



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT

Minnesota Northern Light

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"
Psalm 100:2



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From the President's Pen...

"ANOTHER YEAR OF GRACE"



"Rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and praise – another year of GRACE!"

I heard this choral refrain on the Lutheran Hour broadcast today, New Year's Day, and it continues to echo in my ears and heart. Rejoice – give thanks and praise! Why? Because we are beginning another year of grace.

In this year of grace, 2006,

REJOICE!

In checking the agenda for this coming year we see many doors opening for loving service in the name of the Lord Jesus. We recognize endless opportunities to use our God-given gifts and talents to share the Gospel by word of mouth and support missions through our prayers and mite offerings. And most important we have another year of grace – a year when we will live in the forgiveness of our sins and experience the peace that passes understanding.

The Lord has called us to "be His own and to live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him" (Second Article Creed meaning).

May we continue to rejoice, give thanks and praise for this year of grace.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Laurain Jurchan
MN North District LWML President

Dates to remember...

February 15, 2006

Deadline for Mission Grant Proposals

March 30, 2006

All mites must be in to Shirley Hasbargen, Financial Secretary

April 11, 2006

Minnesota North LWML District Board Meeting at First Lutheran Church, East Grand Forks, MN

June 11-13, 2006

22nd Biennial Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention Minnesota North at the Alerus Center, Grand Forks, ND

August 11-13, 2006

Christian Live Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp

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2006 — 365 Days of Time

It's 2006, the dawning of a New Year!

As you post your new calendar or turn the page on your day timer, you realize that you have many empty pages to fill with meetings, appointments, kid's events, etc. As with many of us, the dates will fill up quickly.

Yet I have noticed that there seems to be one constant on my calendar when I look back over the years gone by. There is one day that is almost always empty. One day that doesn't have the markings of going and doing. That day would be Sunday. It would seem that there is "nothing" happening on those days. Yet isn't this what God asks of us? To have "nothing" to fill up our lives on His Day, except Him? What better way to make use of our time than to spend the day with our Heavenly Father? Our week of going and doing can begin with worship and communion in His presence with fellow believers.

Let's not forget the other days of the week, however. Though they may be filled with places that we need to be, we should take time for God. Without Him, many of our activities *would* be empty and *would* be "nothing".

Through the Christian Life area of LWML, there are resources and program helps to guide you in your walk with God.

The LWML catalog has a listing of all the resources available. I have many of the Program Resources available. Just contact me.

The LWML website posts information, the catalog and past Quarterly Bible studies. <www.lwml.org>

Our own Minnesota North website has Program Helps that you can print. Go to <www.lwmlmnn.org>

The prayer e-chain is available so we can lift each other up in prayer. Contact me at <christianlife@lwmlmnn.org>

President Linda Reiser has directed us to pray each Monday at noon for the LWML.

This coming June, our district convention will be held in Grand Forks, ND. There will be Joy Shops provided before the start of convention. More information will be coming to you soon.

So, when you look at the days on your calendar that are filled with "nothing", remember that they are filled with the blessings of God.

*God's blessings as you serve -
Cheryl Petersen*

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Have you had an MMV consultant come to visit you yet?

Don't know what MMV stands for or who they are?
MMV stands for Mission-Ministry-Vision

Currently we have one consultant in our district - Cheryl Petersen -
but we soon will have another consultant, Frances Wittnebel!
She will be attending the MMV training in St. Louis in March!

Contact Cheryl to arrange for a visit from your MMV Consultant.
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Martha—Disciple in Process

At the LWML convention in Tampa, we were all blessed with an inspirational Bible study on Mary and Martha.

The Bible study leader was Donna Streufert, editor-in-chief of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. Perhaps you are familiar with her column "From My Window..."

The convention's daily newspaper "Sonshine Extra" gave a great summary of the first study on Martha:

Martha: Disciple in Process

"We are sisters, growing in Christ's light through time in God's Word with convention Bible study leader Donna Streufert. In three Scripture scenes we saw Martha growing in Christ's light—making choices, facing crisis, loving and serving Jesus.

We watched Martha as she learned to sit down and listen to Jesus before getting up and getting busy serving Him. We watched her progress as she listened and grew in faith, confessing her confidence in Jesus as the Son of God, the Messiah. We took courage when we realized Martha, like each of us, is a disciple in process, learning to trust Jesus' love and power in times of crisis and to love and serve Him without complaint.

