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Time to be in the Word

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 2:6 1

I have to say when I saw the theme for this leaguer I got a little more excited than usual. Why? Because I have been working, personally on making more time for God. I sometimes feel we forget how powerful God's Word can be. We believe we just "don't have time to sit down and read." When the truth is, we have the time, it's just we may sometimes believe we can handle it on our own. Personally, If something may be going on in my life that's upsetting or worrying me I forget that my greatest comfort is in the Lord. His comfort is a book or prayer away.

As I continue on my journey with the Lord, I'm finally starting to understand how much faster I stop worrying about things when I open up His Word and read. The Lord is here to comfort us, rejoice with us, and heal us.

As LWMLers we can help people look to the Light of God, instead of being stuck in their own understanding. Invite them to your bible study, LWML meeting, or even just out for coffee. Be the purple friend who reminds them that through God and His word we can find comfort.

Blessings, Faith Doerr, Media & Marketing

Official Convention Call:

Now is the Time: To plan to come to convention

- ✘ Theme: **Now Is the Time**
- ✘ Dates: **June 17-18, 2016**
- ✘ Location: **Lutheran High Northeast, Norfolk, NE**
- ✘ Program:
 - Music by: Julie Maaske
 - Key Note Speaker: Elaine Bickel
 - Humorous Interruptions: Jan Struck
 - Mission Speaker: Gary Thies
 - Entertainment: Alison Vavra
 - Bible Study: Rev. John Nelson, Jr.

District Ingathering

District Convention is many months away but your North Nebraska District LWML Board of Directors has been busy making plans for this awesome gathering!

Jesus Our Savior Lutheran School and Camp Luther have been selected as the recipients for Gifts from the Heart. There will be a list of requested items in the next *Leaguer*, but start praying now for these organizations and the leaders who provide guidance.

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Now is the Time for Mites!

Rock-a-thon is a new event which will be held at the 2016 Nebraska North District Convention. Take off with your pledge form and see how much money we can raise for mites. You can get pledges by the number of rocks you make, the minutes you rock, the number of carrots or cookies you eat whole you're rocking, etc. Rocking will be at the convention on the convention floor. Be creative – and let's see what the Lord has planned as we raise money for Missions! Pledge forms are in this issue of the *Leaguer*.



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Pure Purple Crystal

Now is the Time: to Be In The Word

Do you have a daily time that God talks to you? That's kind of a weird question – because I don't think that we always think of God actually talking to us. But – He does every time we read the Bible – God is talking to us. I encourage you to set up a daily appointment with God and let Him talk to you.

In Romans 10:17, Paul tells us that faith comes from hearing the word of Christ. So, let us hear what God has to say by being in His Word. There are a lot of ways to be in the Word – it isn't a race to see if you can get from front to back – but it is slowing down and letting God talk to you – just as you would if a friend or family member wanted to talk to you. God reveals himself through these "God-breathed" words that He has given us for our reproof, correction, training, and to equip us for every good works He has prepared for us to do. (Timothy 3:16-17). Want to grow in your relationship with God? Listen to what God has to say.

There are lots of ways to have God talk to you – find one that works for you. Here are some ideas:

- ✘ Use the new LWML Today's Light Bible (it has a 2-year reading plan)
- ✘ Pick a devotional book that includes Bible readings (e.g. Portals of Prayers)
- ✘ Use a Bible study that walks you through subjects that apply to your life and your faith walk
- ✘ Use a Bible with good cross references and commentary (Concordia Publishing House have several)
- ✘ Get the Bible on CD – and listen to it on your way to and from work – take the time to write down your thoughts and reactions when you arrive at your destination
- ✘ Use note cards as you read – write down passages that are meaningful to you, write down questions (do further research, ask your Pastor); take notes as you reflect on what you have read

If you don't already – take time each day so that our Father God can talk to you. Now is the time to Be In The Word – store it up in your heart (memorize it). God will surprise you with the blessings, comfort, knowledge and peace he will provide.

May God provide many blessings as you sit down with Him each day and you listen to what He has to say and you store His Word in your heart!

Psalm 119:11 *"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."*



Children from Gachancipa



Lydia with Deivid



Janet & her sponsored daughter, Maithe, sorting the items

Earlier this year, in a joint venture members from two LWML Districts – Nebraska North and Mid South provided goodie bags to children from Gachancipa, Colombia. Ladies from Bethany and St. Paul in Omaha combined their sewing skills and their fabric stashes to make over 80 goodie bags. Ladies from the Memphis congregation, Immanuel Lutheran, collected items to put into the bags.

