



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

STRATEGIC PLANNING

In October of 2016, I was one of 40 District Presidents joining the rest of the LWML Board of Directors in a Strategic Planning Event. I would like to share with you some of the goals that were set.

Bring the joy and energy of missions and missionaries to LCMS women.

Let's advertise missions in our home churches. Brainstorm how to tie the missionary experience with opportunities to physically support missionaries. We can also engage missionaries in the field through social media. Mission Central in Iowa is a good place to start if you need missionary names and needs.

Communicate a fresh image to LCMS pastors and church workers.

Connect with your pastor about the mission focus of LWML. Perhaps he does not know what LWML is about. Invite your pastor(s) and church workers to your meetings/events.

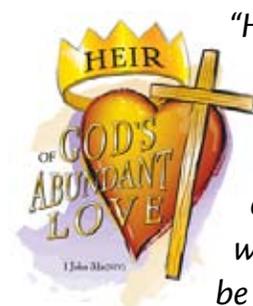
Promote who we are and our resources within our congregations.

Create a plan for connecting and building relationships with men and women of your congregation. There are many people who still see LWML as the "Ladies' Aid", only there to buy things for the church. They have no knowledge of the mission focus of LWML. Present to your congregational meetings the resources and tools available that promote LWML. Bulletin inserts with the mission grants would be very helpful.

Train and mentor future generations.

Develop a process to gather information from young women on how they might contribute to LWML's mission and vision. Start a mentor program where a seasoned LWML woman partners with a young woman.

I'm sure we have all invited young women to our meetings. Perhaps we just need to become friends and skip the meeting invitation for now.



"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)

Compete for people's time.

Develop personal meaningful relationships. Have time-sensitive, flexible varied events. Engage with a local mission entity for a one-time servant event.

Help individuals and groups prioritize time in the Word.

Even though I have listed this last, I think it is of the utmost importance. Spending time with our Lord in His Word will create mission-minded people. LWML has many wonderful Bible studies that have been doctrinally reviewed by our Pastoral Counselors. Model the use of LWML Bible studies at all LWML events.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name (Philippians 2:9).



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Save the Date – 2018 LWML District Convention

The 28th Biennial Convention will be held on June 18-20, 2018 at the Sanford Center in Bemidji, MN. The Bible verse is, "See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands" (Is. 49:16a NKJV). The convention theme is, "Forever Written in His Hands." Hosted by Park I Region.



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LWML HAS A NEW LOGO

A new logo for the LWML was adopted at the 2017 LWML Convention in Albuquerque, NM. Visit lwml.org for more information and to view a video of it’s unveiling.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE

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**Our Christian Life—
 In the Church**

by Lori Salvhus

It is easy to think we lead a loving, giving, sympathetic life when we go to worship on a Sunday morning. We are friendly, cheerful, giving towards others, our brothers and sisters in Christ. . . or are we?

Do we give an encouraging word to parents of young children who may be noisy and rambunctious, or do we frown with displeasure? I was visiting a church at a Sunday worship service where there were many young parents with lots of very young children. The pastor said at the beginning of the service how happy he was to have them all there. He encouraged those around these families to show their approval that they were there with their children, teaching them to worship also.

Do we speak to someone we don’t know, or do we just look at them and let someone else approach them? I am somewhat reluctant to go up to strangers in church, but what a blessing when I consciously make that effort and engage someone new in conversation! (And perhaps it is a blessing to them, also.)

Do we have “our own pew” where we sit every Sunday? If a stranger came and sat in “our pew,” how would we react? I heard of this happening and the member told the stranger to move out of “his pew!”

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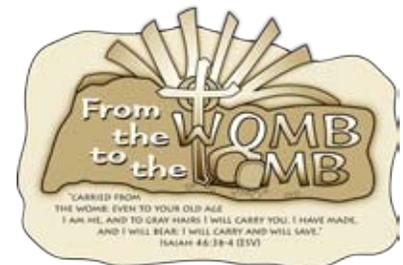
Years ago when I was pregnant with my second child and my oldest was about a year old, we lived in Germany. We were searching for a church and visited one close to where we lived. Upon entering, an usher took us aside and asked if we didn’t have someone to leave the children with. He reluctantly allowed us to sit in the back. During the sermon, the pastor said if there were any strange noises, it would be the American baby in the back. Needless to say, we never returned to that church in which all the heads were gray or white except one- no wonder!

Careless words, unfriendly glances, and rigidity to change can be damaging within a church. May we allow the love of Christ, who has given His life for ours, to guide and direct us in all we do and say.

