

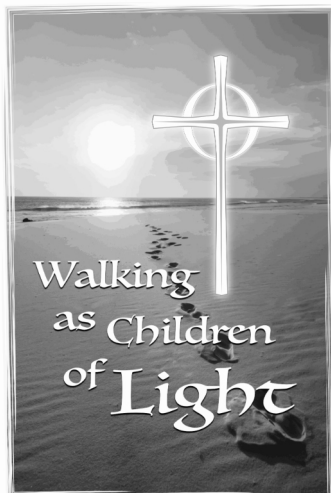
60th Anniversary

LWML MN NORTH DISTRICT

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31st Biennial Convention

June 3-5, 2024



"...for at one time you were darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light."
Ephesians 5:8

Meet and Greet Reception

On Tuesday we will have the opportunity to elect new officers for the next biennium. Tonight (Monday) you will have the opportunity to meet the candidates at an open reception in the Pine Ballroom. During the reception we will be entertained by music duo Albert Boldt and Thomas Johnson, and enjoy lemonade and cookies. We invite you to come and visit with the nominees after the worship service around 8:45 pm.

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.

LWML MN North District
31st Biennial Convention
June 3-5, 2024
Cragun's Resort, Brainerd, MN
Hosted by Park II Region
Kathy Brandt, LWML District President

Welcome!

Welcome to the 31st Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Minnesota North District!

Theme: "Walking as Children of Light"

Bible Verse: "...for at one time you were in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light." Ephesians 5:8

As we gather together as children of God, let us refresh our faith and learn more about walking in the light of Jesus Christ with our sisters and brothers in Christ. As we worship, partake in Bible study, servant activities, conduct the business of the LWML and visit with the exhibitors and our friends may we be refreshed and further equipped to serve our Lord with gladness! We praise God for this time together!

Mites in Action Speakers

Several Mission Grant recipients from the 2022-2024 biennium will be sharing stories of what our mites have done in the mission field.

We will hear: Eugene Pasche talk about Orphan Grain Train; Hear exciting news happening at LIC Christ Serve Ranch; Get an update on C.R.O.S.S. Appeal (Congregations Reaching Out to Support Schools) from Kelly and Melissa Lamkin, and hear about the impact of Swaddling Clothes from Rev. Don Stauty.

See pages 6-7 of this newsletter for more speaker details.

These speakers will be interspersed throughout the convention schedule on Tuesday and Wednesday. Come and hear how supporting Mission Grants through Mites have accomplished great things. To God be the Glory!

Welcome to Brainerd

Glenice Hall, Convention Planning
Committee Chairman

Welcome to beautiful Cragun's Resort and the LWML Minnesota North District Convention! Whether this is your first LWML Convention or a familiar face, we're happy you're here.

Throughout this convention, we will engage in inspiring worship, hear meaningful messages, and connect with fellow believers. Enjoy the time here and again, welcome!

The women of Park II Region of the LWML MN North District are excited to have you attend the 31st Biennial Convention here on the banks of Gull Lake. The Convention Planning committee is here at convention to be of assistance to you; they can be recognized by their Gold Badge Ribbons.

Each of the teams is identified by a uniquely colored badge ribbon. See Page 4. If you have a question during convention, just ask us. It is our prayer that each of you is richly blessed through this convention as we remember we are "Walking as Children of Light."



Message Board:

We encourage everyone to check the Message Board throughout each day of convention in case someone is trying to contact you. When you leave your message be sure to include contact information. The message board will be located in the back of Pine Ballroom.



Light Walk † Mite Walk

The mite walk will take place on Wednesday morning, June 5, 6:00-7:00 am. Mite walk participants are asked to meet in Cragun's main lobby (between 5:45 and 6:00 am). Drop off your medical release and Mite Walk Pledge Forms and pick up water/snack bars and your visor cap if you ordered one. (There will be medical release forms available.)

- 7:00 am – A photo of the walkers will be taken at the North Lawn. The walk will end at 7:00 am.
- Walkers who choose not to walk as far will have their picture taken at North Lawn.
- ENJOY THE WALK; there will be time to enjoy the convention breakfast following it!



