If you wish, you may designate the memorial for "Mites" or for "Minnesota North Mission Grants".



## Walk in the Light

*"I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people."* Leviticus 26:12. This passage along with our convention theme verse, reminds us that God is always with us. He has planned out our path before we were born. God has put us here at this time and place for His purpose. It is now easy to "Walk in His Light," down the path He has placed before us. Thank you for the "Gifts from the Heart" donations, Kits for Haiti, Phone Cards, Stamps for Missions, and all the other items that were brought to the convention. The Servant event was great. Sixty ladies attended and made Linus blankets, tied lap robes and wrapped bandages made from sheets, for the clinic in the Cap-Haitian complex.

This is my final article as your Human Care Chairman and I want to thank my committee members: Pastor John Grein, Barbara Andring, Carolyn Sundbom and Arlene Krueger for their faithful service. I also want to thank all the zone and local Human Care women who have done such a fine job of carrying out our projects and encouraging everyone else.

May the love of Christ continue to motivate you to share with others your material gifts, your talents, your time, yourself and the greatest gift of all – Jesus Christ!

Gladys Wagner  
Human Care Chairman  
2004 – 2008



### HUMAN CARE PROJECTS

PHONE CARDS – for Seminary Students and Military Personnel. Continue to collect phone cards. If you have military personnel or families in your congregation, please gift cards to them so they can stay in contact with their loved ones.

### Haiti Needs List for the 2008 Container Project

Deadline for collection is August 15, 2008

Cost of sending a 40 foot container is about \$10,000 donations are welcome.

The Needs List can also be found on the District Website on the Human Care web page.

# HUMAN CARE PROJECTS

## 2008 HAITI CONTAINER PROJECT - NEEDS LIST

### Container Needs List

Call 1-800-399-0209 or 218-283-2447 to talk to an LMA representative.

**School Supplies:** Paper Reams, Blackboards, Poster Boards, Card Stock, Tempera Paints, Crayons, Markers, Paint Brushes, Alphabet Posters, Number Posters, Flash Cards, Non-electric Toys, Sturdy Outside Gym Sets, Puppets, Dolls, Building Blocks, Scissors, Dish Pans, Liquid Soap, Science Items

**School Kits:** 2 Pencil/pens, 2 Notebooks, 1 Eraser, 1 Pencil Sharpener, 1 Paper Scissors, 1 Box Small Crayons

**Food Items:** Dry Beans, Powdered Milk, Evaporator Milk, Potato Flakes, Restaurant Size: Ketchup, Spaghetti Sauce, Beans, Vegetables, Pasta, Salt, Cooked Cereals, Lentils, Cooking Oil, Infant Cereal, Peanut Butter, Canned Fruit, Dried Fruit

**Church, Family, and In Need Supplies:** Sturdy Work Clothes, Church Clothes, Men / Boys (Clothes and Shoes, Work Boots), Work Gloves Women / Girls (Dresses, Shirts, Shoes, Hair) Ribbons, Undergarments, Sheets, Pillows, Cases, Quilts, Towels / Washcloths,

Toothpaste / Brushes, Bar Soap, Shampoo, Lotions and Deodorant, Silverware / Plates / Cups, Durable Cookware, Laundry Detergent

**Infant Care:** Diaper Bags, Instant Soap / Shampoo, Infant Clothing, Hats, Socks, Cloth Diapers, Receiving Blanket, Plastic Pants, Diaper Pins (A Variety of Sizes), T-shirt Diapers

**Infant Kits:** Diaper Bags, Receiving Blanket, 3-4 Cloth Diapers, Plastic Pants, Infant Shampoo, lotion, bath soap, Undershirts, Infant Clothes

**Medical Clinic:** Sterile Gauze (Roles and Pads Any Size), Non-stick Dressings (Any size), Multivitamins, Cod Liver Oil / Fish Oil, Antibiotic, Ointment, Storage Cabinets, Antifungal Creams & Powder, Tylenol Regular/ Infant, Cough Syrup and, Cough Drops, Hydrocortisone Cream, Antihistamine Medication, Antacid Medication

**Women's Center:** Treadle Sewing Machines, Ironing Board, Scissors, Non-electric Iron, Tag Board, Notions/ thread/ribbon/elastic/buttons, Fabric (Cotton), Storage Cabinets

**Kitchen Supplies:** Basic Electric Kitchen Tools, Storage Container, Serving-ware, Propane Cook Stoves, Ringer Washer, DVD Player/TV

