



# MINNESOTA NORTHERN LIGHT

Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
Minnesota North District

*Serve the Lord with Gladness! Psalm 100:2*



## SUMMER 2013

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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.

Visit the LWML websites:  
[www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)  
[www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org)

### Pittsburgh WOW!

Time to get back to the regular schedule—after spending time with over 3,100 sisters and brothers in Christ at the 2013 LWML Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 27-30, under the theme, “Quenched! by the Water,” based on John 4:14.

We've heard that some of you took part in the live-streaming of the convention (or tried!). The opening service was picked up in seven countries and 48 states with many joining in real time.

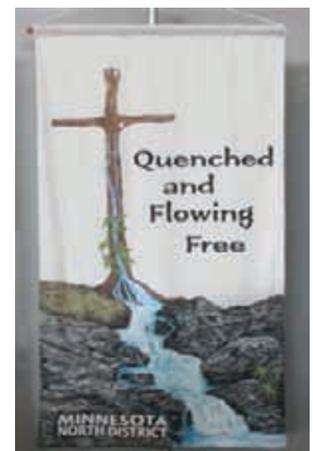
Here is some convention information to share with you ...

- Minnesota North District had 53 attendees at the convention.
- Of our 16 delegates, 14 of them were “first timers”—but I'm confident they won't be “last timers” to attend a national convention!
- The mission goal for the 2013-2015 biennium: \$1,830,000. That's an increase of \$5,000 over 2011-2013—we can do it!
- 18 Mission Grants were selected.
- Karena Lapolice and Amy Finnern, the YWRs from our district, were among the 67 YWRs at convention.
- Convention Offering #1, which goes towards the 2013-2015 Mite Goal, totaled over \$49,000. Gifts from the Heart items totaled over 21,000! Thank you for your generosity!
- The 2015 LWML Convention will take place in Des Moines, Iowa, June 25—28. Plan to attend!

Words from President Kay Kreklau: “The LWML has existed for 71 years and by God's grace will continue to thrive



President  
JoNette Brogaard



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our Information Technologist  
James Wagner

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**President's Pen continued ...**

because we, quenched by the water and the Word, will do God's work in God's time in God's way. You are the Lutheran Women's Missionary League! With the help of God, go and tell the world!"

**LWML District happenings:**

You'll want to participate in these upcoming activities:

- LWML Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp, August 9 – 11, 2013—there's still time to register.
- PING events—choose one of these Saturdays: September 7 (Bemidji), September 14 (Esko), September 21 (Alexandria);
- Planning meetings and Fall Rallies in your region and zone. Be sure to attend and support yours.
- Mark your calendar for next year's LWML Minn. No. Dist. Convention in St. Cloud, June 23-25, 2014.

**"God Alone Is Our Rock"** (Psalm 62:1-2 ESV)

This is the theme for our 2014 LWML Minnesota North District Convention. The convention will be held June 23-25, 2014, at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud, so mark your calendars and save the dates.



I am excited to serve as Nuclei Committee Chairman for the convention and ask for your prayers as the women of the Arrowhead II Region begin making plans. This new challenge gives me the opportunity to "Serve the

Lord with Gladness" while I meet new people and discover the many gifts that women of the LWML possess.

There will be more information coming in future publications, but if there are questions, I can be reached at 320-743-2131 or email: [carainer@frontiernet.net](mailto:carainer@frontiernet.net).

Corles "Corky" Rainer  
2014 LWML MN No. District Convention  
Nuclei Committee Chairman

**2013 LWML Convention  
Minnesota North District Caucus**



**More convention photos on page 10  
See also the LWML website for convention photos,  
mission grant recipients and more**

## “Hop-on-Hop-off”

There are a lot of sights to see in New York City. Your legs and feet soon start to ache from all the walking. However, there is an easier way



Mary Kuhnau  
Christian Life  
Chairman

to sightsee -- through “Hop-on-Hop-off” bus tours. You buy a package for one, two, or three days and the bus will take you to the different attractions where you can “hop off” to tour Times Square, or visit the top of the Empire State Building. Then you “hop on” the bus to the next attraction. What a way to see the sights!

