



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUER

Heart to Heart Sisters Training Available

Heart to Heart Sisters is designed to encourage multicultural women to participate in their LWML society or to start a new society where their multicultural ministry can grow and equip within the congregation to help them learn the work of the LWML. Do you know a woman in your congregation who would like to be a Heart to Heart Sister? Is there an area where you yourself can reach out to multicultural women in your congregation? Donna Taylor is Nebraska North District's current District Heart to Heart Leader.

If you would be interest in attending training and assisting Donna in this type of outreach – please let President Crystal Miller know. There will be an opportunity for training at the National LWML Convention to be held in Albuquerque, NM in 2017. The Heart to Heart District Leader training will be held from June 20-22, 2017 prior to convention. If you or someone you know are interested, please let Crystal know – Nebraska North District has plenty of Heart to Heart Sisters that can join with us in the Mission of the LWML. Let's make a plan to share the Joy we have to Serve the Lord with Gladness in the LWML.



Now is the Time ...

Now is the Time to plan your path to convention!

If your normal path to Lutheran High Northeast is to come from the south from Hwy 275 via 37th Street – **Now is the Time** to take an alternate route. 37th Street will be closed for construction during the time of convention.

Alternate routes are to take Hwy 81 to W. Eisenhower Ave – turn left or west and take W. Eisenhower to N. 37th street, turn left or south and the Lutheran High Northeast will be on your left. Another option from Hwy 275 to turn North on N. 25th St. and then turn left on W. Eisenhower Ave. to N. 37th Street and then turn left or south and take N 37th street to Lutheran High Northeast.

Servant Events for Convention

Supplies Needed: Scissors for cutting material and greeting cards

Marking Bibles for Prison Ministry...marking Bibles is guiding somebody that is not familiar with the Bible on a quick trip through some key verses regarding the natural sinful human state and the forgiveness that Christians have because of the love of God.

Crosses made from Greeting Cards...you will be cutting crosses from old greeting cards, putting John 3:16 on the back and then use them for witness project in Lima, Peru by Missionary Pastor Joshua Gale.

Phil's Friends Cards of Hope...you will be making cards of hope for cancer patients all across the country. It does not matter what kind of cancer they all need words of encouragement. You will be making cards of hope and joy for these cancer patients.

Sole Hope...we will have shoe-cutting party cut out of old denim jeans. This is an amazing way to spread the hope. The shoes we cut out will be sent to Uganda and then assembled by Ugandans.

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Pure Purple Crystal

The Time is Now to Connect!

Hebrews 10:24-25 “and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”

Convention is coming – while this is and should be a time to conduct the “business” of the LWML, it is also an opportunity for us to “Stimulate One Another to Love and Good deeds”. Convention is planned for business, but also for participation, encouragement, time in the word, and assembling together. As the day of our Lord’s return grows ever closer, I believe that it is important for us to gather together as a community in Christ and be fed by him through worship, prayer and the plans that he has for the LWML. Now is the time to connect with your sisters and brothers in Christ and join in praise for all that he has done for the LWML in the past biennium and prayerfully consider what he will have us do in the next biennium. Please join us – I promise it will be a blessing for you to attend. If you can’t come for all of convention, then come for part of it. God is calling for us to be in assembly together – Now is the Time to assemble and connect through our Nebraska North District LWML Convention – June 17-18, 2016 at Lutheran High Northeast in Norfolk, NE. The registration form is due June 1st and you can find it in this *Leaguer*.



Nebraska North/Nebraska South Joint Servant Event

Blessed beyond all expectations! On April 2nd, 100+ women from the Nebraska North and South Districts joined together in bible study, fellowship and to create feminine hygiene kits for girls in countries who do not have access to the types of products we are used to here in the United States. Most of these girls go to a hut and sit in a hole or they use leaves, rocks or anything they have available to stop their flow. On the days of their period they are not allowed to go to school. Because of this, the girls often fall behind in school and either does not finish or are significantly delayed in finishing their education.

