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Today as I sit and think about God's Light on our Path in our Nation ...where is God in the midst of all things happening in this great world today? At times we are questioning our God...floods, shootings, burning of cathedral in Paris, sicknesses, and financial issues. But we know that God is truly present in all of these situations, and God is surrounding us with special people to help us through all these things. We have become closer with our friends and neighbors and family through these things. God truly is present and His Light is how we deal with all of these situations. PRAYER...is how we handle these things and having those prayer warriors on your side is so important.

In 64 short days we celebrating our National LWML Convention in Mobile, AL with our theme In Praise to the Lord. We will be celebrating with 4000 other women and men and what great things the Lord is doing in LWML. God's Light will truly be present there. We will be Praising Him in many ways....servant events, greeting our YWR's, processional banners, our Heart to Heart to sisters, new officers being elected, offerings be taken, Bible Study by Donna Pyle, our Keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Brent Smith from Mission Central and so many displays to see. We will be hearing about the mission field and how God's Light is leading our Path in so many wonderful ways. I am so blessed to be going to Mobile to represent your district and what JOY this will bring to me and I will find new and different ways to have God's Light Shine on my Path here in Nebraska and in the nation.



SEEK & SERVE

How many blankets were made?



MISSION GRANT PAID

What was the most recent Mission Grant paid?



NATIONAL CONVENTION

What do you need to know about Mobile?



DISTRICT RETREAT

What is the theme? Who is the speaker? Where will it be held?

Second Mission Grant Paid

The Nebraska North District LWML second mission grant for the 2018 - 2020 biennium was to Jesus Our Savior Preschool Tuition Assistance for \$10,000. On March 22nd, District Treasurer Karen Peters and Virginia VonSeggren drove to the Winnebago Indian Reservation to present the check to Sheryl Tietz.

This year is the 21st year of operation for this school. There are 18 preschoolers with Sheryl Tietz as their teacher. Sheryl teaches the academic and social skills to prepare the students for kindergarten. But most importantly, Sheryl teaches the children about the love of Jesus along with Pastor Ricky Jacob, a called missionary to Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Outreach. Statistics show that over 80% of the children on the Winnebago Reservation are living in poverty. This fact illustrates the challenge that families face when trying to pay tuition. This grant enables Jesus our Savior Lutheran Preschool to offer tuition assistance to these families.

Peg Kumm, Vice President of Human Care
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Over the last several weeks we have seen how God's light has been shining light of hope through a natural disaster which occurred throughout the midwest. The devastation that has happened to countless individuals, families and communities in our area, across the state and in surrounding states is undescrivable.

Seeing the pictures on Facebook and the media of the aftermath we wonder "How do we get through this" and it weighs heavy on our minds. Our spirit seems broken, but God's love and His light shines through it all. It shines in the hearts of His people from near and far, rallying together to help their fellow man in whatever way they can. Farmers and businesses from our state and across the country sending whatever is needed to help others in this time of need. This is truly God's light shining in the hearts of people.

When people help in times of need, God's light shines on the path that our Lord and Savior directs it to go, opening hearts and guiding the many acts of kindness shown to others.

May our loving God continue to bless and keep our nation and us in His light as we travel the road He has laid before us, to lead and help others through difficult times, showing them the one true light whom we can always trust, through good times and bad times.

May the peace and love of God be with you always and His light shine on you, guiding you on the path to eternal life with and through Him.



From Sheryl Tietz: THANK YOU NEBRASKA DISTRICT LWML for blessing Jesus Our Savior Preschool with this generous grant! The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is totally mission minded! GOD IS USING YOU! God bless you for choosing to bless His ministry in Winnebago, Nebraska!!!



Joyce Buethe, Vice President of Gospel

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Spring into summer is such a great season and time. There are so many things happening in and around us. Basketball, baseball, spring football games. Taxes to be paid or refunded. Gardens to ready and seeds to plant. LWML fiscal year ending and mite goals to be fulfilled. Many of our sisters and brothers have endured and are enduring less joyous events. Flooding, illness, uncertainty, death. But in all this we are seeing great things happening. Our National mite goal was reached! I was a delegate at the convention when these Mission Grants were voted on and recall feeling that the goal that had been set was maybe a bit ambitious. Oh me of little faith! Even here in Nebraska North we have paid our second grant to the Jesus Our Savior Preschool in Winnebago. Our God is such a gracious God.

We can easily see the Light that shines on the Mission Grant path. Men, women and children are being helped both near and far through the giving of our big and small gifts. Choosing these missions is just one of the first steps and perhaps an easy one compared to fulfilling the promise of paying the grants. Many, many people count on our promises of helping them as they spread the gospel message and care for people throughout the world.

