



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



Assembly of Leaders

This past November, four of us from LWML Mn North attended the Assembly of Leaders Workshop in St. Louis. We are very excited to share what we have learned by conducting workshops throughout our district.

There are resources available to all of us who want to use our gifts and talents to serve God. Sometimes we just need a few helpful hints or suggestions. Here are some of the topics we will cover:

- Effective leadership and meeting skills
- Growing in membership
- Essential technology today
- **Sharing Active Leadership Techniques (S.A.L.T)**
- Resources: We've got them!
- Mission grant selection and distribution
- Engaging and retaining volunteers
- Reaching different cultures and generations
- Taking it to the streets
- Basic protocol and structure
- Breakout session for pastors and Zone Pastoral Counselors

We will be holding three spring workshops and three fall workshops—one workshop in each region. I look forward to seeing you in 2019 at one of them!

My prayer for you is that you will go away from these gatherings with new eyes to see what is possible for us to accomplish in our societies and zones as we follow Jesus Christ, our Leader!

In His Service,
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New LWML MN North District Logo

At the October 9, 2018, Board of Directors Meeting, the board voted upon a new logo for our district. The change was made to incorporate the new LWML color guidelines and logo. The logo will be available to download from our district website (lwmlmnn.org) in the coming months.



2019 LWML Convention, Mobile, Alabama

June 20-23, 2019

The theme, "In Praise to the Lord", is based on 1 Chronicles 16:23-24a: *Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations*



Convention Goal

Led by God's power, we praise and proclaim the Lord among all the nations.

Convention Objectives

Each convention attendee will:

- Sing and rejoice in celebration of His Word
- Tell of His salvation for all
- Declare His glory among the nations
- Go forth in His joy!

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God’s Good Gifts

by Corles “Corky” Rainer

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,...
 (James 1:17a)

As I was packing away Christmas decorations and reflecting on how much I had stressed

over purchasing and giving gifts, I ran across the following article. The sentiments reflected brought me back to focusing on the gifts that are ours all year long.

Ever feel like you have nothing? Just look at the gifts [God] has given you:

He has sent His angels to care for you, His Holy Spirit to dwell in you, His church to encourage you, and His Word to guide you.

- Any time you speak, He listens; make a request and He responds.
- He will never let you be tempted too much to stumble too far.
- Let a tear appear on your cheek and He is there to wipe it.
- Let a love sonnet appear on your lips, and He is there to hear it.
- As much as you want to see Him, He wants to see you more.
- You have been chosen by Christ ... He has chosen you as His beloved.

“When Christ Comes.” by Max Lucado

Christian Life Resources

As 2019 gets underway, let’s not forget what a wonderful gift we have in Jesus Christ. Listed below are some resources available on the LWML website (lwml.org) to help us stay in the Word and look forward to a new year with joy!

Bible Studies

- Resolutions (Epiphany, New Year)
- We Begin Anew (Thankfulness, Healing, New Year)
- God’s Valentine to Us (Valentine’s Day)

Devotions

- It’s A New Day
- New Beginnings (Trust, New Year)

LWML Prayer Service for 2019

- Visit: lwml.org/prayer-service

- God CARES For You! Authored by Rev. Allen D. Anderson, Boulder, Colorado
- *If the Lord had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence. When I thought, “My foot slips,” your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up. When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.* (Psalm 94:17-19)

Confession/Communication/
Cleansing
Attention
Regard
Efficient/Enigmatic
Salvation

If you’re looking for a resource and don’t have internet access, call me at 320.743.2131 and I will get the information to you.



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



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Our Accomplishments

by Glenice Hall

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, (Philippians 2:4-5a).

As I read through the Human Care Reports, I realized how industrious the LWML women are in our district and how true the verses in Philippians are for LWML.

Listed below are some of the amazing accomplishments:

- Collected \$5,938.07 in a Bottles for Life Choice Project
- Assembled worship packages for local nursing home, alcohol treatment center and women's refuge include a copy of worship service for each Sunday.
- Distributed Personal Care Kits with Portals of Prayer and Mustard Seed Devotionals to Homeless and to Veterans Administration.
- Assisted in supporting Missionary Families.
- Donated time and products for Food Shelf sites
- Collected 280 Spanish Language Arch Books for the Central American Lutheran Mission Society.
- Made and gave over 1,800 quilts to crisis centers, disaster victims, parents of newborns, high school graduates, Orphan Grain Train, pediatric units at hospitals, homeless shelters, veterans' homes and more.
- Used Thrivent grant money as "Seed Money" to buy supplies for kits, and one zone provided supplies to four women's shelters with a \$4,000 Thrivent grant!
- Set up "Giving Trees" for people to help with supplies needed by various charitable organizations.

