



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

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## Joy Notes from Lisa

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In **Praise to the Lord**.... how many ways can we praise our Lord? How can we show that "Light of Jesus" to so many people in this world? What mission is right in front of us and how can we share Jesus with these people?

The 38th Mobile AL Convention was a huge success with 3,200 men, women and children **Praising our Lord**. One of the most impressive things for me was worshipping and hearing 3,200 plus people **Praising the Lord** at the opening worship service. I had the opportunity to

partake of the Lord's supper with 3,200 people! Seeing the many Pastors **Praising The Lord** and serving His people with beaming smiles was an awesome way to begin convention. In a convention hall hearing all those voices **Praising the Lord** we definitely knew the Lord's presence was there. What a joy and honor it was to carry the NE North LWML banner and walk along with our three amazing Young Women Representatives; Jessie Rinke, Cheyanne Fowlkes and Patty Fulton. God has blessed so many women who make beautiful banners all in **Praise to the Lord**.

President Patty Ross announced that we met our 2017-2019 Mission Grant goal and actually exceeded our goal by \$168,000. The excess amount will now be applied to our next mission grant goal of \$2.1 million dollars. Again...In **Praise to the Lord!** How can we not be so very proud of our LWML women?

There were so many wonderful inspiring Mission speakers and as they spoke I was so overwhelmed with the love and joy they have to serve in **Praise to the Lord**.

They keep on serving and serving, even though their job may be tough and the circumstances are not the best. God continues to bless their ministry and make it grow. **Praise to the Lord!**

Rev. Gregory Manning from NOLA (New Orleans, Louisiana) touched my heart. This man is 96% blind, but his mission to the New Orleans people is growing and growing. His ministry 4H...Hearts, Happy, Homeless and Hurting is based on Matthew 25:31-46. His ministry is also Love Times Two ... which means Love Jesus and Love You.

Again, I can only give **Praise to the Lord**.

I want to thank the NE North District for sending me as your Representative. What a **JOY** it was for me to reconnect with so many friends, make new friends, and feel the love of Jesus wherever you went at that convention. It was a **JOY** to witness so many hugs, smiles, and the prayers together' It was a **JOY** to be a part of singing, bible studies, and voting for our new leaders. It was a **JOY** to experience so many people touched by the love of Jesus. **Praise be to the Lord!**



### NATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

What is the new mission goal? What are the new Mission Grants? Who was elected?



### 2019 FALL DISTRICT RETREAT

What is planned?



### SEEK & SERVE

What did we accomplish?



### NEW MITE BOX DESIGN

Can I order my new Mite Box now?

# Convention Reflections from Cheyanne

Cheyenne Fowlkes - Young Woman Representative

Attending the national convention as a YWR was a unique and enriching experience. As I was told a few times before arriving, we're all just one big happy family! It didn't matter that this was my first national convention and didn't know all the ins and outs of what happens in LWML, everyone was thrilled that I and my fellow YWRs had attended. I think I now have an additional 3,000 sisters, aunts and grandmothers, and the occasional uncle, that I can look forward to seeing again at future conventions.

Along with all the additional family, you quickly realize when over 3,000 Lutherans gather is that we do make a great noise singing to the Lord. Occasionally it may be off key or a couple words behind or include conga lines, but the message is still the same! Hearing all those voices praising God with the same heart sent shivers and goosebumps racing down my arms that were not from the air conditioning!

Once the dancing and singing dies down, you listen to all the speakers and realize just how much we do in the mission field. In the words of Mites in Action Speaker, Lynn Corker, "It's all our fault!" that we touch so many lives as we minister to those who are suffering body and soul and are in need of Jesus. Our mites can and do so much in helping us reach those goals.

I am extremely glad I had the opportunity to attend the convention as a YWR and make new friendships that I hope will last a long time (possibly until we, like Jan Struck, can declare ourselves OWRs - Old Women Representatives) so that when we do gather again, it will be just like one huge family reunion. I also hope to use my newfound knowledge and friendships to help me as I continue to work as a young woman in my congregation and district.



# Convention Reflections from Patty

Patty Fulton - Young Woman Representative

National Convention was an incredible experience! I have had the pleasure of attending two other national conventions, but this was my first national convention as a YWR!

There were several exciting things that happened during this convention, so I'll tell you about the highlights for me. My favorite event was the entertainment on Saturday night, which was the Voices of Mobile. This is a vocal group from a small private college in Mobile, AL that tours all over the world while the members attend school full time. I enjoy being able to attend concerts, especially when the performers are passionate and enjoy their art. The Voices of Mobile is a group that shares their love of God through their love of music.

