



MINNESOTA NORTHERN LIGHT

Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Minnesota North District

Serve the Lord with Gladness! Psalm 100:2



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The President’s Pen



Happy New Year! I'm sure many of you have heard others, (maybe even yourself) talk about New Year's resolutions. With the beginning of a new calendar year, we feel we want to start fresh and new. We resolve to _____ (fill in the blank). In thinking about this, I began to ponder the word resolve and started thinking about using the word - challenge - instead. So, in honor of the new year, I challenge you, women of the MN North LWML. I challenge you to **Be with Jesus - Live on the Edge**, as our 2011 LWML convention theme states.

“Being with Jesus - Living on the Edge” - what does this mean? (As Martin Luther would ask.) Let's take a look at the convention verses: They realized that they had been with Jesus ... *'For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard'* - Acts 4:13b and 20 (NKJV). As we have just celebrated Christmas, the birth of our Savior, I think of the name Emmanuel (God With Us). While Jesus is not actually *physically* with us, right now, He is with us. So how do we share that with others as the rest of the verses suggest? How do we share Christ and live on the edge?

That's where the challenge comes in. I challenge each of you, to step out of your comfort zone that keeps you 'safe' in your everyday confines. How?

Let's start with your personal time. *Be with Jesus* - do you spend time in prayer and/or devotion with God every day? If your answer is yes, can you take it one step further, to the edge? What about sharing that prayer time and/or prayer requests



The mission of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the world.

Visit the LWML websites:
www.lwml.org
www.lwmlmnn.org

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with another person? If you answered no, may I make a suggestion: subscribe to Daily Mustard Seed Devotion, which are delivered right to your e-mail box. Go to: http://www.lwml.org/resources/mustard_seeds/subscribe.php.

Now let's move to your family life. Maybe one of your New Year's resolutions has been to spend more time with your family - wonderful! How can you – *Be with Jesus and Live on the Edge*? Do your family members know that you do daily devotions or spend time in prayer? If not, maybe that's the way that you can *live on the edge* - share in prayer and devotion time. Another way to *live on the edge*, might be to reach out to a fellow LWML sister. While she may not be a 'blood relative', she is a sister in Christ, a member of the family of God. Taking that step to reach out and be a mentor may be your way to *live on the edge*.

Work life may be a place where you can definitely *live on the edge*. Sharing your faith can be a scary thought at times. LWML has a wonderful resource entitled "Faith Talk" that assists every woman to share her walk with God. This resource takes the 'scary' out of sharing your faith and encourages you to *Go Tell!* about God and what He has done for you.

Finally, you can *live on the edge*, in a more global way. Again, you may ask - How? There are a few ways:

* Contribute to your Mite Box, or you can give directly to LWML. A list of the MN North LWML grant recipients is available in this newsletter and also on our website - www.lwmlmnn.org. The list of the LWML grant recipients can be viewed online at www.lwml.org, or in the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. One more way that you can contribute is by using *GoodSearch* (www.goodsearch.com) as your online search engine. Just by searching online, you can help donate money to LWML,

and if you make online purchases, a percentage of some of your purchases also goes to LWML.

- * Human Care projects - view all of the wonderful projects that Ellen, our Human Care chairman suggests, in her article and online. There are also 'Gifts from the Heart' projects that you can contribute to, and bring to the convention in Peoria, in June.
- * Are you looking to really *live on the edge*? How about going on a mission trip? Don't think this is for you? You might be surprised! There are mission trips that you can go on, both in North America and abroad. Take a look at www.lcms.org and view the short term mission opportunities that are available.

I challenge you, and myself, to **Be with Jesus and Live on the Edge!** I really hope that you are able to take some time and travel to Peoria this June, to experience firsthand, what an LWML convention is all about. If this is your first or fourth time to attend a convention, I just know that you will find out another way that you, personally, can be challenged to share your faith. Just as Paul stated – you just can't help but share the things you have seen and heard!

Your New Year's resolution? – Challenge yourself in faith!