Our day began with sewing! There were cutters, ironers, sewers, sergers, and finishers. Everyone participated and played a big role in the success of our day! As a team – the group completed 32 complete kits, cut out 250+ kits, partially completed the steps for over 150 more kits. Each of the cut out and partially completed kits was taken home by participants for completion. Each kit contains a bag, 2 washable shields, 8 washable pads, 1 small bar of soap, 1 terry wash cloth and 2 freezer Ziploc bags. There were adequate supplies (wash cloths, Ziploc bags, and soap) to complete all of the kits that will be assembled when all of the pieces are complete. After 2 hours of sewing, we took a break and Deb Burma lead us in Bible study – Joy for God’s Girls. The study focused on Philippians and examined Apostle Paul’s joy while he was imprisoned.

The afternoon included more sewing and concluded with another Bible study lead by Deb Burma. What a joy it was to serve alongside of your Nebraska South LWML sisters. Be watching for a joint servant event next year! We want you to join as God blesses each of us through service to others.



Pastoral Counselor's Message
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What Time is It?

“There is a time for everything.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

Our world revolves around time. I’m writing this as a deadline for the *Leaguer* approaches. Our district convention is based on Time, “Now is the Time.” Ecclesiastes 3 will be part of our worship in June. We can’t get away from time.

The above verse was part of my father’s homily on August 16, 1986. It was time for Joanna & me to get married. It is amazing how 30 years can fly by. A tapestry of memories of both good and bad times have been woven together. From a mountain top in Lake Arrowhead, CA to the plains of Nebraska, God has been with us every step.

You can say the same about your life. Some of the things that have happened in the past you now see God’s hand in them. Some of the things that have happened you may not understand this side of heaven. No matter what time in life you are in, cherish the time you have. None of us is promised tomorrow, so let’s make the most of today. That is the “Now” of our convention title.

This brings us to our biennial convention. It happens every two years. We are blessed by Word and Sacrament. We are blessed by speakers and song. We are blessed by friends new and old. We conduct business and make plans for our mites to spread the Word of God both near and far. It will be a very special time.

Thank you very much for the privilege to be your Pastoral Counselor. The last four years have really flown by! I have been blessed and I hope you have too.

May we cherish today. May we cherish June 17 & 18 in Norfolk. May we cherish each day the Lord gives us until the day He calls us to our heavenly home.

Having the time of my life with you, *Pastor Nelson*

Around the District

Reflections of Lent on Saturday, March 12th (right). BethAnn Salinas, Golgotha, said they enjoyed a wonderful bible study lead by Rev. Emery from Immanuel Osmond. “We also enjoyed tea and coffee with some treats.”



Ladies from St. Matthew in Meadow Grove, NE (pictured left) and Immanuel in Tilden, NE made pillowcase dresses. Their plan is to donate them to the Orphan Grain Train during the District Convention.

Each year the Immanuel, Osmond LWML recognizes our confirmands (left) with a reception the week before they are confirmed. This year Faith and Preston Doerr spoke to the confirmands about their walk with Christ. After congratulations from all organizations in the congregation, they are presented banners made by the LWML to remind them of their confirmation day.




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 Send all news items and sharp color or black and white photos to:
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Time to Connect

We are designed for relationships. First and foremost, we need our vertical relationship with our Lord. But we need each other. We need our family and our friends. Connections to those who share in our joys, trials, and sorrows are so important. I understand that we live busy lives and that sometimes it is hard just to make it through our jobs, our family relationships, and all those activities that fill our calendars. By nature I am more of an introvert and need quiet time to recharge my batteries. But I also know how important it is to make the connections with various people in our lives. We must remember we are God's vessels that his love pours through. Sometimes we are the one doing the pouring and sometimes we are the one getting filled – just like a teapot!



So what are some things we can do? With our loved ones and friends it can be as simple as a smile, a hug or a few words of encouragement. The spoken word can be in person or even in a phone call, note, card, text or social media message. Sometimes we connect with our actions.

Maybe we do something for our spouse so that they don't have to do it or give them a small gift. For our children we could put a quick note in their lunch or backpack or send them a quick text or picture or maybe we prepare their favorite meal. For other family members especially our parents and grandparents, maybe it is helping with cleaning, yard work, or tasks that they can no longer do easily or even bringing them a treat or meal. And of course, for everyone, just spending time with someone is sometimes the best connection we can make. Friends are just as important as family as we connect with those who have similar values and interests. We can connect with our friends in many of the same ways or in group settings like we do in LWML.