The other event that I look forward to is the communion service that happened on Thursday night at the opening service. Having the ability to commune with thousands of fellow Lutherans is just an amazing experience! I have been blessed enough to be able to attend 4 services like this. Once at a National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, and the other 3 were at National LWML conventions. This experience is just a heart filling event! When getting the opportunity to share this event with so many brothers and sisters at once is such a powerful experience.

Another special event that we, as YWRs, were able to take part in was to share a meal with President Patti, Jan Struck and Donna Pyle. During this meal we had the pleasure of hearing the stories of how each one of them got involved in LWML as well as how they ended up in the positions that they were currently holding in LWML. God uses all sorts of different experiences to get us to where He wants us to be, and that was clear in the stories that Patti, Jan and Donna shared.

Thank you for allowing me to have this experience as a YWR at a National Convention. This has been a mountain top experience!



# Convention Reflections from Joyce

Joyce Schlosser, Omaha West Zone Delegate

Singing praises to the Lord with over 3,000 other Missionary minded ladies was awesome! Watching the flags of so many countries that was represented created a global inspiration of how big and far reaching our Lutheran Woman in Missions is! Seeing the Young Woman's Representatives especially the 3 from Nebraska North coming together shows how our organization is alive and active! The speaker that created in me a long lasting memory is the gal that stated "It's all your Fault" for causing her to join the LWML, then going on a mission trip, and then witnessing in a remote village the compassion and love with prayers from around the world to reach the lost and seeing healing take place. That is what it means to be spreading God's Word. Laughter erupted when the new president stated that her husband had phoned their pastor and stated "Pray for the LWML. My wife was elected National President yesterday." On Sunday when the 16 of us traveling by plane learned that our plane trip home was cancelled and we would have another few days in Mobile caused some changes to be made for our home arrival time. This group leaned on each other saying we were being taught patience and knew that this delay could be even used to Glorify God. My husband broke into laughter as I was near tears when I relayed the delay message to him. It was then that I felt like I could handle the circumstance. He helped me look on the bright side of life and keep my sense of humor. He could enjoy the peace and quiet a little longer. What a wonderful experience being together Serving the Lord with Gladness!



# Shelley Freudenburg, Financial Secretary

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## Memorials From: For:

|  |  |                   |
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| Trinity Lutheran - Ponca Ladies Aid      | Karla Koehler                            | Carol Rethwisch   |
| Immanuel Lutheran Wakefield Ladies Aid   | Dwaine Rethwisch                         | Carol Rethwisch   |
| Trinity Lutheran Ponca Ladies Aid        | Karla Koehler                            | Carol Rethwisch   |
| St Paul Bandcroft Alter Guild            | Monique Wolske                           | Nila Schuttler    |
| Our Redeemer Lutheran Wahoo Lydia League | Wayne & Charlotte Blunk                  | Nila Schuttler    |
| Zion Lutheran Plainview Priscilla        | Immanuel Lutheran Wakefield Ladies Aid   | Nila Schuttler    |
| Trinity Lutheran Madison Ladies Aid      | Monica Ebmeier                           | Nila Schuttler    |
| Christ Lutheran Columbus LA & LW         | Trinity Lutheran Ponca Ladies Aid        | Nila Schuttler    |
|  | St Paul Bandcroft Alter Guild            | Vera Grone        |
|  | Our Redeemer Lutheran Wahoo Lydia League | Lloyd Lanik       |
|  | Zion Lutheran Plainview Priscilla        | Connie Spatz      |
|  | Trinity Lutheran Madison Ladies Aid      | Dorothy Schroeter |
|  | Christ Lutheran Columbus LA & LW         | Marjorie Korte    |

## Mite Offerings

From Societies:

- \$9,874.19

From Donations:

- \$156.40

From Memorials:

- \$275.00

From Special Offerings:

- \$16.40

### Jr. Pastoral Counselor

Pastor Marcel Kohlmeyer  
took a call to St. John's  
Tecumseh

Pastor Ryan Eden  
from St. Paul, Meadow Grove  
appointed

# Convention Reflections from LaDonna

LaDonna Stanosheck, Vice President of Christian Life

Acts 13:47 For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

Oh, what a convention! The mission speakers were so inspirational. From housing for the neglected elderly at Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti, to providing sewing machines for income for women at the Tanzanian Sewing Center, to Opportunities in Uganda for sharing the Gospel, Mercy Medical team in Africa and Equipping Youth to Witness for Life-Y4Life right here in our own country. They all showed God's light shining in all parts of the world. And to think that we women of LWML can play some small part in helping those missions with our little mite boxes. It was a high mountain top experience indeed and now we need to keep that Light burning brightly all over the world. May we renew our efforts to fill those mite boxes (have you seen the pretty new one?) and support our missions and missionaries all over the world. May God give us wisdom and opportunity to reach all the ends of the world and fulfill his command in Mark 16:15 and Matthew 28:19.