Cheryl Petersen
Minnesota North District President

LWML 2011 Prayer Service available FREE online



With the convention theme, Bible verse, and goal statement in mind, the prayer service presents seven scenarios where women, motivated by the Gospel of Jesus, have the opportunity to share the Good News with others. Time is given for reflection, prayer, and the identification life situations where participants might be able to witness God's grace in Jesus Christ. Bible reading and group prayers follow each scenario. Find the prayer service at www.lwml.org.

Mission Grants



December 31, 2010

2010-2012 Minnesota North District Mission Goal Status

PROJECTS	GOAL	PREVIOUSLY PAID OR ALLOCATED	PAID OR ALLOCATED THIS QUARTER	BALANCE
Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students	\$55,000	\$13,750	\$6,875	\$34,375
Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$0	\$7,500
Lutheran Island Camp, Financial Support for Staff Training	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$6,250
Food Bank at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	\$5,000	\$775	\$0	\$4,225
Orphan Grain Train	\$8,500	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$3,500
Children's Bibles for the People of SE Asia	\$7,500	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$4,500
Medical Clinic, Cap Haitien, Haiti	\$25,000	\$5,600	\$3,780	\$15,620
Food & Clothing Co-op, Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne	\$5,000	\$775	\$0	\$4,225
Production of Audiocassette Materials - Lutheran Blind Missions	\$4,000	\$0	\$1,500	\$2,500
Aniak Ministry, Sauk Rapids, MN	\$5,000	\$0	\$1,975	\$3,025
TOTALS	\$135,000	\$30,900	18,380	\$85,720

All mite contributions should be sent to the Financial Secretary Marilyn Hittel
6850 Golden Spike Road, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379-9715.



LWML Mission Grants for the 2009-2011 Biennium Mission Goal: \$1,825,000

I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me ... (Acts 20:24 NIV).



Linda Jeske
**Scholarships
Chairman**

Encouragers for the life of faith

As I was pondering over what to share with you that would be relevant to scholarships, several songs came to mind. Do you remember the song, “Que Sera, Sera,” that was popular in the 50's? The opening verse is:

“When I was just a little girl, I asked my mother, What will I be? Will I be pretty? Will I be rich? Here's what she said to me. Que, sera, sera, Whatever will be, will be; The future's not ours to see; Que sera, sera; What will be, will be (Written by Jay Livingston and Ray Evans).”

When your child or grandchild seeks your guidance, what do you tell them? Are you prepared with an answer? How can we encourage others to seek the path leading to church work if we do not know what, where or how? It is important that we be informed so that we can be encouragers for the life of faith.

Pastor Strohschein, Mission & Ministry Facilitator for the Minnesota North District, provided some input and answers to some of these questions. In the coming months, I will feature specific church work careers.

This month's featured career is that of lay minister. Ministry is a team effort. The lay minister works under a pastor's guidance and direction in a variety of ways. The position may involve evangelism, visitation, Christian education, youth work, senior ministry, parish administration, assimilation and a spiritual gifts administrator, and other ministries. This program is available at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon.

We can lead our youth into church work careers by our example. Do we encourage our youth (and others) by our loving and positive actions and words regarding our current church workers? Are our expectations of our spiritual leaders realistic? Are we quick to allow for human mistakes and even

quicker to forgive and encourage? These actions are noticed and become influences toward career choices.

In closing, another tune is coming to mind. This one from our hymnal: “Oh that the Lord would guide my ways, To keep His statutes still! Oh, that my God would grant me grace, To know and do His Will!” (Based on Psalm 119:5.)

Applications for Scholarships for the 2011-2012 school year should be submitted to the Scholarship Committee on or before May 15, 2011. Forms can be downloaded from www.mnnlwml.org, or talk to your society president.

God bless you richly.

Grants in action

We have two grants that support our seminaries in St. Louis and Fort Wayne, amounting to \$5,000 each. We have heard from several families that have been blessed by your contributions. One wife wrote that her husband is a 4th year student and it has been a great blessing to have our support as they finish up their last year. Every time they go to the Food Bank they are reminded of our generous support. Another wrote to express their gratitude for our donation and that it was greatly appreciated.



