



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

LEAGUER

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Joy Notes from Lisa

BY LISA STIRTZ

God's Light in my Path...has been my new granddaughter Meadow Jean. There was such love in my heart the first time I saw her, watching as she was baptized, and knowing that Jesus will lead her wherever she will go. She was led to Jesus through waters of baptism. Watching her Mom and Dad and her sponsors be so very proud of her, and the love that had surrounded her that day and every day is tremendous. God has a plan for her and through prayer she will become a wonderful child of God.

On what path is God leading you? Has He sent a person in your life to lead to Him? What does God want you to do? Where does God want you?

God has directed me to minister to 125 preschoolers and their families at my church – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Gretna as preschool director. My staff and I love to share about Jesus, sing praises to Him, learn new prayers with the children, and encourage them to take those stories home to their families and friends. A quote from one of my preschoolers: "Mommy did you know that Jesus is everywhere. Mommy says "Yes that is awesome little guy isn't it? And the little guy says" I can't believe He is everywhere, I just can't believe it." How this warms our heart to know that Jesus is leading our path to these little children and families.

Keep God's light shining in all directions, all the paths He leads you on, all the people He puts in your path. Remember to ask for His guidance as He prepares you to do the work He has asked you to do for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. God has blessed you and equipped you to lead people to Jesus.



UPCOMING LEAGUER CHANGES

What are the upcoming changes for the Leaguer?



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Who were our Scholarship Mite Recipients?



SEEK AND SERVE LAVISHED LOVE

What is this event all about?



YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE TO MOBILE

Who can you introduce to LWML through being a YWR?

2018-2020 Biennium Mission Goal - \$75,000

Remain to be paid

Scholarships - \$15,000

1. Jesus Our Savior Preschool Tuition Assistance - \$10,000
2. Financial Assistance for Food and Clothing Co-op - Fort Wayne Seminary \$10,000
3. Chaplain Scholarships for Medical Mission Trips - \$6,000
4. Seminary Education for New Pastors in South Sudan - \$7,500
5. Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS) Curriculum Resources - \$1,500 (partial)

Paid

Scholarships - \$15,000

1. Mission Central – Missionary Support - \$10,000
Young Women Representatives
- UNO On-Campus Outreach Events - \$2,018
Youth in Mission
- His Kids Camp Scholarship to Camp Luther-
\$218



Lisa Stirtz presents the 1st Mission Grant of the biennium to Brent Smith from Mission Central

This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

BY DEB GUTZ

1 JOHN 1:5

This Bible verse gives me lots of comfort – knowing that He is the One that is our light! When you see other members of your congregation worshipping together or having fellowship with one another, you know the love of the Lord is shared. Sharing the Word of the Lord is what we as LWML members need to do every day, at home, at work and at play! We need to include everyone at every age. Please consider personally inviting young ladies in your congregation to your next meeting or gathering.

Right now, is the time when we are asking for anyone who is interested in representing the Nebraska North District as a Young Women Representative (YWR) at the National LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama, June 20-23, 2019, to send in an application. Please see the application and letter on the Nebraska North LWML website or in this Leaguer for more information. Deadline is December 31, 2019. If you don't qualify as a YWR, reach out to someone who does qualify and invite them to complete an application.

AN ILLUSTRATION IN MITE GIVING

BY MONIQUE WOLSKE

Recently the Wings Women's LWML of St. John, Battle Creek presented a chapel service at St. John Lutheran School on mite giving. Co-chairwoman, Sarah Tillman, asked the students what mites were. To create a visual representation of mite giving, other members of Wings began to hand out colored mini size pom poms, two apiece, to each person in attendance. These pom poms represented mites. All teachers and students, from daycare through eighth grade attend chapel each week (160+) with a few parents and grandparents when available. All were asked to bring their pom poms forward and to place them in clear containers at the front of the church sanctuary. To their amazement, the containers began to overflow showing that with each individual's giving of mites, much can come from the giving for mission grants. Sarah continued in explaining to all that we give from the heart to share with others and used Bible references to support this joy of giving. Before everyone left the church, each was given a mite box to place their own "mites" into and then were asked to return the filled box on LWML Sunday. Throughout the month, the children were reminded to bring their mite box for that event. This chapel service was just one way to explain mite giving - a joy we can all share as God's light shines in our societies and congregations!

UPCOMING LEAGUER CHANGES

"God's Light on Our Path" will continue to be our theme for the next four Leaguers. If you would like to submit an article, picture, or activity report please email it to Suzy Awe at sawe@frontiernet.net. We would love to hear what your society is doing to show God's Light in the world around us.

Our district website also has some wonderful resources and information. The LWML Nebraska North District is working to have our Leaguer as a completely digital resource. We will be printing and sending hard copies of two more Leaguers, we will continue to send copies via email to churches, societies and individuals on the email list.

