

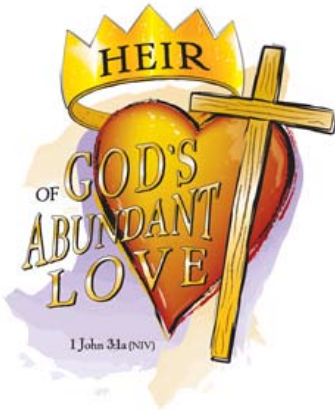


# MINNESOTA NORTHERN LIGHT

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE  
MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!

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The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary

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

Dear Sisters in Christ,

*"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God! And that is what we are!"* 1 John 3:1a (NIV)

You probably recognize that as our 2016 convention verse! If you're like me, you see it (and references to us being sisters, brothers, in the family, adopted, etc.) in lots of places. It's a great opportunity to focus on being a child of God!!

Plans continue to be made for our 2016 District Convention in Willmar, MN from June 20-22. Watch the next newsletter for registration forms and more information.

Thank you to all who completed and returned the forms in the Fall Packet. We know it's not an easy task, but it's our district's way of compiling information from all of you. It's also an efficient way for *Quarterly* subscriptions zone dues and National Convention Expense Fund payments to be made.

**What else is happening in LWML Minnesota North?**

- **We have a new BOD member**—Theresa Warnsholz, Detroit Lakes, MN, is the new Regional Vice President of Park Region II. She is taking the place of Donita Kimball, who has served in that position since June 2014. We thank Donita for serving and sharing her gifts with us. May God bless both Theresa and Donita as they take on new challenges.
- The positions of Editor and Archivist-Historian are still open on the BOD. If you or someone you know has computer skills and LWML knowledge—and a desire to serve in either capacity, please contact me.
- **Are you willing to serve on the BOD?** The following positions are up for election: President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Regional VP of Arrowhead I, Lakeland I, and Park I, and the Pastoral Counselor of the Arrowhead Region. Contact Marilyn Hirtel, Nominating Committee Chairman (bmhirtel@jetup.net) if you have a name or names to share.
- The deadline for submitting a mission grant application is February 15, 2016. Applications can be downloaded from our LWML MN North website. ([www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org)) Note that there are stipulations as to who can submit a grant.
- The **Prayer Service** is available to download it from the LWML site ([www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)). Come from a small congregation? Why not join with other congregations in this worshipful event?



So, child of God, remember to continue to grow in God's Word, serve Him daily (by serving others) and pray continually!

An Heir of God's Abundant Love,  
JoNette Brogaard, District President  
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### JOY!

“How do we become more joyful?” This is a question on one of the Christian Life ‘pink sheets’ that was sent in and it struck me as very interesting and very difficult to answer. We’ve talked about joy in Bible study, about how one can have joy in the middle of trouble and hardship. The following contains excerpts from Theopedia by John Piper:

[Joy is a state of mind and an orientation of the heart. It is a settled state of contentment, confidence and hope. It is something or someone that provides a source of happiness. It appears 88 times in the Old Testament in 22 books; 57 times in the New Testament in 18 books.

Webster’s dictionary definition: 1) to experience great pleasure or delight: REJOICE, 2) the emotion evoked by well-being, success, or good fortune or by the prospect of possessing what one desires: DELIGHT.

There are many ways to define joy. Joy isn’t just a smile or a laugh. Joy is something that is deep within and doesn’t leave quickly. When we have the joy of the Lord, we’ll know it and so will others.

Some think they should be blessed with joy automatically, but God’s Word says “you have not because you do not ask.” (John 15:16) God’s Holy Spirit produces joy. Joy is a product of Christ-likeness. When we seek God through His Word and prayer, we will receive joy! Thank God that joy is something He wants us to have!

Joy is the second “fruit of the Spirit,” according to Galatians 5:22 “But the fruit of the Spirit is...joy...”

Reading the scriptures will bring us joy! “And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.” (1 John 1:4)

God’s Holy Spirit produces joy. Joy is a product of Christ-likeness. When we seek God through His Word and prayer, we will receive joy! Thank God that joy is something He wants us to have! (1 John 1:4)

Philippians 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!”

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.” (Romans 12:15) ]

May joy fill your heart throughout this year and always as you live your life in Christ.