Dorothy Abrahamson
**Mission Advocacy
& Grants
Chairman**

The Fort Wayne Food and Clothing Co-op serves students during their years of study by helping relieve the financial burden of feeding and clothing their families.

The St. Louis Food Bank is visited by nearly 500 people each month. On average, each family saves \$400 per month due to the benefits of the Food Bank. To manage without this blessing would be a serious hardship to the welfare of the families.

**Lutheran Women's Missionary League
34th Biennial Convention
Thursday, June 23 – Sunday, June 26, 2011
Peoria Civic Center – Peoria, Illinois**



Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge
*And they realized they had been with Jesus.
“For we cannot but speak the things we have
seen and heard.” Acts 4:13b and 20 (NKJV)*

Convention Goal Statement:
Empowered by being with Jesus,
I courageously speak of Him
and live a life transformed by His love.

Check the Winter *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* for the latest registration information, or online at www.lwml.org. Registration opens on March 1st.

Bring your children, who will enjoy spending time at Camp BWJ (Being With Jesus).

Start gathering those *Gifts from the Heart* and plan which of the servant events you want to lend a hand.

Join the Convention Choir!

Saturday morning you will have the opportunity to participate in the Mission Pledge Walk.

Convention attendees will be able to participate in Friday Lunch Gatherings: First Timers, Friends Into Serving Him Leaders, Gifts of Love, Heart to Heart Sisters Reunion, Men's Network, Mission-Ministry Vision, Pastors, WYRs and YWR Alums.

Keynote Speaker: Deb Burma, noted speaker and author, will inspire and motivate us to share Christ's love.

Bible Study Leader: Dr. Reed Lessing has written books, journal articles, sermon studies, and Bible studies.

Proclaimer: Dr. Ken R. Klaus, speaker of *The Lutheran Hour*, will share many insights for what it means to “live on the edge” during the inspirational opening worship service.

Song Leader: Lana Gibbons has a heart and passion for music, worship, children and ministry.

Inspirational Speaker: Katie Stam, Miss America 2009, is a gifted singer, and will be on stage Friday evening.

Entertainment: Sibling Harmony perform creative and insightful original Christmas songs for all ages.

Saturday Special Interest Luncheons: In addition to hearing about the lives and work of our featured convention speakers, you will have the opportunity to hear from these special guests:

- ▶ **LCMS World Mission and Missionaries: Olga Groh** is an LCMS missionary to Panama who encourages and facilitates the implementation of human care projects in Latin America. **Rev. Todd Roeske** is an evangelistic missionary and church planter serving in the Philippines.
- ▶ **Rev. Matthew C. Harrison** is President of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod.
- ▶ **Kristine Stoute** is the handbell soloist of *Joybell Theater*, and delights audiences with her joy-filled performances.
- ▶ **Phyllis Wallace** is host of the *Woman to Woman* radio talk show produced by *Lutheran Hour Ministries*.
- ▶ **Dr. Kurt Senske**, gifted speaker and CEO of Lutheran Social Services, will share, “Live a Life of Significance.”

**Celebrate our faith together in worship,
Bible study, song, and fellowship.
Plan to attend!**

Attention Bus Riders to Peoria!

COST: Approximately \$90

DATES: Leave June 22nd and return on June 26th.

PICK-UP SPOTS: Details to come.

SHUTTLE: The bus will be your shuttle to and from the hotel to the convention center in Peoria.

BUS CONTACT: Jean Nygaard, e-mail address: ljnygaard@cableone.net.

SIGN-UP DEADLINE: January 31st. President Cheryl will be taking the list to the LWML Board of Directors meeting in February to secure lodging for those riding the bus. Please contact President Cheryl at 218-685-6218 or e-mail president@lwmlmnn.org by January 31st.



Human Care - *Gifts from the Heart*

Participants attending the 2011 LWML Convention in Peoria, will be able to reach out with care and compassion with *Gifts from the Heart*. Agencies in Peoria, as well as Orphan Grain Train, have been chosen to receive the gifts from your heart. You may bring these items in unlimited quantities. You will be directed where to place your items when you register.