But most important, we saw how much Jesus loved Martha—patiently teaching, guiding, opening her heart and mind, strengthening her faith, receiving and affirming her loving service. We stepped into Martha's sandals and saw God's incredible love for sinners like you and me.

When we sit down with Jesus and learn from him, when we embrace Jesus as the Resurrection and Life, when we love and serve with selfless joy – we are learning what it means to be salt and light He intends us to be."

The scripture references were

- Luke 10:38-42,
- John 11,
- John 12:1-8, and
- Mark 14:3-9.

In this first Bible study I learned that the Holy Spirit works in each of us to fulfill His purpose. We ARE leaders just by sitting at Jesus' feet. If we are willing to open our hearts and really listen to His word, He will lead us to use the gifts He has given us to use.

Be sure to read the winter 2005 *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. The cover title is "Taking the Lead." It is filled with so many good articles that show examples of Christian women taking the lead in their daily lives. The stories show that there are as many ways to be leaders as there are Christian women on this earth.

Judy Wiedenkeller prays at the end of her article:

"Dear Lord, give us faith and courage to respond when you call us to lead and to serve. Help us put aside our excuses and say with young Samuel, "Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening."

*In Christ,
Fran Wittnebel*

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Memorials

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Parkers Prairie, Immanuel in memory of Karen Meyers
Sauk Rapids, Trinity in memory of Nyla Jahn



Mission Projects

MISSION PROJECTS FOR THE 2004-2006 BIENNIUM as of January 11, 2006

PROJECTS	GOAL	PREVIOUSLY PAID or ALLOCATED	PAID OR ALLOCATED THIS QUARTER	BALANCE
Counselors - Lutheran Island Camp	\$10,000	\$5,522.71	\$4,477.29	PAID IN FULL
Scholarships for Full-Time Church Worker Students	\$50,000	\$37,500		\$12,500
Scholarships for Seminary Students	\$10,000	\$6,924.85		\$3,075.15
Support for Deaconesses in India	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	PAID IN FULL
For the Sake of the Church	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$974.49	\$1,025.51
Minnesota North Sowers Fund	\$5,000	\$2,168.60	\$1,000	\$1,831.40
Lutheran Home for Students in Zacapa, Guatemala (plumbing and bathrooms)	\$4,000	\$4,000		PAID IN FULL
VBS for Native American Children White Earth Res. - Nebraska Youth	\$4,000	\$2,000		\$2000
Partners in Mission Outreach to 100,000 Hmong & African immigrants, Mpls/St. Paul	\$10,000	\$7,457.25		\$2,542.75
Prince of Peace Lutheran School, St. Cloud area	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$7,000	PAID IN FULL
St. John Lutheran School & Day Care, Thief River Falls	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	PAID IN FULL
Director of Christian Outreach Intern at Living Word Lutheran Church, New London	\$2,000	\$2,000		PAID IN FULL
TOTALS	\$125,000	\$81,753.41	\$20,451.78	\$22,974.81

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Prayer and Praise Mite Calendars for February and March are on pages 13 and 14 of this newsletter. Both of these, as well as a calendar for April, can be found on the web site

<www.lwmlmnn.org>



Share copies of these calendars with the members of your society as daily reminders to keep our mission projects in your prayers and to support the projects with your mites.

Dear Sisters in Christ,

It has been a morning of mixed emotions for me as I work on the mission grant monies. My first reaction was one of joy as I received the numbers for this quarter mites and they were up! Then as I began to see what we have left to accomplish, my heart became heavy and I just couldn't figure out what I could write to inspire more giving.

As I felt like crying and started looking at things, the Lord set me right by letting me know we can't do it; however, HE CAN!!! Praises be to Him alone! We must look to Him and follow His leading. DOES THAT MEAN WE CAN SIT BACK AND WAIT FOR IT TO HAPPEN? OH, NO!!! We need to be His instruments and share our blessings!

Our challenge is to raise \$9,572.84 each month during January, February and March in order to reach our goal for the 2004 - 2006 biennium. Let the joy of the Lord be our strength as we begin each day with the Word and prayer. The battle is never easy but all things are possible with the Lord, as we pick up our cross and follow Him.