**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. Our Saturday evening entertainment will be the **Messiah’s Minnesota Minutemen**.



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

LEADER DEVELOPMENT

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Developing Societies

by Kathy Brandt

Parliamentary procedure can be confusing, complicated and intimidating. However, a person does not need to be an expert in "Robert's Rules of Order" to conduct a business meeting for an organization. The rules are set in place to keep order and insure courtesy when making decisions. Keeping order is the key. Our Heavenly Father has set rules for us too. His Ten Commandments address all issues and decisions that need to be made. When we use these commandments as a guide in our lives, we too will experience order.

There are numerous resources available on the LWML.org website regarding conducting meetings and Roberts Rules of Order.

Example 1:

Parliamentary basics for every meeting of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League are marked by good order, guided by God's Word, and upheld in prayer. The parliamentary hints contained in these guidelines are intended to help everyone understand how group decisions are made. Rules of procedure were developed over several centuries. With these rules in place, organizations can function more efficiently and fairly. Ideally each member will participate – proposing motions, making amendments, debating and voting. If members do this, the group will avoid unwise decisions, and good ideas will be perfected for action. Example 1 from : *LWML Meeting Resources: Parliamentary Basics*

Example 2:

Technique :

1. Introduce agenda or topic
2. Present introductory information and ask assigned committees for their findings
3. Encourage discussion while at the same time keeping it moving and on the topic
4. Draw out opinions and different viewpoints
5. Give equal time to all
6. Conclude with short summary of discussion and ask for appropriate action (e.g., motion, assignment, table item, etc.) It is the task of the leader to promote the efficiency of discussion and avoid getting bogged down with information not pertinent to the subject! This should be done kindly and in a Christian manner.

Encourage Participation:

1. Ask for questions
2. Ask a few people by name if they have anything to contribute
3. Ask if anyone has a different idea which has not been presented
4. Give value to each contribution
 Limit Participation If there is an over-contributor, you could say ... So that everyone is heard on this subject, let's limit our comments to two per person.
 Your comment is very good. Thank you. Could we hear from someone else?
5. Many here have not spoken so could we hear from some of you who have not yet spoken?

Example 2 from: *LWML Meetings 101, revised by Leader Development Committee 2010*

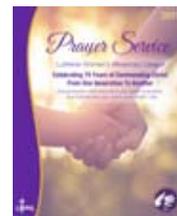
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Resources:

Check out more information and downloadable resources at www.lwml.org/bylawsandmeetinghelps.

*"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)*



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.



Mustard Seed Devotions can be sent directly to your email daily. For Free! Visit www.lwml.org/mustard-seed-devotions to sign up.

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Mites Can Do “Mitey” Things by Susan Zeige

What a pleasure it is for me to serve as your Mission Grants Chairman and to see how blessed our district has been with the outstanding amount of mites that have been given to our mission grants to date. While we are over and above what is expected, how exciting it would be to see if our giving could continue and to have our mites go over and above our mission goal for the 2016-2018 biennium.

We must remember, however, that a new mission goal for at

our 2017 LWML Convention for \$2,075,000 was just adopted, and that one-fourth of our mites are contributed to that goal as well. Wouldn't it be great to see the giving continue throughout our districts to more than meet the adopted goals on the national level as well?

When it comes right down to it, there are numerous ways we can part with our money without missing it. I would like to make a challenge to all of you to put aside any \$5.00 bill that you receive each month and put them in an envelope until the end of the year. You will be surprised at how quickly

that adds up. Oh, by the way, there is a catch—put that total in your mite offering as well.

Blessings to you for your faithfulness in giving not just your mites, but also your time, energy, and prayers to the work of the LWML.



Mission Grants Committee Report

A total amount of \$14,000 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: \$2,500 for Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination, \$2,500 for Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students, \$5,000 for Lutheran Island Camp's Christ Serve Academy, \$4,000 for Bible Translation Field Testing (Partially Funded). The chart below details the current balance remaining for the 2016-2018 biennium.

	MISSION GRANTS FOR THE 2016-2018 BIENNIUM (Balance as of June 30, 2017)	GRANT AMOUNT	BALANCE REMAINING
Grant 1	Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$15,000	\$7,500
Grant 2	Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students	\$50,000	\$22,500
Grant 3	Orphan Grain Train	\$9,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 4	Lutheran Island Camp's Christ Serve Academy	\$10,000	PAID IN FULL
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	PAID IN FULL
	TOTALS	\$137,000	\$45,900

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The Bylaw Process

by Carla Patton

The following is a guideline when submitting bylaws for changes. Send a copy of your existing bylaws along with the "Parallel Form" to the Structure Chairman.