Our website will have The Leaguer available for free downloads at: lwmlnebraskanorth.org. Also, check out the Nebraska North District LWML Facebook page. It will also have a link to The Leaguer and has amazing updates and devotional moments to brighten your day. Please let us know how we can help and assist you during this transition.

LWML Mite Scholarships



✝ **AUTUMN JOHNSON**
Good Shepherd
Fremont

I will be majoring in Secondary education with subject areas in Spanish and English, and I will work toward a Lutheran Teacher Diploma. I plan to be a high school Spanish or English teacher someday.



✝ **SHELBY BETTERTON**
King of Kings
Omaha

I plan on being a Lutheran Elementary Teacher and do my best to incorporate my Spanish minor in my teaching. Thank you so much for the scholarship and the opportunities it is providing me.



✝ **STEPHANIE BARRY**
St. Mark
Omaha

I plan to major in PreK-12 Vocal and Instrumental Music Education with a Spanish Minor and a Lutheran Teacher's Diploma. I intend to use that degree in a school, hopefully Lutheran, to teach music and the appreciation of music.



✝ **JACOB MIKKELSON**
Pilgrim
Bellevue

I plan to be an elementary and/or middle school teacher in a parochial Lutheran school.



✝ **DREW BOGGS**
Immanuel
Tilden

Future Director of Education
Thanks!



✝ **JERRICA TIETZ**
Zion
Bancroft

Thank you for selecting me as a recipient of this generous scholarship. It will be great help with getting my degree in Lutheran secondary Ed in biology. (LTD - Lutheran Teachers Diploma). Thanks again! Jesus loves you!

FUTURE TEACHERS

April Bayer - St. John, Wisner
Kimberly Sleeper, Lamb of God, Papillion

FUTURE PASTORS

Timothy Steele II, Zion, Omaha
Matthew Albright - KinK of Kings, Omaha
Jordan Schut, St. Peters, Scribner



GOD'S LIGHT ON OUR PATH - IN OUR HOME, CHURCH & SOCIETY

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." (Psalm 119:105). BY PASTOR MARCEL KOHLMAYER
This past summer's convention had the theme – God's Light on Our Path. The convention had wonderful speakers that talked about God's light on our path as we seek "to serve the Lord with gladness" in our support of global missions. The term "global missions" is in a sense misleading. In many ways we have come to associate global missions as the mission work that takes place in foreign mission fields. And that is certainly true but is that all that it means? Would global missions really be global if we did not include our little part of the world?

In Acts 1:8, our Savior says, ". . . and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." There you have it, global mission work of the church. One commentary has explained this verse in a very helpful way. I will start with the ends of the earth. It is very easy to understand; simply put – the foreign mission field. This is what we normally have in mind when we think of global missions. Samaria was a large region which we can think of as missions that are not necessarily in another country but can still be foreign in terms of culture. Since we are from rural Nebraska it would be a culture shock to go to places like New York, with the culture of the Eastern United States or down south with the culture that we will be experiencing in places like Mobile, Alabama. Judea is also a large region but the same culturally. We can think of our state of Nebraska, where the mission field is vast as many of our fellow Nebraskans are unchurched. Finally, think of Jerusalem as our home, where we actually live.

Where we live in our little corner of the globe is also a part of the global mission effort of LWML. Jesus said in Matthew 5:14, "You are the light of the world." Christ has placed us in our home congregations and societies to shine as lights. How can you and I shine as lights in our home churches and societies? There are many ways in which you have already shone as lights to others; in that word of encouragement or providing a meal to someone who is ill or going through a difficult time; through quilting blankets and other items that have been given to those in a crisis. Fellowship and Bible Studies are another way of encouraging each other in our faith journey as God's people. Being in a light in our little corner of the globe is as various as each individual whom the Lord uses to share His love with others.

Christ has not only called you to share His light but has made you to be light as we reflect the light of His love, grace and mercy throughout the globe and begins right here in our little corner as God shines His Light on Our Path!

