



# Women On a Mission

Minnesota South District

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A Message From  
Our President

## Jesus Christ above all

Some questions for you. Does it seem to you that we appear to live in a time of chaos, and so much evil? Does it seem that the whole world, as well as our country seems to have more chaos, continual news of terrible things happening, and people doing terrible things to each other? We see riots, shootings, bombs, kidnappings, and people driving trucks into crowds of people. When there isn't actual violence, we see people verbally wrangling with each other. Sadly, we can mention so many distressing happenings.

Is it worse than ever? Or do we just immediately hear of every bad thing that happens? In this world of instant communication, doesn't it seem that awful things that happen are more newsworthy and reported more than the good things that people do? Does this encourage more violence?

We know that God made all things in this world, and He declared it was good. Then sin entered in.

In the midst of all this, we have an LWML convention this summer. The theme of the convention is, "Jesus Christ, above all." I can't think of a better theme for a convention at this time, or any time. This world always needs to know of Jesus. The Scripture verse for the convention is "Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name (Philippians 2:9). The Convention Goal Statement is: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, through Word and Sacrament, I will proclaim Jesus Christ above all. The convention is June 22 – 25, 2017 at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Much thought and prayer goes into choosing a theme for a convention. Everything, including Bible studies to luncheons and activities, are planned around the theme. We know that Jesus Christ is above all. We will celebrate Jesus Christ above all. We need to always tell others about Jesus. We will learn how other people effectively tell about Jesus Christ above all.

With the wonderful theme of "Jesus Christ above all" and the plans that are being made to welcome you and to inspire you at the convention, I hope to see a great number of my LWML Minnesota South Sisters in Christ in Albuquerque. Please make your plans and join me as we honor "Jesus Christ above all."

Margaret Hesemann, LWML Minnesota South District President 2014 - 2018

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**Next Board of Directors Meeting  
May 8, 2017**



**Next WOM Deadline:  
May 1, 2017**



## 2016-2018 GOSPEL OUTREACH

Name of Grant	Beginning Balance	Previously Paid	Paid This Quarter	Paid to Date	Unpaid Balance
The Dwelling Place, General Operating Support	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$8,000.00
Tuition Assistance for Students Seeking a Lutheran High School Education	\$60,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$18,500.00	\$41,500.00
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$800.00	\$1,300.00	\$3,700.00
Mission Central Current Missionary Need	\$10,000.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00
Minnesota South District Student Aid Scholarships for full-time professional church workers	\$40,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$28,000.00
Concordia Theological Seminary Good Co-op, Fort Wayne, IN	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$2,000.00	\$2750.00	\$7,250.00
Trinity/HOPE	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0	\$5,000.00	PAID IN FULL
Camp Omega Rooted*Celebrating*Growing Capital Campaign	\$20,000.00	\$3,596.00	\$2,500.00	\$6,096.00	\$16,404.00
Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM)	\$7,500.00	\$1,875.00	\$1,400.00	\$3,275.00	\$1,725.00
Soldiers of the Cross	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0	\$5,000.00	PAID IN FULL
Catechisms for Sudan & MN Sudanese Immigrants	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$2,000.00
Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tshwane, South Africa	\$15,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$12,000.00
Pastoral Training for Alaskan Native (Partial)	\$3,250.00	\$357.00	\$529.00	\$886.00	\$2,364.00
Total Mission Grants Projects	\$198,750.00	\$43,478.00	\$24,829.00	\$68,307.00	\$130,443.00
National LWML	\$66,250.00	\$12,050.86	\$8,276.29	\$12,050.86	\$45,922.85
Total Mites	\$265,000.00	\$31,867.30	\$33,105.29	\$80,357.86	\$209,471.14

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 The logo for 'Pastor's COLUMN' features the word 'Pastor's' in a large, stylized, outlined font with a drop shadow. Below it, the word 'COLUMN' is written in a smaller, bold, outlined font. The entire logo is set against a background of a classical column.

Dear Christian Friends,

Recently, I was leading a service at our local nursing home; there were about 20 folks in attendance, and the first song we sang was “Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing.” As nursing home singing goes, we were doing pretty well, and as we sang the last words of the last verse, a sweet little lady I had never seen before shouted out “Yahoo!” To which I responded, of course, “Mountain Dew!”