While the list is just a sampling of some of the accomplishments, I hope it shows how much our LWML District cares for others.

The following Bible verses and messages are from the New Living Translation Touch Point Bible.

The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and care for it. (Genesis 2:15 NLT) God instilled a sense of caring for his Creation in the first person on earth. Caring began in Eden and has been an essential part of humanity ever since. A caring spirit comes from the heart of God.

Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you. (James 1:27 NLT) Through God's plan of salvation he lovingly helped us do what we could not do on our own. Through his plan for provision, he expects us to lovingly do for the needy what they cannot do on their own.

As we make plans for 2019, let us continue to use our time, talents and treasures that God has blessed us with to serve others.

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Questions?

by JoNette Brogaard, A-H

Here's a question that sometimes comes up...

If we have a society that disbands or goes "inactive", what do we do with our minutes and other archive materials?

Place your minutes plus other archive materials in your church vault, where other valuable church materials are kept.

What if my church closes?

We're willing to take your minutes and other archived materials and put them with other LWML items at the District Office in Baxter, MN. Your Regional VP can deliver such materials to me at a quarterly LWML MN North District BOD meeting.

I will be attending the LWML Archivist-Historian Bootcamp in St. Louis, MO, from January 20-22, 2019. I'm excited to learn more about archiving and how I can help society and zone A-H women with their saving of materials.

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Inviting Women to Become Involved

by Kathy Brandt

LWML Vision Statement: The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

Women in congregations may not be familiar with LWML. They may not feel comfortable in attending a group event but yet they would like to be a part of the LWML mission to serve the Lord with gladness.

Some things YOU can do:

- Welcome her by introducing yourself and inviting her for a cup of coffee. Ask her to attend your Bible studies for spiritual inspiration. Introduce her to other group members to make her feel a part of the LWML family.
- Put together a packet of LWML resources to share. The packet may contain such things as the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly magazine, information about your group, LWML brochures and a Mite Box with information explaining mites and how they fund district and national mission grants.
- Some women may find it difficult to attend regular group events. Encourage her to volunteer in LWML activities, a mission project or a community outreach project. Engaging her in activities will give her opportunities for serving, fellowship and mentoring.
- Continue to share information with her and keep her current with LWML events that are happening. Encourage her to ask questions and to check the LWML website at lwml.org for current information and inspiration.
- Encourage and invite her to attend zone and district events, along with the district and national LWML conventions to see the larger body at work and be spiritually filled!

- The "bottom line" is to care personally about each woman as Jesus cares for her.

Article taken and adapted from "Inviting Women to Become Involved", Leadership Development Committee 2018. Published by the LWML.

Follow MY Lead

Greetings in the Name of the Babe of Bethlehem foretold by prophets of old,

In November, several LWML representatives from our district attended the Assembly of Leaders in St. Louis, MO. At that conference we were charged with developing and presenting a program in our home districts to equip LWML members to:

- Bring the joy and energy of missions and missionaries to LCMS women.
- Communicate a fresh image to LCMS pastors and church workers.
- Promote effectively who we are and our resources within our congregations.
- Train and mentor future generations.
- Compete for people's time.
- Recognize the need for prioritizing time in the Word.

To accomplish this we will be presenting a leadership event in each Region titled "Follow MY Lead Celebration". These events will take the place of Zone Rallies and be held on Saturdays in the Spring for Park I, Park II and Arrowhead I, and in the Fall for Arrowhead II, Lakeland I and Lakeland II. A central location will be decided for each Region as well as the date. These events will start at 9:00 am and conclude at 2:00 pm, with Zone business meetings to take place following. The January zone planning meetings will be held as scheduled in each zone and they will decide days, times and other business relating to these events.

At these events participants will learn and discuss many topics relating to leadership and to increase knowledge of the LWML and its mission. There will be skits, games, presentations and FUN!! Please let your societies know about these events. More information will be sent out after the plans are finalized.

*LWML MN North District Leader Development
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In Remembrance of Betty Wagner by JoNette Brogaard, A-H

Elizabeth (Betty) Wagner, 86, received her Crown of Glory on January 3, 2019. Betty served as LWML MN North District President from 1988-1992.



Betty and her husband, Earl, resided near Fisher, MN, where they farmed and raised six children. Betty's passion for ministry was shown in her active participation in LWML (local, district, national) and Lutheran Island Camp, Henning, MN.

Below is a portion of the "Forward" (written by Betty) to the 1990 District Convention (Theme: Bind Us Together), held in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada—the convention where the Ontario Sonset District separated from LWML MN North.

At this Convention, our Canadian sisters will be forming their own District of ILWML. Our Convention logo, designed by Jo-Ann Himes, shows 19 hearts (our 19 zones) bound together in the Cross of Christ. Even though these two Canadian Zones will be forming another District, we will still be bound together in that Cross and in our shared LWML experiences, in Love for Christ and for each other! May that unity always be very evident!