Financial Report 4/1/18 - 9/30/18

Mite Offerings	
From Societies:	\$18,347.61
Convention Offerings	\$11,960.71
Special Offerings	\$2,111.82
Memorials	\$1,150.00
Donations	\$100.00
Total Receipts	\$33,670.14

District Convention 2020

Theme: 2020 --- Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus

Theme Verse: Hebrews 12:2

Date: June 26-27, 2020

Location: River's Edge Convention Center - Columbus, NE

Hosted by: Fremont and Columbus Zones



HE IS MY LIGHT

BY PEG KUMM

Each morning is a blessing
A sunrise that we've earned
Another day to live again
Another lesson learned
A time to share a precious smile
A time to touch someone
To accept all that is given
While we reach out to the sun
There's a world of wonder around us
Embrace its heavenly light
Deep within we find inspiration
A chance to make things right
A breath within a heart beat
A tear within a smile
A step in the right direction
To walk the perfect mile

POEM BY: WILLIAM LINDENMUTH

All the energy within us
And the power that surrounds
The strength of the human spirit
To turn your life around
It is the presence of the moment
And the absence of the past
To take the next step forward
To the good times that will last
To ride the wave that carries us
Through the changing times of our day
To help us float when we begin to sink
Or whenever we start to stray
May we find the strength
That lives inside to give us inner sight
Basking in the warmth within ourselves
Our Inspiration Light.

I came across this poem while reading the other day and as I read through it I thought how God's light on our path – it is my inspiration. I considered, how His light is with me on a daily basis, that He is with me in everything I do, how He guides me. Without His light on my path I can do nothing. It is His light, love, and inspiration that keeps me grounded and strengthens me in my faith and love for Him. Through His grace, love, baptism, and light on my path I am His child. He is my light and inspiration.



FAMILY & FRIENDS

BY KARLA KOEHLER

***"In the same way by itself, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."* James 2:17**

Where do we have the greatest influence? First and foremost, it is likely with our family and friends. Earlier today I was blessed to attend Messiah Lutheran Church in Lincoln and heard a sermon by Rev. Dustin Lappe. This church has been studying about work, rest, and the rhythm of life. Today's sermon centered on the themes 1) we were made to work 2) created to rest in God and 3) a rhythm to life that God put in place from the very beginning. Pastor Lappe reminded us that we are all made to work as worship and not worship work. I don't know about you, but I need this reminder.

Rick Warren's in his book, "A Purpose Driven Life" reminds us that worship is not just a part of our life; it is our life. It is not just for church services. He states, "Every activity can be transformed into an act of worship when you do it for the praise, glory, and pleasure of God. The Bible says, **"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the Glory of God."** (1 Corinthians 10:31 NIV). Martin Luther said, "A dairymaid can milk cows to the glory of God." Performing our work with an awareness of God's presence and dedicating it to him is a form of worship." (Chapter 8: You Were Planned for God's Pleasure)

With these reminders of worshipping God with our work, we must listen to the call to serve Him in response to His great love for us. We are all called to be daughters, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, cousins, friends, co-workers, fellow church members, etc. Heeding the call, we can share Christ's love through our words and actions every day. We can love our own families and our church families in many different ways. We are all blessed with different talents and abilities.

I encourage you to figure out what gifts you have been blessed with and use those gifts. Maybe it is just being an encourager, maybe it is making a meal for someone, maybe it is giving of your time – spending time with a shut-in, giving new parents a break, taking a friend for coffee, playing with children, etc. Maybe you have been blessed with musical talents – share them with children and your church family. Maybe you have been blessed with creative talents – it can be something as small as knitting a newborn hat or creating a beautiful quilt to warm someone. Maybe you are good with details and numbers – perhaps you can handle the financial things that are needed. Maybe you are a great cook – make food for funerals, new families, and maybe even "just because". Maybe you are a great gardener – share your produce with others, can and freeze items to share all year round, etc.

Your family and church family are our first spheres of our influence. Meet people where they are and work for the glory of the Lord. **"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."** (Colossians 3:23 NIV) See a need – meet a need! Put your faith in God into action. When you think of a way to act out your faith, just do it. **"If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them."** (James 4:17 NIV) Tap into your talents and love will flow through you and back to you!

Sharing the Light

BY JOYCE BUETHE

It seems like only days ago we were gathered for convention and celebrating "His light on our path". That path takes us many places and allows us to touch many people along the way. Each of us is on a path that sometimes intersects, runs parallel to and loops around the paths of others in our lives. God lights these paths as we the women of LWML work together to share His gospel message. In our home churches and societies, we can deepen the bonds we have with each other, those that we meet with or see often. As we encourage each other along this journey we grow in our relationship with each other and with Christ. This growth allows the light on our path to shine brighter. It doesn't promise that we will always follow the light or stay on the path but having bonds with women we see often can be the encouragement we need to ask for His help with returning to and staying on the path.

As our faith grows through devotions, bible study and fellowship with our fellow sisters of the LWML, we are better equipped to use our gifts in the ministry of our societies. We sometimes forget that while our district and national mission grants are important we have many needs right in front of us in our own home churches. Our pews are full of hurting people who often don't seek the help we can give through encouraging words and prayer. We need to be deliberate in sharing His light and encouraging those around us. Share the good news of the gospel with the women of your church and help them to see His light on their path.

