



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

LEAGUER

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National LWML Convention Mobile Alabama June 20-23, 2019

Welcome to the South! Ya'll come!

Our theme is "In Praise to the Lord"

President Lisa and the EC board will greet you at the convention

Offerings will be taken and given to:

- 1) 2019-2021 Mission Goal
- 2) Expanding the Disability Ministry in Dominican Republic
- 3) James Storehouse, Louisiana helping in foster care
- 4) LCMS Disaster Response

Servant Events, Displays, and Interest Sessions

Bible Study Leader Donna Pyle

Keynote Speaker Rev. Dr. Brent Smith from Mission Central

District Photo on Thursday June 20 at 5:45

District Caucus on Thursday June 20 at 3:45

Fellowship with 3000-4000 other LWML friends

Hope to see many of you there



SEEK & SERVE

Who will we be the crown?
Who will wear the gown?



ASSEMBLY OF LEADERS

What did we learn at AOL?



YOUNG WOMEN

Who are Nebraska North's
YWRs going to Mobile?



UPCOMING EVENTS

What are the upcoming
LWML Activities?

Joy Notes from Lisa

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God's Light in my path..... God's light in my world has been shown through my good friends at my LWML Monday Night Bible Study group. These women are friends who are there to love and support each other. God's light shines through each of these women in different ways. We have women who shine their light by being in the medical field, some shine their light through education and help children learn, and some women help in the community through services provided to help people in their everyday tasks of life for their families. But all of these



women have one common goal and that is to serve their Lord with gladness. All of these women love their Lord and want to serve Him and they want other people to know Jesus too. These women do service projects such as tied blankets, treat bags for children going through tough times, Christmas/birthday/get well cards and supporting a seminarian through gift cards, words of encouragement, and prayers. God has filled these women with His unending love and these women want to spread this love to others. These women do a Bible study every Monday night together, learn how God is speaking to them, and then how they can use what they learn to help and encourage others. One of the greatest joys is the prayer support of this group. These women share their prayer concerns every week and as a group, pray together and ask the Lord to work in the lives of many of their friends and family. These women all rely on each other for support through prayer and friendship. This group lets Jesus light shine in all areas of life. These women love each other, support each other, and pray for each other. This group of friends is one of the most precious gifts I have ...they are a bright beam of light from God to me.





Assembly of Leaders Nov. 7-10, 2018 in St Louis MO

Karla Koehler, Shelley Freudenburg, Pastor Marcel Kohlmeyer, and Lisa Stirtz attended this event, and what an uplifting event this was. Our theme was Follow the Leader and what a great event to see all the LWML districts exploring where Jesus is leading them. All four of us attended many workshops to help lead our NE North District. As we go along this year we will be sharing things like Essential Technology, Basic Protocol and Structure, S.A.L.T. - Sharing Active Leadership Techniques, Engaging and Retaining Volunteers, Gospel Outreach, Reaching Different Cultures and Generations. There was a lot of great information shared, and this group will be sharing with you at board meeting, zone rallies, and other special events. Watch for details on where and when this information will be shared.

We want to thank the NE North District for sending us to learn how to Follow the Leader in many different ways.

Spring Rallies

Ainsworth Zone
April 6; 10:00 a.m.
Immanuel, Spencer
Speaker: Rev. Eric Luhmen

Columbus Zone
April 7; 2:00 p.m.
Mt. Calvary, Fullerton
Speaker: Jan Frenzen

Norfolk Zone
April 6; 9:00 a.m.
St. John, Madison
Speaker: Deb Burma

Fremont Zone
April 13; 9:00 a.m.
St. Peter, Scribner
Servant Event & Bible Study

Plainview Zone
April 6; 9:00 a.m.
Zion, Plainview
Speaker: Rev. Dan Feusse

Omaha Tri-Zone
April 7; 1:00 p.m.
Divine Shepherd, Omaha
Speaker: Release Ministries

Wayne Zone
April 2; 9:00 a.m.
Trinity, Martinsburg
Speaker:
Pediatric Oncology Nurse

West Point Zone
April 29. 5:00 p.m.
St. Paul, West Point
Speaker: Rev. Ryan Seymore

Young Women Representatives

Three young women have been chosen to represent the NE North LWML District. This is the first year that the National LWML has expanded the number of young women that will be able to represent each district. Each young woman who applies to represent the district at National convention is asked why they think LWML is important to them. Get to know a little more about our YWRs through their answers.

