



Convention in Albuquerque – Jesus Christ Above All

Highlights from National LWML Convention:

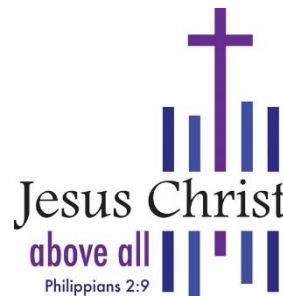
- \$2,075,000 set as the 2017-2019 Mission Goal
- 22 New Mission Grants Selected - www.lwml.org/mission-grants
- New LWML Logo Unveiled – <http://www.lwml.org/posts/whats-new/logo-reveal-video?month=6&year=2017>
- 81 YWRs attend
- President Matthew Harrison speaks – <http://www.lwml.org/posts/thanks/thank-you-from-the-lutheran-church-missouri-synod>
- Past LWML President Ida Mall provides keynote
- Walk-a-thon raises \$72,683.06 for Mites
- Tee Up for Times raises \$15,255.78 for Mites
- 3,471 people attended the convention

Offerings

- Offering 1: Mission Goal - \$48,818.52
- Offering 2: LWML 75th Anniversary Thank Offering – \$51,959.84
- Offering 3: Bilingual “Worker Priest” – \$31,964.81
- Offering 4: God Cares about you – \$33,710.56



Past National LWML President – Virginia Von Seggern and 2017 District YWRs – Jessica Cole and Hannah Nunnenkamp-Engelman



LCMS President Matthew Harrison



Flat & Real National LWML Presidents – Janice Wendorf, Gloria Edwards, Patti Ross, Virginia Von Seggern, Kay Kreklau, Ida Mall, Linda Reiser (“Real” L to R)



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Pure Purple Crystal

“And Give You Peace!”

“The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:26

Where do you go for Peace? What gives you peace? Is it the sound of your mother’s voice, is it a warm and snugly bed, is it chocolate? At one time or another, all of these things have given me some short-term peace. Peace that lasts a week, a day or maybe just a few minutes.

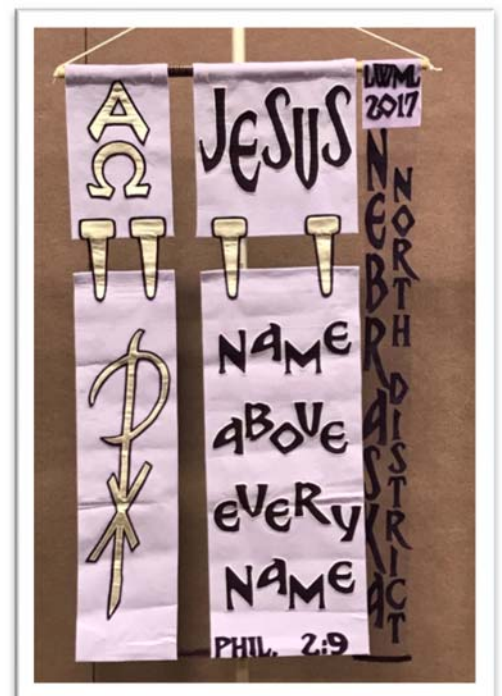
In the current American culture, it seems that we are all seeking immediate peace. Right here, right now peace. If it isn’t instantaneous – then it must not be coming. How misguided this seeking is. Peace, as defined in the dictionary, is freedom from disturbance; quiet and tranquility. Hmmm, does the right here, right now make you think or feel quiet and tranquil – I know it doesn’t work for me.

In Psalm 34:15 – God tells us to “seek peace and pursue it”. How often do we seek quiet and tranquility – Peace – it is only when we are stretched to our limit. As I write this, I am sitting in the middle of a very busy restaurant. People are visiting, wait staff is coming and going, children are screaming, and I am seeking peace. From where does my peace come – it comes from God. God’s peace is the only peace that will sustain us and is permanent.