Dear Lord, Thank you for your abundant blessings in my life. Place on my heart the desire to share these blessings with a world in need.

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Memorials From: **For:**

Bancroft Zion Guild
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Columbus Christ LA & LW
Ponca Trinity LA
Wayne Grace LA
Wayne Grace LA
Wayne Grace Evening Cr
Kelsey Mertens
Joyce Hagerbaumer
Monique Wolske
Marianne Slama
Hellen Oldenkamp
Hellen Oldenkamp
Peggy McAllister
Kevin & Julie Kruger
Jeanette Groppe

LaVonne Tietz
Elmer Katt
Elva Krohn
Ruth Bakenhus
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Harvey Brader
Delores Utecht
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Erma Stigge
Lillian Sharman
LaVerda Kruger
Erma Stigge



Mite Offerings

From Societies: \$15,469.40
From Donations: \$1,480.00
From Memorials: \$445.00
From Special Offerings: \$507.14



Save the Date

Nebraska North
District Fall Retreat

October 12, 2019

Our Savior Lutheran
Church, Norfolk, NE

Theme Verse

"Above all, keep loving one another earnestly since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:8-10

Speaker: Molly Dixon
Pleasanton, NE

Rev. Marcel Kohlmeyer,
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God's Light On Our Path – Our National LWML Convention

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." (Revelation 7:9-12).

God's Light On Our Path! That statement ties in so beautifully with the picture that John gives to us in Revelation 7. It is God's Light that shines on the path of every Christian that brings this picture to life! This is a picture of the whole Church, standing before the throne of God in heaven. It is what is to come for sure but it is also a glimpse, a foretaste, of what we experience in worship every Sunday as the whole Church, both the Church here on earth and the Church in heaven, gathers around the altar/throne of God!

We were asked to write about what we are most looking forward to with our National LWML Convention. For me, it will be the worship service. As we gather with other LWML ladies from around the nation, what a picture that will be! People from all walks of life, gathered around the altar/throne of God receiving the gifts of God in Word and Sacrament and together proclaiming and giving thanks for the salvation that God has given to us in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We stand there with the whole Church because we have been washed clean and given the white robe of Christ's righteousness in Holy Baptism. We are part of that joyful throng! It is a picture that we perceive by faith as it is revealed by God in Scripture as God shines His Light on Our Path!



Immanuel Osmond LWML hosted their annual Confirmation Recognition night on April 7. The evening involves a speaker, welcomes from each church organization, gifts and a confirmation banner, then the reveal of their LWML secret pal. Lunch and fellowship follow

38th Biennial Convention - June 20-23

Mobile, Alabama

Soon women and men will be heading to Mobile, AL to do the business of the LWML. There will be a new Mission Goal chosen along with new mission grants selected and a new LWML President will be elected. Please keep President Patti, Nebraska North President Lisa and our delegates, young women representatives (Jessie, Cheyanne, and Patricia), women on the ballot (Karla and Crystal) and all who attend the convention in your prayers. If you are unable to attend, participate on line - links will be provided at lwml.org



Offerings

- 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

Young Women Representatives

- Jessie Rinke - Bennington
- Cheyanne Fowlkes - Tilden
- Patricia Folton (Patty) - Valentine

Elections

Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Donald Beaumont - Willowick, OH (Ohio District)
Rev. Brian Noack - Sayville, NY (Atlantic District)

President

Linda Arnold - Oswego, IL (Northern Illinois District)
Debbie Larson - Florissant, CO (Rocky Mountain District)

Vice President of Organizational Resources

Marie Chow - Seattle, WA (Washington-Alaska District)
Lois Teinert - Round Rock, TX (Texas District)

Vice President of Special Focus Ministries

Susan Brunkow - Manhattan KS (Kansas District)
Dcs. Betty Knapp - Marquette, MI (North Wisconsin District)

Treasurer

Karla Koehler - Wausa, NE (Nebraska North District)
Bunnie Koelsch - West Melbourne, FL (Florida-Georgia District)

Nominating Committee

Sylvia Bean - Clovis, NM (Rocky Mountain District)
Ann Marie Bollas - Painesville, OH (Ohio District)
Carrie Brumbaugh - Lyman, WY (Wyoming District)
Lynnette Campbell - Concord, CA (California-Nevada-Hawaii District)
Leslie Colligan - Dedham, MA (New England District)
Mary Harrington - Shell Lake, WI (North Wisconsin District)
Whitney Lee - Stephenville, TX (Texas District)
Crystal Miller - LaVista, NE (Nebraska North District)
Brianna Stahlecker - Seward, NE (Nebraska South District)

National Mission Goal



\$2,075,000

Complete!