When Preparing Proposed Changes:

- Provide a rationale for each proposed amendment.
- If the changes indicate it, include a proviso to describe how and when the new conditions will be implemented.
- Use the parallel format when submitting amendments for approval, underlining the amended words and phrases (see example below).

After Adoption

- Record at the end of your bylaws the original date of adoption and dates of subsequent amendments (month and year).
- Send the required number of copies of approved bylaws to the appropriate body of filing.
- Make copies of the amended bylaws and distribute them to each member.
- Encourage each member to "take ownership" of the bylaws.

Sample Format of "Parallel Form" for Submitting Amendments

District LWML Bylaws
Proposed Date of Approval

Proposed Amendment

Rationale: *To extend the term of office from two (2) years to four (4) years.*

Existing bylaw:

Section 2

The elected officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors shall be elected, and shall not be eligible for reelection to the same office.



YWR's Nicole and Tori with District President Marilyn and the 2017 convention banner.

Mail your society or zone bylaws to:

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Bylaws may be emailed to: structure@lwmlmnn.org

If adopted, will read:

Section 2

The elected officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for a term of four (4) years or until their successors shall be elected and shall not be eligible for reelection to the same office.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

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Our Redeemer LWML - Moorhead, MN by Ruby Prochnow and Carole Borchers, Fergus Falls Zone

Growing the LWML societies is challenging. How do you/we meet the needs and encourage all women, who are pulled in many different directions in today's culture? It is a slow process to change what has been done for many years.

We need to recognize that many of us who have had grandmothers and mothers who helped shape the mission organization of today, have an understanding of what the LWML is and our purpose, but many women in our churches today do not know that heritage. Many women are faced with working full/part time jobs outside their home, and in addition to that, many younger women have families. Yes, many of us have been there, too, but today's families face more challenges and opportunities that invite them to have different priorities; therefore, we must be encouragers. How do we do that?

What we at Our Redeemer are doing:

- † Our purpose and goal of the LWML is to help women find the joy of walking with their Lord and Savior, to experience the joy of serving the Lord with Gladness, and to help them grow in faith. All this can be attained by being Sisters In Christ in LWML. Attending "meetings" for the sake of meetings is not our purpose.
- † We focus on Circles, monthly Bible studies (*Quarterly* or other), fellowship, and a service project within our congregation. We have morning, afternoon, and evening circles to give all women an opportunity to "Serve the Lord With Gladness". Each circle supports the mission grants with their mites. We use the online mission grant devotions to educate and encourage prayer for these mission grants.
- † Circles come together four times a year. Two times the LWML meets for an evening of food, fellowship, and Bible study. Starting at 6:30 PM with appetizers has been a good change! Two times we meet

in the afternoon. We try to keep the "business meeting" short and keep the focus on Bible study and fellowship. Sometimes we add a simple, but meaningful craft project. Our women generously support mission grants with their mites at both circles and LWML meetings.

- † We alternate evening and afternoon LWML meetings to accommodate as many women as possible because of the different schedules women have today.
- † Our women generously give free will offerings to support the purchase of *Quarterlies* and other society and zone needs.
- † We have rewritten our bylaws to change the word "membership" to "participants." We have no mandatory times to meet, but leave it open to meet our needs and schedules. We have updated "Chairman" to "Chair". We do not require "dues." This language is more loving. (However, our bylaws have not been approved yet!)
- † We do not have a membership chairman, but each woman is encouraged to develop relationships with other women and invite them.
- † We invite all members of the congregation to participate in our special projects; most recently the layettes for the convention... and they did! 12 full diaper bags!
- † We have special "events" three times a year and all women from the congregation are invited to join us. For these events, we try different nights and times of the week to meet different schedules of the many ages and varied walks of life of the women in our congregation. We involve women whether they are in or are not in circles. We invite school age and college students to be part of these events. We provide childcare for special events, but it must be reserved so we know the need. These events include:
 - 1) Advent by Candlelight, a festive evening with a presentation which focuses on Advent: We enjoy refreshments and fellowship...appetizers win

PUBLIC RELATIONS

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over desserts, but we have used both. This is a very special event with 80-100 women attending.

- 2) Spring event, a focus on Bible Study: This year's spring event was "Lunch with Jesus", and the Bible study, My Heart, Christ's Home, was held in small groups led by women. We keep it simple and easy with salads and finger desserts.
- 3) In August we have a Garden Party in someone's yard: it involves a devotion, fellowship, and potluck supper.