Zone Presidents: When you come to the convention, please keep

the banners in your room. At 7:30 am on Tuesday, June 4 bring your banner to the Pine Ballroom and place it on the pole and then proceed to Cedar Room #4 where we will line up for the banner procession. If you have any banner questions, please call Terry 218-849-6255 or Patricia 701-388-2740.



Bible Study Leader: Rev. Dr. Patrick Lovejoy, First Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, MN.


We will begin by using Ephesians 5:8 as a jumping off point, come learn how to use this all-encompassing light of God to show you what He sees when He looks at you, what He wants for you, how He has brought you to a community, and how He has prepared you for such a time as this. Then be equipped to use that light, that lives also in you, to shine into the shadows and dark recesses of your life, community, and world.

Rev. Dr. Patrick Lovejoy has been a pastor for 15 years in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, currently serving First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, MN.

Opening Worship Service

Join us tonight, Monday June, 3 for opening worship at 7:30 pm.



Choir Rehearsal

 Choir rehearsal will be held at 4:00 pm on Monday in the Main Convention Hall, Pine Ballroom.

ABBREVIATED CONVENTION AGENDA

(See complete agenda in the convention manual.)

Monday, June 3

- 11 am-3 pm Servant Events
- 1:00 pm Breakout Session I
- 2:00 pm Breakout Session II
- 5:30 pm Dinner – Lakeside Dining Room
- 7:30 pm Opening Worship Service with Communion (Pine Ballroom)
 Convention Offering #1 2024-2026 Mission Grants (Offering gathered at the door)
- 8:30 pm Open Reception/Meet the Candidates (Pine Ballroom)
 Young Women Get Together (Cedar Room #4)

Tuesday, June 4

- 7:45 am Singing with Janna Kietzman (Pine Ballroom)
- 8:00 am Convention Session Begins with the Banner Procession
- 8:30 am Bible Study with Rev. Dr. Patrick Lovejoy
- 9:30 am Convention Business/Voting: Resolutions, Mission Grants, Bylaw changes,
 Convention Offering #2 for the Perry Center in Fargo, ND. (Offering gathered at the door)
- 10:40 am Keynote Speaker: Katie Schuermann, Author and Child of God
- 12:00-1:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Singing with Janna Kietzman
- 1:15 pm LWML Rep, District Office, LLL (LHM), YWRs, Mites in Action Speakers, Balloting for Officers
- 4:15 pm Ingathering Report/Dedication Service; Mites in Action
- 6:00 pm Dinner (Lakeside Dining Room)
- 7:30 pm Entertainment by Rev. Matthew Meyer
 Young Woman Gathering (Following Entertainment)

Wednesday, June 5

- 6:15-7:30 am “Light Walk † Mite Walk”
- 7:00-8:00 am Breakfast (Lakeside Dining Room)
- 7:45 am Singing with Janna Kietzman
- 8:00 am Opening Devotions by Young Women;
 Convention Offering #3 for Lutheran Island Camp (Offering collected at the door)
 Mites in Action Speakers; President's Report
- 9:30 am Bible Study #2 with Rev. Dr. Patrick Lovejoy
- 10:30 am Invitations, Introduction of Convention Planning Committee and Workers; Closing Worship and Installation of New Officers.
- 12:00 pm Adjournment
 Transition of Officers



For Dedication and Service We Thank You!

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. (Romans 1:8)

The 31st Biennial Convention of the LWML Minnesota North District is underway. Once again, after months of planning and preparing, the ladies of the LWML are coming together to worship, study God’s Word, sing praises, and fellowship with each other. Convention Planning Committee Chairman Glenice Hall has worked with Committee Chairs and District BOD members to make this convention memorable.

Each member of the Convention Planning Committee had their own assignment to bring this convention together. Our President Kathy Brandt and Information Tech James Wagner have spent countless hours updating and printing documents, answering and making phone calls, emails and letters, making sure that no detail is overlooked. The LWML members of Park II Region have volunteered their time and talents to this huge task.