Thanks to those who have requested materials and/or information on the ‘pink sheets.’ They will be sent as soon as possible. If you have need of skits, devotions and other resources, please let me know.

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### SAVE THE DATE 2016 LWML RETREAT August 12-14, 2016

The Christian Life Committee is busy planning for the retreat.

Information will be posted online as soon as it is available.

The flyers and registration forms will be available in the spring issue of the *Minnesota Northern Light*.



### Mustard Seed Devotions

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

### 2016 Prayer Service

The prayer service is available to download from the LWML website. More information can be found on page 11 of this issue..

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### Visioning for Tomorrow

(The following is taken from "Mission-Ministry Vision—A Time to Lead")

**Visioning:** It is viewing God's plan for our life and the lives of those entrusted in our care. It is praying for the Holy Spirit's wisdom and making decisions that allow us to carry out that plan for Him. It is making choices toward that plan that honor God and bring Him glory.

Refer to 1 Cor. 2:9-10; 12. "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him" - these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God." (The Lutheran Study Bible, ESV).

Refer also to Deuteronomy 31:8. "These are the final words spoken by Moses to Joshua before he went to the mountain to die. "It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." (The Lutheran Study Bible, ESV).

**Steps for Visioning:** Pray for the Holy Spirit's wisdom. This is the first step in any visioning that is to take place in planning for a zone, society or congregation.

Seek Christ in His Word. Use devotions and Bible Studies that encourage one another in the faith, focusing on Jesus Christ and His desires for you and the women of your group. Trust in His Spirit's ability to guide, lead and direct your choices. Pray! Pray! Pray for His vision of what you can become-vibrant, effective and energetic.

Believe amazing things can and will happen. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11. (The Lutheran Study Bible, ESV). Also believe He will grant you the guidance and provide the supply. It is a promise and He is faithful to His promises.

Refer to Ephesians 2:10. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (The Lutheran Study Bible, ESV) and Philippians 4:19, "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (The Lutheran Study Bible, ESV).

**And Catch the Vision:** You are responsible for the depth of your study in God's Word. God is responsible for the breadth of your growth and ministry. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, seek Him first in your life and He will take care of the rest.

Sisters in Christ,  
 Deborah Anderson

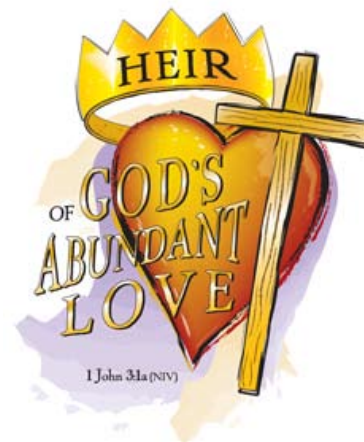
### 2016 District Convention

The elected positions to be filled at our 2016 district convention will be:

- District President
- Corresponding Secretary
- Treasurer
- Regional Vice President for Arrowhead I, Lakeland I, and Park I
- Pastoral Counselor from Arrowhead Region

Contact Marilyn Hiltel, Nominating Committee Chairman (bmhiltel@jetup.net) if you have a name or names to share.

**Do you have what it takes to be a leader?**



## MISSION GRANTS

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### Mission Grants in Review

#### Grant #8 – Life In Christ Lutheran Church- Grand Marias, MN - \$15,000

In 1998 the LCMS MN North District planted a church in Cook County, Minnesota. During three years following, the church has been meeting in the community center. At present they are meeting in an older building on the land they purchased. Life in Christ Lutheran Church is definitely a visible church of Word and Sacrament ministry but by having a “visible” church building they will be better enabled to function as an established church among the people.

Along with land purchased and a site selected for the church building, thousands of dollars worth of building materials are ready to go into construction. Life in Christ Lutheran has also been given many furnishings for the sanctuary from various congregations in the district. During this transition they continue to tell the Good News about Jesus – the message of salvation.

### Mission Grant Application

The Mission Grant Application Form is available to download from our district website, **www.lwmlmnn.org**. This download contains the Mission Grant Requirements, the Application Form and also a sample resolution for the upcoming 2016 District Convention. It is available as a Adobe PDF and a Microsoft Word document.

If you have any questions about the forms or requirements, please contact Carol at:

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**Remember:** The application must be postmarked by February 15, 2016.

