

August 2010

Convention Insert attached

Northern Illinois District LWML

NID - Bits

News You Can Use

God has blessed me richly these last four years. He has given me the opportunity to travel throughout the Northern Illinois District and meet many of you. I have had the opportunity to travel to national meetings where I have had the privilege of meeting LWML women from across America. One of my most cherished LWML travel opportunities was traveling to Iowa with an LWML flood relief team. This was frightening for me because it involved physical labor. I am confident with leading songs or Bible studies, but physical labor is a challenge. The NID LWML gave me this opportunity and supported me with prayers.

Now we are coming to the time when my journey as your LWML president is ending. It is time for "the lasts" to begin. This is the last time I will have the privilege of writing to you in the pages of the NID Bits. When you read this, I will have chaired my last Board of Directors meeting. I want to thank the Board of Directors who came together to do the Lord's work in the NID LWML. What great Bible study and fellowship we had. If you

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haven't served as a Zone President, Committee member, or Executive Committee member, prayerfully consider it. You can be a part of serving with gladness in the NID LWML.

On October 23 my journey as your NID LWML president officially comes to an end. Please join me as the ladies of the Northern Illinois District come together to hear God's word. Rich Bimler will be an inspirational speaker and we will meet Phil who ministers to cancer patients. One of the highlights of the day will be worshiping in song with Lana. She is the song leader at the next national convention. We will choose the mission projects we will support and elect new leaders. This is a day you will want to be part of.

And now I close my last NID Bits article.

Know you have been a blessing to me. Know the NID LWML is a blessing to people around the world. Keep spreading the news of Jesus' love. Keep praising God with your whole life. Praise the Lord together singing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Sherrie Shares



**Sherrie
Smith,**
NID LWML
District
President

Checkout the LWML website : www.lwml.org

From the Pastor

We often lament: "WHAT IS THIS WORLD COMING TO..."

Scripture tells us that 2010 is no different than any other era in history. Since the fall of Adam and Eve into sin, the world has been headed for destruction and judgement. No age or era in history has been without the effects of sin: Genesis 6:5, Psalm 51:5, Luke 9:41, Philippians 2:15

The reality of sin and it's effects provide OPPORTUNITY for every Christian, at any time in history, to witness to and proclaim the GRACE of God, by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

OPPORTUNITY presents itself in three ways:

- 1 Proclaim and Preach:**
2 Timothy 4:1-4,
- 2 Do Good To Your Fellow Man:**
Matthew 5:16,
- 3 Live A Godly Life:**
1 Peter 2:12.

By GRACE, let us put aside our fears and anxieties about world events and take every OPPORTUNITY to share Jesus!

God Bless You!

Robert O. Bartz, Pastor

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Richton Park, Illinois



Nominating Committee

by Jan Mauer,
Nominating Committee Chairman

Please contact your Zone President or check on the website at nidlwml.org for a copy of the SAMPLE BALLOT and BIO's of candidates running for elected office at the October 23, 2010 NID LWML Convention. Positions being filled will be President, VP of Servant Resources, VP of Gospel Outreach, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Nominating Committee and Pastoral Counselor. Your votes are important! See you at the convention.

Editor's Note: The NIDBits' Convention "Insert" is located at the end of this regular newsletter file. This insert contains much information on the upcoming convention.

The next NIDBits is
scheduled for
November 2010.

Please send articles and
pictures to the

VP of Communications

Nancy Glissman

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by October 7.

Mites Update July 2010

Mission Update at the close of the Biennium

The portion of the total Mite Goal that was designated for Mite Grants \$122,335. The portion of the mites collected that was applied to the Grant Goal was \$106,868.69. This means that we fell short of the Grant Goal by \$15,466.31. However since Project #2 for the CAME was withdrawn, we only needed to roll over a total of \$5,982.29 into the next biennium and that will be distributed during the months prior to convention as mites are received.

Grant Name	Grant Amount	Disbursed	Balance
Northern Illinois District 2008-2010			
1. Arabic Ministries	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	PAID Project
2. CAME DuPage Asian Indian	\$10,000.00	\$516.18	Withdrawn
3. New Congregation Start in Salta, Argentina	\$7,393.00	\$7,393.00	PAID
4. Concordia Seminary St Louis Food Bank	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	PAID
5. Lutheran Orphanage in Jeremie, Haiti	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	PAID
6. Muslim Outreach and Church Planting -- Chicago	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	PAID
7. Disaster Response Trailer	\$12,000.00	\$10,725.33	\$1,274.67
8. Lutheran Special Education in NID	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	PAID
9. African Immigrant Ministry in NID	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	PAID
10. Extra Mile Crisis Response Ministry	\$12,000.00	\$7,292.38	\$4,707.62
11. Cambodia Battambang School and Outreach	\$10,750.00	\$10,750.00	PAID
12. Academic Textbooks and Supplies for Themba Girls	\$2,192.00	\$2,192.00	PAID
Total	\$122,335.00	\$106,868.89	\$5,982.29

Note that Project #2 has been withdrawn as of 2-20-2010



Current Stamp for Missions



Send all monies for Mites, Quarterlies, Memorials
and other donations to the

NID/FINANCIAL SECRETARY AT PO BOX 4254, NAPERVILLE, IL 60567

Use the forms, completely filled out, which are available from the Financial Secretary.