So – from where does God’s peace come? Seek the Prince of Peace constantly – and He will give you peace.



Board of Directors Dinner at Convention (L to R)
Crystal Miller, Nebraska North District President,
Virginia Von Seggern, Past National LWML (and Past Nebraska
North) President, and Katy Gifford, Nebraska South District President



Nebraska North Banner
Designer and Creator – Brenda Fowlkes



Celebrating 75 years of God's Work through LWML in the Nebraska North District



In celebration of 75 years of God's blessings in the next year we are working on putting together a book which celebrates each church and society within the Nebraska

North LWML. For this endeavor to be successful, we are requesting each society to submit the following items:

- Photo of the exterior of your church
 - Caption to include Name of Church and Location
- Photo of the interior of the sanctuary
 - Caption identifying any key aspects of your sanctuary
- Photo of your current society members
 - Caption identify each person, and their leadership roles in your society
- Historical photo of your society
 - It can be something fun, or just something you want to share

If you have more than one society in your Church – you can send separate photos for each society and historical photos, however exterior and interior church photos can be the same.

New photos should be high quality and high resolution, historical photos, can be sent in hard copy or scanned into a high-resolution file. If a file is sent hard copy – please provide a return address, so file can be returned.

All photos and files must be submitted by January 1, 2018, so that there is adequate time to compile all of the information into the finished book.

All photos can be sent to Crystal Miller at ccmiller@unmc.edu (electronic) communications. Hard copies can be sent to Crystal at: 7794 Greenleaf Drive, LaVista, NE 68128. If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to Crystal. Books will be available for preorder in the 2018 Spring Leaguer, and available for pick-up at the 2018 District Convention.

Mission Grant



Recently President Crystal had the privilege to present the second Mission Grant to the At Ease program which is part of Lutheran Family Services. LFS At Ease provides confidential, individualized counseling services for active military personnel, veterans and their loved ones regardless of ability to pay.

The Lord give you His Peace

What would you do for peace, to have peace with your enemy? *“Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.”* These were the words the Lord spoke to Abraham before cutting a covenant with him. Abraham had become worried that he was childless. So God reassured him that he would have a son and that his offspring would be as numerous as the stars in the night sky. To his credit, Abraham believed God. Then God instructed him on the sacrifices to cut in half so God could pass between the pieces to seal the covenant. Even so, Abraham continued to wonder about God’s timing in fulfilling His words of promise.



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Do you ever wonder about God’s timing in fulfilling His words of promise? There have been times when I have had a conversation with God about the events in my life and the lives of those I love. “This is not what I thought would be happening, Lord. What is your purpose in these things?” After such prayers, and even in the midst of them, God will give me peace in knowing He has never

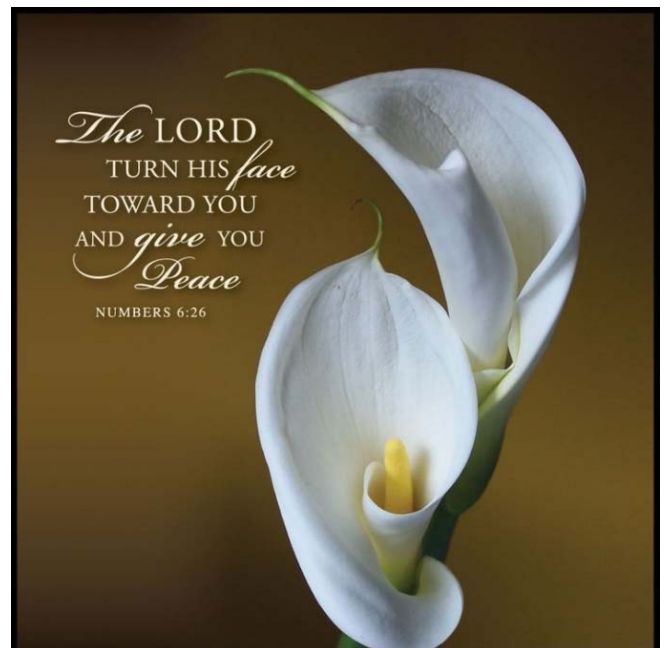
forgotten or altered His promises. Yes, difficult times may come and linger long enough to grab my attention, but they do not define my circumstance.