- **Quilts** - any size for Orphan Grain Train (pack in heavy duty clear plastic bag)
- **New Bath Towel/Hand towel/Washcloth**
(pack in a clear plastic zip lock bag)

1 Bath Towel, 1 Hand Towel, 1 Washcloth, 1 Christian tract or Bible verse (inside bag).

- **Men's, Women's and Children's Underwear** in original packaging (label correctly), with 1 Christian tract or Bible verse (securely taped onto package).
- **New Children's Picture Bibles** (English) or **Arch Books**
- **Kits – Men, Women or Children** (mark which one). All items are to be NEW and regular size – not travel size. Pack in a clear plastic zip lock bag.

Men

Men's Socks
Stick Deodorant
Disposable Razors
Toothbrush
Bar of Soap
1 Christian Tract or
Bible verse (inside bag)

Women

Women's socks
Stick Deodorant
Hand or Body Cream
Toothbrush Christian
Bar of soap
One Christian Tract or
Bible verse (inside bag)

Children

Children's socks
Box of 8 Crayons
Safety Scissors
Coloring Book
Christian Story Book
Toothbrush

Short-Term Mission Grant Available

A **Go! Share Jesus!** Mission Grant has become available in the amount of \$500. To be eligible for this grant you need to be a Minnesota North LWML member participating in a mission service event – home or abroad. This grant needs to be used no later than June 2012. For an application and more information, please contact Dorothy Abrahamson at 218-885-2368 or e-mail at gospeloutreach@lwmlmnn.org.



Mary Kuhnau
Christian Life
Chairman

Living on the Edge

At the 2012 LWML convention in Peoria, the theme is “Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge.” But what does living on the edge mean?

My *Webster’s New Universal Unabridged Dictionary* was copyrighted in 1994 and did not include the phrase. My next stop was *Wikipedia*. The only information there was about a movie and a song by the name *Living on the Edge*. Next I tried *Wiki Dictionary*. At this website, users write their own definitions and other users vote on the most correct answer. All the definitions are exact quotes.

The number one answer, with 67% of the vote was, “‘Living on the Edge’ is like an old saying meaning live without fear go and do something crazy and fun like what a ‘daredevil’ does he gets out of boring life and risks his to have fun and to be dangerous, wild, and crazy.’”

I know that the convention will be challenging and inspiring, but will it be dangerous, wild and crazy?

Let’s look at the other four answers:

- “Living to the fullest, primarily be taking risks or consuming .. ahem .. risky things. It’s the mentality of, ‘Live fast, die young, and make a good looking corpse.’” This response got 33% of the votes (but not mine).

- “Taking a risk on what you do. Something that you wouldn’t normally do, but you can have fun with it though.”
- “Being dangerous and reckless. It refers to being on the edge of a cliff. This means that at any moment you could die.”
- “Taking risks to make life more exiting.”

None of these sound much better than the first one. (By the way, did only three people vote?)

I found another website that had an explanation. “Living on the edge means living a dangerous and/or unusual everyday life. People who live on the edge are very frequently exposed to physical, psychological, economical, lawful or other kinds of dangers. Examples for people who live on the edge: extreme-sportsmen, gamblers, policemen, thieves, human-rights-activists, rappers, etc.”

Next I looked at a blog written by an ‘Employee, Wife, Mother: Woman.’ She stated, “I hate the unknown. I don’t do well living on the edge, meaning living without a clear plan or path.”

Then I asked my son, who said that ‘living on the edge’ is “taking a risk, not being comfortable.”

Although I understand that ‘living on the edge’ is taking risks, what does that have to do with the convention?

Looking at the flyers for the convention, I see that this theme is based on the Bible verses from Acts 4:13b & 20. So I then consulted my Bible.

In chapter 4, the priests, the captain of the temple guard and the Saducees were upset because Peter and John were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. The leaders threw Peter and John into jail. The next day Peter and John were brought before the Jewish leaders. Peter testified that Jesus was the source of salvation. Verse 13 says, “When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.” The Jewish leaders commanded that Peter and John were not to speak or teach in the name Jesus.

Peter’s reply is found in verse 20, “For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.” Aha! Peter and John took a risk to speak about Jesus.