Titus 2:3-5 *“Teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live...but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children...”* LWML has brought these verses to life for me. I have been blessed every time I connect with other women whether at the society, zone, district or national events. I always come back refreshed and encouraged after connecting with other women whether they are older, younger, or similar in age. “I am in my happy place” after spending time with my sisters in Christ. I always come away recharged, renewed and so happy after these connections.

As Financial Secretary, I have been privileged to connect with many of you. I have enjoyed your notes of encouragement and getting to know you. You have blessed me in many ways. I am excited to connect with you in person at convention! We will fill our teapots and be vessels, not just at convention, but as we continue to serve the Lord with gladness in our day-to-day relationships and activities. See you there!

Karla Koehler, Financial Secretary



Purple Silent Auction

GOING, GOING, GONE!!! Of course, you do not hear those words in a silent auction, but I think they are a lot more fun. And ... the Purple Silent Auction will be FUN!! At this time, we have jewelry, scarf, a quilt (Crystal's creation pictured to the left), and a quilted LCMS cross that will be made up into pillow, and a wall hanging or lap quilt.

Each of the District Board of Directors are to donate a purple item to be auctioned off with all the proceeds going to mites. Please get the description, preferably with a picture to me, Jeanette Groppe, as soon as possible so I am able to start my part of this auction. I want all information NO LATER than June 1st.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Peters or Jeanette Groppe.

Convention Happenings!

Proposed Mission Grants

1. Wonderfully Made, Bethesda Lutheran Communities..... \$5,000
2. Widow's Self Employment Project—Milk Society, Office of International Mission \$2,000
3. Vitality Development, Office of National Mission \$2,500
4. Prayer Stitches, Concordia Jr High School, Omaha \$2,000
5. Columbus Lutheran Hispanic Ministry, Peace Lutheran Church, Columbus, NE..... \$10,000
6. Camp Luther Mission Leader Development, Camp Luther of Nebraska..... \$9,000
7. At Ease—Ministry for Veterans, Active Military and their Loved Ones \$10,000
Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska
8. Bethany Lutheran Preschool Support, Bethany Lutheran Preschool, Omaha \$2500
9. Nebraska District Elementary and Secondary Education Tuition Assistance \$10,000
Nebraska District LCMS
10. Support for Wives of Pastors in Nebraska, Nebraska District LCMS \$10,000
11. Mission Central Current Missionary Need—The Time is Now, Mission Central \$10,000
12. Professional Church Worker In Crisis Retreat, Shepherds Canyon Retreat..... \$3,500
13. Outreach to International Students at UNL, University Lutheran Chapel..... \$3,000
14. Spanish Bibles with Small Catechism for the America, Lutheran Heritage Foundation \$7,500
15. Concordia Seminary, St Louis Food Bank, Concordia Seminary, St Louis, MO \$6,000

Interest Sessions

Comfort dogs; Crazy Quilt Lives: Finding His Peace in our Pieces; the LWML websites; Guatemala; Hong Kong; or the mission fields in our own communities. Which two of these very interesting topics interest you the most? If you are like me it is really hard to decide, so here is a little more information on each one.

- **Comfort Dogs:** The comfort dogs session will give you a chance to meet the comfort dogs and their special friends as they share how they came to be and how they have touched the lives of many people.
- **Crazy Quilt Lives:** Crazy Quilt Lives will be presented by our guest speakers, Jan Struck and Elaine Bickel, as they help us learn to trust our Lord's plan when the pieces of our life don't seem to make sense.
- **LWML Website:** All the wonderful helps found on the LWML website will be presented by the National LWML representative Carol VonSoosten.
- **Missions Abroad:** Laurel Nelson and Pastor Glen and Vickie Emery are eager to present their experiences on their mission trips to Hong Kong and Guatemala.
- **Missions at Home:** We can't all travel abroad, but God put all of us in our own communities to share the love of Christ, so Nicole Hetz will give us practical ideas on how we can encourage those around us with loving relationships and acts of mercy.

See you at convention!

Designated Co-chairmen for the convention interest sessions, Betty Poppe and Connie Wobken

Convention Offerings:

If you or your society want to designate special funds for the convention offerings, offerings will be taken for:

- Offering #1: Mites Mission Grant Goal
- Offering #2: Lutheran High North East
- Offering #3: Split evenly between Mission Central and LWML Scholarship Fund

Reuse, Recycle, Reform ... BYO!