Share the need with others and with prayer encourage each other to use our Mite Boxes.

*God Bless Each One,
Judy Uran
Grants Chairman*

GRANT PROPOSALS

This is the way provided for us to become actively involved in supporting mission outreach whether near or far. Many projects become realities because one LWML member or a society learned of a mission need and made the effort to meet that need by submitting it as a project proposal.

YOU can help the program continue to be a blessing as you seek to become aware of needs, enlist the help of others, and submit grant proposals for consideration.

REMEMBER MISSION GRANTS IN YOUR PRAYERS

SUPPORT THEM THROUGH MITE OFFERINGS

MISSION PROJECT PROPOSALS to be considered by the 2006 Minnesota North District Convention must be in my mailbox by **FEBRUARY 15TH**.

QUESTIONS??? Call me at 218-879-5373 or 218-390-3740 Application forms can be found on the internet at <www.lwmlmnn.org>

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Two suggestions to increase support of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League...

From Linda Reiser, president of LWML—
The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is eligible for matching funds through Thrivent's GivingPlus® program. Donations made by Thrivent members to LWML will be matched at the rate of \$1 for every \$2 contributed. You will need to submit a form (available from Thrivent) with your donation to the LWML in St. Louis.

From Val Filbert, member at Trinity, Hewitt—
"IGive.com has 600 stores that make donations to any cause you choose. I signed up LWML. Each store you buy from donates a percentage of the sale to your cause. Membership is free. I'm sure that many of us in outstate MN shop online at times. If you buy through any of your favorite stores on the IGive.com site, it will earn dollars for LWML."



A Wardrobe Designed by God

The theme verse for Human Care is: *“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” Colossians 3:12.*

The verse could be titled, **God’s Design for Our Wardrobe**. If we are God’s chosen people, that, in itself, means we are special. The verse goes on to say we are holy and dearly loved. Each of us has dearly loved someone and we are also dearly loved by someone, but this does not compare to God’s love for us.

He even calls us **holy**. We can’t even imagine ourselves as holy, but God does call us holy. Because we are special, because we are chosen, because we are holy and **dearly loved**, God expects a response from each of us. Our response should not be whenever it is convenient, but we are asked to daily live as God’s design.

He has designed our wardrobe in our theme verse. We are to wear **compassion**. What better example of compassion is there than that of our Savior, our Shepherd, holding us and carrying us close to His heart. Many of us today are asked to care for an aged parent or a troubled child. We can listen to a friend or a stranger as they struggle with life’s difficulties. We can touch lives in our day-to-day activities or we can touch those who are homeless or have other physical needs.

Our next garment is **kindness**. It isn’t hard to be kind to those close to us, but we

are to also show kindness to those in need, to the person who may not be desirable, or to those who don’t know Jesus. The list continues.

Humility is a very difficult ensemble to wear. We have only to look to Jesus and emulate His humility. We are all the same in God’s eyes. We have all sinned and are in need of His grace and forgiveness.

We have numerous examples of **gentleness** in the Scripture. Think of how Mary cared for the newborn Savior. We see Jesus blessing the children.

The last item we are to wear is **patience**. This takes a great amount of prayer. Our God is always patiently waiting for us to come to Him. We can always rely on Him. Our prayers, for ourselves and for others, will be answered according to His will.

Our new clothes are a gift from the Lord. In our Baptism we are washed from our soiled clothing to white linen, because of the redemption by Jesus. We are refreshed and encouraged in His Word. We are blessed in the Lord’s Supper with the assurance of forgiveness. The Holy Spirit continues to strengthen and preserve our faith so we are clothed in Christ. He is our salvation. We are free in Christ, so daily we can wear compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. We are free to live as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved.

(Leadership for Tomorrow 2004- Human Care)

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for sending in your Human Care reports. The response from our LWML societies is thrilling! Praise the Lord! You have given of your time, talents and love to many. There will be a tally of all you have done in the next newsletter.

The carton for Haiti has been shipped. Thank you for all your support, both with money and kits. This will continue as an ongoing project.

Katrina hurricane update- Our District has sent over 700 kits, and many societies sent donations also.

Gods’ blessings to each of you as you continue to reach out to others.