Growing and changing is a slow process, and it takes years to see the changes. No, we are not reaching many of the younger women. That will take time. We need to foster a "mentoring mentality;" build one-on-one relationships promoting what the LWML is all about. That takes time. We need to grow our hearts with love to reach out to them. God will bless our labors if done in ways that please Him and are good for each other. The LWML offers many resources that encourage and enable us to think and work outside the box!

~ Carole Borchers

In Closing: Our Redeemer Lutheran LWML of Moorhead has done an INCREDIBLE job of stepping outside the box. After hearing the inspiring membership report from Carole Borchers at the Fergus Fall Zone Spring Rally, I asked her to submit an article to be published in the *Minnesota Northern Light* as an example of how we can increase our LWML membership. I met some of the younger gals of Our Redeemer at the rally and was so encouraged to hear of their enthusiasm for LWML. The Our Redeemer ladies need to be commended for this creative effort.

I would like to encourage all our societies to STEP OUT OF THE BOX to be creative and encouraging in SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS. When your society steps out, feel free to share that step with me.

~ Ruby Prochnow

A thought to ponder:

"God alone can do what has to be done in your life."

Memorials and Honorariums

April 2017 - June 2017

Send memorials and honorariums to the Financial Secretary, Corles Rainer.

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Remittance forms can be found on the LWML district website at (www.lwmlmnn.org) under the resources menu tab.

- Arlene Anderson in memory of Lillian Nemmers
- Trinity Ladies' Aid, Grove Lake, in memory of Lillian Nemmers
- Immanuel LWML, Parkers Prairie in memory of Jean Dodds
- Doris Weispfennig in memory of Lillian Nemmers
- Florence Rice in memory of Eloise Jans
- Joy, Women of Joy, Cambridge, in memory of Rose Puhl
- St. John's LWML, Ottertail, in memory of Floyd Barratt
- Rose Hein in memory of Helen M. Wilkening
- Redeemer LWML, Willmar, in memory of Gloria Schroeder
- Marilyn & Bruce Hiltel in memory of Henry Grabuski
- Zion LWML, Detroit Lakes, in memory of Myrtle Schneider
- Zion LWML, Detroit Lakes, in memory of Rosie Jacobs
- JoNette Brogaard in memory of Mabel Hernwall-Rachuy
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Nicole Beyersdorf, District President Marilyn Hittel, and Tori Nerud at the LWML convention.

Introducing the YWRs

by Beth Dinger

Greetings LWML Friends! For this issue of the Minnesota Northern Light, I asked our Young Woman Representatives (YWRs) to the LWML Convention in Albuquerque to answer a few questions about their convention experience. I am hoping this will encourage both young women in Minnesota North, as well as anyone else who has not yet had the opportunity to attend a convention, to begin prayerfully considering attending the LWML MN North District Convention in Bemidji next June. The Board of Directors (BOD) have begun preparing for the convention, and you will be hearing more about it in the months ahead. Whether your society is active or not, or your society goes to convention as a large group or you'll be coming on your own, I am confident that conventions offer something for everyone. For YOU! So whether you have never been to a convention, it's been a few years, or you haven't missed one in the last twenty year- start planning to join us next June! For no leave you with insight from our YWRs who recently attended the LWML Convention in Albuquerque, NM.



What was the most memorable part of the convention for you?

Victoria (Tori) Nerud, Lord of the Lakes, Forest Lake: The most memorable part for me was the Ysleta Lutheran Mariachi Band. The son of one of our ladies

has gone down and worked with Ysleta before and our church has helped to support them in the past so it was neat to see part of that project in real life...and to watch the Lutheran Women in Mission up and dancing in the aisles!

Nicole Beyersdorf, St. John's, Villard: The most memorable part of the convention was during the third meeting where Ida Mall (a past LWML President) had a keynote address. Her presentation was flawless in delivery and had an emotional tie to proclaiming the gospel in the most unlikely of circumstances.

What did you learn about the LWML at the convention?

Tori: Since we voted on some changes to the bylaws I learned a little more about our structure as an organization. I also learned, through talking to other YWRs, how different the LWML can be from society to society; I hadn't quite realized how individualized each society was when it came to projects and operations.

Nicole: I learned that the LWML supports the LCMS in a huge way, mainly through fiscal means, however the focus on prayer and action was just as noticeable as these two pieces of the whole were self evident in every meeting and conversation.

What new ideas did you get that you will bring back to your own society or zone?