I was reminded of that commercial when I looked at the front cover of a recent bulletin. The Gospel lesson for the Sunday was Matthew 5:1-12 (the Beatitudes), and it pictured a person a couple feet off the ground kicking her heels, rejoicing and being glad. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus compares the Christian life to a wise man who builds his house on solid rock. When the rains fall down, the flood waters rise, and the winds blow, this house stands strong.

The Beatitudes teach us that no matter how hard the winds are blowing and the storms are raging, we are blessed. No matter how short and full of trouble life is, we always have reason to kick up our heels, to rejoice, to be glad, and to say how blessed we are! How blessed we are that Jesus Christ has already done for us all the good we needed Him to do. He has avoided for us all the evil we needed Him to avoid, that He has suffered for us under Pontius Pilate all that He was appointed to suffer, and that on our behalf, He was crucified until He was dead and buried.

How blessed we are that our sins are forgiven, our names are written in the book of life, and our destination in life is sure.

How blessed we are that Christ has paid our entire debt, he has drunk every last drop in the cup of a righteous God's wrath, and that when He said, “It is finished,” He meant what He said.

How blessed we are to know that as awful as that Black Friday was for our Lord's first century followers, Sunday was coming, As awful as caskets, funerals, and cemeteries seem to be in these days, we know that because Jesus Christ lives, so shall all baptized and believing people of God live in the presence of Christ into eternity.

The resurrection of Christ proves that Jesus is Who He said He was. It proves that all of His teachings are true. It proves that the Father has accepted the Son's sacrifice. It proves that even when death's dark door looms in front of us, we have reason to kick up our heels, to rejoice, to be glad, and to say how blessed we are!

In Christ

Pastor Larry J. Griffin

### Gifts from the Heart

Westward Ho! Or, to be more accurate, South-westward Ho! This summer, ladies in purple will descend upon Albuquerque, New Mexico excited to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the LWML.

The ‘Gifts from the Heart’ for the National LWML Convention have been chosen and are listed in the Winter Quarterly in the Convention section. Briefly they are: sheet sets, quilts, children's underwear, gift cards, school kits, new baby kits, and health kits. Complete details can be found on page C of the convention insert as well as at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org).

I would encourage Zone presidents to consider one of these to use for their Spring rally ‘Gifts from the Heart’. I do realize that getting them to Albuquerque is something that will need to be considered. There are definitely those that would be more easily transported; i.e. gift cards.

The LWML MN South District Human Care Committee is gathering names of ministries to consider for the ‘Gifts from the Heart’ for the 2018 District Convention. If you know of a ministry that you would like considered, please email me at [prhunter@integra.net](mailto:prhunter@integra.net).

*If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with action and in truth.”*

*1 John 3:17-18*

Pamela Hunter  
Vice President of Human Care



## Lutheran Women's Missionary League

### 37th Biennial Convention

Thursday, June 22—Sunday, June 25, 2017

Albuquerque Convention Center | Albuquerque, New Mexico

Have you heard the news? The 2017 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico will be an event to remember. LWML will be observing its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary during the convention with a special "Diamond Dazzle" celebration on Saturday evening, June 24, 2017. Deaconess Betty Knapp will expand on the theme of the convention "Jesus Christ Above All" from Philippians 2:9 in her Bible studies. Since the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod also observes the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, Jan Struck will provide humorous interruptions as Katie Luther. For up-to-date convention information and to register, visit the website at [www.lwml.org/2017-convention](http://www.lwml.org/2017-convention).

Bring the family along to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Albuquerque, June 22-25, 2017. Children ages six months to 17 years old can be enrolled in Camp Insta Friends. Located at the Albuquerque Convention Center, children will participate in age-appropriate activities. Children ages 5–8 will participate in two chaperoned field trips to the Explora Science Center and the Albuquerque Bio Park. Children ages 13–17 will participate in two servant events and two chaperoned field trips.

#### YOUR MITES AT WORK

Deb Vinkemeier, Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Valentines Day is a special day in February to express our love to someone special. We are very special to God. He tells us in John 3:16, "For God so **loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son." That message is greater than any valentine we may receive from anyone. We show and tell of God's love through our mites to the 13 Mission Grants we support.

Pastor Tom and Mary Aadland from Rosemont, MN have been supported with our mites through our "**Mission Central**" mission grant. They are serving in Kenya.

"**Lutheran Special Education Ministry**" provide the love through quality programs and services that are impacting 1,304 children, their families, schools, churches, and communities. There are 47 partner schools in 9 states including Minnesota. There has been an almost 30% increase of children being helped through LSEM since last year.