Have a wonderful New Year, as we serve our Lord.

*Serving Him,
Gladys Wagner*



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The Minnesota North District LWML Convention will be held June 11-13, 2006 at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks ND.

The **ingathering** for the convention includes:

Phone Cards for seminary students and military families

Stamps for Missions- Foreign stamps-commemorative stamps – stamps over \$1. Cut stamps with a margin of ¼ inch around. Sort into category put in bags.

School Kits for Haiti- An organizer cloth bag with Velcro closure or button; 2 pencils; 2 pens; eraser; pencil sharpener; crayons (8pk.); ruler with centimeters; paper scissors; glue; 12 sheets of construction paper; 2 notebooks. Separate items are welcome.

Student Sewing Kit – 3 yards of material-cotton or cotton blend solid or print (uncut); thread (matching) 500 yards; sewing needles (variety pack); (5-10) matching buttons; scissors; tape measure (metric & inches); box of straight pins; (10-12) safety pins; fabric pencil. Place in gallon plastic bag. Separate items are welcome.

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| Ingathering at the convention |
| Phone cards |
| Stamps for missions |
| School kits for Haiti |
| Student sewing kits |

TRIBUTE TO OUR TROOPS

During the entertainment at the convention on June 12th, we will be honoring our military. Please send the following if you would like to include military from your family, your congregation or your community in this “Tribute to the Troops.”

1. Name: _____
(Ex.: Sgt. John Doe)
2. Congregation and city. _____
(Ex: Trinity Lutheran Church)
3. Photograph **Required** _____
(Ex: Your Town, MN)
4. Where they are serving and the branch of service:
_____ (Ex: Iraq) _____ (Ex: Crookston National Guard)
5. Beginning date of service and ending date, if they have completed their mission:

Return to: Barbara Ross, 25669 328th AVE SW, Fisher, MN 56723

If you have any questions, call 218-281-2348

Deadline: April 1st, 2006



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From our Scholarship Recipients...

11/14/2005

Dear Friends of the MN North LWML,
A CHILD IS BORN...Kajsa Sophie Finnern. She was born on October 27th, weighing 8 lbs 14 ounces and measuring 21.5 inches long. She is truly a blessing from God. It was an amazing experience to see God bring this miracle into our lives. Kajsa is a very healthy baby and has left her parents and grandparents wearing permanent smiles. (*Ed. Note* – Grandfather Rev. Terry Finnern is a former MNN LWML Pastoral Counselor)...

We want to thank all of you for your prayers during these past nine months. It is such a comfort to know that so many people were praying and supporting us through this time. We ask for your continued prayers as we endeavor the new stage of our lives as Christian parents and as Kajsa continues to grow both physically and spiritually.

This past week was my last week of the first quarter. (Only two more quarters to go!!!) Needless to say, this quarter was hectic with a full course load, work at a local church, and obviously, the baby. Yet, through much prayer and many late nights, I finished the quarter with the highest grades I have gotten during my seminary career. It has been a joy to come back this final year and be able to reflect and share stories with many of our friends concerning vicarage. Both Amy and I have cherished our time here thus far and look forward to the rest of the year in anticipation of call day in April...

We want to thank all of you for your prayers and financial support. With your help, we have been able to make many transitions during seminary and you have played a vital role in our future ministry in the church. Words cannot express how thankful we are that God has placed you into our lives. We will continue to pray for you and your ministry.

In Christ,

Brady, Amy, and Kajsa Finnern.

11/12/2005

Dear generous women of MN North's LWML,

Thank you very much for the \$1,964.24 given for my formation into a Lutheran pastor. The gift is mind-bogglingly good. In this age when the seminary continues to come to grips with the changing financial situation where it finds itself, your financial help takes a load off my mind...

Let me give you an update on what I, as a student, understand to be going on with the changing financial situation of seminary education in the LCMS. It seems that... [previously] seminary budgets were supplied by the plate offerings [from local congregations.] This is no longer the case. So, where does the money come from now? Gifts like yours! Your gift is a unique one because it is annual and given directly to those you choose to give it to. Many of the gifts that fund seminary are now given to the institution in general one time. So, the seminary is leaning more and more heavily on donors who are willing to continue making gifts or on one-time donors.