Jessie Rinke - Bennington

Career: Veterinarian Technician and Kitchen Assistant

Home Church: King of Kings, Omaha

The importance of the continuation of LWML is a passion of mine. It is fundamental element of the church and its people. Young women need to understand that faith, fellowship, and service alongside one another develops rich, lifelong relationships that strengthen each individual as well as the church.

Cheyenne Fowlkes - Tilden

Career: Graphic Artist

Home Church: St. Paul Lutheran, Buffalo Creek, Tilden

Because it is beneficial to our church that the younger women become involved to ensure the continued longevity of our church body and to meet other young women of our shared faith.

Patricia Folton (Patty) - Valentine

Home Church: Our Savior Lutheran, Valentine

The spiritual growth and encouragement I have received from all the district and national conventions I have attended in the past, has been overwhelming. The sisterhood that is LWML and YWR is a special bond and I would love to be able to develop that bond with more Godly women.

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Since I live in a very small town, it seems to be easier to shine God's light throughout my community. I know all the people. Everyone watches out for each other and if a need arises, the whole town pulls together to make things happen or raise the money to get it done. All around my community I see God's light shine through simple things, like sending birthday cards and get well cards; making a casserole for someone who lost a loved one; scooping the snow off your neighbor's drive; taking someone to a Dr appointment who can not drive; delivering "cheer" plates to shut ins and those who grieve a loved one; helping pack up the household goods of a single mom who suffered a bad car accident and needs to move and all the prayer chains that we have. You know that song, "They will know we are Christians by our love"? All the acts of kindness and love that we share throughout our communities show that love and shine God's light all around. Mathew 5:16 says, "in the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Too often we get wrapped up in our own lives and forget to let our light shine to others. Lord, "your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path." May we always share the light on our path with our community, so they also may know the true light of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

SEEK N SERVE DAY
NEBRASKA NORTH AND SOUTH
LWML

Lavished Love!

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

*There will be plenty of jobs
opportunities to serve for non-sewers
Bring your machines, scissors, irons,
ironing boards and thread*

**Blankets are required to be filled with
washable poly pellets – Contact Katy
Gifford or Lisa Stirtz if you would like to
donate a Thrivent Gift Card or other
funding to the purchase of these pellets.**

Registration Fee

\$15.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Home District: _____ North _____ South

THEME VERSE:
1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7
LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND; LOVE
DOES NOT ENVY OR BOAST; IT IS NOT
ARROGANT OR RUDE. IT DOES NOT
INSIST ON ITS OWN WAY; IT IS NOT
IRRITABLE OR RESENTFUL; IT DOES
NOT REJOICE AT WRONGDOING, BUT
REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. LOVE
BEARS ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL
THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS, ENDURES
ALL THINGS.