I thought about how some people treat God as a “Hop-on-Hop-off” religion. Hop on for Sunday morning; hop off the rest of the week. Hop on when we have a crisis; hop off when things are resolved. Hop on for baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals; hop off to live life “just like the world.” (This comment came from someone on the internet: “We have lost our witness because the church looks and acts just like the world.”)

In the book of James you will find, “... Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God” (James 4:4). And John tells us, “Do not love the

world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever” (1 John 2:15-17)

We are all sinners. Who has not been enticed by the things of the world? Satan tempted Jesus in Matthew 4:8-9 when “... the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’” (Matt. 4:8-9). Jesus was able to resist Satan; but we struggle.



How can we resist the devil? We are instructed: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Rom. 12:2).

How do we renew our minds? The Bible tells us to “Keep thinking about things above, not things on the earth”

(Colossians 3:2), and “... 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” (Phil. 4:8). We also renew our minds by continually filling it with the Word of God.

When you are sightseeing, Hop-on-Hop-off busses are a great way to explore the city, but when it comes to our Christian lives, we need to remain with Christ.

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## Help wanted: Editor

One of the appointed positions on the LWML Minnesota North District Board of Directors is Editor. The job of the editor is to publish the quarterly newsletter, *Minnesota Northern Light*, the monthly LWML page in *The Lutheran Witness* supplement, and the Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar.

If you are interested in becoming the editor, please contact President JoNette Brogaard at [president@lwmlmnn.org](mailto:president@lwmlmnn.org) or call (320) 846-0984. If you have questions about the specifics of producing the publications, please contact Kristin Olsen, [editor@lwmlmnn.org](mailto:editor@lwmlmnn.org) or call (320) 632-1773.



## 2012 Human Care Projects

*The LWML women not only surpassed the national mite goal but have also included in their mighty works the following human care projects in LWML Minnesota North District:*



Deb Anderson  
Human Care  
Committee

- Adopt a Family
- Adopt a Haitian Child
- Appreciation for public servants: police, firemen, ambulance, sheriff (cookies and cards given)
- Baby clothes for Cass Lake Indian Reservation
- Baccalaureate brunch: meal for high school graduates
- Bandages for Haiti (25 lbs)
- Banners made
- Bar Soap collection
- Bible camp scholarships
- Bible studies at senior residences
- Bingo and prizes at nursing home
- Birthday cake kits for food shelf and birthday party for shut-ins
- Birthright
- Box tops for education; also soup labels, ink cartridges, used cell phones
- Bundle-Up-A-Snowman: collect new or handmade mittens, scarves, hats for Orphan Grain Train
- Cards, gifts and encouraging notes to teens
- Care-N-Share: collected money and served a meal
- Christmas Store for children's shopping opportunity, money earned going to mites
- Clothes for the needy and clothes to abused women
- College care packages: collect variety of items for college students
- Confirmation "Secret Pal"
- Cookbooks to Goodwill/Salvation Army
- Cradle Roll: for babies birth to three years old
- Crochet toy animals for children in crisis

- Crosses made for shut-ins
- Eyeglasses collected and donated
- Eyeglass cases made out of old neck ties
- "52 Weeks of Giving" participation
- Fire victim helped
- Food shelf assistance
- Food Trunk
- Funds for Lutheran Island Camp for Pastors' wives to attend
- Poinsettia plants to shut-ins at Christmas
- Greeting cards sent (sympathy, get well, thinking of you)
- Groundwork Guatemala
- Home Delivered Meals
- Hosted student leader from Nebraska who led VBS at White Earth Indian Reservation
- Hurricane Sandy collection of money, bedding, clothing, coats, hats, mittens, gloves for men, women & children
- Invited smaller societies to prayer service, exchanged names for prayer partners
- Knitted baby caps and prayer shawls
- Layettes, lap robes and blankets made for social services
- Lefse/cookie walk: funds to LWML quilting & mission projects
- Lenten Supper and Easter Breakfast collection of funds for Sudan
- Little Red Stocking collection
- LWML hallway display with monthly "kit" collections
- LWML Sunday: Doughnuts for Mites & Shake-A-Leg (fill tubes with coins) for mites
- May Day Baskets
- Mexican orphanage and cancer patients
- Military Bible Sticks
- Mission booth at county fair
- Missionary letters
- Ongoing bar soap collection
- Organ fund collection
- Peanutbutter & Jelly: collect jars for group homes
- Prayer Chain
- Prayer Flags for MN North District Conven-