Mites that Matter

Stories about how your mites make a difference.

THE EXTRA MILE MINISTRY K9 CRISIS TEAM

Dear Ladies of the LWML,

What a blessing it has been for the ministry of the Extra Mile to have networked with you and been the recipient of the precious grant. Let me share through some words and pictures a recent event close to your district that might show how valuable K9 Crisis Response has been and the tremendous national growth we have had. Your grant has allowed us to make much of this to take place.

June 6, 2010 Lake Township, OH a Tornado strikes killing, and destroying many homes and the local high School. Pastor Bob from Calvary Lutheran Church, the Lutheran church of the community, struggles praying to God for help. He tells Chaplain Ralph Buchhorn that five minutes later, Extra Mile K9 Ohio Team member Laurie Buchele calls saying, "Can we help" The local TV station films the Team at Calvary Lutheran showing to the community the hope and care that K9 Comfort Dogs provide.



Later in June, with continuing LWML grant funds, Director Ralph Buchhorn is able to fly from California to Ohio to further access the Ohio regional ministry team and see how ministry can continue in the future.



Meeting with local public school principal to continue ministry when school starts next year. The team commits to send to Ohio as many K9 comfort teams as possible when school starts in August to help the community as students renew faith and restore hope

The **Extra Mile K9 Crisis Response Team** has several teams around the nation. We have much more to accomplish and pray that we can continue to grow.

The best way to show how God has blessed this ministry and touched lives is through pictures. The K9 Comfort Dogs are bridges that bring people safely to hear the message of the Gospel.



"with a dog at your side you can get through anything life throws your way"

"how can you be upset when there are dogs to pet"

"I heard the sound of laughter, and I knew the dogs were around"

NID LWML Calendar

Sept. 18, 2010

Executive Committee meeting at St. Paul, Mt. Prospect at 9 a.m.

Oct. 2, 2010

Fall Joyshop
Good Shepherd, Rock Falls.

October 2, 2010

Resurrection, Chicago is hosting an LWML Multi Cultural Prayer Breakfast

October 22, 2010

7 pm - Opening Convention Service
lead by NID Pastoral Counselor Rev. Robert Bartz and the Rev. Marc Schwichtenberg, from St. Paul, Mt. Prospect at St. Paul's sanctuary
8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Executive Committee meeting at St. Paul, Mt. Prospect

Saturday October 23, 2010

NID LWML Convention
at St. Paul, Mt. Prospect.
"The King Reigns Triumphant."

November 5 - 13, 2010 - Eyeglass mission trip to Costa Rica.

Nov. 20 Executive Committee meeting at NID Office, Hillside at 9 a.m.

Lenten Inspirations:

Speaker- John Ruskamp
"The Shroud of Turin"
9am -2pm Cost \$15.00

March 12, 2011

Resurrection Lutheran Church
9349 So. Wentworth Ave
Chicago IL

March 19, 2011

Cross Lutheran Church
8609 IL Route 47, Yorkville, IL

June 23 - 26, 2011 LWML Convention in Peoria, IL, "Living With Jesus - Living on the Edge"

LWML News Releases

July 5, 2010

ADRIANE DORR JOINS THE LUTHERAN WITNESS STAFF

Adriane Dorr began work on June 21, 2010, as the managing editor of The Lutheran Witness with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Board for Communication Services. Adriane is a published author and was the Christian Life Editor for the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly from 2005 to 2009. Adriane received a Master of Arts degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne in May 2010.

June 21, 2010

NEW LWML CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATOR IS APPOINTED

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) established the appointed position of Contracts Administrator in 2001. The LWML Contracts Administrator reviews and negotiates all contracts as requested by the LWML President, seeks legal counsel as necessary for contract negotiations, serves as LWML contact person for legal counsel, and is a non-voting member of the LWML Board of Directors. The first appointed Contracts Administrator was Ruth Ann Johnson.