**Miscellaneous:** Musical Instruments, Battery Charger, New Tires, Air Compressor, Battery Tire Compressor, Car Care Tools, Electric Air Conditioners, Microwave, Toilets And Sinks, Double Stainless Steel Sinks, Stainless Steel Counter, File Cabinets, Deep Fryer, Folding Chairs, Folding Tables

**Construction:** Lumber Any Size, Plywood, Posts, Rebar, Nails and Screws, Wheelbarrow, Cement Mixer Ladders, Brick Laying Tools, PVC Pipe, Pipe (Black Role), Metal Sheet Roofing, Electric Tools, Chicken Fencing, Chicken Care Supplies



# 2008 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Convention in Duluth, MN



**Annetta Dellinger** was the keynote speaker, inspiring us to radiate the joy that we have in knowing Jesus Christ as our Savior. She also led a breakout session on "Candid Camera Grandmothering."



**Rev. Eugene Bunkowske** and his wife Bernice reflected on forty-eight years of serving Christ as missionaries. In 1961 they went to Nigeria, West Africa to begin work among the Yala people. On a recent trip back to the area, they witnessed the fruit of their work in meeting second and third generations of Christian leaders.



Above, Marvelle entertained with humorous "interruptions"



Above, Piindigaa' atah Dancers from Thunder Bay provided the Monday evening program







LWML President Janice Wendorf



Young Women Representatives sort and pack ingathering items

## CONVENTION OFFERINGS

Offering #1 - \$5,349.37

*2008-2010 Mite Goal*

Offering #2 - \$5,183.28

*Lutheran Island Camp  
Chapel Windows*

Offering #3 - \$3,986.18

*Ministry to the Deaf in  
Ghana*

Mite-y Walk \$3,202.17

**LWML President Janice Wendorf** inspired the convention-goers to continue to walk in the paths of the LWMLers who have gone before us. We can reach out to others through our mission grants —and might even consider taking a short-term mission trip ourselves!

We also want to reach out to the young women and teens within our congregations. LWML has new resources to support our efforts. Also, the “Heart to Heart” program seeks to reach out to women of different ethnic groups, especially those living in our communities.

The Christ-centered living of our daily lives enables us to reach out to those in our church and in our community. Her vision for the LWML is:

- Lutheran Women in Mission who are in the Word
- Lutheran Women in Mission who are of the Word
- Lutheran Women in Mission who walk with the Lord.

We were urged to build each other up in Christ by showing compassion to each other and to those in need.

May God bless Jan as she leads the LWML into its 66th year!



# 2008 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Convention in Duluth, MN

## Duluth Convention 1968

The display at the Archivist-Historian's table featured the 1968 Minnesota North District LWML Convention which was held in Duluth. There were pictures of presiding officers as well as those elected in 1968, newsletters, poster, etc., and a list of delegates to that convention.

Many delegate names were recognized by those visiting the display and 3 people indicated they had attended that convention: Elada Krumwiede, LaVey Thalman and Mary Ann LaChappelle Bell, who attended with her mother, Erna La- Chapelle. MaryAnn was still in school at the time. Archivist-Historian Janet Miller was also a delegate to that convention, listed as Mrs. Vernon Miller.



Three generations from Christ Lutheran Church in Elbow Lake attended the convention. From left, Lynda Moerke, Joy Dell Haberer, and Samantha Lindquist.



## Convention Pictures

Twenty 4" x 6" photos of the convention are available for \$10. Make a check payable to MN North LWML and send to Carol Benson, 615 Main St., Breckenridge, MN 56520 by Aug 15th.

## Convention Pendants

2008 Duluth Convention charms and pins can be purchased at your fall zone rally from your regional vice president. The cost will be \$7.00 each.



**LWML President Jan Wendorf**

spoke to the District Convention attendees and referred to the new \$5 bill. She pointed out that the eagle on one side is printed in purple ink and the other side has a large "5" in purple ink. Doesn't that suggest that it is appropriate to put it in the mite box?



The following letter was received by Connie Strandberg, Coordinator of Servant Events for the convention:

*Dear Connie,  
Thank you so much for coordinating the LWML Convention blood drive on Sunday, June 8. You had 18 people register for the blood drive and 12 were able to give blood. We deferred 6 people and there were 15 first time donors.*

*As one unit of blood can help as many as three people, 36 patients could be benefiting from the units*

*collected at your blood drive...*

*Please extend our heartfelt thanks to the donors at the LWML Convention. Blood donors are special people for truly giving of themselves so that others might live.*

*Again, thanks for your hard work. Your enthusiasm and commitment are making a difference!*

*Sincerely,  
Michele Keil  
Donor Recruitment Representative  
Memorial Blood Centers*