### Mission Grants Committee Report

A total of \$22,900 in mites for LWML MN North grants was raised this past quarter. The Mission Grant Committee recommended and the BOD approved the payment of grant allocations as follows: \$11,900 for Scholarships for Full-time Church Work Students; \$6,000 for Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination; \$5,000 for Lutheran Island Camp Summer Staff Training. The chart below details the current balance remaining for the 2014-2016 biennium.



	<b>MISSION GRANTS FOR THE 2014-2016 BIENNIUM</b> (Balance as of January 12, 2016)	GRANT AMOUNT	BALANCE REMAINING
Shortfall	Shortfall from 2012–2014 Biennium	\$2,205	PAID IN FULL
Grant 1	Scholarships for Full-time Church Work Students	\$50,000	\$300
Grant 2	Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$15,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 3	Orphan Grain Train	\$8,500	PAID IN FULL
Grant 4	Lutheran Island Camp Summer Staff Training	\$10,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 5	Salaries for Teaching Staff - Yambio Lutheran School	\$10,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 6	School Building for Gloria Dei in Cap Haitian , Haiti	\$20,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 7	Lutheran Braille Workers	\$5,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 8	Life in Christ Lutheran Church, Grand Marais, MN	\$15,000	\$15,000
Grant 9	Reverend James Kollie Education Fund, Liberia (Partially Funded)	\$295	PAID IN FULL
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$136,000</b>	<b>\$15,300</b>

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### Reaching Out to Others

Hi, my name is Theresa Warnsholz. I am serving as Park II Regional Vice-President and the new Human Care Chairman. One of my first responsibilities was reading through the 2015 Human Care Fall Packet reports. I was excited to see the large number of activities that societies and zones do – that reach out to others. Here are some things that caught my attention after looking through the reports:

Many societies spent time visiting and preparing meals for various activities and celebrations. This includes over 1,000 Health & Wellness Activities, over 2,000 Social Ministry Activities, and close to 5,000 Outreach Activities.

Shake-a-leg for Mites [not sure what it is but it sounds like fun]

Muffins for Mites

Support for children in Haiti, Sudan, Rwanda and more...

Gift baskets and blankets were given to baptized children/families

Over 15,000 lbs. of food donated to local Food Shelves

Over 4,300 quilts, close to 900 T-shirt diapers and over 900 pillowcase dresses were sewn

A Cookie Walk was done to help send children to Lutheran Island Camp  
 Yarn for Grannies - Numerous scarves, mittens, hats, lap robes, blankets, etc. were made for children who were in need of them

Rally ingathering: New greeting cards for women's in prison - over 10,000 collected!

These are only a few of the 'different' activities reported on the Human Care form. What additional things or fun activities has your society done lately relating to Human Care? I encourage you to share your activities and let others know how you "...Serve the Lord with Gladness."

Theresa Warnsholz  
 Human Care Chairman



### LWML Toolkit Kits

LWML Toolkit Kits is a collection of kit suggestions that you can use for Gifts from the Heart in your society, zone or district. Be sure to know where your kits will be given before you start collecting. It is suggested that agencies be contacted to be sure they can take the kits and in what quantity. Different agencies may also request certain items to better serve their clients. These kit lists are simply a "jumping off" point to use as you share God's love and serve the Lord with Gladness.

Listed below are two kits from this great resource.

#### New Mom's Kit

- Devotional book for moms (and dads)
- Inspirational bookmark
- Package of assorted tea bags
- Small package of cookies
- Salts for a foot soak
- Stretch mark cream
- A memory journal book
- Home-cooked meal delivered (that can be frozen for later)
- Mom and baby picture frame
- Snuggly knit slippers

#### Cancer Care Kit

- Washcloths (colorful, fun ones)
- Slipper socks
- Devotional book
- Hat
- Word puzzle or Sudoku book
- Hard candies

(Download the complete set of kits from the Mission Servants web page at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).)

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### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IN YOUR CHURCH**

Women of all ages belong to Missouri Synod Lutheran churches, but not all women choose to become members of the LWML. How do you share with these women the joy that comes from sharing your faith through fellowship and serving others through the LWML? Consider the following suggestions to share with others the goals and purpose of the LWML:

**Give a brief report or presentation at a voters' meeting or church council meeting.**

Discuss with your pastor about addressing the council meeting. Meet with the council president to set the date and time. Ask the president for the proper procedures for addressing

the council. Prepare the necessary information as a handout. Include in the handout the mission grant charts identifying the missions that are being supported by mites on the district and national levels.

