



Women On a Mission

Minnesota South District

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National Mite Update

The September mite offering from districts and other sources was \$35,760.65. The average monthly funds needed to meet the mission goal is \$76,041.67 and this goal has only been met five out of 18 months during this biennium. We now need \$103,046.52 each month for the next six months to meet our mission goal that we voted to support at the Peoria Convention. Please pray for the work that is now being done in areas where grants have been paid and also for the work that remains. With everyone's help, the goal can be met. How can you help to increase the mite giving in your congregation?



Oh, the Stories They Can Tell

Pictured above are some of the leaders of the LMWL MN South District. These ladies have all served as President of our district and certainly have many stories they can tell about the work of the LWML. The women in this group continue to be dedicated servants in the LWML who "Serve the Lord with Gladness."

Left to Right: Doris Durkee Heidorn, 1974-1978; Ruth Ziegler, 1970-1974; Joyce Swedean, 1998-2002; Connie Marquart, 1990-1994; Carol Zemke, 1978-1982; Marge Knoll, 1994-1998; Nancy Kohrs, 2006-2010; Darlene Johnson, 1986-1990, Gloria Kenow, 2002-2006.

Those who have been called to their heavenly homes: Helen Morris, 1964-1970 (2011); Doris Johnson, 1982-1986 (2003).

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

January 15, 2013 YWR Applications Due for Pittsburgh Convention

February 9, 2013 District Board of Directors Meeting, North Mankato, MN

May 7, 2013 District Board of Directors Meeting, North Mankato, MN

June 27 - 30, 2013 National LWML Convention, Pittsburgh, PA

July 24 - 27, 2013 District Women's Retreat, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter

August 17, 2013 District Board of Directors Meeting, North Mankato, MN

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**Next WOM
Deadline:
February 2,
2013**

**\$20,674.28
in mites
collected
this
quarter!**

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

2012 - 2014 Gospel Outreach

Name of Grant	Beginning Balance	Previously Paid	Paid This Quarter	Paid to Date	Unpaid Balance
Dwelling Place	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$9,050.00
Full-Time Professional Church Worker Students' Financial Aid	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,750.00	\$4,750.00	\$45,250.00
Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, Food & Clothing Co-op	\$10,000.00	\$768.00	\$950.00	\$1,718.00	\$8,282.00
Scholarships for Lutheran High Schools in the MN South District	\$50,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$43,250.00
Audio Bible Study - LBM	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$3,600.00
Mission Central, Iowa	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Lutheran Indian Ministries	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,675.00	\$1,675.00	\$13,325.00
China Town Diner, Camp Omega	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Trinity/HOPE, Haiti	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$4,525.00
Special Education Services Lutheran Schools	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$6,800.00
Summer Bridge to Success	\$8,200.00	\$0.00	\$775.00	\$775.00	\$7,425.00
Hmong Pastor, St. Paul (partial)	\$1,550.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$1,470.00
Total Mission Grants Projects	\$191,250.00	\$32,768.00	\$15,505.00	\$48,273.00	\$142,977.00
National LWML	\$63,750.00	\$6,912.24	\$5,168.57	\$12,080.81	\$51,669.19
Total Mites	\$255,000.00	\$39,680.38	\$20,673.57	\$60,353.81	\$194,646.19

DID YOU KNOW.....that the MN South District LWML is now a recipient of **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS?** We received our first donation in July. If you would like to donate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the MN South District LWML, we are listed as: **LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE MN SOUTH DISTRICT.** If you have any questions, contact Darlene Fretham, 507-723-6230.

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Wild Website Wonders...

At www.mnslwml.org

Did you know?? On the new website we are starting to put together History information about the MN South LWML. Just click on About and then History (or type in www.mnslwml.org/about/history) We are starting to enter past Mission Grants, past District Convention themes and past Members of the Board of Directors. Coming soon will also be memories from our past District Presidents! Check it out and submit some history of your own!



MN South LWML is now on Facebook! <http://www.facebook.com/mnslwml/>! National LWML is on Facebook too! <http://www.facebook.com/theLWML> Check it out!

Mighty Mites at Work!