*Dear LWML Ladies of the MN North District, Lutheran Mission Association would like to thank you for your support in providing the wonderful ingathering items of: diapers, newborn kits, school kits, hygiene kits, rolled bandages and the cash donations toward the container and other Haiti projects. The cost of a shipping container is around \$10,000 and we have about \$3,000 more to raise toward the 2008 Container Project.*

*We would like to thank you again for the 2006 convention grant given towards the diesel generator system; it is truly a blessing for the Cap-Haitian Complex. Also, we thank you for choosing the grant toward the Lutheran Medical Clinic in Cap-Haitian at the 2008 convention. Your support is really incredible! The clinic serves the Madeline area of Cap-Haitian and you have made it possible for continued health care to those in need.*

*LWML of the Minnesota North District, thank you for your continued help in making it possible for the Light to shine in Haiti!*

*Lutheran Mission Association  
Debra Larson, LMA Secretary*



## New Beginnings

A new mission goal and new mission grants! It's always exciting to have something new whether it is a possession, job, relationship, or goal of some kind. The new object may excite us enough to share it with others. It may inspire us to work harder to do our best to achieve new heights. That would be the prayer of the LWML convention delegates for you.

The convention delegates adopted a new Mission Grant Goal of \$132,500 for the 2008-2010 biennium. We trust each LWMLer will have a renewed vigor to give of their mites and also encourage others to join in this marvelous mission of the LWML.

All who attended the Minnesota North District Convention in Duluth learned so much about walking with our Lord in His Light. May this new mission grant goal challenge keep us "Walking In The Light."

Sun-glasses block out the light, but God's Word reveals the Light. How we praise the God who created light for sending His Son to brighten our lives! "Walk In The Light!"

Judy Uran  
Mission Advocacy & Grants Chairman  
2004-2008



Dorothy Abrahamson

The Prayer & Praise Mite calendars for August, September, and October are on pages 28 - 30 and are also available on the District Website:  
[www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org)



## Status of Mission Grants for the 2008-2010 Biennium as of July 8, 2008



MISSION PROJECTS	GOAL	PREVIOUSLY PAID or ALLOCATED	PAID OR ALLOCATED THIS QUARTER	BALANCE
Scholarships for Seminary Students Preparing for Ordination	\$11,000		\$1,250.00	\$9,750.00
Scholarships for Full-Time Church Worker Students	\$55,000		\$7,000.00	\$48,000.00
Summer Staff Training at Lutheran Island Camp	\$10,000		\$1,500.00	\$8,500.00
Ministry to Armed Forces Ministry by Mail	\$5,000		\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00
Outreach to Muslim Women	\$4,000		\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
Orphan Grain Train	\$8,500		\$1,000.00	\$7,500.00
VBS for Native American Children White Earth Reservation Nebraska Youth	\$4,000			\$4,000.00
Food & Clothing Clothing Co-op Fort Wayne Seminary	\$5,000		\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00
Medical Equipment for Haiti Clinic	\$10,000		\$2,000.00	\$8,000.00
Food Bank at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	\$5,000		\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00
Recruitment, Training, & Equipping of Native Americans for Full-time Church Work Ministry	\$6,000			\$6,000.00
Windows at LSF Ministry House, St. Cloud	\$5,000		\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Go! Share Jesus! Mission Grants for LWML Volunteer Missionaries	\$4,000			\$4,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$132,500</b>		<b>\$19,250.00</b>	<b>\$113,250.00</b>

**MISSION GRANT – \$4,000****GO! SHARE JESUS!****(Mission Grants For LWML Volunteer Missionaries)**

Did you know that one of the newly passed Mission Grants enables YOU to actually participate with more than the giving of your mites? The grant “Go! Share Jesus!” is for any individual LWML member who would like to get involved in a “hands-on” servant event be it at home or abroad.



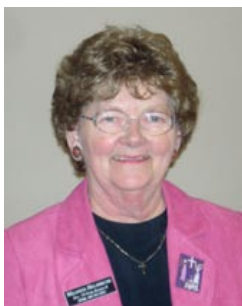
Various organizations provide volunteer mission opportunities. Some of them are LCMS World Mission, LCMS World Relief and Human Care, MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term), LAMP (Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots), Orphan Grain Train, plus many others.

Examples of the activities could be teaching Vacation Bible School, fitting people with corrective eyeglasses, rebuilding efforts on the Gulf Coast, teaching English as a Foreign Language and more. There is opportunity to fit your interest and abilities to an area that best fits you.