We, too, as ordinary women who have ‘been with Jesus’ in worship and Bible study, need to get out of our comfort zone, and courageously speak about what we have seen and heard about Jesus to those around us.



Lynnette
Roshell
YWR
Committee
Chairman

What is a Young Woman?

The LWML YWR program has a very specific definition of a young woman. “A YWR may be any mature woman preferably between the ages of 22-35 and a member of the LCMS. A YWR has a deep love and devotion for her Lord Jesus Christ.”

In actuality, past YWRs have been both younger and older than the age limits. The ages listed are a guide. Really, what does the number have to do with anything? At what age would Sarah been considered a YWR, or Noah’s wife?

I believe that age is just a number. The true age of a YWR is how old she acts. I have a friend whose mother’s age jumps up as events push it. When I first met her she was 55, and she had recently retired. But when her daughter was inching up to 50 years old, she decided that she had to tell people that she was 60. And when she figured everyone knew she was on social security, she decided that 62 was more believable. Her age has increased slightly to 65 (her story) because she has been on social security for a while. However, not one to miss a party, she recently informed her daughter she thought it would be fun to have an 80th birthday party. I asked my friend how she was going to explain to her friends about the sudden jump from 65 to 80. She said no one would care, they would just all enjoy the party.

I celebrated a birthday in November. While not divisible by 10, it is an age I remember both my mother and my grandmother celebrating, what seems like only a few years ago. While I don’t feel older, as I look at my children, I realize that time has passed.

I will never forget my first LWML society meeting, now about 22 years ago. I had told the pastor of the church we had just joined that I wanted to be involved in the women’s group. We were new to the area, my mother and grandmothers were in Wisconsin, and I worked in a male dominated field.

I wanted some women in my life. I got a call from a friendly lady from the church who told me they were having a Bible study the next Thursday evening and she and a few others could pick me up if I wanted to attend, as the home was hard to find if you were not familiar with the area. At the appointed time the car pulled up in the driveway. I left my husband at home, and got into the carload of ladies. I felt an audible gasp as they realized that I was young enough to be their granddaughter. I know they were expecting someone their age to join them.

- ☺ Look at your society from the perspective of a new person.
- ☺ Does your society welcome young women?
- ☺ Do you meet at a convenient time?
- ☺ Do you make others different than you (age and race) feel welcome and included?
- ☺ Do you welcome new ideas on how to do things?

Invite that new lady in your congregation to your society meeting, whatever her age. I am happy to say we had two new ladies at our last society meeting, one in her early forties and the other in her late sixties. Both paid their dues, volunteered to bring items for our next meeting, and one even took on an officer role -- ok so it was her second meeting. More women to serve the Lord with gladness!

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
(1 Corinthians 1:9)

Save the date!
LWML Minnesota North District Retreat
August 12-14, 2011
at Lutheran Island Camp
Theme: “Thy Word Is a Lamp
Unto My Feet”
Bible Study Leader: Rev. Don Stauty,
Arrowhead Region pastoral counselor
Guest Speaker: Wanda Hall



Lynn Lahd
Leader
Development
Chairman

I pray that each of you had a very Blessed Christmas as you celebrated the greatest gift given to mankind. Jesus, the Son of God, is a gift that needs to be shared with everyone. As members and leaders in LWML, we need to be equipping ourselves to share this precious gift.

What can each of us be doing to equip ourselves?

First, we might pray that our Father will enable us to walk daily in the Holy Spirit. That, to those of us a little hesitant to share this great message, He will send us the courage to be bold and step out of our shell, so we can tell others about the Father’s love, and that Jesus, His Son, died for our sins.

We don’t want to just pray and then not act. We need to actually step out in faith and use the many different gifts we have been given to talk about, and demonstrate that love. Check out *Gifted for Service*, a resource available for free on the LWML website under “Resources.”

Faith Talk is an interactive DVD that is available from the LWML store and is a great program for every society to participate in. As stated in the LWML catalog, “The goal of *Faith Talk* is that each woman will be compelled to share the Gospel, pray for and recognize opportunities to do so, and then confidently live and speak her faith.”