Since this source of income is not as sure-flowing as the previous income from plate offerings, we students have been warned to be ready to pay if there is not enough donor money to cover our education...The education is expensive, this year \$18,000 or so, and that would put me and other students in a lot of debt...

The seminary and Synod administrators are committed to putting men in the ministry who are not under a lot of student loan debts...Currently the seminary gives us an \$11,000 grant. We are then responsible for the remaining \$7,000. We then ask our home districts and home congregations for assistance. [Student health insurance and room and board are not included in that \$7,000.]

Thank you for your support. I would be interested in having an opportunity to thank you thank in person, if that is possible.

*Christ is risen!
Nate Reichle*

Application forms for the scholarships available to church worker students for the 2006-2007 school year are available on the web site at <www.lwmlmnn.org>

Help Wanted: Friendly and enthusiastic LWML'ers, are needed to help encourage young women to attend the district convention in Grand Forks, ND June 11-13, 2006.

Please pass this information on to the young women in your congregation.

YOU are cordially invited to...

What? Minnesota North LWML District Convention

Where? Grand Forks, North Dakota

When? June 11—13, 2006

Why?

- To share with other LCMS women by participating in Bible studies, listening to speakers, and enjoying Christian fellowship,
- To learn the business and mission of the LWML,
- To discover your mission for life through the LWML, and
- To share our faith, and our love of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Society Presidents:

Please pass this information on to the young women of your congregation. The Young Women committee urges all of you to inspire and encourage the young women in your congregations to attend the LWML convention.

We encourage your societies to help with expenses. If there are several young women in your congregation that would like to attend, it would be nice for your society to pay their way to convention. Your society may be very small and feel they can not afford to do this. Start early and you may be able to hold some fund raisers specifically for the purpose of sending some young women to the district convention.

Special activities will be provided for the young women such as, a mission walk, servant event, leading the processional, a Bible study led by the young women. The young women will also be part of the daily convention activities. Childcare will be provided.

Additional information will be coming out to you at the spring rally planning meetings. Watch for convention information and registration forms. **Please help get the word out to your young women!**

Lonnie Hagen

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The three publications of the Minnesota North District LWML are meant to inspire and inform. These publications—this newsletter, the *Lutheran Witness* supplement page, and the MNN LWML web site— are designed to reach various audiences.

This **newsletter** is the working publication of our organization. It provides information for the ongoing activities of LWML. The district board members pass on to you information to help lead various activities in your LWML society. If the newsletter doesn't answer all of your questions, please contact them by mail, by phone or by e-mail with your questions and suggestions.

The **Lutheran Witness supplement** informs the church members of the Minnesota North District what the LWML is doing. It contains an inspirational column from one of

our pastoral counselors. It announces upcoming activities. Also, it reports LWML activities in the various societies, in the zones, and in the district.

The **web site** reaches those both far and near, our membership as well as anyone in the world who desires information about LWML in the Minnesota North District. There is general information for the casual visitor to the web site, but there's also specific information for members, such as scholarship forms, registration forms, etc.

Your help is needed to make these publications reach as many people as possible with as much pertinent information as possible. Please send news about activities in your society. Pictures helps convey the message. Photos need to be sharp and clear to reproduce well when printed.

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DO YOU LIKE PICKLES???

With a meal pickles are a great compliment to other food, but sometimes at a society meeting a pickle that presents itself is not so great to deal with and becomes a real problem! See if you know the answers to these pickles:

1. There were 12 members at a meeting; the quorum is 7. On a question only 5 voted--3 to 2 in favor. Was the motion passed?

Yes. A motion needs a majority of those voting to be carried.

2. In a society that has regular monthly business meetings, consideration of a pending main motion may not be postponed beyond:

- a) the present meeting
- b) the next regular meeting
- c) the next annual meeting

Answer: b) The same is true if you hold meetings quarterly. But if you have 2 meetings or less a year (like a convention), a motion may not be postponed to the next meeting.

3. A main motion is made and stated, without a second. It is discussed for a few minutes. A member rises to a point of order and asks if the motion is out of order due to a lack of a second. How should the chair rule?

Answer: The purpose of a second is that another person believes that the mo-

tion is important enough to be considered. In discussing the motion the members have shown their interest and a second is immaterial.

