



Women On a Mission

Minnesota South District

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LWML RALLIES

Over the years, I have attended many LWML rallies. Most rallies have LWML fellowship, a Bible study and/or a devotion, a collection of items for "Gifts From the Heart", an offering, singing, a skit, a speaker or topic (which is usually about a mission opportunity), and of course, food. Special music or some other special item might also be part of the program. All of that is packed into a morning or an evening event. All rallies have many things in common, but each is also unique in some way. And all groups plan and prepare to make their rally a special event.

I think that I have taken rallies for granted as just a part of LWML. Rallies are special.

I had the privilege to attend five conference rallies this fall. The topics included: Mercy Ships, Church Planting, "Public Policy Concerning Church & Government", "Broken Hearts and Hands – Service In and For Christ", and LINC. The speakers gave all attendees much to think and pray about, and maybe support.

Ingatherings included: school supplies, socks, cash, diapers and caps, mittens and gloves. All were abundantly and joyfully supported. Many needy people will receive help because LWML members donated generously.

There were several other rallies that I was unable to attend. I'm sure that they were wonderful rallies also. A rally is a local LWML event which takes only part of a day. It is an opportunity to be fed with the Word, learn more about missions, donate something to those in need, and enjoy wonderful LWML fellowship and friendship. I look forward to attending more wonderful rallies, and hope that you do, too!

Margaret Hesemann
2014 – 2018 LWML District President

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Deadline:
February 5,
2016**

MISSION GRANT APPLICATIONS

The deadline to submit Mission Grants Proposals is January 15, 2016. All proposals must be sent to the Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Deb Vinkemeier. The application and Instructions can be found at www.mnslwml.org under "Forms" and in the Summer 2015 WOM.

Events and Deadlines

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| January 15, 2016 | Deadline to submit candidates' names for Board positions |
| January 15, 2016 | Deadline to submit Mission Grants Proposals |
| February 1, 2016 | Deadline to submit YWR |
| February 13, 2016 | Board of Directors Meeting |
| March 1, 2016 | Registration opens for 26th Biennial LWML Convention |
| April 19, 2015 | Board of Directors April meeting at the Verizon Center |
| June 24-26, 2016 | 26th Biennial Minnesota South District Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Convention |

**\$26,195.98
in mites
collected
this
quarter!**

**Submit articles for
the Women On a
Mission to:
comm@mnslwml.org**

2014 - 2016 Gospel Outreach

Name of Grant	Beginning Balance	Previously Paid	Paid This Quarter	Paid to Date	Unpaid Balance
The Dwelling Place, Transitional Housing Program, Domestic Violence, Twin Cities	\$10,000.00	\$4,540.00	\$0.00	\$4,540.00	\$5,460.00
Expanding Outreach to Ethnic Women & Families - POBLO, Rochester	\$12,000.00	\$6,455.00	\$0.00	\$6,455.00	\$5,545.00
Tuition Assistance for Students Seeking a Lutheran High School Education, MN South District	\$80,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$38,000.00
Trinity/HOPE, Feeding Children in Haiti	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	FULL AMOUNT PAID
Concordia Theological Seminary Food & Clothing Co-op, Fort Wayne, IN	\$10,000.00	\$4,2485.00	\$1,549.00	\$5,834.00	\$4,166.00
Mission Central - Funding Missionaries & Support for Church Planters/Vicars in India	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	FULL AMOUNT PAID
Lutheran Braille Workers' Lutheran Library for the Blind	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	FULL AMOUNT PAID
Ghana Seminary Support - LCMS	\$10,000.00	\$4,285.00	\$1,549.00	\$5,834.00	\$4,166.00
Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM)	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	FULL AMOUNT PAID
Assisting Youth/College Students to be Companions/Camp Counselor Interns, Bethesda	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	FULL AMOUNT PAID
How Can I Understand? Lutheran Books for Families in Ethiopia	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	FULL AMOUNT PAID
CLEF—International Lutheran Hymnal Project	\$10,000.00	\$4,285.00	\$1,549.00	\$5,834.00	\$4,166.00
Shepherd's Canyon Retreat/Client Scholarships	\$9,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$9,000.00	FULL AMOUNT PAID
Mission Focus Expansion of New Pastor Orientation Process/New Worker Retreat (partial)	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	FULL AMOUNT PAID
Total Mission Grants Projects	\$195,000.00	\$113,850.00	\$19,647.00	\$133,497.00	\$61,503.00
National LWML	\$65,000.00	\$35,916.83	\$6,658.98	\$42,465.81	\$22,534.09
Total Mites	\$260,000.00	\$149,766.83	\$26,195.98	\$175,962.81	\$84,037.09

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It has been an amazing few months since our 2015 Convention in Des Moines. The Gifts from the Heart, the Mission Walk, our Worship Services and Bible Study, all helped reflect the Bountiful nature of our God. As one of the Senior Counselors of the MN South District, I was pleased to be a part of it all. It is an honor to represent and serve the LWML women of the MN South District.