Ladies from Omaha sewed the bags and members from Memphis filled bags with socks, colors, an anchor necklace, pencils, stickers, a small toy, candy, a Bible verse, etc. A mission team from Memphis distributed the bags to the children during the week they taught Vacation Bible School in Gachancipa. The kids loved receiving the gifts and many of them were seen carrying their new bag to church the next Sunday!

Harvest of Righteousness



**Pastoral
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No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. Hebrews 12:11

I love this time of the year. There is nothing like living in rural Nebraska and seeing the combines blowing dust into the air, grains trucks rolling down the road, farmers running into the c-store for a quick bite of lunch before heading back into the field. God came through again and the harvest is great. Praise the Lord!

God also wants us to produce a harvest of righteousness. Unfortunately that isn't easy. In fact, it is painful. It requires discipline. No one likes discipline, but we are thankful for its results—a harvest of righteousness.

Hebrews 11 & 12 are a couple of my favorite chapters in the Bible. Chapter 11 is full of faith and has the Hall of Fame of Faith in it. Chapter 12 tells us to keep our eyes on Jesus, just like a farmer who keeps his eye on the fence post at the end of the field to keep his rows straight.

Life is hard but God is good! All the time!! So as we endure hardships, we know that our loving Heavenly Father is preparing us for a harvest of righteousness. Have a peaceful harvest!



Calendar of Events

Nebraska North District Convention	June 17-18, 2016
National LWML Conv, Salt Lake City, UT	June 22-25, 2017
National LWML Conv, Birmingham, AL	June 27-30, 2019
National LWML Conv, Lexington, KY	June 24-27, 2021

Days for Girls – Servant Event

Have you ever dreamed of going to a faraway country to help young girls? We have an opportunity for you to do just that and it doesn't involve getting shots or a visa or a long flight!

On April 2, 2016 we will have a servant event, Days for Girls, with Nebraska North and South Districts joining together to help young girls in Africa. Imagine having to use leaves, husks, grass and even rocks when you have your period. Feminine hygiene products we take for granted are non-existent for many females in Africa. They lose many days, up to 2 months of school each year because they have to remain at home.

We will spend the day making feminine hygiene products that will be shipped to Africa. We'll be making panty protectors, pads and a carrying bag that need to last 3 years. We will need material, Ziploc bags, washcloths and underwear to be donated. We'll need LWMLers and your friends to join us. Sewing, cutting, threading twill tape through the bag casing, and packaging kits are all jobs needing willing hands.

Deb Burma will be leading a Bible study to nourish us spiritually while we will also be eating to feed the body. You know that many hands make light work. You also know that conversation, sharing and laughter will be a part of the day! *More information to come!!*

Candidate Needed for Zone Treasurer

The Norfolk Zone is looking for candidate(s) for Zone Treasurer. Please give prayerful consideration for this position and contact Dawn Tighe at (402) 206 2242 or email: dawntighe@hotmail.com we would like to have your name(s) in by 30 December 2015.



Now Is The Time!

Now is the time, for what? It's time to be in the word! What word? The Word of God!



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Are you living in the word, or does the word live in you? In me, it's both. As a Christian, I have the word of God in my heart and I try to live my life for God.

I keep the word in my heart by reading the bible, my daily devotions, attending church, and talking to my Lord through prayer. There are also many resources and books available to us through LWML and CPH we can get to help keep us "In The Word."

In today's world we have many that are trying to pull and turn us away from the word. We need to stand strong and keep our faith in the WORD and in GOD, not let others take our freedom of our faith away.

"Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deut. 11:18&19

Time to be in the Word

Time what a precious commodity! I know it is a cliché, but oh how true this is. As a busy working wife, mother, daughter, and now grandmother, I find that time passes by so quickly especially months and years. Some of us struggle, including me, with getting everything done or at least everything I think needs to be done. As I reflect on our theme, I recognize that I need to remember my priorities every day – God, family, friends, and career. Does this mean I keep it straight and always spend my time wisely? No, I am afraid I struggle. Spending time in the Word for me includes reading a devotional and/or other Christian book. One of my devotionals that I try to read every day is the daily *Mustard Seed* Devotional in an email from LWML. It is easy to sign up on www.lwml.org and it comes right to your mailbox.