...May our hearts abound in thankfulness, our voices resound in praise and our lives show forth His love to all!!

Many will remember Betty leading us in the singing of "Bind Us Together, Lord" throughout a very memorable convention! We give God thanks for Betty and that she used her God-given talents to serve God and the LWML!



LWML MN North District
1990 Convention Logo

Memorials and Honorariums October 2018 - December 2018

- In memory of Patsy Abrahamson,
from Our Savior's Afternoon Guild, Crookston*
- In memory of Patsy Abrahamson,
from Our Savior's Evening Guild, Crookston*
- In memory of Bruce Johnson,
from Chuck and Coleen Nielson*
- In memory of Bruce Johnson, from Mary Anderson*
- In memory of Mary Ann Bell, from Kathleen Brandt*
- In memory of Ann Klockmann, from Kathleen Brandt*
- In memory of Eilene Wussow, from Norman Wussow*
- In memory of Margaret Marx from,
Brent and Lynnette Roshell*
- In memory of Mitchell Moen, from Carol Sander*
- In memory of Darren Nelson,
from Immanuel, Parkers Prairie*
- In memory of Roger Froemming from,
Immanuel, Parkers Prairie*
- In memory of Joyce Volkmann,
from Loris and Doris Weispfenning Family*
- In memory of Shirlee Haraldson, from Marilyn Hiltel*
- In memory of Pat Neuman, from Marilyn Hiltel*
- In memory of Bob Kalp from, Immanuel, Parkers Prairie*
- In memory of Bob Johnston, from Immanuel, Parkers Prairie*
- In memory of Harry Wood, from Immanuel, Parkers Prairie*

Send memorials and honorariums to the Financial Secretary Peggy Pasche.

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A “Mitey” Creative Challenge

by Susan Zeige

Once again the Christmas season is over, decorations have been put away, the tree has been removed from the living room, company has returned home, and a new year has begun. What a blessing to know that God’s love for us in the birth of His Son is brought into this new year, and with it, the opportunity to share our gifts with others through our mite offerings.

I would like to challenge you to consider creative ways that you can increase your mite offerings this year. Many individuals find that utilizing a mite calendar, having their Mite Box out in the open, and/or keeping up with mission grants (district and national) are ways that increase their giving. Have you utilized resources that share news about these mission grants? By reading the *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly* and websites from both LWML and LWML MN North District, you will find information not only about the grants we support, but also the status of funding the grants.

As we learn about these grants, it seems as though we also find a greater desire to fill our Mite Box. It is exciting to see how each quarter, as the Board of Directors of the LWML MN North District meets to allow payment, that more grants are funded. It is by God’s grace and your generous giving that we can celebrate the progress for this 2018-2020 biennium.

May God bless you and those you love throughout this new year as you “Serve the Lord With Gladness”.

Mission Grants Committee Report

A total amount of \$20,000 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: \$4,200 for Orphan Grain Train; \$10,000 for Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Student; \$3,800 for Project 24 Child Care, Christ’s Care for Children Kenya; \$2,000 for “Main Street Living North” Ministry Outreach TV Program. The chart below details the current balance remaining for the 2018-2020 biennium.



Are you up for a challenge?

	MISSION GRANTS FOR THE 2018-2020 BIENNIUM (Balance as of January 8, 2019)	GRANT AMOUNT	BALANCE REMAINING
Grant 1	Orphan Grain Train	\$9,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 2	Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$15,000	\$13,000
Grant 3	Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Student	\$50,000	\$32,000
Grant 4	Lutheran Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch Staff Growth and Training	\$10,000	\$10,000
Grant 5	Trinity HOPE Haitian Feeding Program	\$10,000	\$7,000
Grant 6	Sharing Christ With Muslims	\$5,000	\$5,000
Grant 7	Project 24 Child Care; Christ’s Care for Children Kenya	\$10,800	\$4,000
Grant 8	Lutheran Outreach in Puerto Rico in response to Hurricane Maria	\$8,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 9	“Main Street Living North” Ministry Outreach TV Program	\$10,000	\$8,000
Grant 10	Gloria Dei School and Church Building at Cap Haitian, Haiti (Partially Funded)	\$11,200	\$6,000
	TOTALS	\$139,000	\$85,000

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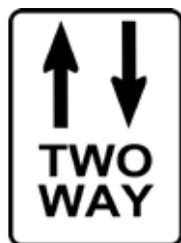
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**Two-Way Traffic – Earthly Destination?
Heavenly Destination?**

by Ruby Prochnow

Just returned from a vacation in Branson, MO.