Are you coming to convention? We want to take care of our world in the best way we can during convention – we will do that with servant events and learn all about it in our interest sessions. Another way to take care of our world is for you to bring your own bag, your own travel coffee mug or your own water bottle! (Don't forget your chair cushion!)

Convention Schedule

Friday, June 17, 2016 (Convention Begins)

7:45 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration Begins
	Ingathering
8:30 – 9:00	Music
9:00 – 12:00 p.m.	Convention Session I
	Opening Ceremony – Banner Processional, BOD, Special Guests
	Presentation of Mission Grants
	Mission Grant Voting
	Convention Offering #1
	Introduction of Officer Candidates
	Officer Voting
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch
1:30 – 3:30	Servant Events
3:30 – 6:00	Convention Session II
	Key Note Address - Elaine Bickel
	Convention Offering #2
	President's Video Report
	Introduction of YWRs attending Convention
	Introduction of Teens attending Convention
6:00 – 7:00	Supper
	President's Dessert Reception
7:00 – 9:00	Evening Entertainment
	✦ Teapot Karaoke
	✦ Performance Painting – Allison Varah
9:00 – 11:00	YWR/Teen Sponsored After Hours Event



Saturday, June 18, 2016

8:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Communion Service
	✦ Celebrants – District LWML Pastoral Counselors Reverends John Nelson Jr. and David Feddern
	✦ Proclaimer – District LCMS President, Reverend Richard Snow
9:15 – 9:30	Break
	Rock-a-thon resumes
	Purple Silent Auction resumes
9:30 – 11:30	Convention Session III
	Mission Speaker – Gary Thies, Director – Mission Central
	Bible Study – Pastor John Nelson, Jr., District LWML Senior Pastoral Counselor
11:30 – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 – 2:30	Interest Sessions (2 – 1 hour sessions)
	✦ Comfort Dogs
	✦ Community Engagement – Nicole Hetz
	✦ Hong Kong Missionary Trip – Laurel Nelson
	✦ Guatemala Missionary Trip – Glen and Vicki Emery
	✦ LWML Website Resources – Carol von Soosten and Lana Erickson
	✦ Christian Humor – Elaine Bickel and Jan Struck
2:30 – 4:00	Convention Session IV
	Greetings from District LCMS Office – Pastor Richard Snow
	National Representative Report – Carol von Soosten
	YWR Audience Participation Activity
	Invitation to National Convention is Albuquerque, NM – 2017
	Dedication of Ingathering
	Invitation to Nebraska North District Convention – 2018
	Announcement of Door Prize Winners, Silent Auction Winners, Rock-a-thon winners and funds raised for Mites
	Mission Grant Voting Results
	Officer Election Results
	Installation of New Officers
	Adjournment

Mission Grant Paid to LCMS Nebraska District for Tuition Assistance

What a privilege it is to represent all of you as I get to present the funds for our Mission Grants. Recently, I went to the LCMS District Board of Director's meeting and presented President Richard Snow and Bob Zeigler, Executive for Education and Youth Ministries, with a check for \$8,000 for elementary and secondary tuition assistance for Lutheran Christian Education in the Nebraska District. Bob was very excited that your mites have pooled together to make this generous gift of education. Bob shared a story about his mom – who was actively involved in LWML when he was a child. Their family vacations were planned around when and where national LWML conventions were held. His mom's love of the LWML allowed him to value what our mites are doing in furthering God's Kingdom here on earth.



Connecting History

When I attended that last board meeting, I went with four items I wanted to get out of my house. I came back with the four items plus two large file boxes and five notebooks of information from two zones. My husband and I still laugh about it. LWML has now taken over one of our guest bedrooms.

I am not accepting any more information at this time. I do not want to become overwhelmed again as I was at the beginning. I will, however, be asking some of the district officers to supply me with specific information. And when I have finished with this new information, I will again accept that type of material from zones.

This does not mean you don't send me current material. I still have 5 zones who have not submitted any information for 2015 ... information from fall meetings. As soon as you have minutes and other information from your spring meetings, send it to me. I want all of the current files up to date.

I am examining the notebooks now and photocopying a lot of material that is needed for the district files. I will be returning these to their owners when I am finished with notations referring to what to keep and what to discard.