Tori: There's an LWML app!!! It has daily Mustard Seed Devotions, mission grant information, and all sorts of other cool things to dig through.

Nicole: I don't know if I got any new ideas. However, the same theme of reaching out to the lost (as all Christians are called to do) was repeated throughout and finding ways to do that in our communities is especially important. Also, reaching out to our sisters who may not fully understand what the LWML is could be resolved through a mentorship style program. These were just two ideas that were repeated through discussion and meetings.

Young Women cont...**What do you want other women to know about the convention?**

Tori: Go to the break out sessions, go to the meetings, these are where you'll learn more about the lives that are being touched by the mission work that we are all supporting with our mites. The Lord has brought us together and enabled us to do some pretty powerful things.

Nicole: Convention is full of energy and so many things to be a part of that it is simply impossible to be a part of everything. However, choosing events & servant activities to be a part of should include things that you are passionate about as well as new things you want to learn.

Is there anything else that you would like to add?

Tori: Thank you! To all the women who supported us through this and made it possible for us to go as Young

Women Representatives, this really is a wonderful program! We were able to meet other young women from around the country and almost every lady we met at the convention was loving, supportive, and encouraging. Going to a national convention helped to impress upon me the broader scope of the LWML as a whole, and it is a beautiful thing. Thank you!!

Nicole: This experience got me excited about the LWML and what women across the country are doing for our church. I'm grateful that the LWML Minnesota North District gave me the opportunity to see what the LWML looks like on a larger scale. I hope through the Holy Spirit's guidance, our local society and zone can reach out to our communities with Christ's mercy and love in meaningful ways.

Come meet our YWRs and hear their official reports at the District Convention in Bemidji next June!

**LWML App****Viewing this on a smartphone or tablet?**

Try the new LWML App to enhance your LWML experience on the go!

Because we were celebrating the 75th Anniversary of LWML, a number of events involved "looking back" to our past. If you'd like to take a "look back", get on your computer and read about our history (lwml.org/ABOUT/Who We Are/The History of LWML)

With the Lutheran Women's Missionary League App you'll always be only a tap away from Mustard Seed devotions, LWML Mission Grant updates, and more!

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Beth Dinger sporting balloon pants waiting for a Hot Air Balloon ride at the LWML convention.

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Choosing a Vocation

by Elizabeth McTighe

The Scholarship Committee has been busy reviewing applications for the coming year and will soon be presenting our recommendations to the LWML MN North Board of Directors for their approval. As I look at the essays I can't help but compare the returning students' essays to their previous ones. There is the student who readily admits he chose Concordia St. Paul because of the baseball program, but now adds that he feels he was given an excellent educational background for his seminary studies. A student chose to attend Concordia River Forest because of its musical program and now has decided he would also like to attend seminary in a few years. The theology classes influenced his decision. I have come to know a student through her application essays and through other correspondence and am so happy that she will be attending Concordia Seminary Ft. Wayne to pursue a Deaconess degree.

There are several new applicants and some returning ones. They are looking forward to full-time church work in a number of different areas. Some desire to become pastors and others Lutheran day school teachers. There are some who wish to become deaconesses and others who would like to assist with music in the church. Whatever their career choice, the LWML MN North would like to help them. We are very happy to be able to give scholarships to deserving Minnesota North District students pursuing full-time church work or those preparing for ordination.

Please remember the Scholarship Committee in your prayers, as we review the applications. Also remember the applicants with your prayers and your mites.

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75 Years of Blessings—with a History!

by JoNette Brogaard

I was privileged and blessed to attend the 2017 LWML Convention in Albuquerque, NM, this summer. I was wishing that all of you could have been there to experience the enthusiasm, commitment to keeping God's Word at the forefront, and unity of such an event. Besides celebrating, important decisions were made—new officers, mission goal, mission grants, bylaws amended, etc. (Idea: start saving your money so you can attend the 2019 LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama—June 20-23!)

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Happy 75th, LWML!

Not a computer person? Ask someone to find it and print articles for you. (Wouldn't that be a nice gift to you? Less flowers, candies, knick-knacks—just some great information from the LWML website!!)



Caucus attendees trying out the noisemakers for the Diamond Dazzle Parade.



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2017 UPCOMING EVENTS

July-Aug - Zone Fall Rally Planning Meetings (Visit the Rallies web page at www.lwmlmnn.org for dates and times)

August 10 - Lutheran Witness supplement page deadline.

Aug 11-13 - 2017 LWML Retreat at LIC

August 15 - Minnesota Northern Light newsletter summer issue deadline.

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.

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