## Convention Reflections from Barbara Barbara Counihan, Omaha South Zone Delegate

I was moved most by the Mites in Action Speaker, Lynn Corker, who spoke on Friday afternoon. She began her talk to the convention by stating that "You LWML women have ruined by life!" She also used the phrase "It's all your fault" several times. While this was a startling way to begin a speech, the truth was that each of our humble mite contributions does make an enormous difference in the lives of those who are called to engage in mission work and in the lives of those who are recipients of our mission grants.

When I signed up for the convention "special interest luncheons", in March I had chosen Lynn Corker because she would be speaking about "Women of the Pearl", a mission grant from 2015-2017 to fund the education of pastors and the leadership and empowerment of women in Uganda. I was personally very supportive of this mission grant. Because I had traveled to Kenya, a neighboring county of Uganda, several times and had seen first hand how the lack of pastors and the lack of opportunities for Christian growth and service among women impacted lives in East Africa.

In 2014 there were less than 20 ordained pastors to serve the more than 100 congregations in Uganda. In 2020 twenty four pastors will graduate and be ordained because of the LWML mission grant! God answers prayer!

Lynn Corker was an ordinary young woman living and working in Michigan, when she began getting the quiet invitations to go to Uganda on a short term mission trip. She would dismiss these urges and say something to the effect...wait until XYZ fall into place, then I will consider that. Wait until..... Finally she could delay no longer and submitted to the will of God, to serve Him in Uganda. She has been most active in acquiring sewing machines to empower women to learn to sew and to give these women an entrepreneurial spirit and along the way to enrich their own lives. She also gave them leadership and discipleship skills to share with the other women in their villages throughout Uganda. "It's all your fault" that this mission grant was so successful. Praise be to God!

## Convention Reflections from Paula

Paula Rasmuss, Omaha North Zone Delegate

As a first time national LWML convention goer, I couldn't help comparing the experience to a little foretaste of heaven---being in the company of a multitude of saints (believers), singing praises to God where way more than two were gathered in his name, well over 3,000 in fact. Singing, Bible study and worship ran through the days along with the business of the LWML. This business included election of officers, bylaws updates, and most importantly, choosing recipients of LWML grants for the 2020-21 biennium.

Opening worship with the Rev. Dr. Ulmer Marshall, Jr., as Proclaimer, was based on 1Chronicles 16:23, "Sing to the Lord all the earth! Tell of His Salvation from day to day." And sing we did. A volunteer choir of convention participants and accompaniment of Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, a brass quartet of musicians from the Mobile symphony, and organs and pianos loaned by a local source filled the convention hall and the hearts and souls of convention goers.

The music uplifted and the word of God instructed, but the stories told by recipients of Mites in Action moved the hearts of the men and women gathered in the name of Jesus because they show his love in action: "The king will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me'" Mt 25:40. Mites in Action speakers told stories of how the last biennium mission grants have changed lives and hearts ---taking elderly people left alone in Haiti, often in a shed or porch, to a newly built home for geriatric care which is little understood in that poorest country in the Western Hemisphere; caring for needs of inner city New Orleans, where diabetes and AIDS are highest in the nation; providing counseling and support for families of men and women deployed in the US military, empowering women in Uganda to break the cycle of poverty through education; radio broadcasting the Word of Christ to the 2/3 of the world's population that has become Muslim in recent times, and on.

Mercy Medical Team coordinator in West and Central Africa and also an RN, Stephanie Schulte told of a little boy suffering a malaria crisis. His father rode 25 miles on a bicycle with the boy, unconscious with a 106 degree temperature, tied to his back. Starting IV's in the severely dehydrated boy to give him fluids and antibiotics tested the skills of the native male nurse, but he finally succeeded. Slides showed a dazed but conscious little boy several hours later held in the arms of his grateful father! What a privilege to be able to support the works prepared beforehand for us to walk in them!