I am also downsizing the files at the District Achieves in Seward, as we have a limited amount of space, by removing duplicates and discarding material files elsewhere, such as Concordia Historical Institute in St. Louis

I sent every zone president updated information on archivist/historian duties at both the zone and society level. I sincerely hope that this information has been given to those responsible for that duty or will be given to them at the spring meetings. Some people have called in response and I sincerely thank you for your cooperation.

Archivist-Historian

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LWML Store at Convention & Beyond!



Are there things you would like to see in the LWML Store at convention? Please let Crystal Miller or Donna Taylor know. Go to www.cph.org and check out all of the LWML items available. LWML is having a spring sale – you can order and have things shipped directly to your home or church.

Did you know that Donna Taylor who is in charge of the LWML store at convention is a volunteer in this position? Donna is going to be retiring – if you think this job would be a fun one to have and are interested in taking it over, please let Crystal Miller and/or Donna Taylor know. Donna will be working this convention and she'd love to have you shadow her so you can learn some of the ins and outs of the LWML store. We'd love to have you volunteer! The person who is in charge of the store can find helpers too. Ideally – the store would be set up for District Convention and District Retreat as well as some Zone events as requested and available. Think about it! It's a great way to meet a lot of LWML friends and it is a great way to "Serve the Lord with Gladness"!

Financial Report

Quarter 8, January – March, 2016

Miscellaneous Offerings for Quarterlies/Leaguers

Atkinson, Immanuel LWML.....	\$200.00
Burton, Grace Lutheran Church.....	108.00
Chambers, St. Paul LWML.....	90.00
O'Neill, Christ Ladies Aid 55.00	
Spencer, Immanuel LWML.....	39.00
Columbus, Immanuel Mission Sowers.....	148.50
Columbus, St. John's WMA.....	56.50
Fullerton, Mt. Calvary LWML.....	126.00
Arlington St. Paul LWML 71.50	
Fremont, Trinity.....	40.00
Hooper, Immanuel LWML.....	55.00
North Bend, St. Peters Sisters.....	110.00
Scribner, St. Peter.....	330.00
Wahoo, Our Redeemer Lydia.....	84.00
Battle Creek, St. John Ladies Aid.....	110.00
Norfolk, Christ Ladies Circle.....	70.00
Norfolk, Christ Priscillas.....	132.00
Pierce, St. John Joy Circle.....	71.50
Pierce, Zion Agape Circle.....	99.00
Tilden, Immanuel.....	137.50
Omaha St. Paul Ladies Aid.....	55.00
Omaha, Bethany Women in Mission.....	24.00
Omaha, Mt Calvary Women's Guild.....	70.00
Omaha, St. John LWML 66.00	
Bellevue, Pilgrim.....	625.00
Papillion, First Evening Guild/Women of Faith.....	137.50
Omaha, King of Kings.....	350.00
Omaha, Zion Lydia Circle.....	121.00
Omaha, Zion Rebekah.....	82.50
Bloomfield, First Trinity LWML.....	45.50
Clearwater, Concordia LA.....	180.00
Creighton, Christ LA/LWML.....	110.00
Foster, Trinity LA/LWML 26.00	
Orchard, St Paul's LA (Venus).....	50.00
Plainview, Zion Ladies Aid.....	60.50
Plainview, Zion Priscillas 77.00	
Wakefield, Immanuel Ladies Aid.....	33.00
Wayne, Grace Ladies Aid.....	137.50
Winside, St. Paul LWML/LA.....	180.00
Beemer, St. John LWML 82.50	
Lyons, St John Ladies Mission.....	72.50
Stanton, Faith Mary/Martha.....	84.00
TOTAL QUARTERLY/LEAGUER OFFERINGS.....	\$4,972.50

Send your mites to:

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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

