



## Beautiful Gift - LWML

The new logo represents the LWML. We have this beautiful gift called LWML. It is an organization focused on Christ, focused on missions, focused on



ways to serve our Lord and our church. And now it is re-wrapped, re-presented for all to see! What a joyful time to be

part of something “on a mission” like the LWML! It is the same wonderful organization with the same purpose as the last 75 years.

So what does this new logo do to help us communicate in our district? It shows that we are part of something bigger than ourselves. The logo represents a district that is active and involved.

So as we unwrap this gift of LWML with the new logo over the next year of the Leaguer. We pray that you see the joy of the LWML through the people and projects you do. Serve the Lord with Gladness!



**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, for servant events, and just have fun and laugh while making friends with others who love their Lord and want to serve Him.

Who do you know who is 18-35 years old that would want to learn what LWML is all about? *Encourage them to attend!*

**Congratulations to the Appointees!**  
Nebraska North District has three National Committee members. In August, the National Executive Committee of the LWML met and appointed then working committees for the next biennium. For this biennium, three Nebraska North LWMLers have been appointed to the following committees:

- ♥ Finance – Karla Koehler
- ♥ Structure – LaDonna Stanosheck
- ♥ Grow and Development – Crystal Miller (chair)

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## Purpose of a Logo – Branding

Have you taken a look at the LWML Logo? If you didn't get to see the video that was shown when the new logo was put into place, I encourage you to go to the [LWML website](#) and take a look at it.

What is the purpose of a logo? Is it just so you can have a symbol for your members to use? No, really it is to tell the world who you are. Some logos do a better job of that than others. So if you look at the logo of Nike you know the company and the product just by looking at the swoosh. It was intended to suggest movement. I'm not sure I would have known that just by looking at it. However, Nike is very good about being able to tell you about their logo and how it connects to who they are.



I'd like to challenge you as an LWML member to know enough about the new logo to be able to share the gospel and our story with someone who knows nothing about the LWML. That Jesus is at our center, that He leads us to do His work. In several places in the Bible, God directs us to go tell the world. Mark 16:15 says: *And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation"* – this is the work he gives us.

(Editor's Note: We also have a logo branded on us at the time of our baptism. † Can we be recognized by our logo?)

## Quarterlies & Leaguers

### Notice: Change in process

Each year societies complete a Society Report, which indicates how many Leaguers and Quarterlies you want in the next year. This is the number that gets sent to your society. However, each year the district comes up several thousand dollars short in the money that it gathers for those publications vs. what it costs to provide them. The shortage of funds collected comes from the mite funds that are submitted. Therefore, moving forward, we will collect your Society Reports, then we will compute the amount that you will owe to the District if you want that many of the publications and send that information to your society president. Payment will be due on February 15<sup>th</sup> of 2018. So in December – expect to receive a bill from the Nebraska North District for the publications you order when you complete your Society Reports.

### Calendar of Events

December 2017..... Facebook posts for Advent  
 EC Meeting..... January 13, 2018, Snow date January 20th  
 BOD Meeting..... March 10<sup>th</sup>, Snow date March 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Seek & Serve Day, Peace Lutheran, Columbus ..... April 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Pre-Convention BOD Meeting, Norfolk ..... June 21<sup>st</sup> – 3:30 p.m.  
 Prayer Service, Norfolk ..... June 21<sup>st</sup> – 5:00 p.m.  
 Nebraska North District Convention, Norfolk..... June 22-23, 2018



*Reminder – We’re putting together a photo book for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the LWML for the Nebraska North District.*



## 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](mailto: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.



### Pen Pointers

Send all news items and sharp color or black and white photos to:  
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**Leaguer deadline: February 15, 2018**



## With Heart


As we contemplate the new logo for LWML one of the stand-out symbols on the logo is the heart. We think of the heart as the organ in the body affected by our emotions. We draw hearts to symbolize love. God, in the Ten Commandments has instructed us to love others. God, through His Son clearly spoke about showing

love to others with our actions. This love responds with care for others—human care.