Two of the most exciting parts of the Convention were the Mission Projects/speakers and the election of Officers. **\$ 2,000,000.00 for Mites!** A bold step forward in reaching the lost and the erring. Continue to pray that the Lord of the Harvest would richly bless these efforts. And a new President: Patti Ross from the Oklahoma District. She set the tone for the Biennium: **Engage, Encourage, Equip - Enjoy!** Keep her in your prayers as she serves the Lord with gladness.

And for me, I was elected as the new LWML Pastoral Counselor for our national organization. The theme: Joy in the Journey - on the way with Jesus from Psalm 16:11a - accents my experiences to date. Every person on the Executive Committee has a great heart for the Lord, a giftedness from God for each task, and a joy in being a part of this journey in the LWML. The fact that God has opened this opportunity of service for me on the national level is both humbling and exciting. I have promised to serve the Lord with gladness wherever and whenever He has need of me... and for now, it is at two levels of the LWML. Pray for me and for God's blessings on all that I do as I journey these next 4 years - **on the way with Jesus**.

Now we set our sights on June of 2016. **The Living Word** sets the tone for our MN South District Convention and marks a time for worship, spiritual growth, and fellowship. Make your plans and come to the Verizon Center in Mankato. May we find great **joy in the journey - on the way with Jesus!**

Counselor Robert L. Mundahl

Mood Lifter, Witness Tool and Devotion ... All-In-One

In 1971 the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) developed a new series of short personal Bible studies called Mustard Seeds. These individual leaflets were designed initially to help women working outside the home share their faith during coffee breaks and lunch hour discussions. Over the years the LWML developed numerous Mustard Seed packets, all on different topics.

Mustard Seed packets are used both for personal Bible study and as an evangelism or witness tool. The newest packets in this series include a devotional text, a clear Gospel message and include the complete text of quoted Scripture. With these additions to a time honored product, the LWML hopes that Mustard Seeds continue to be a strong, vibrant tool for Christian growth and Gospel sharing.

Check out the three new packets that were released this year.

The Race of Faith

28 Mustard Seed Devotions, written by Amanda Stacy, DCE. Amanda notes that "Running goals - or any other goals - can only be achieved with positive motivation, hard work, and perseverance. ... faith in God can do infinitely more." [#LWML40196](#)

In Times of Need

30 Mustard Seed Devotions, written by Rev. Larry Krueger, Rev. Mike Mattil and Rev. Kris Whitby. The authors explore the topic of God displaying His goodness through times of illness and affliction. [#LWML40197](#)

The Word: Wisdom for Living

32 Mustard Seed Devotions, written by Marcia Gomulka and Myrna Lou Meyer. The authors note, "God wants us to come to Him with the needs and desires of our heart. While we may not know God's specific will for all that we ask, He is always ready to listen." [#LWML40198](#)

Find these and the other 20+ Mustard Seed Devotion packets in the LWML Catalog or the LWML Store at www.lwml.org/store.

The Gift of Mites
 Deb Vinkemeier
 VP of Gospel Outreach

How do you think the Holy Spirit would look? I am sure you are asking what has this to do with mites.

I had the pleasure of worshipping and celebrating LWML Sunday with St. John's of Winsted, and hearing Rev. Mark Moss, an LCMS missionary, speak at the service. He began with that question and continued to explain Acts, Chapter 2 about Pentecost. The great wind that filled the house was the Holy Spirit's grand introduction.

Then came the tongues of fire. You will see that fire appeared several times in the Old Testament. There was the burning bush that Moses saw, the pillar of fire that led the Israelites, and the chariot and horses of fire which swept Elijah up by a whirl wind. These are only a few of several examples where fire was present through the Old Testament. The fire was the continuation of preaching the gospel.

Lastly was the different languages that were spoken. This is the critical part because this helps the gospel spread. Peter quoted the prophet Joel, who said young men would see visions and that the Lord will pour out His Holy Spirit upon all people, servants, men and women.

The gospel has a world vision for you. We are all stewards of the gospel. Our mites make the vision of the Holy Spirit reach and help the gospel spread through the world.

So, how do you think the Holy Spirit looks? Take a good look at your mites to see what the Holy Spirit looks like and what it is doing for you and LWML.

***Rev. Moss served as an LCMS chaplain in the United States Army for 20 years and through two combat tours in Iraq. He thanked the LWML for the hundreds of Bibles that were handed out as a result of LWML Mites.

Rev. Moss and his wife Susan have been called to work in West Africa with the LCMS West and Central African area of operations. They ask for our prayers and support. If you would like more information you can go to mark.moss@lcmsintl.org.

Prayer for Mites:

Dear Holy Spirit, continue to inspire and strengthen your people to reach out to the multitudes of people throughout the world who do not know the saving Name of Jesus. Help to use your resources given to us in love, to distribute Bibles to those who need to read and hear your Word in their own language. Bless the hearing and reading of your Word throughout the world so that many will come to faith in Jesus the Savior of the world. In His Name we pray, Amen.