Who won the mite challenge?



Nebraska North

\$10,190.57

Nebraska North District Convention

June 26-27, 2020

Ramada Inn, Columbus, NE

Hosted by: Columbus and Fremont Zones

38th Biennial Convention - June 20-23

Mobile, Alabama - continued

Mission Grants

2019-2021 Mission Goal: \$2,100,000 Mite Goal: \$1,470,000

1. Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa — Lutheran Hour Ministries \$100,000
2. Lutheran Secondary Education for Hispanics — Walther Christian Academy, Melrose Park, Illinois \$75,000
3. Lights for Christ Scholarships — Divine Savior Lutheran Church, Zacapa, Guatemala \$95,000
4. Music Outreach, Classes, & Resources on the Border — Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso, Texas \$98,400
5. Teach Me Too - Preschoolers with Learning Needs — Lutheran Special Education Ministries \$100,000
6. Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families — Camp Restore Detroit \$100,000
7. Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction — Office of International Mission \$50,000
8. Rooted, Celebrating, Growing — Camp Omega, Waterville, Minnesota \$50,000
9. Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln — University Lutheran Chapel, Lincoln, Nebraska \$50,000
10. God's Grace for This Generation — LAMP Ministry Inc. \$100,000
11. God's Word Changes Everything — Lutheran Bible Translators \$95,000
12. Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala — Lutheran Church of Guatemala and Child Beyond International \$100,000
13. Touching the Living Word — Lutheran Braille Workers \$100,000
14. Teaching the Faith through Music — St. Paul's Music Conservatory, Council Bluffs, Iowa \$78,600
15. Mission Outreach Among the Oromo — The LCMS Missouri District \$37,175.16. Making Jesus Known in United States Ethnic Communities — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri \$100,000
17. Expanding Broadcast of Worship Anew — Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc., Ft. Wayne, Indiana \$80,000
18. Expanding Congolese & Arabic Refugee Work — Christian Friends of New Americans \$30,000
19. Water and Word for Rural Schools — Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenya \$80,000
20. Women's Witness and Mercy Asia — Mission Central \$100,000
21. Digital Media Development — Lutherans For Life \$30,000
22. Holy Cross Lutheran Mission Plant — Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries \$100,000
23. Ministry in Motion — Trinity Lutheran Church, Mobile, Alabama \$58,000
24. Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation — Wind River Lutheran Mission \$40,000
25. Sharing the Good News — Main Street Living Northland \$53,200
26. Equipping Missionaries to be Reconcilers - LCMS Office of International Mission \$62,500
27. Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow — LCMS School Ministries \$80,000
28. LCMS Deaconess Ministry — LCMS Office of International Mission \$90,000
29. Christ's Mercy in Russia — LCMS Office of International Mission \$70,000
30. Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere — KFUE Radio \$60,000
31. Pre- & Post-Seminary Training — Mission Training Center, Africa \$62,650

“But God I am not _____ enough.” Fill-in the blank with whatever word(s) you think like smart, devoted, beautiful, kind, organized, etc. “But God, where will I find the time?” Are these and other excuses preventing you from serving the LWML at any level but especially at the national level? A few years ago, those thoughts raced through my mind as I contemplated and prayed about applying to serve on a national committee.

But God spoke to me and still speaks to me in His holy and precious Word in the following verses:

- *“I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13 (NLT)*
- *“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.” Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)*
- *“...And I say to you, ‘Don’t be afraid I am here to help you.’” Isaiah 41:13*
- *“But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.” 2 Chronicles 15:7 (NIV)*
- *“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.” Psalm 32:8 (NIV)*
- *“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9 (NIV)*
- *“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)*

I have been humbled and honored to serve on the national Finance and Operations Committee, for nearly two years while also serving as Recording Secretary at the district level. It has not been from my own power that I have been able to accomplish attending meetings, reviewing policies and procedures, providing financial analysis, and making recommendations for the national Executive Committee and Board of Directors and balancing that with my district duties along with my professional and personal life. God has given me strength and helped me find the time to serve Him.

I would strongly encourage you to seek opportunities to serve at all levels of the LWML whether it is in your local society, district or national level. As so often it has been said, “God does not call the equipped, He equips those He calls.” Prayerfully, consider serving at the national level. If you are so led, complete the Personnel Resource Profile found on the national LWML website at www.lwml.org/get-involved under the Service tab and selecting “Get Involved”. You are _____ enough! Fill-in the blank with whatever quality you think you are missing.