June 15, 2010

LWML CHILDREN'S MISSION ADVENTURE MATERIALS AVAILABLE

An exciting new program is now available from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)! Children are invited to support LWML mission grants through the LWML Children's Mission Adventure.

May 25, 2010

Authors of New LWML Book on Mission Grants Seek Stories

If you have a story or special memory, please e-mail them as follows:

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- Asian grants (including India, China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Philippines and New Guinea) – Marlys Taege - marlyst@sbcglobal.net

May 5, 2010

MISS AMERICA 2009, KATIE STAM, TO BE LWML CONVENTION SPEAKER

Miss America 2009 Katie Stam is scheduled to be the Friday evening inspirational speaker at the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Convention to be held in Peoria, Illinois, June 23-26, 2011. She is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Seymour, Indiana, where her mother teaches fifth grade at the Lutheran elementary school. Katie will also be on the cover and in a feature article of the Fall 2010 Lutheran Woman's Quarterly.

May 3, 2010

LWML GRANT GIVEN TO ISAIAH 49 PROGRAM

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) at convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in June of 2007 voted to grant the Isaiah 49 Program \$80,000 for the development and implementation of educational opportunities. The LWML is pleased to announce that the remainder of that grant money, in the amount of \$20,150, has been disbursed to the Isaiah 49 Program.

April 28, 2010

LWML Offers Free Subscription to Daily Devotions

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is now offering a new option for personal devotions through a free web-based subscription.

LWML news releases are archived at www.lwml.org under News link

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*Send copies of Zone minutes to these officers.

Some changes to this roster are made at the upcoming convention! Read more about it in the Convention Insert.

Convention Insert

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"The King Reigns" Plans Progressing

Plans are progressing for the women of the Northern Illinois District to meet in convention on *Saturday, October 23, 2010 from 9 A.M. to 4P.M.* This 70th biennial convention is held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 100 S. School St., Mount Prospect, Illinois. All LCMS women are encouraged to attend whether this is your first NID LWML event, or if you have been attending NID LWML conventions for years.

"The King Reigns Triumphant", is the theme based on the text from 2 Cor. 2: 14 (NIV), for this year's meeting. *"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphant procession in Christ, and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him"*.

There will be an **opening service** the evening before lead by NID Pastoral Counselor Rev. Robert Bartz and the Rev. Marc Schwichtenberg, from St. Paul's, based on that theme. It will be held at the St. Paul sanctuary at 7 P.M. on Friday evening, the 22nd of October.

For those who wish to stay overnight in the area, see sidebar.

Saturday's events begin at 8 A.M. with registration, displays and a coffee fellowship at the church building. At that time, ingathering items to assist "Phil's Friends", a local ministry that serves cancer patients, may be dropped off.

Ingathering items we will be collecting are:

- NIV New Testaments (pocket sized preferred due to shipping costs)
- Tea-small boxes (16 pack)
- single serving coffee packets
- non-flavored lip balm
- extra soft, individually wrapped, toothbrushes
- packages of blank noted cards with envelopes
- boxes of pre-printed Christian

cards of "encouragement" and/or "praying for you" cards

- pre-packaged craft kits for children and teens
- trial size Eucerin or Keri lotion
- \$5 gift cards: Panera, Dairy Queen or Starbucks
- Thick, fuzzy, women's socks

During our **servant event time** on Saturday, we will be assembling care packages from these items gathered for men, women and children who are battling cancer.

Current **NID LWML District President, Sherrie Smith** will convene the meeting at 9:00 A.M. followed by a Bible study, led by NID Counselor Rev. Erik Gauss. The NID LWML Business Meeting will follow afterwards.

Each congregation in NID with active LWML women should select two representative voting delegates and two alternates for this Business Meeting. The Zone Presidents and Registrar will help to see that the delegates are properly credentialed. Voting on new NID-LWML officers, by-law updates and selection of new grant proposals for the next biennium is being done at this meeting.

Reports from some of the board members and a representative from the national LWML will take a share of the day. Lunch is served during the recess, as well as time allowed for visiting displays, serventing and fellowship with other Lutheran women.

Our convention **Guest Speaker** is renowned speaker and noted author, **Dr. Rich Bimler**. Dr. Bimler is known as "The Ambassador of Hope, Health and Aging (AH-HA) and is currently a Senior Staff Associate at Lutheran Life Communities in Arlington Heights and has many varied experiences to share with us from his nearly fifty years of ministry.

Lana Gibbons returns as our energetic and inspiring convention song leader for the day.

Come help the women of the NID LWML serve our King Triumphant as we work to support missions for His Kingdom the world over! We need you, and want more and more NID LCMS women to know about LWML and the opportunities LWML offers to serve our Lord!