Our fourth mission grant (\$2000) for this biennium will be given for the Widow’s Self Employment Project: Milk Society, a project of Bethel Lutheran Church. Bethel Lutheran Church is an individual congregation with the Trivandrum Synod Kuzhivilai, Ponvilai Circle, a member of India Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELC). The grant application was prepared by the LCMS grant coordinator.

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The IELC has the vision to proclaim the Gospel of Christ through the congregations and the various social units among the different ethnic groups of India by word and deed. Bethel Lutheran Church was founded in 1952 with the help of LCMS missionary, Rev Keopke. The project has this description for us to remember as we give our mites along with our prayers:

“When women are widowed, their lives are shattered because their husbands have been their livelihood. Many times they are ostracized in their culture. Most of the widows from poor families who have lost their bread winners find it difficult to have proper food for their family and to educate their children.”

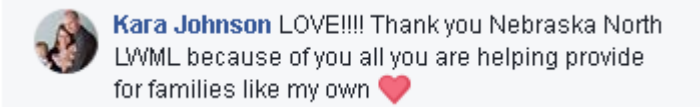
The description goes on to state the plan of buying a cow for the widows to milk for their family and to sell the surplus along with other widows as a group – the Milk Society. There is a great demand for fresh milk. The cost for 25 cows is \$8,750, and the whole project will amount to \$10,000. Our grant will be shared by others who also have accepted part of the cost.



*Dear Lord, help the widows in India know that there is concern for them and their families. With love for humans around the world, we offer our mites to help them. To God be the glory, Amen.*

## Mission Grants

When this photo was posted on Facebook – Kara Johnson (Koehler) responded with a note of thanks.



Kara’s husband Andy is in his first year of training at the seminary and they have two children – Koen and Kaelyn. Kara is the daughter of Karla Koehler, Nebraska North’s current District Recording Secretary.

The mission grant check was for \$6,000. The foodbank supports seminarians and their families while they are at the seminary in training.



**President Crystal presenting a check to  
Rev. Dr. Meyer for the St. Louis Seminary Food bank**

## Symbols Point Us to Jesus!

**Symbols!** Have you ever wondered why there are so many symbols in the Church? Symbols are important ways to convey the many teachings of the Bible. The use of symbols can be seen in the Church and among God's people of all time, is clearly seen in the Scriptures. For instance, there is the symbol of the **Tree of Life** (Genesis 2:9, 17; 3:3, 24), the **Rainbow** (Genesis 9:12-13), the **Bronze Serpent** (Numbers 21:8-9; John 3:14), **The Rock** (Exodus 17:6; 1 Corinthians 10:4) and many other symbols. Many of these symbols teach us something about God, our relationship with Him and what He has done for us.



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The early church also picked up on using symbolism when they used the **cross** – which pointed to the salvation that Jesus won for us; the **anchor** – “The anchor was an early Christian symbol commonly found in the Roman catacombs as a symbol of the hope we have in Christ beyond this life, and is a fitting inscription for a Christian tomb. The symbol doubtless comes from this verse: “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.” (<http://www.jesuswalk.com/christian-symbols/anchor.htm>). And then there is the symbol for **fish** ><, which Christians used to identify other believers during times of persecution. The Greek word, **Ichthys**, was also used. It is the “transliteration of the Greek word for fish. In Greek, the five-letter word for fish (ἰχθύς, *ichthys*) can be used to form the following acrostic related to Jesus: ‘Jesus Christ, God’s Son, Savior.’ Early Christian writings and art pieces include this imagery.” (The Lexham Bible Dictionary).