As a delegate I was sent to Mobile to perform a duty, but how much more than a duty it was. I wasn't going with anyone I knew, so I expected to feel a little isolated. Not only did I run into old friends who used to go to my church, Mt. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran, in Omaha, I visited during servant activities, the pledge walk, and everywhere with ladies from New York, Illinois, Texas, Kansas and more states, and I made two wonderful friends from Nebraska, Nancy Kapels and Carol Rosendahl, both veteran convention goers. Returning to the hotel after the day's convention activities on a crosswalk over the busy road that ran between the convention center and hotel we all stopped each night to admire the Mobile skyline and especially the buildings that were aglow in purple light in honor of the LWML.

As we all went back to "normal" life on Sunday ( or in some cases Monday or Tuesday since in this sinful world flights, even home from a church convention, get canceled due to weather in Dallas) we carry that glow with us. The convention approved 2.1 million dollars for the next biennium's mission grants. All members and the husbands, families and pastors who support them know that like the hymn we sang many times says, "Here am I, send me, send me." I may not be able to go to Africa, or Guatemala, or Detroit or New Orleans, But I can send mites and prayers and so "Answer quickly when he calls me, Here am I, send me, send me" LSB 826.





## Elections

### Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Brian Noack - Sayville, NY (Atlantic District)

### President

Debbie Larson - Florissant, CO (Rocky Mountain District)

### Vice President of Organizational Resources

Marie Chow - Seattle, WA (Washington-Alaska District)

### Vice President of Special Focus Ministries

Dcs. Betty Knapp - Marquette, MI (North Wisconsin District)

### Treasurer

**Karla Koehler - Wausa, NE (Nebraska North District)**

### Nominating Committee

Sylvia Bean - Clovis, NM (Rocky Mountain District)

Carrie Brumbaugh - Lyman, WY (Wyoming District)

Mary Harrington - Shell Lake, WI (North Wisconsin District)

**Crystal Miller - LaVista, NE (Nebraska North District)**

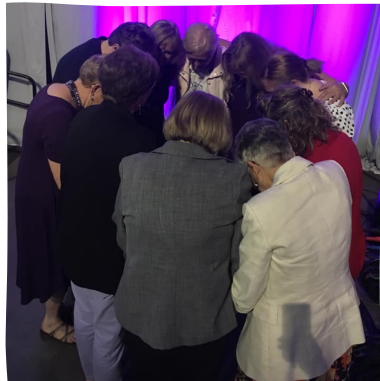
Brianne Stahlecker - Seward, NE (Nebraska South District) - Chairman

## National Mission Goal



# \$2,100,000

## 21 New Grants!



## Offerings

- 1) 2019-2021 Mission Goal
  - \$43,798
- 2) Expanding the Disability Ministry in Dominican Republic
  - \$12,361.30
- 3) James Storehouse, Louisiana helping in foster care
  - \$12,361.30
- 4) LCMS Disaster Response
  - \$33,581.58

## 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



# Fall Rally Information

| Zone           | Date         | Time       | Location              | Speaker/Activity                                    |
|----------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|---|
| Ainsworth      | September 28 | 10:00 a.m. | Our Savior, Valentine | Speaker: Pastor Andrew Uttecht                      |
| Columbus       | October 13   | 1:30 p.m.  | Peace, Columbus       | Speaker: Nancy Kapels                               |
| Fremont        | October 6    | 2:00 p.m.  | Our Redeemer, Wahoo   | Speaker: Pastor Autum Johnson<br>Uganda Misson Trip |
| Norfolk        | October 12   | All day    | Our Savior, Norfolk   | Speaker: Molly Dixon<br>District Retreat            |
| Omaha Tri-Zone | October 5    | 1:00 p.m.  | St. Mark, Omaha       | Speaker: Orphan Grain Train<br>Fish Boil            |
| Plainview      | October 26   | 9:30 a.m.  | Grace, Neligh         | Darrell and Marlene Timm                            |
| West Point     | September 23 | 4:30 p.m.  | Zion/St. John, Wisner | Speaker: Pastor Ricky Jacobs                        |
| Wayne          | October 15   | 9:00 a.m.  | Grace, Wayne          | Speaker: Pastor Paul Flo                            |

## Convention Reflections from Pastor Williams

Barry Williams, Senior Pastoral Counselor

"There are those who rebel against the light, who are not acquainted with its ways, and do not stay in its paths." (Job 24:13) Gathering at a national LWML Convention is an uplifting experience – a convention hall full of women who love God and want to see His Gospel proclaimed and shared. If only the whole world had that joy and desire. But they don't. Job's words are as relevant today as they ever have been. So even as the convention is uplifting, it's even better when one more who had rebelled against the Gospel or had never heard the Gospel hears it and is gathered into God's family of faith in Jesus. As Jesus said, "I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." (Luke 15:7) No matter how many times we hear those accounts, we hear them with joy.