**Bible Study Leaders:
Deb Burma & Laurie Friedrich**

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

Items Needed

Assorted ribbons for taggy blankets (satin and
gross grain ribbon is best) – must be washable!
Flannel fabric for weighted blankets – Lap Pads
– 14" x 26", Infant blanket – 32" x 36", Child's
blanket – 38" x 50", Youth Blanket – 44" x 65"

In Gathering

*Gift Cards for Lutheran Family Services
Target, Walmart or Hyvee*

Registration Deadline

April 15, 2019

Send Registration
form and payment to:
Lana Erickson
13826 Ames Ave
Omaha, NE 68164

God's Light on our path in our community or district

How often do we get busy and fail to see the needs of others? Have you witnessed someone in need and not done anything about it? Have you ever been the one in need but received no help? I don't know about you but sometimes I find it hard to do good deeds and acts of kindness as I find myself juggling many roles as a mother, daughter, grandmother, sister, aunt, co-worker, friend, neighbor or colleague. Yes, life is overwhelming and tiring sometimes but I don't think that should stop us from serving others in our communities and in our districts. In Isaiah 41:6 we are told, "Each helps the other and says to his brother, 'Be Strong.'" (NIV).

We all have had moments where we want to reach out, serve and help others but at this same time felt tapped out or maybe even burned out. Different seasons of our life are harder than others. Yes, I agree sometimes the struggle is real. And yet sometimes I think we make things harder than they have to be. Perhaps we need to stop and remember why helping others should matter. Galatians 6:2, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." (NIV) Christ told us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Our neighbors are all the lives we touch in our roles on a day-to-day basis.

One lesson I have learned the hard way, is a timely good deed is much nicer than an afterthought. So many times, I have had good intentions to take a meal to someone during a period of medical recovery and before I know it, they are back to work or their regular routine. As I sit here writing this, I am cooking two chickens in crockpots and will use those to make some comforting chicken casseroles and chicken noodle soup. At this moment, I know of at least a handful of people that would appreciate a meal and I hope to deliver them in a timely manner.

Making meals for others is just one example of what we can do to reflect God's love by serving others. We are each uniquely blessed with gifts and talents so if cooking is not your thing maybe it is something else. We must remember the key to loving others as Christ loved us is to make our deepest passion to love God and then we can share and reflect His love to everyone. Our Seek and Serve Day last year touched me deeply as some of us made memorial blankets for families that have lost a child to miscarriage, stillbirth or another loss. Our family lost two children to pregnancy loss. At the time, it meant so much to us that friends that remembered us with a card and a few meals but no one thought to give us something tangible to hold onto as we mourned and remembered. As I made those blankets it was an honor to remember my two children that we named Kris and Brian. It felt good to give back to others and especially knowing that it would be a meaningful gift. The memorial blankets are just one of the things we have done but we have certainly reached out to many others through our Gifts from the Heart and other items we have made at Seek and Serve Day.

It is easy to sometimes think we as one person can't make a difference in the lives of others in our communities and district. If we combine all the little things, we can show God's love in a big way. Remember that sometimes it doesn't even need to be an act of kindness it can be a loving word, a hug, a look, or just spending time with someone. Serve the Lord with Gladness! And when you do, you too will be blessed!

Shelley Freudenburg, Financial Secretary

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Mite Offerings

From Societies: \$13,645.75

From Donations: \$100.00

From Memorials: \$85.00

From Special Offerings: \$1,819.60

Total Mite Offerings: \$15,650.35

Memorials:

Immanuel Osmond LWML

St. John Pilger Ladies Aid

Immanuel Columbus

Mission Sowers LWML

Trinity Ponca Ladies Aid

For:

Mardell Buckendahl

Doris Broekemeier

Ruby Beckman

Doluth Pearson

Reminder

Final Print Copy of Leaguer - Summer 2019

Leaguer will be available on the Nebraska North LWML Website and Facebook Page, and will be emailed to individuals and churches if an email address is provided

Joyce Buethe, Vice President of Gospel Outreach jbuethe@hotmail.com

God's light. A lamp unto our feet. Where is it taking us? From where has it brought us? The daylight is increasing every day as we move closer to spring and even with more light it can still be hard to know or see where we are headed. We can get so busy with the little things that the big picture seems to get all blurry. I sometimes forget that my picture is not God's picture. We each have our own tunnel vision that interferes with being able to see the big picture.