Another resource I use is my smartphone. I recently discovered the YouVersion Bible app. I have subscribed to a few short and long term plans. What an easy way to have God's word at my fingertips and at any time and any place. Unfortunately, some days get crazy and I don't keep up with my daily reading on the application. I can catch up at any time or I can change the settings to allow for the missed day or days. But what an amazing way technology brings God's word to us. I still read my Bible and mark it but I have really come to enjoy taking a few minutes of my work day and connect with the One who created me, loves me and forgives me.

Other resources that can be enjoyed are Bible studies, retreats and of course LWML events. Don't have a smartphone or don't do email, don't forget our Portals of Prayer. Just find what works for you. The Bible is God's message to the world including us. We must not neglect that this is the primary channel He connects with us. We just need to find what method works for us. And of course, we must take the time – however we need to do that in our personal lives.

As we stop and reflect on our priorities and our time, my prayer is that we all find a way to daily connect with our Lord and Savior, attend worship regularly and remember to thank the One who created it all and gives it all to us! God's blessings to each of you!

Karla Koehler
Financial Secretary

YouVersion
The Bible App™



Time to be...

Time seems to move too quickly. I have my to-do list that often has more items undone than checked off. Seems I can never do enough. But there is one thing I will never accomplish – my own salvation. Salvation is always checked off on my to-do list...not because I did the job. No, salvation is a free gift given to me by Jesus.

Each of us is a broken, sinful human being. We no longer live in the Garden of Eden. Sometimes before I even get out of bed I have begun sinning and it just continues on throughout the rest of the day. But I know that I am forgiven.

The work Jesus did, being fully man and fully God, living a perfect life and doing what his Father planned. He died on the cross. But the story didn't end there. Jesus proclaimed victory over Satan and all evil, and three days later He rose from the dead.

In joy and thankfulness I want to be in His Word. Once I began routinely reading and studying, it became a craving, looking at the study notes and cross references in my Bible.

Being in the Word will look different for each woman because He created each of us uniquely. Private, personal time may include reading a devotion like Portals of Prayer and the suggested Scripture. Maybe you can step out of your comfort zone and ask a few women to join you in a weekly Bible study. My group just finished *Living a Chocolate Life (and savoring God's sweet grace.)* We really enjoyed the Scripture study that was the main part of each lesson and the sharing that followed.

God's Word shows His plan for each of us. The Bible shows His plan and promise for us to be reunited with Him. From Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph to Esther, Rahab and Mary he gave the prophecy of a Savior throughout the Old Testament until the fulfillment of the promise in the New Testament.

God doesn't need us to read our Bibles, we NEED to do that so we can hear that still small voice of His giving us guidance and direction in walking this uneven, bumpy trail called life. It is always a blessing received when we take:

**Time
to be
in the
Word!**



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Save the Date!

June 17-18, 2016

Nebraska North LWML District Convention

Hosted by the: West Point Zone

Location: Lutheran High Northeast, Norfolk, Nebraska

- Key Note Speaker and Humorist – Elaine Bickel
- Humorous Interrupter and After Dinner Speaker – Jan Struck
- Mission Speaker – Gary Thies
- Performance Painter Entertainment – Allison Vavra
- Rock-a-thon – Raising Mites for Missions
- YWR and Teen After Hours Party
- Selection of new Mission Grants/New officers
- Purple Silent Auction
- Communion Service Proclaimer – District President Richard Snow
- Servant Events:
 - Quilt Tying
 - Premature Baby Comfort Hearts
- Interest Sessions:
 - Comfort Dogs
 - Crafts
 - Mission Trip Speakers



Time to Be ...

Oooh! Autumn! I love this time of year for several reasons but this year has been really wonderful with all the great weather. God did grant us another wonderful year, didn't he?

With autumn came all those wonderful zone rallies. I know you enjoyed them just I did. However, now zone presidents, secretaries, or archivist/historians need to get busy and send me your reports. I only have four that have been sent to me. That means there are 3 more out there that I need. Please send them to me ASAP so I can get you marked off my list. Please include your report, which can be a copy of the minutes or a simple one page report, and all accompanying literature, including programs, information that speakers distributed, etc.

I also need you to do some homework and dig into your files and find past information on spring meeting and fall rallies and send that to me.

I will be sending you information that will instruct you on everything I want from you every year and also I will be including instructions for society leaders that you need to pass on to them.

Now that I have actually worked in the archives in Seward, I am more knowledgeable about my position and intend to do the best possible job I can do. That is only with your cooperation and a lot of your prayers and I do mean a lot of prayers.