**Contribute regular announcements to your Sunday bulletin and church newsletter.**

Write news items and articles in a way that will catch people's attention. Assign one person in your society to be in charge of submitting the articles and notices in the bulletin and/or newsletter.

**Go to the LWML websites for the latest information to share.**

Again, assign one person to go to the

websites to gather the information that you would like to share; post these items on bulletin boards in your church.

**Extend an invitation to a woman from your church to attend a society meeting.** (*They might just be waiting to be asked!*)

Communicating what LWML is doing is the job of all members, no matter the age or congregation size. LWML fits everyone. Share the joy of developing friendships, serving the Lord and studying His Word through LWML. Most of all, you need to proclaim the Redeemer through continuous Public Relations efforts.

Make it a goal to increase your membership one woman at a time.

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### **THE GIFT THAT NEVER WEARS OUT**

Do you remember the fads and the "must haves" from previous years? Every little girl wanted a Barbie Doll or a Cabbage Patch Kid. Boys wanted GI Joes. Everybody wanted Beanie Babies!

I'm not really up on the current trends, but I know I've heard the words Xbox and Ipad. Each Christmas it seems we are more than willing to fight crowds, stand in line and even drive miles and miles to get the "perfect gift". We seem to forget that we already have the perfect gift – Jesus Christ. This gift was given to us by God, not earned by being good little girls and boys. The

gift of Jesus doesn't wear out, break, need batteries or become obsolete. It is a gift we can always use and we should display it prominently.

Not only is this a wonderful gift for each one of us, but it is also a gift we can and should share with others. I feel so blessed to have the Lord in my life and I want to share that feeling with others. I have been able to share the love of Christ with others this Christmas by participating in a Giving Tree at our church. I'm sure that many of you have also shared His love through similar programs.

We also can share Christ's love by remembering our LWML scholarship recipients through our prayers and our mite offerings. They are the ones that will be going out in the world to spread the Good News of God's love for all. Let's encourage them with prayers and mites!

May you all have a Christ filled New Year. Now where did I put those Beanie Babies?

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### WHEN IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

Winter—cold temperatures, blowing snow, icy conditions—a good time to stay indoors and read through your society and zone bylaws!

**Is the name of your society and zone up-to-date as required by Lutheran Women's Missionary League?**

**Do the rest of the articles reflect current practice?**

**Would others reading your bylaws understand your committees and duties?**

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about their bylaws. There are a few bylaws waiting for the Structure Committee's approval and/or suggestions. (Recently I was thinking that we were close to 100 percent done with reviewing bylaws, but when the realization hit that there are 17 zones and about 148 societies in our district, I decided we have a ways to go!!) I am waiting for final hard copies to be filed in the District file.

The one problem area and the one item that needs to be correct and done in a specific order is Article I Name. (These changes became very specific at the LWML Convention in 2011)

#### Article I Name

The name of this organization is Lutheran Women's Missionary League Minnesota North District (hereinafter referred to as District) Name of Region Name of Zone Name of Society, Name of Church, City and State, including the legal name, (notice that there are no commas until you get past the society name), a subordinate organization of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (hereinafter referred to as LWML) as an integrated auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (hereinafter referred to as LCMS).

The LWML Minnesota North District Convention will soon be here. The Structure Committee is working on a display. Please, stop by—it's your opportunity to ask questions.

*Doris Weispfennig*  
*Structure Chairman*



**2016 LWML Minnesota North District 27<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention**  
 June 20 - 22, 2016  
 Willmar Conference Center,  
 Willmar, MN

**Theme: "Heir of God's Abundant Love" 1 John 3:1a (NIV)**

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" 1 John 3:1a (NIV)

**Keynote Speaker:** Gary Thies,  
 Mission Central, Mapleton, IA

*Gary Thies is the Director of Mission Central, a missionary training and conference center in western Iowa. (<http://missioncentral.us>)*

**Bible Study Leader:** Rev. Don Stauty  
 Pastor at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Virginia, MN  
 & Pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Aurora, MN

**Entertainment:** Chord-Ayres

*Male chorus from west central Minnesota; they perform sacred, secular, and patriotic music. ([www.chord-ayres.com](http://www.chord-ayres.com))*

**Convention Location:** Willmar Conference Center – Willmar, MN

**Hosting Region:** Lakeland II

#### **Event to look forward to at Convention:**

Worship, Breakout Sessions, Mites in Action Speakers, Election of Officers, Set Mite Goal for 2016-2018 Biennium, Mission Grants Selected, Mite Walk, Human Care Ingathering and much more!