God defines our circumstance. He has set its boundaries and marked its path just as He established the boundaries of the seas and set the stars in place. And when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

A month ago, we buried my father-in-law. We laid to rest someone I loved and admired in so many ways, for his love of his wife and family, his handiness and ability to build or fix most anything, and especially his unwavering faith in Jesus, his Savior. Prayer and devotion and church were at the heart of his daily life. God’s peace was his in the midst of so many physical and earthly challenges.

God sacrificed His Son for peace with us. Jesus gave His own life so we would have peace with God. He then picked it up again showing His sacrifice was accepted and the victory over all our enemies was won through Him. My father-in-law was laid to rest trusting in that peace, that Jesus would come to raise him bodily from the grave to an eternal rest, an eternal peace on the Last Day.

Praise be to God for all His blessings, especially the blessing of His Son who died and rose again for our salvation. May God grant you this peace each day in all circumstances. Amen.




“And give you peace”

We all strive for peace. But true peace only comes from one place, and that is God. Everyone encounters hardships throughout their lives. Yet God wants us to seek his peace.

- Psalms 34:14 – *Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.*
- Psalms 119:165 – *Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.*
- Proverbs 3:17 – *Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.*
- Isaiah 26:3 – *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusts in thee.*
- Romans 5:1 – *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- 2 Thessalonians 3:16 – *Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.*
- John 14:27 – *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*
- John 16:33 – *I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*

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 Christian Life

The world's peace is temporary, as evidenced by all the conflicts seen all over the world. But God's peace is everlasting and will carry us through our hardships. In summer, God gives us warmth and sun and growing things to draw us out into his beautiful world. As we see the trees full of leaves, we remember the tree of life and the eternal salvation Jesus freely offers.

As women of the LWML, let us share this peace with all those around us along with a smile, a hug, a warm welcome. Make sure those around us, see the peace we have from our God. Give generously when you can and pray for all those you meet each day. Make peace a priority in your community and beyond.


A Communications Challenge

"..and give you peace." Did you know only God can give us peace? Only God can calm a troubled heart, heal a mourning soul, and give peace to His beloved children. "*Peace I leave with you; My*

peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." - John 14:27.

I challenge you to communicate with someone who needs God's peace in her life. Please pray for this special sister and then please communicate with her. You could send a card, text, e-mail or a real honest-to-goodness letter. You could call or set up a coffee date or visit her. I know God put someone on my heart today who could really use some peace...and prayer...and encouragement....and a friend. Did He put someone on your heart also? The ladies of the LWML are some of the most loving and caring people I know. Let God communicate His love and His peace through you.

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Leaguer deadline: October 15, 2017

God's Grace at High Altitude

One of the personal events that took place at Albuquerque, NM, LWML Convention

Some folks, like me, have a difficult time adjusting to altitude changes. Therefore after our car of three from Omaha West Zone arrived at our motel we were in and out of heat and air conditioning unloading. Then I fainted. When I came too, many were surrounding me, including my roommate who happens to be a retired nurse. She stayed by my side. Truly God's grace at high altitude. I was worried about missing my delegate duties, but President Crystal and Lana assured me that would be handled. That gave me much PEACE and I was able to enjoy the rest of the conference. What a blessing it is when life seems so overwhelming that you cannot breathe, like being at a high altitude, and God is there with you at every moment to care for you through his grace in Jesus!