## Human Care Projects ...

- tion project
- Pregnancy center: collection of goods and Bibles
- Preschool activities assistance
- Project 24
- Quilts & soaps for Lutheran World Relief
- Ronald McDonald House: collect pop tabs
- School supplies for parochial school
- Secret Angel: for eighth grade confirmation kids
- Seminary food shelves
- Support seminary student: monthly stipend
- “Soup-er-Bowl Sunday”: collect cans of tomato soup for Care-N-Share
- Spring and Fall rummage sales, with dollars donated to 10 mission projects and unsold items to DAV and Orphan Grain Train
- Stamp collecting
- Stuffed animals for Christmas
- Teacher Appreciation event
- Tennis shoes to Lutheran Island Camp
- Thanksgiving baskets
- Transportation for those in need
- Tubs of Love to Nursing Home
- Undie Sunday
- Valentine noon meal with Bingo and prizes for senior citizens
- Visit shut-ins with music, Portals of Prayer and church bulletins
- Yarn for Grannies: for ladies to make needed items (scarves, mittens, hats, lap robes, blankets and etc.) for Orphan Grain Train



*All of the above was compiled from the 2012 year-end reports that were submitted. God truly blesses us when we share His blessings with others. Thank you to each and every person who participated in the sharing of God's Love!*

## Available now! 2013-2015 *Inspirational Resources for Events*

Filled with devotions, Bible studies, Human Care and Teen LWML ideas, sketches, and icebreakers, *Inspirational Resources for Events* is easy to use!

Previously called the *Meeting and Event Planner*, you are provided with 24 months of resources, many written by LWML women. All have been through LCMS doctrinal review.

Choose to purchase this produce on CD or order a paper copy from the LWML Store, 1-800-252-LWML. You may also download it instantly at “Shop LWML” online, [www.lwml.org/shop](http://www.lwml.org/shop).

**Faith-filled activities for every occasion!**



## Just a Cup of Coffee

This ready-to-use downloadable Power Point may be about a cup of coffee, a glass of lemonade, or a can of soda. It may be about discovering a “forever friend.” It most certainly is about challenging women of the LWML to reach out in a nonthreatening way to build relationships with their sisters in Christ.

Don’t miss the “Just a Copy of Coffee” devotion written by Dr. Mary Hilgendorf. It would be useful at any event where sisters in Christ gather.

Just a Cup of Coffee? It’s so much more!

This free PowerPoint presentation is found on the HOPE Committee page of the LWML website at [www.lwml.org/resources/hope-committee](http://www.lwml.org/resources/hope-committee). It comes complete with a script and other easy-to-use materials.



# Mission Grants

The LWML Mite Goal of \$1,825,000 was reached and exceeded! AND we are a little over half way to our LWML Minnesota North District Mite Goal of \$135,000 for the 2012-2014 biennium. Please join me in praising God and praying: *Lord, thank you for blessing, multiplying and using our mites to increase Your Kingdom. Bless each mission grant that it may assist in reaching the unreached for Christ. In Jesus name. Amen.*



Judy Uran  
Mission Grants  
Chairman

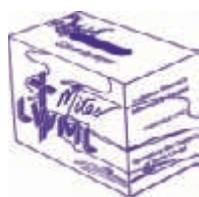
## #7 Christian Education at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch - \$5,000



The Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch has worked with at-risk youth since 1952. Since then, the Ranch has grown to a 124-bed residential care facility located in three cities in North Dakota and has served youth from 36 states, including Minnesota. This project extends His Word through the everyday use of Christian values and living through the use of materials that can help the at-risk youth to address their challenges and overcome them. A local LCMS pastor leads the programming and directs the staff in working with God's Word in teaching the youth. These youth range in ages from 10 to 18 years of age and come from all walks of life. The funding will be used to purchase Bibles, picture Bibles, workbooks, iPods loaded with the Bible and other related material.