#### **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

Look for complete convention information in the spring issue of the *Minnesota Northern Light* and in your spring packets. Visit the district web site ([lwmlmnn.org](http://lwmlmnn.org)) to stay current with convention details!



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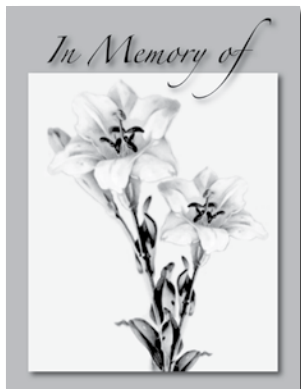
## LWML (LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE) !

Young or old, we are missionaries in all parts of the world. Besides sharing the Gospel with those in our communities, we have the opportunity to support the mission grants that have been adopted at our district and national conventions. How remarkable to know that our mites grow and grow, providing funds to further the Gospel of Jesus all around the world. It truly is exciting to see how God can strengthen our mites as small as they may be.

### Here's some ways of getting more of your congregation involved in LWML activities. . .

- Are you involved with your congregation's Sunday School? Here's an idea — We encourage you to ask your Sunday School students to participate in LWML mite-giving; give them an opportunity to be part of this mission. Perhaps there can be a large Mite Box in their classroom; they can put coins in the Mite Box according to their age, grade in school, number of points they made at their basketball game, etc. (Seek approval first from your Sunday School administrators!)
- Want young women to experience the LWML District Convention? (A lot of excitement for missions is shared in this setting!) Could your society raise funds to send one or two young women from your congregation? Can you help with babysitting of their children while they are gone? Something to consider as the Willmar Convention is coming up—June 20-22. (There will be special activities for Young Women at the convention.)
- Invite young women to attend your meetings. Let them know that LWML is for all ages!

## Memorials and Honorariums Given



*From Walt & Bonnie Shank in memory of William Kropp*  
*From Walt & Bonnie Shank in memory of Ray Lockery*  
*From Walt & Bonnie Shank in memory of Kathleen Block*  
*From Trinity, Staples in memory of Lila Lubke*  
*From Merlyn Rogge and Family in memory of Arayla Rogge*  
*From Messiah, Sartell in memory of Irene Foster*  
*From Irene Hoffman in memory of Vernis Fischer*  
*From St. John's, Kimball in memory of Vernis Fischer*  
*From Our Savior's, Crookston in memory of Gert Martin*  
*From Lord of the Lakes, Forest Lake for Mickey Colwell*  
*From Sandy Schroeder for Hugo Isaacson*  
*From Sandy Schroeder for Mary Conelly*

Memorial gifts and honorariums should be sent to the Financial Secretary, Corles Rainer.

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**Financial Remittance Form** can be downloaded from the Resources page found on our district website: [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org).

## LWML District Board Positions Available:

We are currently looking for an Editor and an Archivist-Historian for our district. The duties of this position are described in our district bylaws which can be downloaded from our district website at [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org). If you are interested, please contact JoNette Brogaard at [president@lwmlmnn.org](mailto:president@lwmlmnn.org) or by phone at 320-846-0984.



**LWML RESOURCES PLUS**

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The deadline for articles in the *Minnesota Northern Light* are: March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15. Please send your articles, information, and pictures to the Editor at:

editor@lwmlmnn.org



A great help in your prayer and praise life – especially remembering the mission grants we're supporting. Download this month's calendar from the Publication Menu.

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### Share Your Talents through LWML

Has God given you the gift to write? Are you willing to use that gift in service to the Lord through LWML? Please send your items to [depcl@lwml.org](mailto:depcl@lwml.org) along with your name, address, and phone number. Writer Guidelines can be downloaded at [www.lwml.org/program-helps](http://www.lwml.org/program-helps).