Our Mighty Mites at Work is spotlighting our Mission Grant #2, “Student Financial Aid—Full-Time Professional Church Workers – LCMS”. The annual tuition cost to students who attend Concordia in St. Paul is over \$29,000. Just three years ago, the amount allocated to full-time students was \$797 - \$1,595. Today, that amount can hardly meet the living expenses with the rising costs of fuel/gas and groceries.

The rising cost of living expenses as well as the financial cost of the education can be a potential barrier to enrollment in synodical colleges and seminaries. With the financial assistance of LWML MN So. District, the debt that students would incur is lessened. The help LWML MN So. District offers will enable the expansion of ministries, planting missions, and the ability to help more students, both men and women. This leads to more future pastors and educators, who are called, to be able to proclaim the Word that leads to salvation.

Concordia, St. Paul - with donations, planning ahead and freezing room and board prices – has re-set its undergraduate tuition rate for Fall 2013 to what it was a decade ago. All Praise to God!

Debi Ylitalo, Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Time for a “Clean Sweep”?

How does your LWML group balance the old and the new? What do you save and what do you toss? Are there boxes of table decorations and files lurking around that haven’t been used in years, but you’re keeping them “just in case” you need them? Maybe you need to hold a “Clean Sweep”!

The “what to save and what to toss” issue is also pervasive in our events and meetings. The LWML struggles with removing outdated traditions and ideas to make room for new ones. Not all traditions need to be dropped, of course, but we need to ask hard questions about saving only that which is really beneficial to our work so we can move forward in our service to the Lord. What works for one group may not work for another, as the gifts and talents of the women differ. Congregations vary between rural and urban needs. Therefore, there is no one solution for growth that will satisfy every group.

A tribute to the late Alma Kern in the Spring 2012 issue of the *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly* includes a quote that she wrote for the magazine in 1968: “Women no longer need the women’s society of the church as a social outlet.” Alma goes on to say that we do, however, have something very valuable to offer to today’s women. “We’ve got Good News! Jesus has given us the ‘pearl of great price.’ Let’s display it as a jeweler would – in the most attractive way possible. Let’s tell it with excitement, enthusiasm, and variety.” That is so true, even today!

We need to continue exploring, sharing, and believing that what we have in the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League is a gift God wishes for us to share with the world. The work that we do through the LWML in service to our Lord and according to His will is valued and blessed by God.

Look at the focus of your group:

- Are you in God’s Word regularly? He is the power: *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit* (Romans 15:13).
- Are you sharing your talents and resources with those in need? He is the refresher: *... he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed* (Proverbs 11:25b).
- Are you displaying Jesus as the purpose of your group? It is in Him that we should put our trust: *... blessed is he who trusts in the Lord* (Proverbs 16:20b)

Free resources for missions, young women, teens, leaders, and others are available at www.lwml.org. Have you searched for new materials? Check out the *LWML Catalog*, too; order one online or by calling 1-800-252-LWML.

What a rich heritage we have and what a wonderful future God is giving to us! Place your trust in Him and point all your work to His glory. God will continue to bless and grow His kingdom through you.

Joy Anderson, Vice President Servant Resources

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120 Oak Ridge Rd
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The Many Faces of LWML

When you go to www.lwml.org, do you see the different pictures of women which appear in the upper right hand corner of the home page? Do you know that these were taken at the Peoria LWML convention and that some are pictures of women from Minnesota South? There is a picture of our Young Women Representatives, Mary Kay Mages and May Lo Lee as well as of our MNS Heart to Heart Representative Shing Vang and her daughter. Here are illustrations of some of the Faces of LWML. As we are told in the great commission, "Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." All nations are represented by the many Faces of LWML.

Just as there are many physical attributes which are visible in the many Faces of LWML, so there are many different things which are done by our members of LWML. As we are again entering into what is called the Holiday season of the calendar year, we should be people of prayer, especially around the time of Thanksgiving. A time when we thank and praise God for all He has done and continues to do, be it physical or spiritual. We are especially thankful that He sent His Son to be our Savior as we again celebrate Christmas, Christ's birth as a human being. Without Christ coming, dying, and rising again we all would be lost, but as a result of His coming, we, as believers, are assured of eternal life in heaven with Him forever. We also look at what has transpired in the past year both as the church year ends and a new one begins as well as the calendar year where one ends and another begins.