Recommended Hotels

Wingate By Wyndham
600 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Prospect Heights,
847-419-3600

Rate \$89 for a double room, free breakfast served 6 AM to 10 AM (10% AARP Discount if you are an AARP Member.

Wingate Inn (In process of becoming a Holiday Inn)
2112 S. Arlington Hts Rd
Arlington Heights
847-434-0300

Rate \$85 for a double room, free breakfast 6 AM to 9:30 AM, \$75 member of AARP includes breakfast.

Grant Proposals for 2010 Ballot

1. Morningstar Mentoring Program

\$10,000

The mission of the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S. is to proclaim the Gospel among American Indians and Native Alaskans. Native American girls and young women of the Makah Tribe on the Olympic Peninsula are desperately in need of the Gospel for guidance and counsel as they grow up in a cultural setting that does little to foster and encourage their faith, self-esteem and personal development. The Morning Star Mentoring Program for young women 12 years of age and older, brings the transforming power of the Gospel to girls and young women who have expressed a desire and commitment to continue the study of God's Word and to hone their skills in sharing their faith, as well as in sewing, cooking, gardening, mission projects and community service projects. The need is great for financial support to help Rosemary, the wife of the native LCMS pastor and local Christian women and key native elder women to teach the girls through regular meetings and field trips, and provide for materials and supplies that are required.

A grant of \$10,000 to the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S. would provide supplies, materials, transportation and costs for field trips in support of this vital ministry of the Morning Star Mentoring Program.

2. Voice of Hope Behind the Wall, Stateville Prison, Joliet

\$15,000

The NID has been involved in prison ministry at Stateville Prison since the 1930's. Deaconess Lori Wilbert has been in ministry for the past 23 years as a Lutheran Deaconess, and 21 of those have been behind the wall. It has been a privilege for Deaconess Wilbert to journey with men, women and youth as they serve their sentences. Ministry is a two way street, we know we are in the ministry God has called us to when the passion and commitment remain steadfast as God uses those we serve to teach us to become the people God would have us become. Stateville Prison is located in Joliet, IL. The Reception & Classification Center is a new facility located just outside the wall of Stateville and is considered part of the prison. The total census at both facilities is 3,000 men. Deaconess Lori Wilbert spends much of her time teaching classes called "The Houses of Healing" which have been very popular. The curriculum includes: Anger/violence management, addictions & recovery, grief, forgiveness, restorative justice (making amends to your victim and taking responsibility for your actions), and spirituality - asking the question, "Where is God in all this?" Deaconess Lori Wilbert does not receive any direct funding from the Northern Illinois District but relies on donations. A grant of \$15,000 would enable her to upgrade her office equipment, including new computer, and purchase office supplies for her ongoing ministry.

3. Special Needs Classroom and Diaconal Center in South Sudan \$8,900

In South Sudan, long term civil war and a repressive dictatorship government have meant that people with disabilities in Sudan are even further marginalized with little or no means of support or hope for a future. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sudan is an orthodox, confessional and growing church body which desires to meet the needs, both spiritually and physically, of its 10,000 member body and in outreach to other Christians in Sudan. Hands of Mercy Training Center for People with Disabilities, Inc. is a partnership between Deaconess Pat Nuffer and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sudan (ELCS) to reach out to people with disabilities to meet spiritual and physical needs in the name of Jesus Christ. A permanent center, established August, 2009, after 3 years in a hut has a classroom, shop, office and kitchen, where 20 people receive a hot meal as they work to make items for sale. They are building a small structure for educating children with disabilities, coupled with a classroom to train women of the ELCS in human care. A grant of \$8,900 will supply furnishing to this new building, to be completed in 2010.

4. Hymnals for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya \$17,500

In spite of huge challenges, the Kenyan Lutheran Church is growing rapidly. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya lacks its own hymnal and the Bishop of the ELCK, Rev. Dr. Walter Obare, has identified this as a crucial need for his church and has asked the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and Concordia Theological Seminary - Fort Wayne to assist in developing and providing a hymnal. A hymnal is important in mission work for teaching and sustaining true faith and unifying the church. The Kenyan Hymnal Project has been established to meet this mission challenge and has no current funding available to print hymnals after they are developed. This project is coordinated by an LWML member, Deaconess Intern Sandra Rhein, and is supported solely by donations. A grant of \$17,500 would cover the cost of printing 5,000 Ibada Takatifu (Divine Worship) in Kenya, for the Kenyan Lutheran Church.