## #12 Mary Okeyo Student Fund for Travel - \$5,500

This fund is designed to send more than 12 young people a year overseas to see and participate personally in hands-on acts of mercy and service. Minnesota North and North Dakota districts will pay for the airfare for students to fly to Kenya. Two adults, including a pastor, are also scheduled to be part of these teams. The Minnesota North District is in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya and the North Dakota District LCMS. This is a great opportunity to develop missionaries in the next generation.



**2012-2014  
Mission Goal  
Status as of  
June 30,  
2013**

	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Balance</b>
#1 Orphan Grain Train	\$ 8,500	\$ 3,500.00
#2 Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students	\$ 50,000	\$25,000.00
#3 Financial Support and Staff Training—Lutheran Island Camp	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,400.00
#4 Food and Clothing Co-op, Ft. Wayne	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,000.00
#5 Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,138.02
#6 Vehicles for Pastors and Vicars in Haiti	\$ 20,000	\$ 8,000.00
#7 Christian Education at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch RRV	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000.00
#8 Construct Classroom Building in Yambio, So. Sudan (LHF)	\$ 10,000	Paid in Full
#9 Christian Storybooks for SE Asia (LBT)	\$ 1,000	Paid in Full
#10 Anyuak Ministry, Sauk Rapids	\$ 5,000	Paid in Full
#11 Servant Events on the Fond du Lac Reservation	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,900.00
#12 Mary Okeyo Student Scholarship Fund for Travel	\$ 5,500	\$ 2,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$135,000</b>	<b>\$51,438.02</b>

## Why does LWML offer scholarship grants?

Scholarship applications for the coming school year have been received, read and prayed about. By the time you read this article the Scholarship Committee will have met and recommendations will have been made to the LWML MN N District Board of Directors. This is an exciting process.



Linda Jeske  
Scholarships  
Chairman

In reading the essays that accompany the applications, it appears that the common understanding of the purpose of the LWML is to make quilts for missions, serve for funerals and collect mites for projects. Although these are things that we do, the list is not complete.

Let's look at the LWML Mission Statement which states that "the LWML focuses on affirming each woman in her relationship with Christ to enable her to be in ministry among the people of the world ... encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to financially support global missions."

And why do we do these things? The League Pledge says it beautifully -- "In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption ..."

For these students entering church vocations, it is important that they understand the motive behind the LWML's acts of love -- that there is more to it than just being thoughtful and caring.

So then, why does the LWML offer scholarship grants to those seeking careers in service to our Lord? The answer lies, again, within the League Pledge. "We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him."

To God alone be the glory. We do it all for HIM.

Share God's love as you "Serve the Lord with gladness" (Psalm 100:2).

## PING event coming!

Calling all women of the LWML Minnesota North District – and those who would like to be! Come to a gathering of our sisters in Christ as we learn more about LWML, share with each other, use the PING principles, and learn more about how to access LWML resources. It's a learning and sharing experience!! Carpool – have some fun – and let's learn together!

The PING events are coming in September to the following locations:

- Saturday, September 7—Trinity Lutheran Church, Bemidji
- Saturday, September 14—St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Esko
- Saturday, September 21—Zion Lutheran Church, Alexandria

At each location, the event will begin at 9:00 a.m., with registration, coffee and fellowship. Lunch will be provided. the PING event will end by 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$8.00 for pre-registration. Please register at least one week before the PING session you plan to attend. \$10.00 for registration at the door.

A registration form can be found in this issue of the *Minnesota Northern Light* and on the LWML district website, [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org).

For questions, contact:

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- or JoNette Brogaard (320-846-0984), [president@lwmlmnn.org](mailto:president@lwmlmnn.org).



## Coming off the mountaintop experience

The 2013 LWML Convention was dismissed at noon eastern standard time on Sunday, June 30. Over 3,100 people gathered to be “Quenched by the Water!” offered to all by Jesus. Among those 3,100 were 67 Young Woman Representatives (YWRs). Many of whom had never experienced an LWML convention.