We will as the many Faces of LWML participate in Inspiration 2012 or PING which stands for Prepare, Inspire, Nourish, and Go. As we Prepare to tell the Good News and share what LWML does and is all the way to Going and letting others know about our Lord and Savior through the LWML.

Some of you will plan to go to the LWML Convention in Pittsburgh with the theme of "Quenched by the Water" with the goal of "Quenched by Christ's redeeming grace, I am empowered by the Holy Spirit to be a wellspring of the Father's love." There too you will see the many Faces of the LWML.

All of you are important. Some will say all I can do is pray. Great. Some will say I can contribute to mites also, Great. Whatever you can do, do it all to the Glory of God. Picture yourself as one of the Faces of LWML, whatever you might be doing or your station in life. God has a plan for each and every one of you.

Remember always to Serve the Lord in Gladness whatever is your Face in the LWML.

Blessings,

Darleen Harens, LWML MNS District President 2010-2014

Jesus is coming back!

"Jesus said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After he said this, **he was taken up before their very eyes**, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? **This same Jesus**, who has been taken from you into heaven, **will come back** in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." **Acts 1**

Christmas is a wonderful time of year when we celebrate the coming of the promised Savior into the world. We love to reflect on the Immanuel - **God with us** - and the gifts of heaven He brings. His presence here on earth, as he ***lived for a while amongst us***, ushers in the true Light that brings Life to all. Through His life, death, and resurrection He has opened the Kingdom of Heaven. When He Ascended on high He gave us direction, encouragement, and power. As such, we witness to the ends of the earth, that Jesus is our risen and living Savior.

In the life of the Church we are constantly reminded that Jesus is **also** coming back. A familiar passage is the one where Paul writes to the people of Thessalonica.

"We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, **who are left till the coming of the Lord**, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For ***the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God***, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And **so we will be with the Lord forever**." **1 Thessalonians 4:14-17**

The thought that Jesus will come back to get us, and then take us home with Him everlastingly, is a source of comfort and strength. The witnessing becomes a little easier when we don't have to worry about the future and our faith flourishes in His promised Word. **Come, Lord Jesus, come!** But until then, let us be Your faithful witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Rev. Robert L. Mundahl, Pastoral Counselor

Vice President of Human Care Greetings

I am honored that you elected me as your LWML Vice President of Human Care. I would like to introduce myself to you. Unlike most of you, I am not a native Minnesotan. I was born and raised in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Upon graduation from high school, I attended Concordia College in Portland, Oregon. I completed my college education in Seward, Nebraska. That is where I met my husband, Cletus.

From 1965—1969 I taught at Trinity Lutheran School in Faribault, Minnesota. At that time I was fortunate to stay home with our two daughters, Brenda and Benita. Both daughters have been teachers in our Lutheran school system. They both enjoy being stay-at-home mothers at this time.

We did live in Faribault from 1965—1993. From 1993—2000 we lived in Columbus, Nebraska where my husband continued to be a Lutheran school principal. In 2000 my husband received a call to Rochester Central School, so Rochester has been our Minnesota home for the past twelve years.

I still substitute on a limited basis, and, of course, enjoy our three grandchildren. Hope is eight, Isaac is six, and Hannah is sixteen months old.

With great anticipation I am looking forward to serving you as Vice President of Human Care.

In Christ, Jan Pfeiffer, Vice President of Human Care

The MN South District banner for the 2013 LWML National Convention will be made by Bea Haagenson. The banner depicts the River Jordan where Jesus was baptized to go with the theme *Quenched! By the Water.*

PARLIAMENTARY PAUSE



If you are ever in a meeting and can't remember the parliamentary rule that applies, ask yourself the following three questions:

What is the fairest thing to do in this situation? Be sure to consider what is fairest to all, not just to you.

What is the most logical answer to this problem? Robert's is a very logical system, so the most logical answer is probably the correct one.

What is the most efficient way of doing this? If you can get there in two steps, don't take three!