This past summer in Albuquerque, New Mexico, a new LWML logo was revealed. This symbol also points to Christ, what He has done for us and what He does through us. It is the hope that this new symbol will serve as a reminder of Whose we are and the mission we are privileged to be a part. This symbol is comprised of three parts (heart, drop & cross). “The **heart** of God is behind all that we are and do . . . He has loved us so . . . seen in His only begotten Son. His **cross** and sacrifice. His cherished **blood** for us . . . shed for the forgiveness of sins. Therefore we lift high the cross of Christ . . . guiding our thanks and service. So that His heart is impressed upon our own and by the Spirit we are blessed with joy and peace.” More will be discussed in future *Leaguer* articles.

Symbols are wonderful gifts that God has given to His Church to help proclaim the saving Gospel. They are meant to point us to our God who loved us so much that He sent His Son so that you would have eternal life in Him. They are also wonderful ways that help us to make a confession of our faith in the One who truly saves.

### Around the District

Our Joy Circle members from St. John Lutheran Church (Pierce, NE) met for a workday to prepare 100 pounds of potato salad we donated for the Laurie Wilson Benefit held Memorial Day 2017 at our sister church Zion Lutheran (Pierce, NE).

Thank you for your Mary/Martha attitude – you are all awesome to work with!

Submitted by Carol Taylor, Joy Circle (LWML) member, cousin of Laurie Wilson, and co-organizer of the Laurie Wilson Benefit.



## Financial Report April – September 2017

### Mite Offerings

Mites .....	\$22,625.33
Special Offering .....	1,984.83
Memorials .....	340.00
Donations .....	300.00
Stamp Sales .....	40.00
Interest April – September.....	2.98
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> .....	<b>\$25,290.16</b>

### Memorials

Clara Gutz	Osmond Immanuel LWML.....	\$25.00
Irene Mommsen	Atkinson Immanuel LWML.....	25.00
Irene Koepke	Norfolk Our Savior Tabitha .....	10.00
Darlene Zautke	Norfolk Our Savior Tabitha .....	10.00
Lola Shaneyfelt	Norfolk Our Savior Tabitha .....	10.00
Karen Maline	Omaha Zion Rebekah Circle .....	25.00
Velma Couchman	Pierce Zion Katherine .....	25.00
Willis & Gloria Schultz	South Sioux Hope LWML .....	50.00
Margaret Wilke	Columbus Christ LA & LWML.....	10.00
Velma Metschke	Chambers St. Paul Ladies Aid.....	10.00
Patricia Morten	Laurel Immanuel LW Society.....	5.00
Leona Deharty	South Sioux Hope LWML .....	50.00
Nancy Powell	Columbus Immanuel Evening LWML .....	25.00
Kenneth Reiner	O'Neill Christ Ladies Aid.....	10.00
Kenneth Beer	Peggy McAllister.....	50.00
<b>TOTAL MEMORIALS</b> .....		<b>\$340.00</b>

**Send your mites to:**  
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*Please include the voucher.*

**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* ..... \$10,000
  2. At Ease – Ministry for Veterans, Active Military  
     and their Loved Ones *paid*..... \$10,000
  3. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank *paid* ..... \$6,000
  4. Widow’s Self Employment Project – Milk Society *paid* \$2,000
  5. Columbus Lutheran Hispanic Ministry ..... \$10,000
  6. Spanish Bibles with Small Catechism for the  
     Americas..... \$7,500
  7. Professional Church Workers in Crisis Retreat..... \$3,500
  8. Camp Luther Mission Leader Development..... \$9,000
- 2016-2017 Scholarships *paid* ..... \$14,500  
 2017-2018 Scholarships ..... \$14,500

### Young Women Representatives

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

### Teen LWML

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

**Have you been following the Mite Challenges  
on our District’s Facebook page??**

**November’s challenge is For Home & Shelter**

**2 Corinthians 5:1-10      \$0.15**





## Coming Soon!!!!

Have you taken time to connect with the Nebraska North District through our Facebook page? All you have to do is find Nebraska North District LWML and *Like* the page. Lots of information is shared through our Facebook page. This Advent season we have a special set of posts for each day of the advent season. Each day you will get a new post, with an advent Bible verse and an accompanying photo. All photos were taken by members of the Nebraska North LWML board of directors.