I spoke with our YWRs, Amy Finnern and Karena LaPolice, on the way home from convention. They were both very appreciative of the support of LWML Minnesota North District for sending them to Pittsburgh.

Amy’s most memorable event was the opening communion service. The message was phenomenal and the experience of having communion with all those in attendance gave her goose bumps. She also really enjoyed the Saturday evening entertainer Mia Koehne, whose music expresses her complete surrender and trust in God after going through a very dark time in her life. Amy also enjoyed the daily prayers with the YWR group. They did circle prayers and popcorn prayers. She was amazed at how comfortable she became with praying out loud with the group.



Shown left to right: Amy Finnern, President JoNette Brogaard, Amy LaPolice



Karena really enjoyed the morning Bible study by Deb Burma on the topic, “Be Still and Know that I am God.” Karena said she felt like it was written just for her and where she is in her life right now. Her special memory was walking down the corridor and being tagged by someone to come and pray with a woman they did not know. This woman was contemplating back surgery for relief of chronic pain. Karena said they prayed, then she was able to share with the woman that back surgery had helped her. She said the woman seemed so much more at ease after hearing Karena’s story.

Both Amy and Karena were a bit surprised about the business end of LWML. Both commented on the amount of money received for mission grants. Karena was impressed that over \$100 million has been donated in mites in the past 71 years, while Amy was impressed with how the money we put in our individual mite boxes can add up when combined with all of the little mite boxes.

Both young women said they learned about themselves through this experience. Amy learned that she enjoyed more one-on-one relationships than trying to relate to a larger group. Karena shared that in one of the first mixers the YWRs had, they were asked to put themselves in a line indicating how easily they made new friends. Originally Karena put herself in the “not easily” line, but at the end of the week she felt that may not have been the correct choice.

Karena’s advice to other young women is not to be afraid to get involved with LWML or to ask for help. There are many willing and friendly people in the organization. Amy also advises to take time to connect with the other women in the organization. She plans to make it a priority for herself. She enjoyed the mentorship of the other women she met on the bus as well as the other YWRs.

Karena reminds us all that we need to “Enjoy and appreciate that we live in a free country where we can express our love for our Savior.”

YWR article continued on page 9

**YWR continued from page 8**

Attention young women: Make plans now to attend the 2015 LWML Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. It's just a hop, skip and a jump down the road to Iowa. The Minnesota North District will again send two young women to this convention to have an experience of a lifetime. If you can't wait that long, there will be special activities for young women at the 2014 Minnesota North District Convention in St. Cloud. Keep watch in this newsletter and on the website for more details as they become available.



Lynnette Roshell  
YWR Chairman

## Structure

**“Let all things be done decently and in order” (1 Cor. 14:40 KJV).”**



**MN No. Dist. Structure Chairman  
Doris Weispfennig with  
LWML Structure Chairman  
Marilyn Schroeder**

It was truly a privilege to attend The LWML Convention in Pittsburgh. I was “Quenched! by the Water” during the worship services, Bible study, singing, and missionary messages.

While the exhibits were open, I had the opportunity to work at the Structure Committee exhibit. I assisted with the game, met guests, delegates, district structure chairmen and Marilyn Schroeder, Chairman of the LWML Structure Committee. She asked about our bylaws and is waiting for our proposed amendments.

Thank you to the zones and societies for sending us your proposed amendments and for sending our committee your questions. I appreciate receiving the updated bylaws from all the societies in our district. They are being reviewed by our committee. You will hear from us soon as to what action to take next – we're working on it!

One area that has brought a lot of questions is, “What is to be on the cover page?” The following is what should appear on your cover page:

### Bylaws

Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
Minnesota North District  
the Name of Your Region  
the Name of Your Zone  
your Society Name

your Church Name (ie. St. John's Lutheran Church)  
your City/Town, State (and the office location of the church, such as a township)

You may embellish the cover page, such as adding the LWML motto and decorate it, but keep it simple.