4 Under what conditions can bylaws be suspended?

Answer: Bylaws may not be suspended under any conditions, unless the bylaws themselves provide for such a suspension, and then the procedure should be specified .

(These answers are based on the ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED, 1990 Edition.)

*"Let all things be done decently
and in order"*

I Corinthians 14:40

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

Thank you to the societies and zones who have sent in bylaws to be reviewed by the committee this quarter. At this time we have eight that are in the process of being finalized in their zone or society. Two have completed the process and have sent them in for filing.

*In Christ,
Glenna Lemke*

Minnesota North District Convention June 11 -13, 2006 at the Alerus Center, Grand Forks, North Dakota

- Sunday afternoon Joy Shops on the purpose and mission of the LWML, getting new members, leading Bible studies, and the responsibilities of LWML officers.
- Sunday evening worship service of celebration
- Convention business of electing officers and selecting mission projects.
- Monday evening banquet with entertainment
- Mission Speakers: Delano & Linda Meyer, Bernhard Seter, Sheila Peterson, and Hicham Chehab.
- Hear our keynote speaker, Annette Dellinger
- Bible studies led by Pastor Bernie Lutz
- Christian fellowship with LWML sisters

**Names of delegates and alternates must be submitted by April 15th.
Registration deadline is May 15th.**

Registration forms will be available in late February from your society president or on the web site at <www.lwmlmnn.org>



And the Lord Added Daily...Acts 2:47

(This is the second in a series of articles to introduce you to the mission speakers at our convention in June.)

Delano and Linda Meyer, missionaries from the Minnesota North District, serve as agricultural consultants for the African countries of Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Guinea.

The Meyers farmed in west central Minnesota for twenty-one years before their move to Africa in 1994. They are helping train Lutheran leaders so that they can, in turn, train their people in effective agricultural and development practices. The farmers they work with are subsistence farmers, doing hand-tilling and harvesting of their crops.

The Meyers hope to help the people be able to take better care of their soil and livestock as well as to develop good stewardship of all their resources.

The Meyers use a presentation designed to reinforce the church member's self-esteem by assuming that they are able to solve their problems if they can clearly identify them and receive encouragement and ideas from the facilitators. When they talk about man-

aging the harvest and ask, "How do you use the harvest?" typical responses are: cook large amounts, sell cheap to pay back loans, buy items, give gifts of rice, and take rice to celebrations. When asked, "What do you do when you run out of food?" answers typically are: sell my bicycle, sell animals, borrow money, harvest roots in the forest, and face an angry wife and hungry child!

Through their sessions of sharing, the Meyers better understand the perspective of the church leaders and are able to guide them from God's Word on many of the problems they face.

Although increased crop production is sought, it is not the only goal. They want to lead the people to realize that Jesus Christ needs to be at the center of a person's heart. One's ultimate allegiance need to be to Him. This will then put family life into perspective and lead to becoming a Christian role model in the church and community.

Hear the Meyer's presentation to the convention and take the opportunity to personally visit with them.



Under the auspices of the LCMS Board for Human Care and World Relief, **Pastor Bernhard Seter** was part of a fact-finding trip to Kenya, East Africa in December of 2003. The goal of the trip was to assess ways that partnerships might be established between North American churches and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya.

Seter visited many of the ministries of the ELCK from mud hut churches in the Masi country to modern churches in downtown Nairobi. He visited orphanages, AIDS clinics, a care center for handicapped people, hospitals and the second largest slum in Africa. In the Kebera section of Nairobi there are over one million people in an area about the size of Grand Forks, ND. Kebera is inhabited by people who have come in from farming communities, villages, and smaller towns in Kenya. The people have no work and this constant influx of people has made a huge city of corrugated iron shacks and shanties.

Seter was also able to visit a deaconess training center. He is pleased to report that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya's women's organizations are very strong and growing.

There is an incredible devastation caused by HIV/AIDS. Government statistics claim that one out of every eight people has HIV. However, some other groups believe that the rate is much higher than that.

The ELCK is on the front line of the war on terrorism by trying to alleviate the suffering and poverty of orphans and the so-called "lost boys" who are actively recruited by terrorist cells in the larger cities.

It is hoped that the assets of the ELCK can be combined with the sense of mission and human care that is so much a part of the culture of North Dakota and Minnesota to reach out and touch the lives of our brothers and sisters in Kenya.