Memorials

Ron Jensen	Rachel Jensen.....	\$100.00**
Mike Stanosheck	LaDonna Stanosheck.....	500.00**
	Lorna Holman.....	10.00**
	Osmond Immanuel Lutheran LWML.....	10.00**
Marlene Von Seggern	LaDonna Stanosheck.....	25.00**
Norma Malchow	Constance Ullerich.....	170.00**
	Jeanette Vahle.....	25.00**
	Janet Krenze.....	25.00**
	Kathryn Heard.....	150.00**
	Janet Mlnarik.....	100.00**
	Sharon Newman.....	50.00**
	Beverly Wilcox.....	20.00**
	Susan Ziegler.....	30.00**
	Barbara Brahmer.....	10.00**
	Katherine Maaske.....	25.00**
Betty Sunderman	Sharon Staudenmaier.....	25.00
	LuJane Skiff.....	25.00
	Don Zoebek.....	25.00
	Marilyn Glaser.....	25.00
	Norfolk Christ Lutheran Ladies Circle.....	10.00
Virgil Buss	Laurel Immanuel Lutheran LWML.....	10.00
Wanda Raabe	Lisa Stirtz.....	200.00**
Verlyn Stoural	Bethlehem Verdigre LA/LWML.....	100.00**
Elaine Hofmann	Norfolk Christ Lutheran Ladies Circle.....	10.00
Vera Klawetter	Norfolk Christ Lutheran Ladies Circle.....	10.00
Elenor Jensen	Wayne Grace LA.....	20.00
Marlene Seger	Peg McAllister.....	50.00
Kathryn Maas	Scribner St. Peters LWML/Ladies Aid.....	20.00
Betsy Klein	Battle Creek St. John's Ladies Aid.....	10.00
Ardene Nelson	Carol Rethwisch.....	20.00
	Wayne Grace LA.....	10.00
TOTAL MEMORIALS.....	\$220.00	

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Mite Offerings

TOTAL MITES..... \$19,727.28

Miscellaneous Income

Special Offerings.....	\$200.00
Donations.....	10.00
District Retreat.....	15.00
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS.....	\$225.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$24,144.78
Interest (January - March).....	3.15
TOTAL QUARTER 8 RECEIPTS.....	\$25,147.93

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

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

Young Women Representatives

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

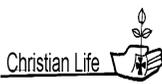
Teen LWML

Trinity/HOPE - Gallatin, Tennessee **Paid**..... \$214

Connecting The Dots

When you were young did you ever do the connect-the-dot pages? Pages where you connected numbered dots to one another and in the end you had created a picture or object out of the connected dots. If you didn't

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follow the numbers in the correct numerical order your picture would not turn out the right way.

Is this how your life seems to go from time to time? We think we have the perfect plan and if we follow that plan (the dots) in the right order everything will go as we plan, but if we make a wrong turn (don't follow the dots exactly) our plans can go wrong.

When we graduate from school, from collage, or change jobs or careers, we have friends that we vow to stay in contact with, but somewhere along the path of life things change and our connection with these friends sometimes slip away. Can we ever reconnect with these people? Sure, nothing is impossible.

What about our connection with Christ? When we are baptized in Christ, we become a part of his family. The family of believers, of Christians. Our first dot. As we grow in Christ, our faith grows. The dots continue to connect, and our connection with God becomes stronger. We are connected. We may stumble along the way, we may make a wrong turn, but the dots are still there, waiting for us to erase our wrong move, and head in the right direction again. God is waiting for us, waiting for us to reconnect the dots that lead us back to him. He has been with us the whole time, he never left us. Just as we have drifted away from our friends and can find them again, God is always there for us.

Can we connect others to Christ? How can we connect others with Christ? We are all missionaries for Christ. Being a Christian and an LWML member we can bring the good news of Christ our Savior to every nation, tribe, and person in the world, not only across the oceans, but right here at home. Look around you, around your communities. I bet we all know someone we can connect with and tell them about Christ. About his love for them and what he has done for us all. Tell them about Christ so they can connect with him and know his love and salvation he has waiting for them, as we do.

Time to Connect ...

One of the best things in my life is to connect with friends and to spend time with friends. I love to spend time with friends, laugh with them, shop with them, relax with them, enjoy a supper out with them,



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and to laugh and cry with them. God has placed special people in our lives. One of my special friends

is your President Crystal. I love to be able to laugh with her, eat out with her, travel with her, do Bible Study with her, have a glass of wine with her, and to just to talk with her on the phone. She is a special friend, and Jesus has placed her in my life by the way of LWML.

Have you connected with someone in LWML and will that special bond be with you forever? Does LWML connect us with people that have the same interest as you? Does your LWML friends have a love for Missions and Ministry? Do your LWML friends want to spend time in the Word, do they want to help other people in some way? Are you serving with your friends in a homeless shelter, making quilts, collecting shoes for the needy, have a diaper drive, serving your community with a blood drive, or providing Bible Studies to the women in your church.