Join us before December 1<sup>st</sup>, so you can join us in this advent celebration. We ask that as you get the posts – to use them as a witness and share them, then each and every one of your friends will see them and have the opportunity to be blessed by God's word.

*National LMWL is on Instagram!* [www.instagram.com/lwmlnational/](http://www.instagram.com/lwmlnational/)

**Giving Tuesday is November 28, 2017**  
**Visit [www.lwml.org/givingtuesday](http://www.lwml.org/givingtuesday)**  
**Matching funds will triple your donations!**

## Seek and Serve Day!

**April 21, 2018**

Come and join **Nebraska North and Nebraska South** in service as we create pillowcases for area hospitals, nursing facilities, day cares, etc. or help us create memorial quilts/blankets for stillborn / miscarried babies.

Our plan is for you to take your pillowcases to your local assisted living, nursing home, etc. and share God's love by brightening someone's day with a new pillowcase. The pattern for pillowcases is available at the Nebraska North LWML website.

In addition, we will be making memorial quilts. Our goal is that each Pastor in the Nebraska district will receive a small box which contains a couple of these quilts for them to share with parishioners who have experienced such a loss, either as a parent or grandparent. The quilts are to be a small (12"x12") block. They can be quilted, crocheted, knitted. At the event we will continue to make the quilts and pillowcases, pack the boxes and be in fellowship with one another.

Bible study leaders for this event will be Sally Handrick – Past National Gospel Outreach Committee Chair, and Christie Stephens – Missouri District LWML President. Keep your eye out for additional information in the next Leaguer, the website, and on Facebook.



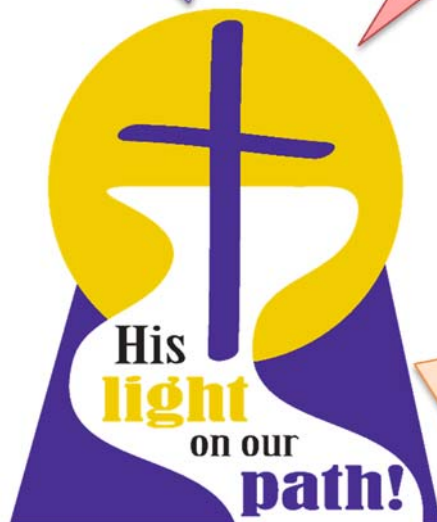
- Theme Verses: **Psalm 119:105 & Isaiah 2:5**
- Key Note Speaker: **Donna Pyle**
- Mission Speaker: **Brent Smith**
- Proclaimer: **Richard Snow**
- Music: **Julie Maaske**
- Entertainment: **The Church Basement Ladies**
- Humorous Interruptor: **Fanny**
- **Teen Program** by **Deaconess Heidi Goehmann**

Plans are underway for an outstanding District Convention. Under the theme - His Light on our Path - we will praise the Lord with all of his blessings on the Nebraska North District LWML.

Convention will be held **June 22-23, 2018** at **Lutheran High Northeast, Norfolk, NE.**

At the convention, we will: celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the LWML, elect new district officers (including a new district president), select new mission grants, and participate in servant events and interest sessions.

# District Convention 2018



Much more information will be coming!

Be sure to save the date and plan to join your fellow Nebraska North LWMLers in convention next June. Plan to bring a friend, bring a young woman and bring a teen with you.

## Rock-a-thon

*Start collecting your pledges & donations now!*



How can you serve God, by spending time in a rocking chair? Well - if you go out and get people to pledge for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rock-a-thon, then we'll be supporting God's work through the Mission Grants of the LWML.

In our first biennium over \$3,200 was raised by rocking in the rocking chairs. This is a great opportunity for each of you to reach outside the LWML and raise funds for God's work.

Reach out and watch what God can do through your reaching out! You can find a pledge form at the Nebraska North LWML Website.