The benefits of such a project are many. The people who will be served will have the opportunity to hear of the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ and change their life forever. Likewise those who go and share will experience and grow in the excitement and blessing of sharing the love of Jesus with someone of another culture and circumstance.

There will be eight \$500 grants available to assist individuals with the expense of such a mission trip. You may get an application form from the chairman of the Mission Advocacy and Grant Committee, Dorothy Abrahamson. What an exciting opportunity to pray and think about!





God's Blessings  
as you SERVE  
the LORD with  
GLADNESS.

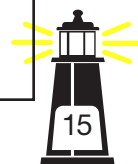
Mildred Helmrichs

#### **FIVE SIMPLE RULES**

- **LIVE  
SIMPLY**
- **LOVE  
GENEROUSLY**
- **CARE  
DEEPLY**
- **SPEAK  
KINDLY**
- **LEAVE THE  
REST TO GOD**

### **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR LEADERS**

1. Thou shalt know the facts. Be a walking encyclopedia of LWML activities – on the society, zone, district and national levels.
2. Thou shalt not procrastinate. Give thyself ample time to handle all matters in an orderly fashion. Do not assume anything: check and double check each step of the way to a successful completion.
3. Thou shalt not dominate thy meeting. Though thou be an officer, do not become overly proud of thyself and bore others with lengthy speeches and endless preaching. Unless thou can tell jokes well, do not subject the people to thy dull wit and wisdom.
4. Thou shalt read all thy mail promptly. Do not store unopened mail on the shelf, expecting to take care of it at a later date. Thou may be missing out on urgent business that requires immediate attention.
5. Thou shalt keep harmony within the organization. Do not allow jealousy or hurt feelings to grow. Remind others of their Christian sisterhood and encourage them to show love and kindness to all.
6. Thou shalt distribute materials promptly. Make sure each member receives national and district publications on time. Show compassion by making additional copies for those women in your church who still sit in darkness and have not as yet joined.



## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR LEADERS, cont.

7. Thou shalt constantly look for improvement. Evaluate the activities to see if they are helping to meet your goals. Retain that which is good. Discard that which is ineffective. Do not continue an activity just because it has been done for years.
8. Thou shalt start thy meetings on time. Be punctual thyself and set a good example for others. Show thy enthusiasm and joy in working for the Lord so that others will be begging to take thy office next year.
9. Thou shalt remember to thank the members. Praise and compliment the members who have served on committees and projects. Do not miss an opportunity to recognize a member's contribution and use her as an example for those who still think they are too busy to do the Lord's work.
10. Thou shalt remember to thank the Lord. Thank Him for all the assistance He has given you and for exposing all those hidden talents you never realized you had until you became an officer of the LWML.

#7320 by the LWML Member Development  
Committee. Rev. 1993





Carol Benson  
218/643-2240

**EDITOR**  
editor@lwmlmnn.org



This newsletter is published to communicate to you the happenings of LWML and to encourage you as together we walk in the Light of our Lord.

In an attempt to reach as many people as possible, this issue of the newsletter is being sent as an e-newsletter to all those who provided an e-mail address when they sent in the society officer information last fall. Some will also receive a printed copy if they are a society president, a society secretary, a zone president, a zone pastoral counselor, a member of the board of directors, or a member of a district committee.

At this time no names have been deleted from the mailing list; however, we are looking for ways to provide the news in the most cost-effective manner. With rising postage and printing costs, we will continue to look for ways to inform everyone while being good stewards.

Anyone can receive a free e-newsletter by sending their e-mail address to the editor.

### **Quarterly Questions ?**

If you have a problem with Lutheran Woman's Quarterly issues arriving at your society's designated destination, please contact the MN North District Corresponding Secretary, JoNette Brogaard, via e-mail at: [correspondingsec@lwmlmnn.org](mailto:correspondingsec@lwmlmnn.org) or call 320-846-0984.



## Hints and Thanks from the Structure Committee

It has been a good year! Many positive things have happened and we thank the Lord for all He has done and all the guidance He has given to our MNN District LWML. When we put out a special plea for societies to send in their bylaws for filing, some of the comments were:

1. "I don't know if we have any." There should be a copy of your bylaws with each and every one of your members and a copy in the files of each of your officers and ESPECIALLY one in the secretary's records.

2. "Why do we need bylaws? We wouldn't follow them anyway." You need bylaws so that your parliamentary actions are specific and consistent. And yes, you do need to follow them so your actions are not just at the whim of your leaders.

3. "I thought we sent ours in already." Perhaps you did send them in at one time. But has your most current one been approved by the structure committee and filed in the district files?

4. "Oh, yes, we're reviewing ours and will send them in when we get them finished."