As women we tend to get caught up in the mentality of Martha and get so busy "doing" that we can't see the light on the path to Jesus. Each of our groups, whether it has 4 members or 40, has an opportunity to spread the news of God's wonderful light to those around us.

Mites, prayer shawls, lap robes, meals for those in need, holiday gifts, Bible study, assisting Sunday School, Midweek or Dayschool teachers. These are all ways we can spread that light we have been given. Each of these alone might be a small gift but when added together with the offerings of our sisters in Christ they add up and can turn a small lamp into a flood light.

We might wonder if our small project in our own church or community really makes a difference but we know it does when we look at what our mites have done through the years. God is more than capable of taking care of the big picture, giving us the freedom to work on our own little project. God lights our path, each and every step. We can rest assured that his light will always be there to light our path.

Suzy Awe, Vice President of Communication sawe@frontiernet.net

Dear Lord,

Sometimes I feel so busy with work, home, church, life...that your Light On my Path seems dim and hard to see. I am sorry for not looking to You for the light when I really need it the most. I couldn't find inspiration to write this article this week. It was just too busy. I listened to a colleague who was worried about her future when she learned her contract was not renewed for next year. We prayed about her future and how God has it all under control. I spoke with a dear LWML sister for awhile about the mysterious "Weighted Blanket" and how best to ship 500 pounds of polyfill beads to Seward in April. I enjoyed an evening celebrating Galentines' Day with my mother-in-law who is enduring her first Valentines Day as a widow. As I sat down to write on Thursday I was reminded that I volunteered to teach ESL children a Bible story and was then invited to the Valentine Fiesta with their parents afterward. Friday night was spent with a beloved friend who needed a friend, a hug and a listening ear. So Lord, when? When do I have time to seek Your light in my community, in my district, in my life?

Oh, I see what you did there, Lord. Good one. I love you Lord, I love the way to weave Your Light into my days seamlessly and continually use me to share it. Thank you for using me and blessing me with so many opportunities to share your love. Your child, Suzy

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

Remain to be paid

Scholarships - \$15,000

Jesus Our Savior Preschool Tuition Assistance - \$10,000

Financial Assistance for Food and Clothing Co-op - Fort Wayne Seminary \$10,000

Chaplain Scholarships for Medical Mission Trips - \$6,000

Seminary Education for New Pastors in South Sudan - \$7,500

Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS) Curriculum Resources - \$1,500 (partial)

Paid

Scholarships - \$15,000

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

Rev. Barry Williams, Senior Pastoral Counselor bawillia1@excite.com

“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’” (John 8:12) It is good to shed light on our lives, especially when that light is the Lord. We may not always appreciate having our lives exposed to light, but when they are, we have opportunity to repent and be forgiven.

For Jesus, his whole life was about light, about shedding light on God’s Word. Everything Jesus did was about his Father’s will and fulfilling the prophecies of Scripture. Where he went, what he did, even where he lived had to do with shedding light on his fulfillment of a coming Messiah. That’s how he ended up in Bethlehem, in Egypt, in Nazareth, and even in Capernaum. “Now when [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” (Matt 4:12-16)

Have you ever thought that you live in your community for a particular reason? According to God’s purpose, what places you where you live? Our daily lives in our communities are certainly a part of God’s purpose for us. Helping out our neighbors in our community is a part as well. Like when we raise funds for people to help people. That help can be the moment that opens a conversation that sheds light on where our help comes from. And it is good to be clear of the source of all our blessings. When Jesus leads us into such a conversation, his light shines not only in our lives, but also in the lives of the people we meet.

Recently the ladies of my congregation reached out to the community. By raising funds for a program that places disabled people and horses together in a nurturing way, the ladies and our whole congregation came together with the community to share a good meal and share a moment of encouragement. The conversations that took place that day did as much for

feeding the soul as the food did feeding the body. What joy there is in showing compassion and love in God’s marvelous light. In Christ,
Pastor Williams