The staff of Cragun’s Resort have provided much information and assistance. They have been answering our questions and providing accommodations in every way.

We are very grateful for the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) which is sponsoring the Keynote Speaker Katie Schuermann. We appreciate every exhibitor who took the time to attend our convention. We thank Albert Boldt and Thomas Johnson for providing entertainment on Monday night, and Rev. Matthew Meyer for providing entertainment on Tuesday night. Thank you for sharing your time and God-given talents.

We thank the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church in Brainerd for their assistance with our opening worship service. We also thank the Pastoral Counselors for planning and delivering a beautiful worship.

To all the speakers, presenters, breakout session leaders, the choir and choir director, as well as the song leader – a big “Thank You” for your part in the convention.

And especially to you, the convention attendees, Thank You for making this convention part of your busy summer. We hope you are inspired, uplifted and blessed by your time here.

Thank you to everyone who made this 31st Biennial convention of the LWML Minnesota North District a reality.



Prayer Requests

Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (James 5:16)

We will have Prayer Boxes in the back of the Pine Ballroom near each door. The pastoral counselors will check these boxes to address prayers of thanksgiving, adoration, and supplications.

Convention Ingathering and Servant Events

The Servant Event area will be in the Maple meeting room.



MOST Ministries
 Mission Opportunities Short Term

Follow the signs down the ramp from the registration area or up the ramp from the pool area to the Maple Room. Stop by even if you have just a few minutes to see what is happening – you may find something interesting to take back to your zone and/or group! We will be busy: cutting, splicing, and rolling plastic bag strips for those who crochet the plastic sleeping mats; tying baby blankets and/or Linus blankets; making witness bracelets for MOST ministries, and eyeglass cases for MOST ministries. Be sure to check us out! Come join us!



Ingathering items should be dropped off on the cart in the registration area by noon on Tuesday. The Ingathering will be taken in the Oak meeting room.

Relationship Safety Alliance and MOST Ministries will be the recipients of the ingathering. You can find the list of items in the Spring issue of the *Minnesota Northern Light* and online at lwmlmnn.org.

New this year are the “take and go” Servant Activity Bags. The bags contain eyeglass cases to turn, beads and cording for bracelets or plastic loops to make plarn. They will be available at the registration table and in the Maple Room. Work on your activities anywhere while you visit with your LWML sisters.

Convention Room Locations

- Registration (Main Lobby of Cragun’s)
- Exhibit Hall (Cedar room #1)
- Silent Auction items (Cedar 2 and 3)
- Convention Hall (Pine Ballroom)
- Servant Events (Maple)
- Ingatherings (Oak)
- Young Women (Cedar #4 Signs will be posted)
- Mite Walk (Cargun’s Lobby)
- Meals (Lakeside Dining Room)
- Banners (Pine Ballroom)

Breakout Sessions

- Session A Pine Ballroom - Caleb Monson
- Session B Cedar #4 - Mary Scott
- Session C Cedar #3 - Mark Peske
- Session D Cedar #2 - Rev. Rick Jones



Convention Planning Committee Identification

At convention, you will be able to identify various Convention Teams. For the most part, our team members will be wearing various ribbons attached to their Identification badge as explained below:

- Convention Planning Committee Chairman and Park II Regional VP: Gold Ribbons
- Exhibitors Committee: Emerald Green Ribbon
- Mite Walk Action Team: Purple Light Walk Mite walk visors
- Ushers: Light Green Ribbons
- Board Members: Black Ribbons
- Nominees: Purple ribbons
- Registration committee: White Ribbons
- Delegates: Red Ribbons
- Scholarship Recipients: Lime Green
- Speakers: Navy Ribbons
- Keynote Speaker: Teal Ribbon
- Photographers: Hot Green

 **First Aid Station**
 Mary Scott, Parish Nurse

We will have a nurse “on call” during convention hours to assist with minor first aid needs.