We also need to read His word and spend time growing in our own faith. You may want to look at *Personal Development*, another resource available on the LWML website under “Resources.”

Jesus is a great example of what a great leader should be like. He mentored and instructed His disciples. Just as Jesus was a mentor, we should mentor those around us. Ask another woman in your church, LWML society, LWML zone, or LWML

district to join you in your faith walk. Become her mentor or ask her to become your mentor. We all need to encourage each other. *Woman-to-Woman Mentoring* is a great resource guide, available from the LWML catalog, to assist you in your mentoring journey.

Celebrate that Wonderful Gift that we were all given on Christmas Eve. Go to the LWML national convention, “Being with Jesus - Living on the Edge,” June 23-26, 2011 in Peoria, Illinois. You can celebrate this Wonderful Gift with thousands of your sisters. You will come away being reignited with joy – and bring home lots of fantastic ideas for sharing the Gospel.

Honor & Memorial Gifts

- ✦ Bemidji, Trinity Evening Guild in memory of Betty Sauer, Sylvia Joyce.
- ✦ Bellingham Trinity, Walter Twp., in memory of Elden Streich.
- ✦ Marilyn Hiltel in memory of Bev Deterding.
- ✦ Immanuel, Parkers Prairie, in memory of Erma Klotz.
- ✦ Delores Larson in memory of Sylvia Joyce.
- ✦ Wheaton, St. John, in memory of Mabel Neumann.
- ✦ Mavis Connolly in memory of Wilma Prokosch.
- ✦ Loon Lake, St. Paul’s in memory of Joan Skipper.
- ✦ Parkers Prairie, Immanuel, in memory of Lillian Schweigart.
- ✦ Sauk Rapids, Trinity, in memory of Loretta Dropps.
- ✦ Bellingham, Walter Twp., in memory of Walter Maatz.
- ✦ Sauk Centre, Zion, in memory of Daisy Meier.
- ✦ Carol Benson, in **honor** of Karen Dreyer.



Honor and memorial gifts should be sent to the Financial Secretary Marilyn Hiltel, 6850 Golden Spike Road, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379-9715.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” John 3:16 (NIV).



Ellen Strickler
**Human Care
Chairman**

During a cold day after Christmas, I was dismantling my decorations, making many trips up and down the basement stairway. My 5 year old granddaughter Josie, watched with concern as I boxed up the nativity. She asked, “Grandma, where do you keep Jesus during the rest of the year?” That is a good question, where do we keep Jesus the rest of the year? It is easy

to keep Him before us during the month of December, but then what? Be diligent. Keep Jesus in the right place all year long. Keep Him in your heart, in your daily routine, and in your conversations. Keep Him close with Bible Studies, devotionals and prayer. Keep Him in your servant hood projects and your generosity to others. Unlike the other Christmas decorations, don’t put Jesus away during the rest of the year.

Winter projects

Are you excited for the new year? I am! The longer days of winter are perfect to work on mission projects. Quilting is a favorite. Linus blankets are popular and easy to make. Stacks of t-shirt diapers are needed. With little effort a pattern could be found to crochet prayer shawls.

Dress a girl around the world

Imagine a world where every little girl owned at least one dress. I am pleased to introduce a new project! Pillowcase Dresses! The long winter months hopefully will give you time to show your creativity by sewing dresses made from pillow cases – plain ones, fancy ones, printed ones and silly ones. Gently used pillow cases or new ones are fashioned into a dress for those that have so little.

These dresses are sent to several different countries and treasured by the girls that receive them. For the pattern, you can log on the website at:

www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com,

or click on the link provided on the LWML MN North website. Use your imagination and make them as plain or fancy as you wish. The website gives you pictures and

inspiration as to what is needed. This project can be used as a Spring Rally Ingathering or an ongoing project that will be collected and sent at a later date.