**Taking the bus to and from  
Pittsburgh to attend the  
2013 LWML Convention**





LWML MN No. Dist.  
Unsung Hero  
Marilyn Hittel



Rev. Anthony Cloose  
Park Region Counselor



President JoNette  
presiding at Caucus



LCMS President  
Rev. Matthew Harrison



Song Leader Dr. Dina Vendetti



## Block out your zone event

[Jesus said:] “... *but whoever drinks of the water that I give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life*” (John 4:14).

Greetings from someone who has been “Quenched! by the Water.” Have you been “Quenched! by the Water?” As a woman of the LWML, you can be a “quencher.” As Dr. Butts, the keynote speaker at the convention, said, “Use the many opportunities around you to share His love to a broken and lost world. You have been equipped by the power of the Holy Spirit to be quenchers. It’s not what you *have* to do, it’s what you *get* to do!”

Do the rallies, workshops, and meetings that you plan focus around you being a “quencher” and the opportunity to share our Lord’s love? Are you having trouble planning your society and zone events? At the Pittsburgh convention, the Leader Development booth was handing out a wonderful little tool to help you in your planning. You could create a copy of the tool displayed below and use it at your next planning meeting. Also at the LWML website, [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org), you will find many wonderful resources to use, from Bible studies to skits.

This planning tool is called “Block Out Your Zone Event.” You start in the middle with “The Word” and then move to the outside blocks to plan your event. Have some fun with your planning.

Note that you may not be using all the blocks for your event, but always start in the center with “The Word.”



Lynn Lahd  
Leader  
Development  
Chairman

### Block Out Your Zone Event

<b>Program</b>	<b>Servant Event/ Gifts from the Heart</b>	<b>Food / Decor</b>
<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Theme &amp; Theme Verse (The Word)</b>	<b>LWML Song Pledge Offering</b>
<b>Songs</b>	<b>Goals</b>	<b>Workers</b>

I want to be like that spring of water that Jesus talks about in John 4:14. I want to be bubbling over and sharing the good news with others. Don’t you?



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# LWML INSPIRATION 2013

**P-Pursue I-Inspire N-Nourish G-Go P-Pursue I-Inspire N-Nourish G-Go P-Pursue I-Inspire N-Nourish G-Go**

**PUZZLED?**

**PERPLEXED?**

**NEED INSPIRATION?**

**PING is for you!**

Come to a gathering of LWML Sisters in Christ, as we learn more about LWML, share with each other, use the PING principles, and learn more about how to access LWML resources. It's a learning and sharing experience! Carpool – have some fun and let's learn together!

**CHOOSE FROM THREE PING OPPORTUNITIES:**

**September 7**  
Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Bemidji

**September 14**  
St. Matthew's Lutheran  
Church, Esko

**September 21**  
Zion Lutheran Church,  
Alexandria

**Agenda:** 9:00 Registration / Coffee  
9:30 Welcome / Morning Program  
11:30 Lunch  
12:15 Singing / Afternoon Program  
3:00 Departure

**Cost:** \$8.00 if pre-registered:  
*(Please register at least a week before  
the **PING** session you plan to attend.)*  
\$10.00 registration at the door

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Society \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_

PING Site Location (*check one*)     Bemidji     Esko     Alexandria

**Mail Registration and Fee to:**

Lynn Lahd, Leader Development Chairman  
LWML MN North District  
26541 Everton Circle  
Wyoming, MN 55092

Forms and schedule available at: [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org)

**“In the Beginning God Created ...”** is the theme for the LWML Retreat August 9-11 at Lutheran Island Camp, Henning, Minnesota.

Evolution is no longer called a theory. Schools, television, books, and newspapers are influencing our society, and creation is ridiculed. Our



young people are confronted by evolution every day.

Brian Young will be explaining why creation is factual and evolution is not. He has written many books and has spoken across the United States.

Pastor Don Stauty will be leading Bible study Friday evening and Saturday morning. He will also conduct the worship on Sunday morning. The Minnesota Minutemen will be entertaining us with drama Saturday evening.

You are encouraged to invite your daughters, granddaughters, and their friends to the retreat.