You will be provided with a yellow “card” which will have emergency numbers and procedures to use while at the convention. You will be asked to list any medical conditions and/or medications on the back of the card to help give you the best help in case of an emergency.

There will be a First Aid station situated in Room #221. You will need to call either Sue Kuseske or Mary Scott if assistance is needed. Their numbers are on the yellow card. The room will be locked when convention is in session. I will have available Tylenol, Ibuprofen, and ice packs, a simple wound care, and be able to check your vital signs. Please call me if you have a health concern or question.

After the daily convention hours, you will need to seek care at the area hospital or call 911 for assistance. The hospital phone number will also be available on the message board.

LWML 2023-2025 PRIMARY FOCUS

- **Proclaiming Christ** - *Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all peoples!* (Psalm 96:3).
- **Supporting Missions** - *And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation”* (Mark 16:15).
- **Equipping Women** - *Now may the God of peace ... equip you with everything good that you may do his will* (Hebrews 13:20-21).
- **Serving Others** - *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another* (1 Peter 4:10a).

60th Anniversary **LWML Minnesota North District Celebrates 60 Years**

At the 11th Biennial convention of the LWML Minnesota District convention in 1964, in keeping with the resolution passed at the 10th District convention in 1962, the Minnesota District became two separate districts, LWML Minnesota South District and LWML Minnesota North District.

This year at the 31st Biennial LWML Convention we acknowledge 60 years of “Serving the Lord with Gladness” in northern Minnesota. Praise the Lord for this organization that gives Lutheran women the opportunity to affirm their relationship with Christ, encourage and equip women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

Exhibits for the 31st Biennial Convention

Tessa Giru, Exhibitor Chairman

We give a great big “Hooray for the Exhibitors!” welcome to the Exhibitors that have joined the LWML MN North District Convention in the Exhibit Hall (Cedar Ballroom #1). The Exhibitors would like to share their information with all the convention attendees. Please make sure that you visit them throughout the convention. It is always uplifting to hear how these wonderful groups are serving the Lord and spreading His Word. (It is also fun to enjoy the candy.)

During the convention sessions, the Exhibit Hall will be closed. Exhibitors are invited to join us in our convention sessions.

The Exhibit hours are as follows:

Mon. June 3 (11:00 am - 6:00 pm)

Tues. June 4 (7:00 am - 8:00 am)

(12:00-1:15 pm, end of session - 7:30 pm)

Exhibitors are open from end of Tuesday session until 7:30 pm. The exhibitors tear down begins Tuesday at 7:30 pm

The following exhibitors will be attending:

- Cancer Care Ministry
- CTSFW Food and Clothing Co-op
- Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch
- LHF [Lutheran Heritage Foundation]
- LLL [Lutheran Laymen’s League]
- Lutheran Bible Translators
- Lutheran Island Camp
- Lutheran Mission Association
- Lutherans for Life
- Main Street Living
- MOST Ministries (Servant Event Beneficiary)
- Orphan Grain Train
- Relationship Safety Alliance (Ingathering Beneficiary)



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Breakout Sessions will be offered on Monday. On the bottom left corner of your name tag, you will find a two-letter code for the breakout sessions you will be attending. The first letter represents the first session that starts at 1:00 pm. The second letter represents the second session that starts at 2:15 pm. If one of the two letters is an X, it means you did not sign up for that session. Session Letter Code and Breakout Room Location Assignment:

CODE LOCATION

- A Pine Ballroom - Caleb Monson, How does human trafficking affect your community and church?
- B Cedar #4 - Mary Scott, Parish Nursing (Faith Community Nursing)
- C Cedar #3 - Rev. Mark Peske, Emotional Healing through the Gospel
- D Cedar #2 - Rev. Rick Jones, Mercy care at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch
- X No session. You are free to participate in Servant Events or view the exhibit booths.

Photographers: Melodie Hobbie and Jolene Henning

Melodie Hobbie is from St. John’s Lutheran and Zion Lutheran in Ada, MN. She is married to Rev. Ron Hobbie. She has dabbled in photography for many years. She loves to see the beauty of God’s creation and capture it on film. Her creativity extends to many craft projects and is always willing to help create fun projects for her church. She has an eye for color and composition.