Recycled Christmas or greeting cards

Christmas is over. What do you do with the beautiful cards you received? Do you have a stash of all occasion cards in a drawer that are too pretty to throw away? There is a place where these cards can be recycled. St. Jude’s Ranch for Children turns these used cards into “new” ones. Just cut off the front of the cards and send them to:

St. Jude’s Ranch for Children
Recycled Card Program
100 St. Jude’s Street
Boulder City, NV 89005

Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these’ Matthew 19:14 (NIV).

St. Jude’s is a nationally recognized and fiscally responsible community focused on the individual needs of the abused, abandoned and neglected children of all faiths and races. It provides a safe haven for children between the ages of 6 and 18. The new cards are sold to the public through the St. Jude’s newsletter and Gift Shop. Card donations are accepted year-round.

Ongoing projects

Veteran’s Homes are a great focus for our societies. Supplies are needed to bring joy to the men and women who served our country. Devotional material, DVD’s, books, toiletries, phone cards, socks, caps, model kits, paint by numbers and puzzles are items that are enjoyed.

Visit the elderly often. The winter months are even longer for those who don’t get out or entertain many visitors. You can be the bright light of someone’s day by just walking in their door. Offer to have devotions with them, bring a small treat, visit and listen.

Continue to collect phone cards for our seminary students, soup labels and stamps.

A plea was sent out in December from the LMA to remember the Haiti project. There is much unrest in Haiti with a critical health crisis of Cholera. They are in need of medication and hygiene items. They will continue to collect for the container until it is full. Contact Lori Salvhus, lsalvhus@arvig.net, 218-935-9016.



Doris

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Committee
Chairman**

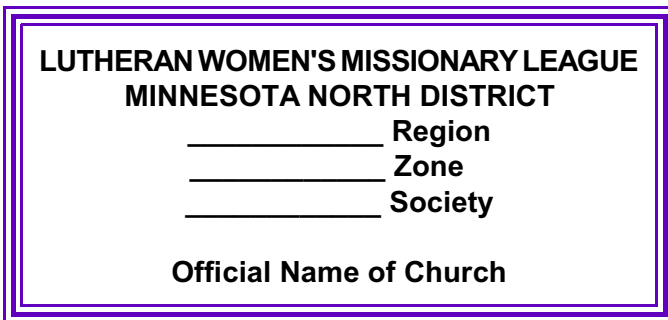
Greetings to all. Now that we have celebrated the birth of Jesus, our Savior, and welcomed in a New Year, we can sit back, relax, watch the snow fall – and update bylaws. At present we are working on the name, so that it is the same, especially in the bylaws and at the bank.

☞ If you are using your church's EIN (Employer ID Number) or tax number, you do not need to change the information at the bank. *However*, your bylaws still need to use the legal name.

☞ If you are using the LWML MN North District EIN (Employer ID Number), you need to use the legal name on the bank accounts *and* bylaws.

When you need new check blanks, it will go there, too. Get as much of the name as possible on the check blank, but do not order bigger sizes, just to put all of the name on it.

Here is a sample of a cover page with the required information and format. Keep the design simple and the words easy to read. You can be creative. Keep punctuation correct, such as the apostrophe in "Women's."



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**2012 LWML Minnesota North Convention
June 25-27, 2012
Breezy Point Resort, Pelican Lake**

Bible Verse: Isaiah 60:1-3 (NIV)
Theme: Arise! Shine! Your Light Has Come
Keynote Speaker: Cynthia Khan
Bible Study Leader: Rev. Don Stauty

Announcement!

The Nuclei Chairman for the 2012 LWML Minnesota North District Convention is Peggy McKeown. Peggy will be looking for chairmen for the convention committees. Give her your prayers and support as she begins this task.