Come for the day or the whole weekend. A registration form is available in the Spring 2013 issue of the *Minnesota Northern Light*, or online at our website, [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org), or you can contact Mary Kuhnau at 320-834-2135.



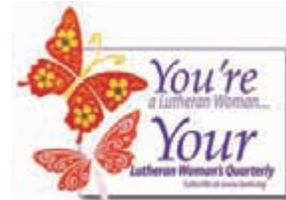
- Bert Longhenry for LaVern Wiley, Duane Stueckroth, and Roberta Liebelt.
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**Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar**

The Prayer and Praise Mite Calendars are a fun way to increase your Mite Box giving. Included on the calendar are daily prayer petitions to support the LWML and our 2012-2014 mission grants. These calendars are available on the district website under the “Publications” tab.



Your *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* subscription questions should be directed to our Corresponding Secretary, Tessa Giru, [correspondingsec@lwmlmnn.org](mailto:correspondingsec@lwmlmnn.org).

Please send your photos, articles, and information for *The Lutheran Witness* supplement page to: Kristin Olsen, Editor, [editor@lwmlmnn.org](mailto:editor@lwmlmnn.org).

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## LWML Adopts New Mission Goal

Delegates to the 35th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) adopted a \$1.83 million mission goal for the 2013-2015 biennium. This goal, when completed, will fund the following 18 mission grants:



- Training K-9 Comfort Dogs for LCMS Chaplains - \$30,000
- Lutheran Children's Books for Southeast Asia - \$72,000
- Training Indigenous Pastors/Deaconesses, Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. - \$100,000
- Rebuilding Nord Est Haiti Lutheran School - \$100,000
- Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Schools—Winnebago Tribe, Nebraska - \$58,553
- I CAN—Serving At-Risk Children with Learning Needs - \$99,000
- Bible Story Books in Sign Language and Written Text - \$100,000
- Native American Outreach Training Center, Fairbanks, Alaska - \$95,000
- Strengthening and Expanding Campus Ministry - \$100,000
- Worship for Shut-Ins - \$80,000
- Preparing Leaders for a Diverse World, Concordia College, Alabama - \$50,000
- Voice of Care Ministry to the Developmentally Challenged - \$50,000
- Christ-Centered Tutoring through Rebecca's Garden of Hope - \$100,000
- Student Scholarships for MOST Ministries Mission Trips - \$20,000
- Building Homes and Hope in Haiti - \$100,000
- Support for Lutheran Public Radio - \$40,000
- Christian Educational Support for Children—India - \$85,000
- Mission Outreach at St. Paul Community Lutheran Church, Pontiac, MI - \$65,559

LWML President Kay Kreklau writes, "The LWML Convention was a mountain top experience! Keynote speaker, Dr. LuJuana Butts, so eloquently told us in Pittsburgh, 'wherever God has placed you, He has put you there as a 'quencher' for such a time as this.'"

Be kind and hospitable to everyone; let your love for our Lord shine through you and may the Holy Spirit move you to be bolder in your faith!"

## LWML Sunday 2013

The LWML is honored to have the Rev. Dr. Dien Taylor as the author of this year's LWML Sunday materials based on the theme, "You Are My Witnesses." The service focuses on the Scripture verses from Luke 24:44-53.



The Rev. Taylor, who serves as pastor of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bronx, New York, was the proclaimer of the Opening Worship Service at the 2013 LWML Convention held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The LWML Sunday packet includes an order form; one new Mustard Seed devotion sheet from *Water of Life*, with devotions, Scriptures, and prayers focused on trusting God; and a flyer of new products and resources. Also included is a free LWML Sunday CD that includes: PDF of the worship bulletin in two sizes; as well as the service in a Word 2010 document; sermon script; children's message; celebration banner pattern; clip art, banners, and slides for promotional use on your website, in print and electronic messaging; and worship overhead slides.

Some of these LWML Sunday materials are available as a free download on the LWML website at [www.lwml.org/resources/lwml\\_sunday](http://www.lwml.org/resources/lwml_sunday). To ensure availability and delivery, all LWML Sunday orders should be postmarked no later than September 1, 2013. Contact the LWML Office at 800-252-LWML (5965) for more information, or to place an order.

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