## The Essential Parts of Bylaws

- **Name** of society
- **Object** of society
- **Eligibility** of membership
- **Guidelines** for delegates and alternates to district conventions
- **List** of officers
- **Terms** of office and reelection rules
- The **duties** of each officer
- **Guidelines** for meetings
- **Finances** (dues, mites, etc.)
- Guidelines for making **amendments.**

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- **Standing Rules:** such as zone dues, National LWML Convention Delegate Expense Fund assessment, speaker fees and mileage, rotation of regional and zone



rally hosting, serving for funerals, etc.

**Note:** 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.

Good to hear you're reviewing your bylaws... keep up the good work and send them to the District Structure Committee for approval when finished.

AND, please don't get discouraged if after you've diligently worked on them and sent them to the District Structure Committee, they send them back to you with some suggestions. Use those suggestions, if they are helpful, read the corrected copy to your society...get their approval and vote for adoption and then send the corrected and adopted copy back to the District Structure Committee for filing in the district files.

As I was going over the society bylaws that were on file or that came in after we issued that special plea to send in bylaws, there were several things I especially looked for and OFTEN didn't find.

\*\*At the beginning of the bylaws the name of the district, region, zone or congregation was not mentioned. Usually the society name was there, but generally one or two of the above were missing. That makes it very hard to keep accurate records.

\*\*The next thing I looked for was the date those bylaws had been amended and adopted. Often that was not there. Another thought....if they are over 7 – 8 years old, it's time to review them. Things change, you know.



For more helps or a sample copy of society bylaws, please contact the District Structure Committee.

Even though we have received over 50 bylaws for filing this past 6 months there are still about 40 left to file. We would very much appreciate it if we could receive the rest, even though they may be old. Then the files would give evidence that your society is in existence. Thank you for your patience with us!

We are waiting to receive bylaws from the following societies:

**Iron Range:**

Babbitt, Bovey, Deer River, Hill City, Squaw Lake

**Kettle River:**

Finlayson, Hinckley (St. Paul's) Ogilvie

**Lake Superior:**

Cloquet, Duluth (Mr. Olive), Silver Bay, Two Harbors

**Little Falls:**

Little Falls, Royalton, Sauk Rapids (St. John's Eve Guild)

**Rum River:**

Braham, Elk River, North Branch, Princeton, Rush City, St. Francis

**St. Cloud:**

Eden Valley (St. Paul) Alexandria: Alexandria (Good Shepherd), Evansville, Villard, Grove Lake)

**Fergus Falls:**

Elizabeth, Fergus Falls (Faith), Pelican Rapids

**Long Prairie: COMPLETED!**

## Capitalization "Know How"

To know what to capitalize and the use of acronyms is always difficult. Following are a few hints:

- The acronyms LCMS and LWML are not acceptable on first reference. In bylaws or press releases the first reference should include the full name with the acronym in parentheses such as: Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), and from then on just "LWML" may be used.
- Capitalize "bylaws" only when it appears with the name of the organization— LWML Bylaws but not with general names such as—"The district bylaws should be on file with the district." If specific: "The Alexandria Zone



Bylaws are on file in the Minnesota North LWML District Bylaw File.

- Capitalize titles when referring to specific LWML positions of office. Otherwise, capitalize titles only when preceding the name. For example: The LWML Meeting Manager arranges housing for the Board of Directors. The Carolinas District has a meeting manager. President Jones will speak at the rally. Counselor Greim will present the study at the Alexandria Zone Rally. The Christian Growth Committee will meet on January 23, 2009 after the planning meeting. Donna Jones is our zone president. (Capitalize “district”, “zone”, “committee”, etc., only when part of a proper name.)

**Appleton:**

Appleton (Immanuel), Benson, Morris

**Montevideo:**

Canby, Madison, Montevideo (St. Paul’s), Wood Lake, New London

**Wheaton:** COMPLETED!

**Bemidji/Park Rapids:**

Akeley, Baudette, Int’l Falls, Menahga

**Crookston:**

Ada (Zion Evangelical), Euclid, McIntosh, and Radium (our very newest society)

**Brainerd:**

Aitken (Immanuel) Crosby, Staples

**Detroit Lakes:**

Frazee (St. Paul’s, Bethlehem, St. John’s), Vergas (St. John’s)

**Wadena:**

Sebeka (Grace—Lydia & Priscilla Circle)

“The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.”  
Numbers 6:25,26.