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Financial Report
Quarter 6, July - September, 2015

Miscellaneous Offerings for Quarterlies/Leaguers

North Bend, St Peters Sister	\$110.00
Madison, St. John Ladies Aid.....	110.00
Tilden, St. Paul Ladies Aid/LWML.....	55.00
Elgin, Trinity	25.00
Orchard, St. Peter's Ladies Aid.....	45.50
Plainview, Zion Ladies Aid	11.00
Wakefield, Immanuel Ladies Aid.....	15.50
Wayne, Grace Evening Circle	14.00
West Point, St. Paul LWML.....	32.00
Wisner, St. Paul's DOR	82.50
TOTAL QUARTERLY/LEAGUER OFFERINGS.....	\$500.50

Memorials

Darlene Drenkow	Jane Witt.....	\$10.00
Elsie Rasmussen	Virginia Von Seggren.....	50.00
	Beautiful Savior LaVista	25.00
	Ponca, Trinity.....	25.00
Eddie Baier	Wayne, Grace Evening Circle	10.00
Clara Harley	Chambers, St. Paul LWML.....	10.00
Lillian Gierke	Rachel Jensen	10.00
Elaine Holm	Wakefield, St. John	25.00
Sylvia Clark	Joyce Oerman	100.00
Evelyn Wurdeman	Columbus, Christ Lutheran Ladies Aid & LWML.....	10.00
Leona Hilgenkamp	Arlington, St. Paul's LWML.....	20.00
Marvin Krohn	Osmond, Immanuel LWML	75.00
TOTAL MEMORIALS	\$370.00	

Mite Offerings

TOTAL MITES	\$4,817.34
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Miscellaneous Income

Special Offerings	\$50.00
Donations	1,000.00
Name Badges	15.00
Scholarship Fund	115.00
Convention Bus	90.00
Convention T-shirts	479.00
Transfer from LCEF Fund	4587.21
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$6,337.91

PAYMENTS IN KIND

From EC Meeting	\$462.50
From BOD Meeting	984.28

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Interest (July - September).....	1.70
TOTAL QUARTER 4 RECEIPTS	\$11,440.25

District Mission Grant Goal for 2014 – 2016 \$87,000

1. Cup of Grace Mercy Meals Packaging Event at Wayne State College, Wayne, NE **Paid**\$2,000
2. Financial Assistance for Food & Clothing Co-op, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne **Paid** \$10,000
3. Scholarships for Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Students, Winnebago, NE **Paid**.....\$5,000
4. Missionary to Central Alaska, Tok, AK.....\$7,000
5. Elementary & Secondary Education Tuition Assistance, Nebraska District LCMS
6. Homecoming for the Shepherds of Sudan, The Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Macomb, MI\$7,500
7. Camp Luther of Nebraska, Hispanic Youth Leadership and Discipleship program.....\$10,000
8. Care for Church Workers, Nebraska District LCMS..\$7,500 (partially funded)

Young Women Representatives

Engaging Communities to Share the Gospel – NE\$2,014

Teen LWML

Trinity/HOPE - Gallatin, Tennessee

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Please include the voucher.

National 2015-2017 Biennium

Mission Goal: \$2 million

Clean Water and Evangelism Ministry	\$50,000
Disaster Response Trailers.....	\$80,000
Cancer Care Packages — Phil's Friends	\$50,000
Renovation of JEM Seminary Buildings.....	\$120,000
Redeeming Life Maternity Home	\$100,000
Hope and Healing to the Navajo People	\$75,000
Outreach in Refugee Camps — Lebanon.....	\$72,000
Lutheran Family Services Healthy Families	\$60,000
LCMS Global Seminary Initiative	\$100,000
Training Teachers and Leaders	\$100,000
Opportunities in Uganda.....	\$100,000
"In Their Hands and Upon Their Hearts"	\$50,000
"We Are God's Workmanship"	\$32,500
Bringing the Gospel to the Lost Sheep of Israel	\$100,000
Helping Hands Initiative	\$100,000
Deaconess Training.....	\$90,000
Lutheran Youth Corps.....	\$25,000
Providing Hope for Detroit	\$100,000
Rosa Young Academies (Partial).....	\$14,063.94



Pen Pointers

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Fall Retreat at Mission Central

A great time was had by 118 people as Nebraska North District LWML went to Mission Central. It was a bright, sunny day and even though we were in Iowa it was still windy! We arrived to the greetings of President Crystal, and then were

quickly ushered to the "Barn" where our host Gary Theis waited for us and heard how God worked His will to make that place a reality. Missionary Gary had planned to store his tractor collection in the barn, but God had other plans. We saw a wonderful collection of artifacts from all over the world and heard stories of how missionaries lost their lives bringing the Good News to lost tribes.