Thankfully submitted, Joyce Schlosser, Omaha West Zone President

Calendar of Events

- September 30 – District Retreat, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Fremont,
- October. 14 – Norfolk Zone Fall Event; Immanuel, Tilden at 9:00 am. Theme "Saved by Grace",
- October 7 – Plainview Zone Fall Gathering, Concordia Lutheran, Clearwater. Theme is: God is our refuge and strength. Speakers will be Darlene and Ken Reiner.
- June 21-23, 2018 – Nebraska North District Convention, Norfolk



The new logo was adopted at the Albuquerque convention. Because of the many districts of LWML, there was a need to create a specific visual personality for each local organization. The symbol was created with this in mind; one that represents the members of both the LWML and the church. A **heart** to represent the love and giving nature of the members; a **drop** to symbolize the blood of Christ; and a **cross** above all else to proudly show the purpose behind the efforts of the LWML.

Are you and your society up for a challenge?

For our 2018 Nebraska North District elections, the Nominating Committee is waiting to hear from individuals and societies who will nominate candidates. We will elect President, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Vice President of Servant Resources, Treasurer, Pastoral Counselor, as well as five individuals to serve on the nominations committee. Job descriptions are available online at our district website on the By-laws and Leadership Manual.

When you share with us a possible candidate name, the Nominating Committee will contact each person and ask that they prayerfully consider serving. There are many in our membership who regularly "serve the Lord with gladness" at the society, zone, and district level. We thank each of you, and encourage you to challenge each other and yourself to try new and different experiences for LWML.

Contact any members of the Nominations Committee: Rhonda Sebade, Marianne Slama, Cassandra Splittgerber, Janyce Warneke, and Monique Wolske with possible names for nominations.



Financial Report Quarter 4, January – March 2017

Miscellaneous Offerings for Quarterlies/Leaguers

Ainsworth, Zion LWML	\$200.00
Chambers, St. Paul LWML	90.00
Spencer, Immanuel LWML	39.00
Columbus, Immanuel Evening Guild	110.00
Fremont, Trinity	70.00
Wahoo, Our Redeemer Lydia	99.00
Norfolk, Christ Ladies Circle	77.00
Norfolk, Christ Priscillas	225.00
Pierce, St. John's LA/LWML	71.50
Omaha, Mt. Calvary Women's Guild	90.00
Omaha, St. John LWMLW	55.00
Papillion, First Evening Guild/Women in Faith.....	52.50
Papillion, First Ladies Aid	82.50
Bloomfield, First Trinity LWML.....	39.00
Foster, Trinity LA/LWML	13.00
Plainview, Zion LA	38.50
Plainview, Zion Priscillas	82.50
Wausa, Golgotha Ruth Circle	55.00
Laurel, Immanuel LWML	132.00
Wakefield, Immanuel LA	16.50
Wayne, First Trinity Altona.....	24.00
Wayne, Grace Evening Circle.....	44.00
Winside, St. Paul LWML/LA.....	180.00
Bancroft, Zion	55.00
Beemer, Immanuel	60.50
Beemer, St. John LWML	82.50
Stanton, Faith Mary/Martha	80.00
West Point, St. Paul LWML	65.00
TOTAL QUARTERLY/LEAGUER OFFERINGS	\$2,471.00

Memorials

Jolene Siebels *	Fremont Zone	\$25.00*
Sharon Gruneke	Norfolk, Christ Priscillas.....	25.00
Mites *	LaDonna Stanoscheck	400.00*
Luetta Werner	Marlene Wilke	20.00
Edna Panning	Hooper, Immanuel Lydia Circle	10.00
Burnell Von Seggern	Omaha, Bethany Women in Mission	100.00
*	Sally Thomas	10.00*
*	Scribner, St. Peter Bible Study.....	70.00*
Pat Morten	Laurel, Immanuel LWML	5.00
TOTAL MEMORIALS	\$185.00	

* included in Mites total

Mite Offerings

Mites	\$13,781.93
Special Offering	1,613.40
Memorials	505.00
Donations.....	104.67
TOTAL MITES	\$11,558.86
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$32,878.00
Interest (January - March)	2.14
TOTAL QUARTER 4 RECEIPTS	\$32,880.14