Melodie grew up in Illinois and has been blessed to live all over the Midwest, spending time in Michigan, South Dakota, Missouri, Indiana and now Minnesota. Before she came to Ada, she lived in Montevideo, MN. “Whatever I have been blessed to be a part of; it is by the Grace and Mercy of God. I give all Glory to God.”

Jolene Henning is from Clear Lake, MN and serves as the Arrowhead II Regional Vice President. She is also the Public Relations Chairman and the Church Workers Chairman.

Lost & Found

There will be a Message Board to post Lost & Found items. Any items you find can be turned in to the Lost and Found table located at the back of Pine Ballroom, and they will hold on to them throughout convention. If a purse is found, we will respectfully look through it to see if we can find out the owner’s name. If you misplace an item, please describe the item on a note at the Registration Table and post it on the Lost and Found Board. You will be provided a tag to attach to your convention bag when you receive it.

Convention Thank You

We give thanks and praise to God our Father for all His blessings in the past biennium, especially fulfilling the mite mission goal. We ask His blessing on the 2024-26 biennium. We thank God for the mites that have been brought forward in mission offerings.

Thank you for your participation in this convention.

Thank you for the outpouring of ingathering items for the Relationship Safety Alliance and glasses for MOST Ministry.

Thank you to the exhibitors who have shared the work of their mission/ministry.

Thank you to all who participated in the mission servant events.

Thank you to all Mite Walk Donors. A Thrivent Grant has been used to purchase water and energy bars for the Mite Walk.

Thank you to all who brought items for the silent auction and those who bought the items to benefit the District in convention expenses.

Thank you to those who sponsored areas of the convention.

Thank you, Rev. Dr. Patrick Lovejoy for leading Bible study.

Thank you to Katie Schuermann, Keynote Speaker, for your inspiring words.

Thank you to Rev. Matthew Meyer for providing an evening of entertainment.

Thank you to Thomas Johnson and Albert Boldt for providing music for the reception.

Thank you to Angie Ratcliffe for leading the choir and Janna Kietzman for leading us in song.

Thank you to James Wagner for providing the gift of music throughout the convention.

Thank you to the Mites in Mission Speakers who shared blessings of the Mission Grant.

Thank you to all who have served as LWML leaders, on the district board and leaders in each LWML group.

Thank you to the Convention Planning Committee for all their work to make this convention a reality.



Silent Auction

Cedar Rooms 2 and 3

The silent auction will start at 4 p.m. on Monday, June 3 and end 15 minutes after the conclusion of the entertainment on Tuesday, June 3. Please bring your silent auction items to Cedar 2 and 3 at 3 p.m. on Monday for set-up.

The silent auction will feature: quilts, baskets, shirts, chocolate, wine, and so much more! These items have all been donated by the generous LWML groups and women of the district.

“Extra, Extra, Read All About It”

The convention results will be published in the 2024 Summer edition of the *Minnesota Northern Light* newsletter. It will be available to download from the district website after the BOD meeting in July. The convention newsletters are “special editions” of the district newsletter that highlight the happening at convention. Sign up to our eNews announcement list for the *Minnesota Northern Light* newsletter. Go to lwmlmnn.org and look for the subscribe button!



Did you know you can go on the LWML website (www.lwml.org) and sign up to have the Mustard Seeds sent to your email daily? For Free! It’s fun to explore the LWML website to see all the things available.

MITES IN ACTION SPEAKERS



Orphan Grain Train



Eugene has lived on a farm near Morris, MN all his life, except for his time in the Navy and his first job. In 2022, he moved into Morris from the farm. He is a retired U.S. Postal city carrier after 30 years. Eugene and his wife, Darlene have three children, four grandchildren and one great-grandson. Eugene is a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Morris and has served in many positions. He has served in several positions in the Lutheran Layman’s League on district and zone level. He currently serves as co-ordinator of MN North Orphan Grain Train Collection center. Orphan Grain Train collects and provides humanitarian aid to those in need.