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Energizing Publicity...

PREPARE ME! Plan ahead. Don't tell me for the first time on Sunday about a meeting on Tuesday. Begin promoting meetings months in advance. Get dates on my calendar.

INVITE ME! Make publicity personal. Invite me. Tell me why I should come (Avoid the term "Anyone who is interested.")

GET MY ATTENTION! Be unique, use imagination and creativity to get attention. Make publicity eye-catching, neat and professional. Use catchy titles. Use LWML logo on publicity. Print releases on lavender or gold paper. Use photos, illustrations and sketches. Use different types of print: **BOLD**, *italics*. Plan different ways to promote the same meeting.

INFORM ME! Do this in short, snappy sentences.

WHO- is having the meeting, guest speaker, entertainment, topic

WHERE- will it be held

WHAT- date, time, cost, details (consider several releases with "what" details in each release)

WHEN- are reservations due and to whom.

REMIND ME! Don't assume I'll remember by telling me once. You need to remind me three or four times. Use different media such as:

Church Newsletter	Newspaper
Bulletin inserts	Mobiles
Posters on easels	Bulletin boards
Personal invitations	Phone calls
Flyers	Displays
Table tents	Skits
Personal notes on post cards	

TO REACH ME- Make sure

Who will write the publicity?

What are the deadlines?

Who will print the releases?

Who will distribute materials?

You planned and publicized your meeting! Look for me! I'll be there!

Norma Miller



A big "thank you" to those of you who sent me the first names of early officers in the Minnesota North LWML. There are still a few names which are missing and are listed here: Mrs. Herman Fischer, Mrs. Louis Toelle, Mrs. John Behlen, Mrs. Robert Fick, Mrs. Clarence Koep, Mrs. Walter Bouman, Mrs. Oliver Schultz, Mrs. C. Wachter, Mrs. C. Helmstetter, Mrs. Gordon Kindberg and Mrs. V. Anderson. You will notice that in a few cases there is just an initial for the husband's name; I would also appreciate a first name in those cases. If you can shed some light on these names, please contact me.

In the cases where an officer is known as someone's wife, the name of the husband will not be discarded. This is an effort to uniformly identify officers. In my case, I served on the LWML board in the 1970's and was known as Mrs. Vernon Miller. If

someone looked at those pictures and pictures today of Janet Miller, that person may not realize it is the same individual.

It was interesting to note in the Fall Issue of the Concordia Historical Institute "Historical Footnotes," Gladys Grovender, LWML Archivist-Historian Emeritus, had this comment, "Traditionally, all married women in 1941 were addressed and referred to as someone's wife. Some gentlemen were sometimes widowers and would remarry. A second wife could also be known by her husband's name and be very active in LWML."

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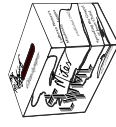
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February 2006

Prayer & Praise
Mite Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Reminder... Deadline for Mission Grant Proposals February 15, 2006						
5 Thank God for the opportunity to worship today	6 Prayer & Mites for seminary students	7 10 ¢ for each of your children	8 5 ¢ for each pair of shoes in your closet	9 Prayer & Mites for the deaconesses in India	10 25¢ and thanks to God for warm clothing during the winter	11 Prayer & Mites "For the Sake of the Church" project
12 Thank God for His gifts of Word and Sacrament	13 Prayer & Mites for the Minnesota North Sowers Fund project	14 We love because He first loved us! \$1.00 as a love offering to Him!	15 Prayer & Mites for the students in Zacapa, Guatemala	16 Prayer for a family in your congregation	17 Prayer & Mites for the Native American Children on the White Earth Reservation	18 Pray for your pastor as he prepares for worship tomorrow
19 Thank God for the opportunity to study His Word today	20 Thank God for God-fearing presidents and other leaders	21 Prayer & Mites for the Hmong and African immigrant outreach in Minneapolis and St. Paul	22 Prayer for those serving in the military	23 Prayer & Mites for Prince of Peace Lutheran School in the St. Cloud area	24 Celebrate the joy of Jesus as you do your tasks today	25 Prayer & Mites for St. John Lutheran School & Day Care in Thief River Falls
26 Praise and thanks to God for His Word	27 Pray that the mite offerings will reach the goal by March 31st	28 Prayer & Mites for the Director of Christian Outreach Intern at Living Word in New London, MN	<p>Support the Minnesota North LWML Mission Projects with your prayers and with your offerings. "Praise Him from whom all blessings flow!"</p>			