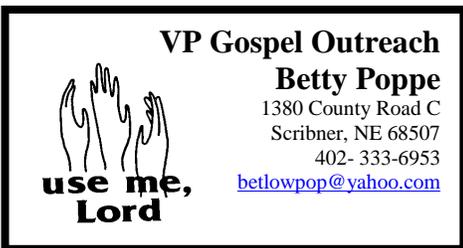
Connect with your friends or make a new friend this year at the **NE North LWML convention on June 17 and 18 in Norfolk**. Come and find out how you can serve the LWML, connect with your friends, connect with missionaries, connect with Pastors, connect with many LWML friends, and **CONNECT WITH GOD**. I want to see you all there and I want to connect with you all. Lets have some fun, fellowship, and show our love to each other. God is Great ... Lets serve Him with Gladness!!!



National LWML Convention, Albuquerque, NM June 22-25, 2017

Our Mite Connection

What a great connection we have with other women of faith through our LWML. And beyond that we connect with people all around the world



with our mites. We are thankful for these connections and give God all the glory for mission work accomplished.

Once again Nebraska North District LWML has not met the mission grant obligations for this biennium before the deadline, March 31st. Recently the mission grant (\$8000) for secondary and elementary student tuition assistance was given to the Nebraska LCMS Synod. We soon will pay the mission grant to the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (\$7500) for Homecoming for Shepherds of Sudan, as that is the next one on the list. After that we will have \$17,500 (to Camp Luther and Nebraska District LCMS) left to pay. This is within our reach as LWML members before the convention, if every member and society increases their mite contribution.

We received a thank you letter and pictures from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation as 13 new pastors have joined the pastoral ranks of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Sudan/Sudan (ELCSS/S) bringing the total to 64 pastors to serve the young church body's 140 congregations and 40,000 members! Their studies were coordinated by the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, and the LWML Nebraska North mission grant helped cover the costs of the student rooms and board and basic supplies at the seminary. This is the mission grant that we will pay soon and already there are results! Please pray with me for these new pastors.

God, our Creator, be with these pastors and their families, as they work with the people of South Sudan/Sudan, bringing Your Word and knowledge of Your love to them. Keep them safe, strong, and brave as they face the poverty and trials in this country torn by civil war and turmoil. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

National Mission Grant Presented to Jesus Our Savior Pre-School

Have you ever thought that spending the day with a bunch of 3 and 4 year olds would be a faith building experience? Presenting a National LWML Mission Grant to Jesus Our Savior Preschool on behalf of the national organization turned out to be just that – faith building. Each one of these little ones was able to recite their bible verse, the 23rd Psalm and the 10 Commandments from memory. We often give our self a “pass” from memorization as an adult – because we don’t have time, or we don’t memorize well, or we have it in writing, or... Cheryl Tietz, Jesus our Savior’s preschool teacher understands the value of each person memorizing bible passages and she instills this in each and every preschooler she interacts with. During chapel, Pastor Jacob has the children repeat the Commandments and also they pray the Lord’s Prayer. The prayer was done in the Winnebago people’s native language of Ho-Chunck – and it was a beautiful combination of chanting and spoken word. These children are immersed daily in God’s message to his people and what a joy it was to see these children filled with God’s light. It was a great reminder that each of us should immerse ourselves in the word and believe as little children – it was faith building.

This mission grant will provide technology so that Mrs. Tietz can continue to have ways to provide a quality Christian education to the preschool students of Jesus Our Savior Preschool.

Pastor Jacob and Mrs. Tietz are extending the mission of what is started in the preschool on Wednesday afternoon by hosting Kidz Bible Adventure Hour. This time is packed with a bible story, snacks, songs, prayers, bible verses, 10 Commandments, Apostle’s Creed, a craft and fellowship. There have been 15-20 children and a few adults each week to hear God’s message. Connie Wobken, Vice President for Servant Resources, Joanne Nielson, a member of First Lutheran Church, Papillion and Crystal Miller, Nebraska North LWML District, President went to the preschool to present the Mission Grant and spent the day with the preschoolers and the children from the Kidz Bible Adventure Hour. *What a joy it was!*



Grants rebuild Fremont, East St. Louis communities

From the desk of Rev. John M. Albers, NHSC Director of Resource Development, LCMS

Two communities – one in Fremont and the other in East St. Louis, Ill. – will benefit from recently awarded grants from the LCMS National Housing Support Corporation (NHSC) as part of its “Helping Hand Initiative.”