About the presentation:

Eugene will share a brief summary of how Orphan Grain Train is organized and has functioned nationwide for the last 32 years. He will explain the collection, packing and shipping process. Included is a brief description of some of the recipients of humanitarian aid. Thank you to the women of LWML MN North for their tremendous work and support.

Swaddling Clothes

Rev. Don Stauty, emeritus



Rev. Stauty retired in August 2023 after serving and Gloria Dei Lutheran churches for many also served as a pastoral counselor on the LWML (2010-2016), presenting two Bible studies at convention. Rev. Stauty has assisted Swaddling Clothes, the mercy mission of Redeemer Lutheran, in public relations and fund development. He is delighted to be here to speak about Swaddling Clothes. (www.swaddlingclothes.org)



About the Presentation:

Swaddling Clothes at Redeemer, Aurora, is a mission of mercy providing much needed items to families, many who are economically disadvantaged with much needed items to facilitate the nurture babies and infants. Items are provided free of charge to participants. The premise of Swaddling Clothes is two-fold: to show the love of Christ through acts of mercy; and to support the nurture of babies as an alternative to abortion. The demand for the services of Swaddling Clothes, supported by volunteers at Redeemer, has increased consistently since its inception.

VOCAL CONCERT
 Rev. Matthew Meyer

Music from:
 Irving Berlin Broadway
 Cesar Frank Mozart
 Richard Walters Handel
 Harry T. Burleigh

PINE BALLROOM - JUNE 4, 2024@7:30PM

Entertainment on Tuesday Evening

Rev. Matthew Meyer will present a Vocal Concert on Tuesday evening, June 4, at 7:30 pm. He graduated from Concordia in Ann Arbor, MI and then earned his Masters in Vocal Performance at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. He currently serves the congregations of Beautiful

Savior in Callaway, and Bethlehem in Mahnomon MN. If you know of a non-registered person who would like to attend please invite him/her. All are welcome!



Zone/Group Pictures

There will be scheduled photo-taking times for zones or societies.

If your zone or group want a photo, you will need to gather your members together during your scheduled time. Please talk to Melody Hobbie or Jan Carlson the Convention Photographers and they will take that picture for you.

Share Your Convention Experience

Share your pictures and stories with us. If you took an interesting **convention photo**, why not share it with us?

We are always looking for information to be used and shared in our district publications.

If you have group/zone events (and we know you do), why not share them with the other churches and groups in our district?

From Mother/Daughter Teas to Aunt Selma's 90th birthday celebration—we would love to see and read about your activities in the *Minnesota Northern Light* and in the Lutheran Witness supplement page.

Please send all information to the Editor at, editor@lwmlmnn.org.

Convention Bags

If you forgot to bring a bag, there will be some bags from previous conventions located at the registration table.

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Lutheran Island Camp + Christ Serve Ranch

Stacy Lung is the Executive Director of Lutheran Island Camp in Henning, MN. She and her husband Sivert have been married for 26 years and have 5 pretty amazing children. She enjoys teaching and continues to teach a variety of science courses. If she isn't on the sidelines cheering for her kids in their various activities, she is probably enjoying a great book or spending time outdoors.



About the presentation:

Lutheran Island Camp has been providing opportunities for outdoor ministry for 72 years and the LWML has always been an essential part of making that possible, beginning with the provision of funds to build the current chapel building during the 1953 LWML Convention. There are 72 years of stories of Camp changing lives and some of you in this room have some of those stories. A robust Power of Camp study has found that youth that attend summer camp are three-times as likely to be active in Christian community including campus ministry, Bible study, regular worship attendance and groups like LWML.