National 2017-2019 Biennium

Mission Goal: \$2,075,000

#1 Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children –	\$40,000
Mercy Meals of Siouxland	
#2 Mercy House for Women and Children –	\$100,000
Franklin Avenue Mission, Flint, Michigan	
#3 Christ for Veterans and Their Families –	\$27,750
LCMS Ministry of the Armed Forces	
#4 Tanzanian Sewing Center – Evangelical Lutheran\$	25,000
Church in Tanzania (ELCT)	
#5 Current Missionary Need – LCMS International Mission	\$100,000
#6 Lutheran Children's Books for Families Worldwide –	\$100,000
Lutheran Heritage Foundation	
#7 Christian Hope Through Mass Media in Egypt –\$100,000	
Lutheran Hour Ministries	
#8 NOLA 4H: Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless, and	\$100,000
Hurting – Christian Families United for Progress	
#9 Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund	\$80,000
#10 Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti – Ministry in Mission	\$100,000
#11 Training Lutheran Middle Eastern Missionaries –	\$93,000
Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission	
#12 Completion of Lukonda Lutheran School Buildings,	\$48,000
Uganda – Lutheran Church Uganda	
#13 Equipping Youth to Witness for Life - Y4Life –	\$25,000
Lutherans for Life	
#14 Laborers of Love – Lutheran Braille Workers	\$100,000
#15 Sharing Jesus with People with Disabilities –	\$100,000
Bethesda Lutheran Communities	
#16 Education Loan Repayment Assistance Grants –	\$100,000
Ministry Focus	
#17 Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team –	\$25,000
LCMS Office of International Mission	
#18 Restoration Programs for Native Hawaiians –	\$75,000
Lutheran Indian Ministries	
#19 RECONNECT to the Body of Christ, Circuit 28 –	\$50,000
Texas District	
#20 Prison and Jail Ministry Synod-wide Conference in 2018	\$36,500
#21 Family Scholarships for Short Term Mission Trips –	\$60,000
MOST Ministries	
#22 Raising Pastors and Deaconesses – Evangelical	\$97,000
Lutheran Church of Liberia	

District Mission Grant Goal for 2016 – 2018. \$87,000

1. Mission Central Current Missionary Need –
 The Time is Now *paid*
 2. At Ease – Ministry for Veterans, Active Military
 and their Loved Ones *paid*.....
 3. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank
 4. Widow's Self Employment Project – Milk Society
 5. Columbus Lutheran Hispanic Ministry
 6. Spanish Bibles with Small Catechism for the
 Americas.....
 7. Professional Church Workers in Crisis Retreat.....
 8. Camp Luther Mission Leader Development.....
- 2016-2017 Scholarships *paid*
- 2017-2018 Scholarships

Young Women Representatives

District Youth Gathering Servant Event Support *paid*.. \$2,016

Teen LWML

Camp Luther – His Kids Scholarships for Campers *paid* \$216

Send your mites to:

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Please include the voucher.

Generations of Grace Retreat

September 30, 2017

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – Fremont, NE

*Come and Celebrate “Generations of Grace”
as the Fremont Zone hosts the District in retreat*

- ♥ Key Note Speakers, Ida Mall, Virginia Von Seggern and Linda Reiser, will share their perspective on our Generations of Grace theme.
- ♥ Breakout sessions will focus on sustaining and growing participation in LWML and the mission of Lutheran Family Services in Fremont.
- ♥ Bible Study will be provided by Nebraska District LCMS President – Richard Snow.
- ♥ New LWML items will be available through the LWML store.

In-Gathering: For Lutheran Family Services

- Baby Shower Items
 - Wipes
 - Baby Lotion
 - Baby Shampoo
 - Diapers – Size 5 and 6
- Children’s Books (for Children under age 5)

Registration Form:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Payment \$15

Registration Deadline: September 1, 2017

Send registrations to:

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