Prayer by Pastor Gary Zieroth
 MN South LWML District Counselor



YOUR MITES AT WORK

Deb Vinkemeier
 Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Approximately 70 students from the **POBLO International Friendship Center (IFC)** of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Rochester took a field trip to a farm owned by one of the IFC volunteers. The students were from Brazil, China, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Sudan. They were able to see the barn, animals, the flowers, and got a ride on the tractors. At the end of their tour each family received a bouquet of flowers.



Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Ministry has completed its 45th counseling retreat for couples. Couples attending came from Alaska, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Missouri. They are thankful to the MN South LWML for fulfilling their \$9,000.00 Mission Grant.

Three women graduated from **The Dwelling House** and accepted Christ as their Savior. The Dwelling House now has several women with children staying at its facility. With so many children, the operations budget is increasing. They thank the MN South LWML for making a difference in the lives of many women and children.

At the end of October, eight of the fourteen Mission Grants were paid in full and are \$84,037.19 from our Mission Grant goal of \$260,000.00. We need \$14,100.00 per month from November, 2015 thru April 25, 2016 to meet our goal. Please continue to pray for the Mission Grants and mite giving that by God's grace we may continue to support the Mission Grants and continue His work in the field. May you and your family have a Blessed Thanksgiving and a Joyous Merry Christmas rejoicing in our Savior's birth!

LAST CHANCE TO SUBMIT LWML CANDIDATE NAMES

There is still time to submit candidate names for the 2016 LWML Minnesota South District officer's ballot. Below is a form to be completed and sent to Nancy Kohrs, Nominating Committee Chairman. Please note the January 15, 2016 deadline for submitting names.

Two names for each position are needed for the ballot. The following positions are open for balloting at the 2016 LWML Minnesota South District:

- Vice President of Christian Life
- Vice President of Servant Resources
- Vice President of Human Care
- Treasurer
- Pastoral Counselor (2) – The deadline for these positions closed October 15, 2015
- Nominating Committee Members – one from each conference

Job descriptions for each office can be found in the LWML Manual or on the website. Please read the description and pray for God's guidance in selecting two names for each office and Nominating Committee candidates.

Don't forget to send in those names by January 15, 2016.

"Thank you" for your help!

2014-2016 Nominating Committee
 Nancy Kohrs, Chairman
 Sheri Cox
 Beth Schuster
 Kay Stewart
 Elaine Taggatz

Nominee Suggestion Form for MINNESOTA SOUTH DISTRICT LWML OFFICERS
 For the Offices of VP of Christian Life, Servant Resources, Human Care, Treasurer, and Nominating Committee
 Deadlines for names: January 15, 2016

Your Name _____ Phone _____

Your address _____

Your email address _____

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

For the office of _____

Name _____

Address _____

Home Church _____

Church Address _____

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APPROVING MEETING MINUTES:

Does your society read the minutes from the last meeting? If the minutes were e-mailed or printed for review before the meeting, they do not need to be read, but the President must ask if there are any corrections. (You do not need to ask for additions because an addition would be a correction.) If there are no corrections, the minutes would be approved as printed. If there are corrections, the minutes would be approved as corrected.

Irene Mensing
Bylaws Chairman



MN South 26th Biennial Convention, Mankato, MN, June 24-26, 2016 Gifts from the Heart

In the hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," we are encouraged to take all our cares to the Lord in prayer. This is an invitation that we as Christians must practice daily. Let us also remember needy people worldwide.

MERCY MERCY MERCY

The Mercy Kits are the same as the original Hygiene Kits. Each one should include a large, dark-colored bath towel, one dark-colored wash cloth, one bath-sized bar of soap (4-5 ounces and in its original wrapping), one adult-size toothbrush (in its original packaging), one tube of toothpaste, one sturdy comb (remove the packaging), and six Band-Aids secured together. These kits should be assembled before the convention as they will be donated to the Orphan Grain Train.

BRIGHT SMILES

The Human Care committee chose the Open Door Health Center, Dental Division, in Mankato for the second Ingathering. This dental kit for children will include ONE toothbrush for ages up to five years old OR one toothbrush for ages five to seven years old, toothpaste, and flossers. Flossers are easier for children to use as they have short handles. Pack the items in a quart-size zip-lock (or larger) bag.

WARM FEET

The third Ingathering will be socks. You may choose to donate infants, children, women, or men's socks. All socks are to be in their original packaging. Our committee is working out the details as to how these socks will be distributed.

May all of you have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas as we remember all our daily blessings.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,
Jan Pfeiffer

Memorials Received August—October 2015

Sheryl Merwin	Norman Kness	Loretta Hochsprung	Chuck Schrader
Dale Grenke	Alice Cziok	Edward Tasler	Laura Wegner
Glenn Naatz	Dawn Speier (2)	Lois Olson	Ano Wilkins (3)
Susan Ristau (2)	Arthur Shepperd	Charles "Chuck" Christensen	Wayne Sokoloski
Raymond "Ray" Welke	Wilfred Stueven	Margaret Sturges	John Kruse
Leorda Marxhausen	Shirley Buschena	Robert Wetzel	

I do have envelopes for the MN South District Memorials. If you need some, please let me know and I will send them to you.
Joann Rosenfeld

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