Memorials

In Memory of	From	Amount
Lavrene Giessman	St. Paul, Arlington LWML	\$20.00
Elaine Hilgenkamp	St. Paul, Arlington LWML	\$20.00
Sydney Loofe	Glenna Gutz	\$25.00
Sydney Loofe	Betty Johnson and Susie Loofe	\$50.00
Joanne Falter	St. Peter LWML, Scribner	\$70.00
Joanne Falter	St. Peter LWML Scribner	\$10.00
Wandyne Bamesberger	Pilgrim, Bellevue	\$25.00
Marjorie Schutt	Immanuel Tilden Ladies Aid	\$10.00
Elaine Hansen	St. John, Wakefield Ladies Aid	\$25.00
Arlene Benson	St. John, Wakefield Ladies Aid	\$25.00
Judy Bruner	Immanuel, Hooper Lydia	\$10.00
Jean Schneck	St. Paul, Arlington LWML	\$20.00
Ruth Beckenhauer	St. Paul, West Point	\$10.00
Leona Janke	Grace, Wayne Ladies Aid	\$10.00
Nathie Nelson	Our Savior, Norfolk	\$10.00
Lillie Gilster	Hope, South Sioux City	\$50.00
Lyle Christensen	Our Redeemer, Wahoo	\$10.00
Jean Schaecher	Christ, Norfolk Priscillas	\$25.00
Chuck Pohlman	Christ, Norfolk Priscillas	\$25.00
Orphina Ackerman	St. John, Beemer Ladies Aid	\$10.00
Adeline Sahs Estate	Charles Sahs	\$500.00
Elvira Jenson	DeLene Freudenburg	\$20.00
Lois Korte	Christ, Columbus Ladies Aid	\$10.00
Joyce Lantz	Christ, Creighton Ladies Aid	\$50.00
Bernitha Gemelke	St. John, Pilger Ladies Aid	\$10.00
Lee Unverfehrt	Our Savior, Norfolk	\$30.00
Florence Larsen		
Dorothy Monson		
Glee Johnson	Immanuel, Hooper Lydia	\$10.00
Glee Johnson	Marilyn Bohling	\$10.00
Glee Johnson	Elaine Bartling	\$10.00
Arnie Awe	B. June Friedmeyer	\$25.00
Sharon Peterson	Immanuel, Tilden Ladies Aid	\$10.00
Illa Sjuts	St. Peters, Humphrey	\$110.00
Illa Sjuts	Ann SeEVERS	\$50.00
Illa Sjuts	Lois Kapels	\$10.00
Illa Sjuts	Sue George	\$25.00
Illa Sjuts	Margaret Elkins	\$50.00
Illa Sjuts	Jacquetta Havel	\$50.00



Interested in going on a plane to Mobile



Contact Deb Gutz if you would like to go with other Nebraska North LWMLers on a flight to the National Convention in Mobile

Email: debgutz@hotmail.com or phone: 402-748-3641

SEEK & SERVE



SEEK N SERVE DAY
NEBRASKA NORTH AND SOUTH
LWML

Lavished Love!

*Bible Study Leaders:
Deb Burma
&
Laurie Friedrich*

We will be making weighted blankets and Taggy blankets for Lutheran Family Services

APRIL 27, 2019
ST. JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH
SEWARD
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Registration Fee:
\$15.00

REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Home District: _____ North _____ South

Send Registration form and payment to:
Lana Erickson
13826 Ames Ave
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Nebraska North Board of Directors Retreat

Attention Young Women & those who know young women

Did you know that every two years, the LWML holds a National Convention where new mission grants are selected as well as new national officers. The Nebraska North District is now accepting applications from young women in the Nebraska North District to attend as the Young Women Representative (YWR) from our district.

As a Lutheran Woman, you have the opportunity to be a part of the #1 auxiliary of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) has a rich history of providing women with resources for building their relationship with God and be in His service.

The next convention will be held in Mobile, Alabama, June 20-23, 2019.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the LWML and as a YWR - you will have special events, gifts and activities designated just for you. You will be part of the banner processional with District President, Lisa Stirtz, you will sit on the floor with the delegates, have lunch with the National LWML President, Patti Ross and much more.

If you are interested in an all expense paid trip to Mobile, Alabama and learning more about all that God is doing through the LWML, please go to the district LWML website (lwmlnebraskanorth.org), download and complete an application. Full applications and instructions are available for download at the website.

Applications are due to Deb Gutz, Vice President of Servant Resources by December 31st. Selections of the two district YWR representatives will be made in January 2019. YWRs will be notified at that time, and then the District will assist you with all of your travel arrangements and housing. As a YWR you are housed with all of the other YWRs from across the country.

Please prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity if you are a young woman, or sharing this opportunity with a young woman in your congregation.

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