Phyllis Jastram,  
District Structure Chairman  
2007-2008



## SEEKING WAYS TO LEAD

The LWML has long sought ways to make meetings more fun and more meaty rather than boring and unproductive. We participants in the post-modern world of instant food, instant communication and instant gratification place the highest value on our TIME. Perhaps it is TIME for a reexamination of what the function of a meeting is; what roles are involved; and how to separate planning from reporting and dreaming from implementing.

The goal of our interest session at the convention was to provoke LWML members to evaluate their meetings, and enable them to refocus the purpose of meetings and to restore productivity and satisfaction among the participants. We did a sketch that exaggerated the point of a business out of hand. Some of the clues that show that a meeting is off the track:

**Poor Attitude** – What is the general attitude? Are the members focused on the meeting task and are there many negative comments. You may notice the lack of attention; fidgeting and paper shuffling.

**Threatened Agenda** – Perhaps there isn't an agenda prepared before the meeting. If there is an agenda, it isn't followed. Maybe the business was presented in a long-winded



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Your MMV consultants are ready to visit you! Where will they be next?

Be sure to check out the MMV Calendar online for updates. Other MMV Resources are located on the district web site: [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org)

For additional information about MMV please contact: Cheryl Petersen and/or Frances Wittnebel at: [mmv@lwmlmnn.org](mailto:mmv@lwmlmnn.org)



## Is your LWML group:

- facing new opportunities?
- desiring increased enthusiasm?
- wanting to engage more women in meaningful ministry?
- experiencing a need to sharpen the focus on the challenges of the future?
- seeking guidance to start a new or additional group?
- creating interest for young women's involvement?

Invite a **Mission-Ministry Vision** consultant to assist you.

## Does your society, zone or district need:

- reinforcement
- leader definement
- leader training
- direction and focus

Your **Mission-Ministry Vision** consultant can assist you in many ways on the society, zone and district levels.

statement before the meeting even started. The business also may not be ranked for importance.

**Lack of Courtesy** – How do the members treat each other? Is the leader on time and does the meeting start on time? Do members get critical, even sarcastic? Even if you are a small group, is formal order followed?

**Lack of Commitment** – How prepared are the members? Are members prepared to discuss the issues at hand? In order to avoid major conflict and lengthy discussions, a few options could be offered in an effort to “please everybody” while avoiding a discussion to reconsider the event. Maybe nobody wants to accept responsibility for serving the organization at a leadership level.

**Lack of Spiritual Focus** – Do you have “spiritual food” at every meeting or is there just a hurried prayer? Are the members lacking a sense of worshipful service to their Lord?

It is important for leaders to learn to manage relative conflict; to keep people engaged and lead them to passionate discussions that could result in innovative solutions.

**Mining for Conflict** - When groups of people come together to talk about things that matter, disagreements will occur. How

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those issues are resolved can make meetings productive, engaging and even fun. Avoiding issues that merit debate and disagreement can result in boring meetings and frustration later can manifest itself in some form of unproductive personal conflict or politics. So a leader is forced to seek out and uncover any important issues about which the members disagree, bring them out into the open and allow the discussion and resolution.



**Getting to the Real Issues** – Sometimes the issue isn't what vegetable to cook or even whom to please. The real, unspoken issue is that not all the members agreed upon the importance of the dinner. No real worshipful purpose has been attached to it. So much depends on how the leader handles the meeting. Is she caring and loving to all at the meeting?

**Giving Permission to Disagree** – Conflict can be expected. It is important for the leader to give each person the chance to engage in the discussion. It is also important for the leader to make each person feel valued for their opinions when the goal is to make the team and its activities successful.

**Finding Solutions** – After all the differences are out in the open, generally there is a sense of relief, when each has been allowed to express their viewpoints in an encouraging discussion. Now a real solution can be found, and it can often be much more creative than the original plan.

**Bonus** – Brainstorming sessions can be used to meld ideas into new activities and events or put a fresh face and new vitality into an established tradition. Allow all ideas, even those that sound silly, then shorten the list to include achievable goals. You may be surprised by what sounded silly at first may actually be just the ticket to add a fun new twist.

This material comes from *"Solving the Mystery: Death by Meeting"* produced by Texas District MMV Consultants and written by management consultant Patrick Lencioni.





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## CELEBRATE!

The scholarship options were blessed when convention delegates voted to select the projects to support our seminary students who are preparing for ordination and to support students preparing for full-time church work.

Montevideo Zone thanks everyone for continuing to pray and give Mites. One of their local men was called to Minnesota North and will serve in Park Region I. We are receiving a wonderful dividend on our Mites. Also, there is still another seminarian from Montevideo Zone.

Our other seminarians were called out of the Minnesota North District, so our Mites facilitated these men's response to God's command "Go, ye..."