Myrna Behrens, Parliamentarian

MITE MINUTE:

At the District LWML Convention in June, the Mite Goal (Mission Grants) was set at \$255,000. That amounts to \$31,875 each quarter. During the first and second quarters we received \$60,354.67. We are already behind by \$3,400. Let's push hard and see if we can catch up this next quarter. How about a bake sale for mites or putting the money from the Sunday morning coffee time toward mites. Do you have any creative ways to collect mites? Let me know. Send all your contributions to the District Financial Secretary, Darlene Fretham, 209 West Central Street, Springfield, MN 56087 507-723-6230 (This is a new address and phone number, effective May 1)

Memorials Received August - October, 2012

Dianne Tesmer	Olga Mackenthun
John Havemeier	Patricia Johnson
Anna Schultz	Larry Voehl
Fritz Knigge	Fern Frank
Margaret Wolzeschke	Verna Goetz
Kenneth Stanton	Bruce Radunz
Millie Onken	Phyllis Holle
Mina Mohns	Emil Janssen
Horst Eggert	Naoma Bailey

Here Am I, Lord Send Me

Our Joyshops have been completed. Sadly we cancelled the Worthington, St. Matthew's (11) and Red Wing, Concordia Joyshops due to the low registration count. Owatonna, Good Shepherd (54) and Lester Prairie, St. Paul's (74) were held as scheduled. At the Joyshops we enjoyed songs, skits, interaction, brainstorming, mixers and delicious food. **BUT** it was the in-depth Bible Studies presented by Rev. Mundahl and Rev. Reed, which made the Joyshops so inspirational and valuable to each participant.

Using God's Word, instruction and direction, we were reminded how we can truly "Love While Living". NOW what can all of us do? It is my prayer that we as individual Christian women will make a small or huge difference in the lives of Christian and non-Christian people. God gave each of us special talents and gifts to make a positive difference.

I am reminded of a dear sainted lady of my congregation, whom I shall call Mrs. Humility. She felt she really had very little or no special gifts to use. Never mind she was the best in baking, sewing, crocheting and patience. She thought these talents and gifts were just what was expected of her as a woman! She shared all of this with whoever could use these gifts. At our Bible Study she meekly shared with us how she and her neighbor would check everyday if the window shade was up in the morning and down in the evening. This was their signal that they were okay. After several years of doing this, one morning Mrs. Humility saw her neighbor's shade was not up. She called her home and there was no answer. She alerted 911. Her neighbor had fallen and was unable to get help. Mrs. Humility used her God given talents of patience and perseverance to help her neighbor lady to get the assistance she needed. Praise The Lord!

Is it possible for us to feel this way? Let's meditate on this thought for a moment. Ephesians 2:10 tells us " we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." To think our Lord has not blessed each one of us with gifts and talents is not giving our Lord much credit! Do we have "eyes" to see a need? "Ears" just to listen to someone's story? "Hands" to lend a helping hand where needed? "Feet" to do someone's errands? A telephone call (yes, I mean a real live voice) asking "How are you doing?" Sending a letter with a real hand written note? Do we have a beautiful smile to share? Can we give a fuzzy, wuzzy bear hug and say "God loves you and I will pray for you"? The opportunities are endless and yes, God wants us to make a positive difference by using the gifts and talents He has given to each one of us. He expects us to use them!

How can we "Love While Living?" God really gave us some direction in Matt. 25: 35, 36, 40. "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me . . . I tell you the truth whatever you did for one of the least these brothers of mine, you did for me."

We participate in Bible Studies, we need to pray "God give me the knowledge and wisdom to know what you would have me to do, let me use my gifts and talents to your Glory." Amen.

REMINDER: Summer Retreat July 26 (if you come in the evening); July 27- 28, 2013 at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter.

Vice President of Christian Life Joan Proehl

More Mighty Mites at Work!

Our Mighty Mites at Work is spotlighting our Mission Grant #1, "The Dwelling Place". October was National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The following facts come from "The Dwelling Place".

Quick facts:

- 1 in 3 women will be victims of domestic abuse.
- From 1998-2011, just in MN, 301 women and 149 of their children were murdered as a result of domestic violence.
- Battering is the leading cause of injury to women in the U.S., more than rapes, muggings, and traffic accidents combined.

50% of all homeless women and children are fleeing domestic abuse. Yet the U.S. has three times more animal shelters than shelters for women and children fleeing family violence.(Branson & Silva)

The Dwelling Place is one of only 3 transitional shelters for domestic violence victims in the Twin Cities metro area.

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