Branson was the site of a wonderful reunion of teachers and pastors serving Grace Lutheran Church at Fargo, ND. during my teaching experience there. Throughout the week we laughed, reminisced, worshipped, and prayed together. What a blessing that we could reconnect cherishing our Christian heritage and recognizing this blessing. This could only be an orchestration of our Triune God. He has led us to different areas of the world through the dark times and the bright times strengthening us along the way. Through our daily devotions God drew us to Him assuring us of His continual faithfulness. We chatted often during the week how God knew old friends would be gathered so closely for that time. He gathered us in His arms and proclaimed us as “His Own”.



At the Sunday morning worship service at Faith Lutheran Church in Branson, as well as in our daily devotions, we were reminded of how “His Own” should continually be encouraging each other as they journey on. We passed a 2-WAY traffic sign and thought of the 2-WAY signs in our lives – Our earthly destinations day in and day out, and finally our heavenly destination where we will reunite in our eternal home with Jesus. Jesus, the Son of God, did it all for us at Calvary. All Praise and Glory to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We are about our Heavenly Father’s business. Jesus invasion of hell was successful and “We Have Been Redeemed”; therefore, let us encourage each other in ‘Serving the Lord with Gladness’ and remembering the 2-WAY signs as we make Godly decisions.

LWML Women are Alabama Bound!

by Beth Dinger

The Young Women Committee has been busy reviewing YWR applications for the LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama, June 20-23, 2019. By the time this article is printed, two young women will have been selected and begun preparing to attend the convention as the YWRs from MN North District! I can’t wait to introduce both of them to you in the next issue of the *Minnesota Northern Light!*



Attending a convention is a wonderful opportunity to find out more about the LWML, and experience the religious “high” of worshipping and participating in service projects with so many other wonderful women in purple. It’s an experience that can’t be duplicated. I attended the district convention in Bemidji this summer, which I thoroughly enjoyed. There is just something about the fellowship of being amongst so many other LWML women. The instant feeling of kinship is heart-warming. Attending an LWML convention magnifies this feeling. I love running in to women I met when I was a YWR in Des Moines four years ago, and making new friends as well. I am looking forward to catching up with my fellow YWR from Des Moines, Karen Gorentz. There are so many reasons to attend a national convention, and although meeting new friends and renewing old friendships is wonderful, the time spent in Bible study and praising the Lord is renewing and uplifting.

Therefore, if you are able, begin making plans and preparing for what is sure to be a fantastic LWML convention in Mobile. Whether this will be your tenth convention or your first, you are sure to enjoy it. And if it is your first convention, and you are looking for your first LWML friends, please, look me up. I am always happy to meet a new friend.



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Time to update...**by Carla Paton**

Dear Society Presidents,

Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

Please review your current bylaws. and If your society has not updated them since 2008, it is time for you to select a Bylaws Review Committee to complete that task. Upon completion of the update review, send the revisions, along with your current bylaws, to me, the Structure Committee Chairman. You may send them to me as an email attachment in MS Word format to structure@lwmlmnn.org or you may mail them to me via the US Mail:

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You are requested to use the new LWML logo; it can be found on the LWML website (www.lwml.org/logos-style-sheet) and should be added to your bylaw document. On the bottom right hand corner of your bylaw cover page, add the following: REVISED 2019

If you need help with the contents of your bylaws, please use the LWML Handbook. Section A-6 contains sample bylaws templates for your review. The LWML Handbook by be found on the LWML Website at: (www.lwml.org/posts/leadership/leader-development-and-training-tools).

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. The Structure Committee looks forward to working with you, as we together "Serve the Lord with Gladness."

A New Year**by Valerie Johnson**

A new year—a time to be thinking about scholarship applications for Church Work and Seminary students...

Please encourage students from the MN North District who are planning to go into church work to fill out an application to help with the cost of attending our LCMS universities and seminaries. Scholarship applications need to be sent to me by May 15, 2019.

I am looking forward to working with my committee members, Elizabeth McTighe and Karen Groneberg, as we gather and read scholarship applications in the months to come.

We can remember Christ's love by remembering our LWML scholarship recipients through our prayers and mite offerings.

Have a Christ-filled New Year!

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- Pre-Seminary
- Church School Teacher
- Church Youth Director



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2019 UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 10 - Lutheran Witness supplement page deadline.

Feb 10 - Lutheran Witness supplement page deadline.

Mar 15 - Minnesota Northern Light newsletter 2018 Winter issue deadline.

April-May - Spring Zone Rallies & AOL Leadership Workshops (Visit the Rallies web page at lwmlmnn.org for dates and times.)

Submit your article

Does your zone or society have an event or story to share? Please send your article and pictures to the Editor at: editor@lwmlmnn.org.

Minnesota Northern Light

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Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar

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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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.