February 2011

Prayer and Praise Mite Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 MNN Project Pray for seminary students	2 Memorize a Bible verse today - 25¢	3 Pray for safe travel to LWML board meeting in Peoria	4 Invite someone to worship with you	5 Pray for "Make A World for Christ Appeal"
6 Greet someone at worship today	7 Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon	8 MNN Project Pray for the ministry of the Orphan Grain Train	9 Thank God for those who serve in the military - 25¢	10 MNN Project Pray for students preparing for church work careers	11 Praise God for the blessing of your community	12 MNN Project Pray for Lutheran Blind Mission
13 We love, because He first loved us	14 Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon	15 MNN Project Pray for Children's Bibles for SE Asia Ministry	16 Praise the Lord for the sunrise this morning - 25¢	17 MNN Project Pray for medical mission in Haiti	18 Praise God for the hope He gives you in this new day	19 MNN Project Pray for the staff at Lutheran Island Camp
20 Pray for the Sunday school teachers at church	21 Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon	22 MNN Project Pray for the Food Bank at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	23 Thank God for willing feet to follow Him. - 25¢	24 MNN Project Pray for Anuak Ministry of Sauk Rapids	25 Be thankful for a close sister in Christ.	26 MNN Project Pray for Food & Clothing Co-op at Ft. Wayne seminary
27 Pray for the leaders of your church	28 Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon					



March 2011

Prayer and Praise Mite Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 MNN Project Pray for seminary students	2 Thank God for making you unique to serve Him - 25¢	3 MNN Project Pray for Lutheran Blind Mission	4 Pray for members of our armed forces	5 Grow in your faith daily through His Word
6 Pray for Bible study leaders at your church	7 Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon	8 MNN Project Pray for the ministry of the Orphan Grain Train	9 Ash Wednesday If you had ashes placed on your forehead today - 25¢	10 MNN Project Pray for students preparing for church work careers	11 Send an encouraging card to a friend	12 Encourage your Pastor as he serves the Lord
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins Did you remember to set your clock forward? - 50¢	14 Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon	15 MNN Project Pray for Children's Bibles for SE Asia Ministry	16 Use your hands in willing service for Him today - 25¢	17 MNN Project Pray for medical mission in Haiti	18 Befriend a mother of small children	19 MNN Project Pray for the staff at Lutheran Island Camp
20 Spring begins Thank the Lord for springtime!	21 Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon	22 MNN Project Pray for the Food Bank at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	23 Pray for missions worldwide - 25¢	24 MNN Project Pray for Anuak Ministry of Sauk Rapids	25 Thank God for your spiritual and material blessings	26 MNN Project Pray for Food & Clothing Co-op at Ft. Wayne seminary
27 Thank God for the opportunity to worship today	28 Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon	29 Pray for children in your church	30 Thank God for your family - 25¢	31 Free-will mite offering		



April 2011

Prayer and Praise Mite Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Thank God for the gift of laughter</i>	2 <i>Share God's love with a neighbor - 25¢</i>
3 <i>Make your offering at church today</i>	4 <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>	5 MNN Project <i>Pray for seminary students</i>	6 <i>Pray for the blind and visually impaired people. - 25¢</i>	7 MNN Project <i>Pray for Lutheran Blind Mission</i>	8 <i>Pray for unbelieving family and friends</i>	9 MNN Project <i>Pray for the Ministry of Orphan Grain Train</i>
10 <i>Praise God for those who share the ministry of music</i>	11 <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>	12 <i>Pray for LWML MNN board meeting today</i>	13 <i>Pray for those that are hungry - 25¢</i>	14 MNN Project <i>Pray for students preparing for church work careers</i>	15 <i>Pray for your Pastor and his family</i>	16 MNN Project <i>Pray for the staff at Lutheran Island Camp</i>
17 <i>Hosanna to the King of Kings!</i> Palm Sunday	18 <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>	19 MNN Project <i>Pray for Children's Bibles for SE Asia Ministry</i>	20 <i>Help or encourage a busy Mom today - 25¢</i>	21 <i>Come to the Lord's Table</i> Maundy Thursday	22 Good Friday <i>Praise God for your hope in Jesus</i>	23 MNN Project <i>Pray for Food & Clothing Co-op at Ft. Wayne seminary</i>
24 Easter <i>He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!</i>	25 <i>Pray with your LWML sisters at Noon</i>	26 MNN Project <i>Pray for the Food Bank at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis</i>	27 <i>Pray for those who need shelter - 25¢</i>	28 MNN Project <i>Pray for Anuak Ministry of Sauk Rapids</i>	29 <i>Pray for youth in your church</i>	30 MNN Project <i>Pray for medical mission in Haiti</i>

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