After a group picture, we had lunch and listened to more of how the world, including this country, needs to know that God loved us so much He gave His only Son to die for our sins. Everyone needs to hear that, through faith from the Holy Spirit, we have an eternal home in heaven. Gary talked about the many volunteers and hands that help him keep Mission Central going. These volunteers come from across Iowa, Nebraska, and beyond. They are typist, electricians, carpenters, and cookie bakers. These are just a few of the talents that volunteer. If you have time, whether it's for just one day or on a continued basis, Gary appreciates any help you can offer. Everyone is welcome. You will see how mission work around the world is working, and what our mites CAN and ARE doing.

Along with hearing Gary share his passion for sharing the Good News, we also shared with Mission Central our *Gifts from the Heart*, otherwise known as an ingathering. The sisters, brothers and societies from the district collected \$2,290 in gift cards and \$1,296 in cash and checks for a total of \$3,586! This will be used for paper supplies, food to feed groups, and other miscellaneous supplies needed to handle the groups that visit Mission Central. None of the money Mission Central receives for missionaries is ever used for day to day needs at the center, so this will be a tremendous help for Mission Central.

Thank you to all who supported this effort in any way. Thanks Gary for your hospitality, the volunteers for the great lunch, and the Columbus zone for the sack breakfast on the bus, and the water and snacks for everyone on our trip home.



From the webpage of Mission Central:

Do you want to talk about a NOT NORMAL GROUP? The absolutely most amazing wonderful NOT NORMAL GROUP came to Mission Central on October 24th, 2015! Yes, this group was truly A HUGE BLESSING AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR OLD MISSIONARY GARY AND HIS STAFF AT MISSION CENTRAL! It truly was one of the most EXCITED, ENERGETIC, PUMPED UP AND SPIRIT FILLED GROUPS we have ever, ever had at Mission Central.

Scholarship Recipients



Tyler Carter
Beautiful Savior
Lutheran Church
LaVista, NE

Concordia Seminary St. Louis
Assistant pastor with the focus on
youth and family



Ryan Janke
St. Paul's
Lutheran Church
Winside, NE

Concordia Theological Seminary,
Fort Wayne
Parish pastor



Greg Schaffer
Immanuel
Lutheran
Tilden, NE

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Parish Pastor



Adam Woldt
King of Kings,
Omaha, NE

Concordia Seminary St. Louis
Parish pastor



**Trevor A.
Freudenburg**
Christ Lutheran
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Norfolk NE

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Parish pastor



Jordan Schut
St. Peter's
Lutheran Church
Scribner, NE

Concordia University Nebraska
Parish pastor

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Kahny**
Immanuel
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Osmond, NE



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Olive,
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Director of Christian Education



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Director of Christian Education



**Leah
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Columbus, NE

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Concordia
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Nebraska
Teacher



**Cristina (King)
Hanzel**
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Tilden, NE

Concordia
University
Nebraska
Teacher



Ethan Kesar

St. Mark
Lutheran
Omaha NE
Concordia
University
Nebraska
Teacher

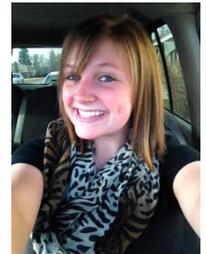


Aubrey Schultz

(no picture provided)
St. Paul Lutheran Church
West Point, NE
Concordia University Nebraska
Teacher

Sarah Smith

Trinity Lutheran
Church
Murdock, NE
Concordia
University
Nebraska
Teacher



Mission Grant Paid

Scholarships for Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Students, Winnebago, \$5,000

GOD BLESS YOU for the wonderful gift to God's preschool here in Winnebago for tuition assistance. Exciting that everyone will be able to hear the GOOD NEWS! What a blessing! God is using you! Thanks for listening to Him! The preschoolers told Connie and Betty today, during their morning visit, "JESUS LOVES YOU!" Good words to hear and to share! Jesus loves you! Sheryl Tietz

Around the District

The St. Paul Ladies Aid in Concord, NE (Wayne Zone) always works on quilts for missions giving them to the Orphan Grain Train and others we hear that have need. This year we included quilts to the Norfolk Rescue Mission and the Veterans Home in Norfolk. Along with these quilts one of the members, Frances Kraemer (pictured), made a total of 70 caps for Orphan Grain Train which was dedicated during our church service on LWML Sunday.