Our gift of mites supporting "**Catechisms for Sudan and Sudanese Immigrants**" has helped place Catechisms in the hands of some of the 2,000 Sudanese Immigrants in Minnesota. Lutheran Heritage Foundation has mission speakers that will come to your church free of charge to tell how new Lutherans around the world are embracing sound doctrine and seeking for more materials to be translated into their language.

There were 540 people from "**Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank**" that felt our love of mites by helping place food on their table. Students have thanked us for not having to worry about where the money is going to come from for groceries.

Former MNS LWML Counselor, Rev. Dr. Gary Zieroth, thanked us for our mite gift supporting "**Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tshwane**". More than 20 students were taught and equipped from the first of February 2016 and ended on November 11 with a Thanksgiving celebration. Most of the students left for home to celebrate Christmas with their families.

ZONE	SPRING RALLY DATE	LOCATION	DETAILS
Arlington	Saturday, April 29 Rally: ..... 9:00 AM	Peace Lutheran Church 514 Freedom Drive, Arlington	Spkr: Rev. Tom Braun Church Planting
Austin	Saturday, April 22 Rally: ..... 9:00 AM	St. John Lutheran Church 241 Line Street South, Wykoff	Spkr: Rev. Fred Hinz
Blue Earth	Wednesday, April 19 Rally: ..... 6:00 PM	St. Paul Lutheran Church 305 E. 5th Street, Blue Earth	Spkr: Marlys Ubben New Horizons Adoption Agency, Blue Earth
Faribault	Friday, May 5 Brunch: ..... 8:30 AM	St. John Lutheran Church 4532 SE 84th Avenue, Claremont	Spkr: Rev. Andy Audette Remedy Church, Oakdale "Connection Disconnected People to Jesus"
Lake Minnetonka	Saturday, April 22 Rally: ..... 9:00 AM	Zion Lutheran Church 241 Fifth Avenue South, Hopkins	Spkr: Joel Landskoerner, Exec. Director Mayer Lutheran High "Building The Kingdom":
Lake Pepin	Saturday, April 1 Rally: ..... 9:00 AM	Concordia Lutheran Church 1805 Bush Street, Red Wing	Spkr: Rev. Fred Hinz
Litchfield	No Spring Rally Scheduled		
Mankato	Saturday, April 22 Rally: ..... 8:30 AM	Salem Lutheran Church 109 3rd Street SE, Madelia	Spkr: Paul Steinhaus, Principal Martin Luther High School Northrup
McLeod	Tuesday, April 18 Rally: ..... 6:30 PM	Immanuel Lutheran Church 700 Division Street, Brownton	Spkr:
Minneapolis Metro	No Traditional Rally; instead: Luther Retreat		
NE Suburban	Saturday, April 22 Rally: ..... 9:00 AM	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 7700 Monroe Street NW Spring Lake Park	Spkr: Rep of Camp Omega
North & South Carver County	Monday, April 17 Dessert: ..... 6:30 PM	St. John's Lutheran Church 101 SE 2nd Avenue Norwood-Young America	Spkr: Shug Bury Women's Prison Ministry
NW Suburban	Saturday, April 22 Rally: ..... 9:00 AM	Peace Lutheran Church 4512 France Avenue N., Robbinsdale	Spkr: TBD (at Board Mtg. on February 6th)
Pipestone	Saturday, April 29 Rally: ..... 9:00 AM	St. John Lutheran Church 803 N Cedar Street, Luverne	Spkr: Gary Theis "Mission Central"
Rochester	Saturday, May 6 Rally: ..... 8:30 AM	Trinity Lutheran Church 222 6th Avenue SW, Rochester	Spkr: Virginia Flo Lutherans for Life —"Beginning to End of Life Issues "
SE Suburban	Saturday, April 22 Rally: ..... 9:00 AM	Trinity Lutheran Church 600 Walnut Street, Farmington	Spkr: Rev. Richard Resch "Singing the Faith"
Sherburn	Friday, May 5 Brunch ..... 9:00 AM	Zion Lutheran Church 122 W. Central Street, Springfield	Spkr: Matt & Denise Tveite Mercy Ship Volunteers
St. Croix River	Saturday, April 22 Rally: ..... 9:00 AM	South Shore Trinity Lutheran Church 2480 South Shore Boulevard White Bear Lake	Spkr: Dianne Williams of St. Michael's Lutheran Church "LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry
St. Paul Metro	Saturday, April 8 Rally: ..... 9:00 AM	King of Kings Lutheran Church 2330 Dale Street North, Roseville	Spkr: Rep. from Camp Omega "At Camp with Jesus"
SW Suburban	Saturday, April 29 Rally: ..... 9:00 AM	Cross View Lutheran Church 6645 McCauley Trail, Edina	Spkr: Nader Alaraj "Poblo/Bloomington"
Waseca	Saturday, April 22 Rally: ..... 9:00 AM	Trinity Lutheran Church 31184 W. Wilton River Road, Waseca	Spkr: Rev. David Kind
Winona	Saturday, April 22 Rally: ..... 9:00 AM	St. Martin's Lutheran Church 328 East Broadway, Winona	Spkr: Deb Vinkemeier
Worthington	Saturday, April 1 Rally: ..... 9:00 AM	St. Paul Lutheran Church 38886 800th Avenue, Lakefield	Spkr:

## Memorials Received

November 1, 2016—January 31, 2017

Verna Bass	Ronald Brummond	Virginia Drevlow	Lerone Geisthardt
Jerry Grayson	Julianne Gripentrog	Almeda Guethling	Betty Gunnary
Charles (Chuck) Harens (8)	Steve Heck	Douglas Hunt	Lavina Jagow
Rev. Paul A. Klemp	Joyce Laine (16)	Frank Larweck	Delores Lips
Curtis McGillivray (3)	Orlin Meyer	Evelyn Oeltjenbruns	Lorinda (Linda) Phipps
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### “EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS” WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 20, 2017 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church, Rochester, MN

222 6th Ave SW, Rochester, MN 55902

NO COST FOR WORKSHOP OR FRIDAY EVENING LODGING (2 per room)

LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED ON SATURDAY

*Please note: registration is limited to the first 60 registrations of LWML women and counselors. If full registration of LWMLers is not reached, then registration will be opened to others who would like to attend.*

SAVE THE DATE:

July 28-29, 2017

Lutheran Women’s Missionary League  
Minnesota South District Women’s Retreat

Information coming soon

### PARLIAMENTARY PAUSE

#### Effective Meetings

Effective meetings help to keep an organization strong and thriving.

\*Prepare an agenda and give a copy to the secretary and in many cases, to the membership to help keep the meeting focused. As members, contact the president ahead of time if there is a special item you want included on the agenda.

\*Start on time. Not only must the president be ready, but all the members need to be seated before the appointed time. Arrive early to take care of the ‘hellos’ and ‘how are you’s’. Make sure that all members can see and hear the president.

\*Members need to stay focused and keep discussions to the item on the table.

\*Consider appointing committees to do the planning for an upcoming event. The committee will present their plan as a motion and the body can then vote on it.

\*When presenting a report be prepared and keep to the essential items.

\*Make meetings as interesting as possible.

Effective, well-planned meetings will keep the members engaged in the meeting and keep them coming.

Irene Mensing

Parliamentarian and Bylaws Chairman



**2017 LWML Prayer Service**  
**“Celebrating 75 Years of Commending Christ**  
**From One Generation to Another”**  
**By Rev. Dr. Steven Turner, President of Iowa District West, LCMS**

“We are gathered here today as women and men of the church who are *in our generation* to be witnesses of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many of us lament “the generation gap” that seems to be growing with the acceleration of changes in our culture. There are times when we long for the “good old days.” Our worship for today is to remind us that God continues to work in our days. That He is the God of all generations!”

Downloads of the 2017 Prayer Service and cover artwork are available at [www.lwml.org/prayer-service](http://www.lwml.org/prayer-service). If you are unable to download the service, please contact the LWML office at [lwml@lwml.org](mailto:lwml@lwml.org) or call 1-800-252-5965 to obtain a paper copy.

**How to use the Prayer Service**

The Prayer Service is designed to be used at any time, by large or small groups. It is an abbreviated worship service. This material is copyrighted by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and users agree to use the service in full context.

Kathy Roslansky  
 VP Servant Resources

**Nominee Suggestion Form for LWML MINNESOTA SOUTH DISTRICT OFFICERS**

**Deadlines for submitting names: Pastoral Counselors September 15, 2017**  
**Other officers ..... January 15, 2018**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Street Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (City, State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip Code)

Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I suggest the following person for office: *(Please fill in as much information as you can.)*

For the office of: \_\_\_\_\_

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