Kelly Lamkin

C.R.O.S.S. Appeal

The Blessings of Mites in Action to the C.R.O.S.S. Appeal
(Congregations Reaching Out to Support Schools)

Kelly Lamkin, MS Ed., MA English

Kelly serves as the principal of Crown Christian School and as the academic director and PSEO/college planning advisor of Good Shepherd Lutheran School. With 25 years of experience in teaching and working with students from middle school through high school, she finds great joy in helping students seek God's calling through vocation. Kelly most enjoys time spent with family, especially her nine grandchildren and three very spunky Schnauzers!



Melissa Lamkin

Melissa Lamkin, B.S.W, M.F.L.E. Melissa Lamkin serves as the principal and director of ministry for Good Shepherd Lutheran High School. She has served in Lutheran Education for the past fifteen years and has a passion for helping students receive personalized learning to make their educational journey successful. She is blessed to serve in a setting like Good Shepherd Lutheran High School where the opportunities are abounding! Melissa has five children of her own and enjoys spending time with family, baking, and playing sports.

About the presentation:

Good Shepherd Lutheran High School and Crown Christian School provide just one example of the many ways our Lutheran schools have a lasting impact in our communities. Through strong collaborative activities with other schools and congregations, GSL and CCS have been able to demonstrate three core elements: growing Christ-centered relationships, serving in our communities in a variety of ways, and leading in the faith formation of young people. The C.R.O.S.S. Appeal provides a framework that supports this collaboration among congregations and schools in Minnesota North District.



**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE
 2024 LWML RETREAT**

August 9-11, 2024

*“For everything there is a season,
 and a time for everything under*

heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1)–

The LWML Retreat Flyers and the online registration are available on the district website lwmlmnn.org.

Transition Meeting

Carole Borchers, Leader Development Chairman

To all outgoing district officers,

There is a scheduled time for the outgoing officers to meet with the newly elected officers following the district convention. This opportunity will give you time to meet the newly elected officer, provide her with materials and talk about the position they will be assuming.

Each outgoing officer is encouraged to review all the files that will be give to the new officer. The Transition Meeting will be held at the LCMS MN North District Office in Brainerd at 1:30 pm following the convention. There will be enough time to check out of Cragun’s, find some lunch, and get to the district office. Many blessings to you as you prepare your hearts and minds for the convention.

**LWML Invites you to the
 41st Biennial Convention**

Thursday, June 26–Sunday, June 29 2025
 Omaha, Nebraska



“Growing in God’s Grace” The convention theme is based on the Scripture verse, *“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity”* (2 Peter 3:18).

Convention Goal: *“Through Word and Sacrament, I will grow in grace to serve our Lord and proclaim His glory.”*

2025 Convention Objectives; Each convention attendee will be:

- Inspired to dig deeper in God’s Word.
- Nurtured to share the love of Christ with enthusiasm.
- Encouraged to support missions and our mission goal with joy.

For more LWML convention information visit: www.lwml.org.

Young Women

2024 LWML District Convention

Ruby Prochnow, Young Women Chairman

The 2024 LWML District Convention has come and shows us the blessings bestowed on the LWML as we “Serve the Lord With Gladness.”

Need a place to hang out? The Young Women committee welcomes and encourages you to visit Cedar Room #4 at any time during the convention when there is no session in the Main Hall (Pine Ballroom). This room will be open for relaxation and communication, as you interact with other young women. Please join us after you have registered. How does “Brownie in a Mug” sound? Charcoal Drawing a frame to add to your memories?

The YW committee is here to provide...

- a pleasant, fun and enlightened experience at this convention.
- partake in crafts, fun, food, and an introduction to some art expression.
- receive support for spiritual growth in your journey with Our Lord.
- The young women will also be leading a devotional service on Wednesday morning.

Join us for devotions and prayers as you grow and strengthen your relationship with the Lord, and be on the look out for the young women attending convention. They will be sporting floral hair pieces and flashing lights as they walk as “Children of the Light.”

Our hope is that this enthusiastic group of young women will...

- focus on God’s Word.
- see how women of all age groups in the LWML grow in the wisdom of the Lord.
- Be given the opportunity to use the gifts which God has equipped them with to *“...serve the Lord with Gladness.”* Psalms 100:2