One of the NHSC grants was awarded to Trinity Lutheran Church and its partner, Rebuilding Together Platte Valley East. This grant, along with funds from other sources, will allow members of Trinity to continue volunteering and holding leadership roles with Rebuilding Together.

The Rev. Dr. David L. Coe, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, has taken an active leadership role in the community and is currently the board chair of Rebuilding Together Platte Valley East. In the midst of a stable community where nearly all of the households live above the poverty level, there exist a number of struggling homeowners, especially in the neighborhood of Trinity’s Early Childhood Center, near downtown Fremont. This grant will enable the coalition to provide critical repairs on two homes this spring to help low-income homeowners in the neighborhood.

The Helping Hand Initiative provides resources to congregations and their community partners to support necessary repairs on homes for low-income, disabled, and/or elderly homeowners near Missouri Synod congregations. Helping Hand includes a mentoring and financial education component involving church members, making this initiative unique amongst home renovation programs.

Funding for the Helping Hand Initiative was made possible through a Mission Grant from the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML).

Calendar of Events

Nebraska North District Convention	June 17-18, 2016
Officer Transition Meeting, Tilden, Ne	August 20, 2016
Fall Rallies	September – October 2016
BOD Retreat, Camp Luther	October 21–23, 2016
National LWML Conv, Albuquerque, NM	June 22-25, 2017
National LWML Conv, Birmingham, AL	June 27-30, 2019
National LWML Conv, Lexington, KY	June 24-27, 2021



Convention Personalities

Keynote Speaker: Elaine Bickel

Who is Elaine Bickel? She is...

- A child of God.
- The author of numerous Concordia Publishing House curriculum materials. She is also the author of three Bible study books - Living With Compulsive Behavior, Growing as a Christian Mother, and Roots and Wings: A Parent's Challenge.
- The author of devotions and articles published in Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, Guideposts, and a variety of other publications.
- A trained coordinator for Rainbows for All God's Children, a support group for children who are experiencing loss due to death or divorce.



Humorist: Jan Struck

Jan Struck’s earliest memories revolve around her church home in Indianapolis, Indiana where she experienced her elementary education in a two-room, Lutheran school. Her strong Christian background led her to Valparaiso University where she received her theater degree.



Jan’s work career is as a trainer/consultant in the field of healthcare technology. Her ministry is the blessing of serving the Lord as a popular speaker leading Bible studies, workshops, and women’s retreats.

Her trust and faith in Christ is her reason to make a “joyful noise unto God”!!

Nebraska North District
 Lutheran Women's Missionary League
 38th Biennial Convention
 June 17-18, 2016
 Lutheran High Northeast
 2010 North 37th Street
 Norfolk, Nebraska
Registration Deadline: June 1, 2016



Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip Code) _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

 (Emergency Contact Name/Number)

 (Church & Town, Society, Zone)

Special Needs, including diet:

Are you a first-time attendee to Convention? Yes No

Registration Fees:

Convention Registration Fee	\$40.00	\$ _____
<i>(Manual, speakers, servant events, etc.)</i>		
Late Registration Fee	\$50.00	\$ _____
Friday Lunch	\$ 4.75	\$ _____
Friday Evening Dinner	\$13.50	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch	\$ 6.50	\$ _____
Total Payment Enclosed with this Form:		\$ _____

Mail completed form with payment to:

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Housing Information

You are responsible for making your own hotel arrangements. Housing information is in the Spring Leaguer or go online to Norfolk Area Visitors Bureau at www.VisitNorfolkNE.com for more information.

Attending Convention as (✓ one):

- LWML Member Delegate
- LWML Member (non-delegate)
- Board of Directors
- Past District President
- Delegate Alternate
- Young Women Representative
- Exhibitor
- Guest
- Teen LWML (no registration fee)
- Pastor (no registration fee)

Please Note:

Registration deadline June 1, 2016
 \$10.00 late registration fee
 No refunds after June 5, 2016

Don't Forget to BYO – B & CP

- Bring your own to convention:
- bag to carry all your goodies from convention home
 - chair pad for the folding chairs

Delegates & YWR's:

- **Delegate** complete the Delegate Registration form and send to your Society President
- **Young Women Representatives (YWR's)** complete application and send to VP Servant Resources, Connie Wobken