Twelve Days to Thanksgiving



- Day 12 **T** Tap your foot and sing "*Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow.*"
- Day 11 **H** Hug yourself and smile God loves you.
- Day 10 **A** Arrange a quiet time just for you and the Lord.
- Day 9 **N** Now is the time to call a Brother or Sister in Christ--local or long distance.
- Day 8 **K** Knot a piece of string. Tie it to your wrist. When you see it, think of a blessing.
- Day 7 **S** Seriously meditate on Psalm 96.
- Day 6 **G** Gather together canned goods for a local Food Bank.
- Day 5 **I** Invite a friend to share Thanksgiving Day with you.
- Day 4 **V** Visit your Pastor or compliment him with a card or special gift for Thanksgiving.
- Day 3 **I** Involve yourself in positive thoughts. Praise God for each one.
- Day 2 **N** Notice the times when you forget to give thanks, ask forgiveness and give thanks.
- Day 1 **G** Go forward this day with a thankful heart, rejoice in all things.

May your Thanksgiving Day be one of remembering His Blessings of yesterday, His marvelous blessings of today, and His promise of blessings to come in the tomorrows of His life. *From the files of Lisa Stirtz*

In the Word ...

One of the greatest things about being a child of God is to get to know and understand God better. The best way we can accomplish this is to look carefully at the book He has written, the Bible, which communicates who He is and His plan for us. There are a number of ways we can study the Bible, but one of the most effective and simple approaches to reading and understanding God's Word involves three simple steps:



Step 1: Observation—What does the passage say?

Step 2: Interpretation—What does the passage mean?

Step 3: Application—What am I going to do about what the passage says and means?

Step #1: Observation

Observation is the first and most important step in the process. As you read the Bible you need to look carefully at what is said, and how it is said.

Step #2: Interpretation

Interpretation is discovering the meaning of a passage, the author's main thought or idea.

Step #3: Application

Application is why we study the Bible. We want our lives to change; we want to be obedient to God and to grow more like Jesus Christ. After we have observed a passage and interpreted or understood it to the best of our ability, we must then apply its truth to our own life.

Continue to be in the Word, attend those Bible Studies at your church or with a group of friends. Bible Studies are great friendship makers too.

Some of the studies I have done and have really enjoyed “*Living a Chocolate Life*” by Deb Burma, “*The Vine Speaks*” by Cindy Steinbeck, and “*Becoming More Than a Good Bible Study Girl*” by Lysa Terkeurst. These are all great ones.

God bless you in your studies and continue to study his Word.

Young Women from ALL Societies (and society congregations) are invited to attend the Nebraska North LWML



Time to Invite Young Women!

District Convention at Lutheran High Northeast in Norfolk on June 17-18, 2016

Each society can send ANY number of young women. The more the merrier!

Show your excitement about the upcoming convention. Encourage these ladies to come and learn about LWML while spending time with other young women. Support them financially by paying part or all of their costs of attending convention.

There will be time for being involved in convention proceedings, time for servant events, and time to just have fun and laugh while making friends with others who love their Lord and want to serve Him.

Their 2 days and 1 night will be full of faith-filled activities.

Who do you know who is 18-25 years old that would want to learn what LWML is about? Encourage them to attend! YWR Invitation is in this issue of the Leaguer.

Nebraska North LWML

2016 Young Woman Representative Invitation



Name of YWR Applicant (please print) _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ Nebraska Zip Code _____

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

Email _____

Church Name, City _____ Zone Name _____

I, (name) _____, desire to participate as a Young Woman Representative (YWR) at the 2016 Nebraska North District Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention, being held at Lutheran High Northeast High School, 2010 North 37th Street, Norfolk, June 17-18, 2016.

The Nebraska North District convention theme is "Now is the Time" based on John 9:4 "We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day, night is coming when no one can work". With this theme, what do you hope to learn? The LWML motto is "Serve the Lord with Gladness" (Psalm 100:2). You may incorporate this into your response. Use the back or a separate sheet for adequate space.

I have been invited by _____

My society, Church, City, Zone

A Nebraska North Board Member

or Myself with the Lord's blessing

Mail this completed form to: Connie Wobken
Servant Resources
1180 U Road
Wisner, NE 68791

Questions?
Email: rocowo@gpcom.net
Telephone: (402) 528-3640

Registration Deadline is APRIL 15, 2016

**Reminder! Convention Registration forms and fees will also need to be submitted separately. Convention registration forms will be in the Leaguer.