## 2016 LWML Prayer Service "Wanted: Workers in God's Harvest Field"

by Pastor John Heckmann, LWML Pastoral Counselor

The 2016 LWML Prayer Service expands on the themes of "Sow • Nourish • Reap" from the Des Moines LWML Convention. Whether it is the thousands of acres farmed in Iowa and other states, our own backyard, or the field our Heavenly Father allows us to tend and nourish with and through His means of grace, this service offers a time of worship revolving around the various tools needed to bring about a bountiful harvest.

### The service offers opportunities for:

- singing;
- learning a little bit about farming practices through the ages;
- Confession and Absolution;
- very small group discussion; and
- prayer.

Downloads for the 2016 Prayer Service and cover artwork are available at [lwml@lwml.org](mailto:lwml@lwml.org) or call 1-800-252-5965 to obtain a paper copy.

### How to use the Prayer Service

The Prayer Service is designed to be used at any time, by large or small groups. It is an abbreviated worship service. This material is copyrighted by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and users agree to use the service in full context.



**Share your society or zone events in *The Lutheran Witness***

LWML

Minnesota North District purchases one page in the supplement insert included in each issue of *The Lutheran Witness*. A great way to share ideas and events in our LWML societies and zones is to submit your articles and photos for publication in *The Lutheran Witness*.

- Clearly identify all of the people in the photo, and provide any other information about the photo you think would be helpful for the reader to know.
- Digital photos should be submitted in JPEG (.jpg) or TIFF (.tif) formats and attached to your email.
- Please include the name, email address and phone number of a contact person in case there are questions.
- Please email your articles/pictures to the Editor at: **editor@lwmlmn.org**
- Articles and pictures may also be mailed to; JoNette Brogaard, 6158 County Rd. 11 NW, Alexandria, MN 56308.



Receive Mustard Seeds Daily Devotions

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**New Mustard Seed Devotions**



**The Race of Faith**  
28 Mustard Seed Devotions, written by Amanda Stacy, DCE. Amanda notes that "Running goals - or any other goals - can only be achieved with positive motivation, hard work, and perseverance. ... faith in God can do infinitely more." #LWML40196



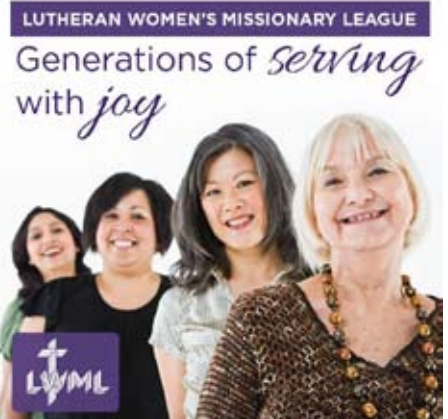
**In Times of Need**  
30 Mustard Seed Devotions, written by Rev. Larry Krueger, Rev. Mike Mattil and Rev. Kris Whitby. The authors explore the topic of God displaying his goodness through times of illness and affliction. #LWML40197



**The Word: Wisdom for Living**  
32 Mustard Seed Devotions, written by Marcia Gomulka and Myrna Lou Meyer. The authors note, "God wants us to come to Him with the needs and desires or our heart. While we may not know God's specific will for all that we ask, He is always ready to listen." #LWML40198



Every other Tuesday – get a tip on reaching out to others. The Time Is Now! Visit **www.lwml.org** for more information.



Sometimes a little role-playing helps to set the tone for retreats and other workshop-like settings. Have some fun with these drama scripts! All available to download for FREE at **www.lwml.org/program-helps-sketches**. Topics are noted beside the titles and resources recently featured as program helps are also noted as "new."

**2016 UPCOMING EVENTS**

**January** - Zone Spring Planning Meetings

**February 15** - Mission Grant Application Deadline

**March 31** - Mite Goal Deadline be sure to submit your mites before this date.

**April 2016** - On Tuesday, April 12, 2016, the LWML MN North Board of Directors and Willmar Convention Nuclei Committee members will be meeting together in Willmar, MN. They'll be taking a tour of the Willmar Conference Center, where the convention will take place. Nuclei Committees and their BOD counterparts will have a chance to do further planning "face-to-face" over lunch at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Willmar. The BOD will spend the afternoon holding their regular Board business at the church.

The BOD looks forward to spending April 12 with the ladies of Lakeland II, our hosts for the 2016 District Convention!

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