March 2006

Prayer & Praise
Mite Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Reminder... All Mites must be in to Shirley Hasbargen, Financial Secretary by March 30, 2006</p>						
<p>5 Pray for the Sunday School teachers in your congregation</p>	<p>6 Prayer & Mites for those preparing to become pastors</p>	<p>7 Send a card of encouragement to someone</p>	<p>8 Prayer & Mites for the deaconesses in India</p>	<p>9 Thank God for those who serve on your congregation's board and committees</p>	<p>10 Prayer & Mites "For the Sake of the Church" project</p>	<p>11 Thank God for the hope we have through Jesus!</p>
<p>12 Encourage your pastor</p>	<p>13 Pray for the families of those serving in the military</p>	<p>14 Prayer & Mites for the Minnesota North Sowers Fund</p>	<p>15 Phone a shut-in today</p>	<p>16 Prayer & Mites for the students at the Lutheran Home in Zacapa, Guatemala</p>	<p>17 25 ¢ if the snow is gone; 10 ¢ if you still have snow cover</p>	<p>18 Prayer & Mites for the Native American Children on the White Earth Reservation</p>
<p>19 Praise God for ears to hear the sermon today</p>	<p>20 Thank God for spring!</p>	<p>21 Prayer & Mites for the outreach to the Hmong and African immigrants in the Twin Cities</p>	<p>22 Thank God for His Word and Sacraments</p>	<p>23 Volunteer to help a busy mom or to be a source of encouragement to her</p>	<p>24 Prayer & Mites for Prince of Peace Lutheran School in the St. Cloud area</p>	<p>25 Donate to the local food bank</p>
<p>26 Thank God for the musicians at your church who enhance the worship experience</p>	<p>27 Be thankful for your LWML sisters. Give a special mite offering in thanksgiving for them</p>	<p>28 Prayer & Mites St. John Lutheran School & Day Care in Thief River Falls</p>	<p>29 Pray for Sunday School children learning God's Word 10 ¢</p>	<p>30 Prayer & Mites for the outreach program at Living Word Lutheran Church, New London, MN</p>	<p>31 Pray that the mite goal has been reached and that God will use our Mite-y Mites to extend His kingdom</p>	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 No fooling God Is Good!
2 Pray for the Bible study leaders at your church	3 Prayer & Mites for those who will be counselors at Lutheran Island Camp	4 Prayer & Mites for those who are preparing to become fulltime church workers	5 Prayer & Mites for those who are preparing to become pastors	6 The only way to have a friend is to be one Proverbs 18:24 \$1 as a thankoffering	7 Prayer & Mites for the deaconesses in India	8 Pray for the Spring Rallies being held this month
9 Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!	10 Prayer & Mites "For the Sake of the Church" project	11 Pray for the LWML Board of Directors meeting in East Grand Forks today	12 Prayer & Mites for the Minnesota North Sowers Fund project	13 Thank God for His gift of the Lord's Supper	14 He died for all!	15 Thank God for His gift of salvation
16 He Is Risen !!!	17 Prayer & Mites for the students at the Lutheran Home in Zacapa, Guatemala	18 Pray for the police officers in your community	19 Prayer & Mites for the Native American children, White Earth Reservation	20 Have you seen the first robin of spring? If so, please contribute 25 ¢	21 Prayer & Mites for the outreach to Hmong and African American immigrants	22 Remember farmers as they begin to sow their crops
23 Praise God for continued Easter blessings	24 Share the joy of Jesus with someone today	25 Prayer & Mites for the Prince of Peace Lutheran School, St. Cloud	26 Keep your Bible busy today!	27 Prayer & Mites for St. John Lutheran School & Day Care, Thief River Falls	28 Prayer & Mites for outreach at Living Word Lutheran Church, New London	29 Pray that April showers bring May flowers
30 Pray for the Sunday School students at your church	<p>Satisfy us in the morning with Your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. Psalm 90:14</p> 					

April 2006

Prayer & Mite Calendar