



Nebraska North LWML Welcomes! Mailbox Members

Mailbox members are women of the LCMS who wish to be involved in the mission and fellowship of the LWML, but are unable to attend the traditional style meetings.

You can receive information about local, district and national LWML publications, events and missions in your mailbox (via snail mail or email)

We welcome you to the LWML! May God lead you in knowledge of his Word, fellowship with other Christian women, and being mission minded for Him!

Bulletin Announcement

Would you like to be connected to other Christian women who are focused on spending time in God's word and doing God's work?

BUT!

- You are a woman who can't figure out how she can possibly fit one more meeting into her life.

Or

- You are a woman who would love to be involved – but current meeting times don't work for you.

Or

- You are a woman who doesn't have transportation to and from meetings and/or just can't get out on a regular basis.

Or

- You are a woman who can't be involved in a monthly meeting for some other reason.

Then becoming a Mailbox Member (MM) of the LWML is for you! The Lutheran Women's Missionary League focuses on three things

- Nurturing women in the study of God's word
- Using her gifts of service where God has placed her
- Mission support with our Mites, our prayers and our actions

In order to become a Mailbox Member (MM) – contact District LWML President Crystal Miller and provide her with a mailing address, email and phone number. You will become an individual member of the LWML and she will connect you with your local society president, so that they can connect you with the local women of the LWML. By providing your contact information, the District LWML will be able to provide you with information from District and National LWML, so that you to can become a part of "Serving the Lord with Gladness".

Why become a Nebraska North Mailbox Member of LWML?

- Become connected to other Christian women
- Grow in you relationship with the Lord
- Become an active part of the sisterhood of Lutheran women – working side by side where God has need of you
- Share your God granted gifts in ministry to the world

Who can be a Nebraska North Mailbox Member?

- Any woman of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod can be a member of the LWML

You are a Nebraska North LWML MM

Now what?

- Complete the –Involvement questionnaire?
 - Explores options and possible ways for you to be involved – pick one or pick many
- Explore all that LWML has to offer
 - LWML Website
 - District - www.lwmlnebraskanorth.org
 - National - www.lwml.org
 - The Leaguer
 - Includes news of the Nebraska North district LWML and articles for your use in nurturing your relationship with the Lord
 - The Lutheran Women’s Quarterly
 - Includes Bible studies, devotions, helpful hints and articles about members of the LWML
- Contact your local or district LWML members – ask questions, seek information,
- Pray and seek what God would have in mind for you within LWML

MM Members Welcome Pack:

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Welcome to the LWML

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It is a joy to welcome you as a new member of the LWML. I currently serve the Nebraska North District as President and I pray that your involvement with the LWML is a blessing to you and the people in the world around you. For me LWML has built my relationship with Christ, created a lifelong set of Christian friends who support me and allowed me to serve in God's mission field in ways I would have never anticipated.

Becoming an active member of the LWML – through the Mailbox Member program allows you to take advantage of all that LWML has to offer – without requiring you attend another meeting. Your societies may have special events or other opportunities for you within your local church. I encourage you to participate when you can. If your church does not have a local LWML society – you can become an individual LWML member.

If you have any questions or need additional information about LWML or any of the events or resources of the LWML, please contact me. I can be reached at via email at ccmiller@unmc.edu or you can call or text me at 402-290-0190.

What is the LWML?

- The LWML is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.
- The Lutheran Women's Missionary League was founded in 1942. However, women of the LCMS have been gathering together for over 100 years to spread God's Word and to serve the needs of people in their churches and communities.
- Throughout the decades, Lutheran women have stepped out in faith, setting goals, and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously of their gifts to proclaim the Gospel.

Mites – How and Why do we collect them?

- For many years, LWML women have gathered coins and dollars (“mites”) in small containers called Mite Boxes, accompanied by a prayer that God would use the funds to spread His Word. The Mite Box has changed in looks over the years, but the purpose has remained the same: to share the Gospel.

Where to I send my Mites?

- You can turn your Mites in to the treasurer of your church's local society
- You can send them to the District Financial Secretary:
 - Karla Koehler
 - POB 35, Wausa, NE 68786

What are Mites Used For?

- To share the Gospel – through Nebraska North District Mission Grants and National Mission Grants

District Mission Grants 2014-2016 Biennium

Cup of Mercy Meal Packaging – Wayne, NE	\$2,000
Fort Wayne Seminary Co-Op Food Bank	\$10,000
Jesus Our Savior Lutheran School Scholarships	\$5,000
Missionary to Central Alaska	\$7,000
Elementary and Secondary Education Tuition Assistance	\$8,000
Homecoming for Shepherds of Sudan: First Year Seminary Education	\$7,500
Camp Luther of Nebraska – Hispanic Youth Leadership & Discipleship	\$10,000
Care for Church Workers – Nebraska	\$8,000
Scholarships for Education of Church Workers	\$28,500

National Mission Grants

2013-2015 Mission Grants – Mission Goal 1,830,000

	Disbursed to Grantee
<u>Training K-9 Comfort Dogs for LCMS Chaplains</u>	\$30,000
<u>Lutheran Children's Books for Southeast Asia</u>	\$59,000
<u>Training Indigenous Pastors and Deaconesses- Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana</u>	\$29,428
<u>Rebuilding Nord Est Haiti Lutheran School</u>	\$75,000
<u>Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Schools - Winnebago Tribe, Nebraska</u>	\$0
<u>I CAN - Serving At-Risk Children With Learning Needs</u>	\$45,000
<u>Bible Story Books in Sign Language and Written Text</u>	\$100,000
<u>Native American Outreach Training Center - Fairbanks, Alaska</u>	\$95,000
<u>Strengthening and Expanding Campus Ministry</u>	\$100,000
<u>Worship for Shut-Ins</u>	\$60,000
<u>Preparing Leaders for a Diverse World - Concordia College, Selma, Alabama</u>	\$0
<u>Voice of Care Ministry to the Developmentally Challenged</u>	\$50,600
<u>Christ-Centered Tutoring Through Rebecca's Garden of Hope (RGOH)</u>	\$70,000
<u>Student Scholarships for MOST Ministries Mission Trips</u>	\$10,000
<u>Building Homes and Hope in Haiti</u>	\$0
<u>Support for Lutheran Public Radio</u>	\$25,000
<u>Christian Educational Support for Children - India</u>	\$85,000
<u>Mission Outreach at St. Paul Community Lutheran Church - Pontiac, Michigan</u>	\$67,767

LWML Publications

- The Leaguer
 - Paper - \$3.50/year
 - Electronic – Free – District VP for Communications needs your email address
- The Lutheran Women's Quarterly
 - Paper - \$6.50/year
 - Electronic - \$6.50/year
- LWML Website - <http://www.lwml.org/home>
 - Mustard Seed Devotions
 - Get them electronically - <http://www.lwml.org/stayintouch> (to sign up)
 - The Time is Now – 2-minute Tuesday
 - Encouragement to share the Good News of Jesus and about LWML - <http://www.lwml.org/stayintouch> (to sign up)

LWML Pledge

- In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Your Local Society(s) or Circle(s)

- Name of Organization
 - President –
 - Address
 - Telephone
 - E-mail

References

- Some of the information used in this presentation is from LWML-101 and the LWML Website