From Jan Struck's humorous interruptions that told a very real story of faith bearing fruit to Donna Pyle's study of God's glorious presence with His people, we were connected to God's word and work. I especially appreciated getting to visit a school started by Rosa Young, "The first Rosa." That connection with Alabama's history and the LCMS history in Alabama reminds us that God is present and active in every generation in all places. Just as God reached people through schools in Alabama, he also reaches people through schools in China, Vietnam, Indonesia, Cambodia, and Thailand to name a few. God always gives a path to bring the Gospel to those not acquainted with its ways. May He light that path for us to follow.

## Nebraska North District Convention

June 26-27, 2020

Ramada Inn, Columbus, NE

Hosted by: Columbus and Fremont Zones

Key Note Speaker: Deb Burma

Proclaimer: President Rev. Richard Snow

Bible Study Leader: Rev. Barry Williams



## Seek & Serve Update

Our NE North and South Day was a huge success. We had 84 people attend and also one Pastor help us that day. Our event was held at St Johns Lutheran Church in Seward and reconnecting with friends was fun to see.

Our projects for the day were making weighted blankets and taggy blankets for Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska. We were able to do 30 weighted blankets, which will be used, for people with autism, sensory processing disorder, asperger syndrome, insomnia, and anxiety. Taggy blankets will be used at LFS for children in the foster care program and at their 3 Healthy Family Boutiques. They were so appreciative of these blankets. Ladies also brought gift cards for LFS in a total of \$605 to be used for people to buy supplies for their homes. Concordia Publishing House donated 100 Little Visits at Bedtime, 100 Arch Books, and 30 Psalms Now. What a wonderful gift to people at LFS.

We also had wonderful Bible Studies led by Laurie Friedrich from Seward and Deb Burma from Columbus with the topic of Lavished in Love.

Thank you to all who attended and God bless you for your donations of items for this event.

## District Retreat

**October 12, 2019**

Hosted by: Norfolk Zone

Location: Our Savior Lutheran Church  
2420 W. Omaha Ave  
Norfolk, NE

Time: 8:30 a. m - 3:30 p.m.

## Gifts From the Heart

Walmart Gift Cards - Norfolk Veteran's Home  
Monetary Donations: Fort Wayne and St.  
Louis Seminary Food Banks

## Tentative Schedule

- 9:00 Singing
- 9:15 Welcome
- 9:30 Bible Study
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 YWR Panel with moderator Sara Huwaldt
- 11:00 Mobile Convention Report Norfolk Zone  
Delegate Sarah Tillman
- 11:30 District Announcements
- 12:00 Lunch  
Swiss Steak, potato & vegetable, roll, and beverage
- 1:00 Keynote speaker Molly Dixon, Media & Marketing, NE South  
"Lutheran Women ON a Mission to a Lutheran Woman IN Mission"
- 2:00 Church Basement Ladies
- 2:15 Chaplain Chad Boggs, Immanuel, Tilden
- 2:45 Vicar Ryan and Kari Maser
- 3:15 Closing
- 3:30 Dismissal



## Purpose

Promote ways to show hospitality and love using our gifts from God as we serve in gladness in and through LWML

## Bible Passage

I Peter 4:8-12  
"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."

## Key Note Speaker - Molly Dixon

Molly Dixon is a misorganized, fly-by-the-seat-of-your-pants mother of 4 children and farm wife extraordinaire. She lives on a farm in Pleasanton with her husband, Pete, of 21 years and has loved being a stay at home Mom to their 3 sons and daughter, although you rarely find her at home. She recently joined the working world and is enjoying the new challenge of juggling work, kid's schedules and home life. Her home is never spotless and the laundry never done. She enjoys blogging about the "little things" in her spare time, always relating the ordinary back to her extraordinary faith.

# Nebraska North District Retreat



**- October 12th, 2019 -**

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**

2420 Omaha Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701

Registration form deadline is October 5th, 2019.

Please PRINT or TYPE clearly!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

*I am a:*

\_\_\_\_\_ LWML Member

\_\_\_\_\_ First Time Attendee

\_\_\_\_\_ Teen LWML

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee for day retreat (includes meal): **\$20.00**

Send completed registration form and check payable to:

**LWML NE North District**

c/o Annie Rumsey, 56128 826 Rd, Madison, NE 68748

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