The second scholarship project selected by the convention is for a total of 25 scholarships for full-time church workers, including seminarians. There were fewer applications than that for the 2008-2009 academic year. Recipient list is on next page.

Many scholarship essays were displayed at the Duluth convention. They were awesome, as they told us about people and ministering opportunities as well as who and how they were personally encouraged.



A listing of church vocations are listed on the District Website along with links to the universities and seminaries.

More information about church work careers can be found on the LCMS web site: [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)



You can still read the essays when you visit Lutheran Island Camp for the Christian Life Retreat in August. The essays point out LWML influence--obviously there is no unimportant word or action-- we act and God directs the results!

Don't be bashful when there is conversation about visiting colleges. Suggest they check out at least one synodical school. The seminary men were most vocal about the power of our personal words, as they considered a career change to attend the seminary. One college person remarked that a couple of crucial comments by congregation people "kind of made me consider church work. Obviously, God finally got my attention." Who can say, "There is nothing I can do!" Pray, speak, collect Mites, encourage, pray always!

Dr. Richard E. Carter, Professor and Director of Pre-Pastoral Studies at Concordia University, St. Paul added this comment in his reference for one of the full-time worker students, "I appreciate the LWML in the variety of ways it serves our Church and our Lord. I appreciate at this moment the possibility of support for [\_\_\_\_\_] as he studies with us."

Anne Hansen



### Scholarship Recipients for 2008 - 2009 Academic Year

#### Concordia Seward

K. Deterding - Education  
Schmitz - DCE  
Julia Mueller - DCE/Liturgical Art  
Warnier - Education

#### Concordia Mequon

S. Dagel - ECFE teacher  
K. Timm - Parish Music

#### Concordia St. Paul

Johnson - DCE/Parish  
Administration  
Kuhnau - ECFE Teacher  
Myers - Pastoral Ministry  
Ulring-Shupe - DCE  
Shield - Education  
Rokenbrodt - Education/  
Communication Arts & Literature  
Wagner - Education

#### Fort Wayne Seminary

A. Bundy - Deaconess

#### Fort Wayne Seminary

( Pastoral Ministry)  
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Gueldner  
Meltzer  
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## Walking in the Light from Duluth Back to our Homes

*"If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another..."* (1 John 1:7a). The district convention of 2008 is history. The lights in the convention center have been turned off, and everyone has returned to his/her home.

Ahh, but the Light!! We pray that the Light is still shining in Duluth; that the Light also went home with those of us who were there; and the Light shall continue to be reflected in our lives. I was so heartened by the young women present at the convention: Sam, Rhonda, Jessica, Janette, Becca, Rachel, Hayley, Victoria, Jackie, Tenille, Kaitlyn. I'm sure I missed some names, since there were probably more there under the guise of "delegate" or "just helping out". They ranged in age from 11 to ?

The Light of Christ was reflected in them. They helped out with devotions, with the ingathering, with displays, and with pictures. They watched out for each other. They participated in the "Mite-y Walk".

Every one of them is different. Each one has specific gifts and talents. Each one is a sister in Christ. I will be keeping in touch with them. And I hope to see them over the next two years at retreat, the Portland convention, and at the next Minnesota North District LWML convention.



Please uplift these young women in your prayers. Include them in your activities. Give them a mite box. Share the light of the gospel with them. Love them, even if they never come to a meeting!

In the next seven or eight months we will be choosing 2 young women to attend the Portland convention in 2009. There are age restrictions on these applications (22 to 35). Let us tell all young women of this opportunity to worship the Lord and learn of LWML.

In Christ, Marilyn Hiltel



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TUESDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY


SATURDAY



# AUGUST 2008

LWML of the Minnesota North District

*Prayer & Praise Nite Calendar*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Pray for seminary students MN NORTH PROJECT	2 Pray for your children and grandchildren 50 ¢
3 Pray that the message today takes root in your heart	4 LWML Together In Prayer ~ Noon	5 Pray for church worker students MN NORTH PROJECT	6 Thank God for VBSS held this summer	7 Pray for the staff at Lutheran Island Camp MN NORTH PROJECT	8 LWML Retreat Pray for those attending the 2008 LWML Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp 	9 LWML Retreat Pray for those to the VBS held at White Earth Reservation this summer MN NORTH PROJECT
LWML Retreat 10 Pray for safe travel home	11 LWML Together In Prayer ~ Noon	12 Pray for those in the Armed Forces MN NORTH PROJECT	13 Pray for outreach to Muslim women MN NORTH PROJECT	14 25 ¢ if it rains today, 30 ¢ if it doesn't	15 Pray for the ministry of Orphan Grain Train MN NORTH PROJECT	16 Pray for outreach to the VBS held at White Earth Reservation this summer MN NORTH PROJECT
17 Thank God for the staff at your church	18 LWML Together In Prayer ~ Noon	19 Pray for the students at the seminary in Fort Wayne MN NORTH PROJECT	20 God is love. Share it with someone today	21 Pray for the Medical Clinic in Haiti MN NORTH PROJECT	22 Pray for a family from your church	23 Pray for the students at the seminary in St. Louis MN NORTH PROJECT
24 Thank God for your church building where you worship	25 LWML Together In Prayer ~ Noon	26 Pray for training of Native American church leaders MN NORTH PROJECT	27 Thank God for the gift of sight 20 ¢	28 Pray for the LSF Ministry House at St. Cloud MN NORTH PROJECT	29 10 ¢ for each bag of groceries you bought today, 20 ¢ if you did not shop	30 Pray for LWML volunteer missionaries MN NORTH PROJECT
31 20 ¢ if you went to church today, 50 ¢ if you did not						



2008 MN North District Convention Theme Verse:

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sins. 1 John 1:7





LWML of the Minnesota North District  
Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2008

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Thank God for your pastor and other church worker 35 ¢	Pray for those in the Armed Forces MN NORTH PROJECT	Thank God for those who serve on your church's boards and committees 15 ¢ MN NORTH PROJECT	Pray for outreach to Muslim women MN NORTH PROJECT	Invite someone to attend church with you on Sunday 10 ¢ MN NORTH PROJECT	Pray for the ministry of Orphan Grain Train MN NORTH PROJECT	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10 ¢ for each song or hymn you sang today	Pray for outreach from the VBS held at White Earth Reservation this summer MN NORTH PROJECT	Pray for students at the seminary in Fort Wayne MN NORTH PROJECT	Take a treat to a shut-in today 20 ¢ MN NORTH PROJECT	Pray for the Medical Clinic in Haiti MN NORTH PROJECT	Thank God for the gift of garden produce this summer MN NORTH PROJECT	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Pray for the volunteers at your church 25 ¢	Pray for the students at the seminary in St. Louis MN NORTH PROJECT	Pray for families of those serving in the military 15 ¢ MN NORTH PROJECT	Pray for training of Native American church leaders MN NORTH PROJECT	Pray for your pastor as he serves the Lord MN NORTH PROJECT	Pray for the Lutheran Student Fellowship at St. Cloud MN NORTH PROJECT	
28	29	30				
Praise God for the message from His Word that you heard today 25 ¢	LWML Together in Prayer ~ Noon	Pray for LWML volunteer missionaries MN NORTH PROJECT				



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**LWML of the Minnesota North District**  
*Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar*

**OCTOBER 2008**

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Thank God for the LWML and its mission 25 ¢	LWML Together in Prayer ~ Noon	Pray for the staff at Lutheran Island Camp MN NORTH PROJECT	Pray for the children in school today 15 ¢	Pray for those in the Armed Forces MN NORTH PROJECT	Pray for your pastor and his family 30 ¢	Pray for outreach to Muslim women MN NORTH PROJECT
Thank God for the musicians who enhance the worship at your church	LWML Together in Prayer ~ Noon	Pray for the LWML Board of Directors meeting being held in Brainerd today	Pray for the ministry of Orphan Grain Train MN NORTH PROJECT	Thank God for the gift of laughter 40 ¢	Pray for outreach from the VBS held at White Earth Reservation this summer MN NORTH PROJECT	Pray for the students at the seminary in Fort Wayne MN NORTH PROJECT
Pray for those who sat on either side of you in church today	LWML Together in Prayer ~ Noon	Pray for the Medical Clinic in Haiti MN NORTH PROJECT	Sing your favorite hymn today 20 ¢	Pray for the students at the seminary in St. Louis MN NORTH PROJECT	Thank God for the beautiful colors of the fall season 15 ¢	Pray for training of Native American church leaders MN NORTH PROJECT
Pray for the children in Sunday School 25 ¢	LWML Together in Prayer ~ Noon	Pray for the Lutheran Student Fellowship at St. Cloud MN NORTH PROJECT	Give thanks for the harvest 35 ¢	Pray for LWML volunteer missionaries MN NORTH PROJECT	Thank God for Grace alone, Faith alone, and Scripture alone!	

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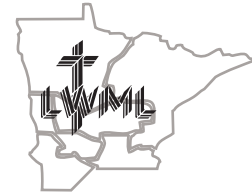
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