As we are guided by the Holy Spirit let us remember,

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10.

We are never too old or too young to serve. God’s blessings to you as you seek His will and you seek to serve Him!

Suzy Awe,

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Vice President of Communication

Through history there have been 140 White House Easter Egg Roll Celebrations. The tradition dates back to 1878. The celebration was cancelled only during wars, construction and lean years. The Easter Egg Roll at the White house is on the Monday after Easter and is hosted and planned by the First Lady. A National Tradition for 140 years. The reason the Easter Egg Roll is on the Monday after Easter is a tradition that needed no explanation years ago. Easter Sunday is reserved for Worship and family. Easter is the day we celebrate Jesus' glorious resurrection from the dead. When not an egg, but a stone was rolled to show an empty tomb. God's light shone bright that first Easter morning as the Risen Christ shone in God's glory. It is still a tradition for many Christians in America to attend church on Easter, unfortunately the attendance doesn't continue there after. A tradition can be a yearly event, a monthly event, a weekly event or a daily event. We can encourage our neighbors to include worship as a weekly tradition instead of a yearly tradition. We can keep talking about the sermon series that excite us and let others know that worship helps your faith grow as you shine the Light of Christ. LWML ladies are some of the most passionate Christ-filled people I know. Share that Love, share that Light, share that Easter story.

Reminder

Where is your issue?
Do you need a tissue?

Reminder

Don't have an issue with your issue of the upcoming
Leaguers.

The July issue will still be sent by e-mail and paper
copies mailed.

But after that you may have an issue.

So here's a solution: Access your Leaguer hot off the line
from the website lwmlnebraskanorth.org or from the
Nebraska North District LWML facebook page.

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

Remain to be paid

Scholarships - \$15,000

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

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

Young Women Representatives - UNO On-Campus Outreach Events - \$2,018

Youth in Mission - His Kids Camp Scholarship to Camp Luther - \$218

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"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Are we praying for our nation? How are they seeing God's light through us?

Over the past few weeks of natural disasters, I am overwhelmed by the generosity of people. And not just close by, but all over the country, people are helping those in Nebraska in need. What a picture of God's love and light spreading across the Midwest. We worry about our nation and our new "morals" and well we should, but over and over we see that God is still in control and the good people are still out there. May we all continue to shine God's love to others so they may know the source of all light. As we move into Holy Week and Easter, let us share the good news that there is a light at the end of the tunnel of hopelessness and it is Jesus. Alleluia, He is Risen.....He is risen indeed!

Seek & Serve

Lavish Love

Bible Study:

Laurie Friedrich and
Deb Burma

Service:

30 Weighted Blankets
(6 finished, 24 taken to be
finished)

111 Taggy Blankets
(65 finished, 46 taken to be
finished)

\$605 Gift cards and Cash
270 books from CPH Outreach
All donated to Lutheran Family
Service

Attendees:

70 Women

3 Children

1 Pastor

Susan Medina from Lutheran
Family Services

Bible Study Leaders - Laurie
Friedrich and Deb Burma

Service

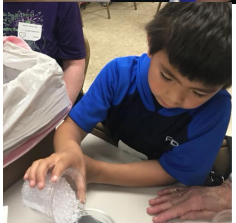


Study



Fellowship





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Vice President of Servant Resources**

Excitement for the Upcoming National Convention -

As I sit down to write this, I recall the 2017 National Convention in Albuquerque, which was my first national convention. I was so looking forward to going, but was afraid I wasn't going to be able as my mother was not doing well. She passed away about 1 week before convention and instead of thinking that maybe I should stay home, I knew for me, going was what was going to lift me up and did it ever. For me, driving with fellow LWML members from our district, attending all the parts of the convention and meeting so many others who have such love for our Lord was exactly what I needed. Albuquerque was beautiful in all of its own ways, just as I am looking forward to all the ways that make Mobile special in all of her own ways.

I am so looking forward everything - from Servant Connections to District Caucuses and photos to the first meeting with the worship with communion to the Info gatherings, as well as all the meetings, the exhibits, the Inspirational evening, the pledge walk, interest sessions and the entertainment of VOICES of Mobile. The convention verse from 1 Chronicles 16:23-24a - "Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations" is what we are all here to do - sing and tell of His glory! I am also excited to meeting all the fellow district members that are flying to and from Mobile, as well as our three Young Women Representatives (YWRs) - Jessie Rinke, Cheyanne Fowlkes and Patty Fulton - and how they plan to help our LWML grow! See you June 19-23rd in Mobile!!