5. Furnishing Group Homes for People with Disabilities in Illinois and the Dominican Republic \$22,000

Bethesda Lutheran Communities is committed to enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through services that share the good news of Jesus Christ. Through the formation of group homes, people can be lovingly cared for and be integrated into the community and the Body of Christ through Lutheran congregations. Bethesda desires to open group homes in Northern Illinois and the Dominican Republic, where work with the Dominican Lutheran Church has made way to open group homes for disabled children living in government orphanages. A grant of \$22,000 would help furnish new group homes in Illinois and the Dominican Republic in order to reach out in care and Jesus' love.

6. Trinity/Hope- Feeding school children in Haiti \$5,000

Trinity/HOPE currently provides a hot, nutritious meal daily for almost 10,000 students and teachers in 65 schools in Haiti. Many of these children suffer from severe malnutrition and 65% come from homes where Voodoo is practiced. Not only are these children physically fed, the food attracts others to our schools where they are all fed spiritually by the Good News of Jesus Christ. Trinity/HOPE has demonstrated that providing a noon meal for the hungry children in our Lutheran Schools in Haiti is a powerful witness used by the Holy Spirit to discredit the Voodoo teaching that God is unapproachable and non responsive to Haitians. Most of the children, many of their parents and sometimes even those in the community, become believers. Trinity/HOPE has demonstrated both its ability to successfully run these feeding programs to their current level of over 9,500 children each school day in 65 schools. One of Trinity/HOPE's goals is to provide a feeding program for each of the 135 Lutheran Schools in Haiti. A grant of \$5000 to partner with Trinity/HOPE and the local people would feed an average school of 100 children so they can be fed and FED.

7. Voice of Care \$20,491

Voice of Care is a mission to provide spiritual care to persons with developmental disabilities. Chaplains serve every week in existing secular institutions, visiting 17 such sites and seeking to train church workers for such settings. The need is ongoing as residents there receive little if any spiritual care from other sources. Voice of Care also provides assistance to Northern Illinois LCMS churches in reaching people that are disabled. Its Camping Ministry, Caregiver Support, and Disability Ministry Training also work to serve disabled children and adults. Voice of Care is no longer supported financially by NID. In these difficult times, the need remains to serve our disabled neighbors. In support of this ministry, VAC is requesting from the LWML \$20,491 for help with office supplies, insurance, and gas necessary for this ministry.

8. Textbook Acquisition for Seminary Students

\$20,000

The four years of seminary education consist of three years of academic and practical preparation and a one year on-site vicarage that prepares the student through practical experience in an actual church or institutional setting. Each academic year consists of three quarters of academic instruction with a fourth, usually optional, summer quarter. In addition to tuition and various administration fees, seminary students also incur costs for academic books and supplies over a three year period as well as clerical clothing required for field work at congregations and practicum experiences at hospitals, retirement homes, etc. The average cost per student per year for academic books and supplies is: \$350 per quarter X three quarters per year X three years is \$3,150. The low end! High end textbook expense range can vary between \$2,700 and \$3,600 over a three year period. A grant of \$20,000 would help to acquire textbooks for seminary students preparing for the holy ministry at both Concordia Seminary-St. Louis and Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne.

9. Concordia FW Food Pantry

\$15,000

The Food and Clothing Co-op at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, plays a key role in helping students feed and clothe their families during their seminary years. Nearly 70 percent of the students are married, second career men with families. When these students make the decision to quit their jobs and come to the seminary with their families, they no longer have the same financial flow of funds that they had before, but continue to have the same financial needs. For many families the spouse's employment is marginalized because the employers know that they will only be here for two years. Therefore, the families are thrown into difficult financial positions. The seminary seeks to alleviate some of this financial burden by providing enrolled students access to a Food and Clothing Co-op, which is supported through the donations of individual donors, churches and other organizations. The Food Co-op area is currently able to supply between 75% and 85% of all food and household needs each month at no cost to the student. It operates as a cooperative with each family working a certain amount of time each month in either the food or the clothing area doing work that needs to be done to receive points to redeem for grocery items. The student or family may spend their points in any way they choose on the items in the Food Co-op area. The students are allowed to shop in the Clothing Co-op at their own discretion and take whatever they please at no cost; no points are necessary in the clothing area. It is important that the seminary continue to raise funds to supply food for the Food Co-op, because the Co-op is such a vital part of the seminary students' lives. A grant of \$15,000 would purchase three months of perishable items for the Food and Clothing Co-op of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

10. Spanish Bible with Small Catechism for the Americas

\$10,000

Spanish-speaking people constitute a large segment of "all nations" in the United States as well as throughout Latin America. Holy Scriptures, Luther's Small Catechism and the hymnal constitute the basic tools for Lutheran missions to reach the lost with the Gospel of forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ. LCMS missionaries serving in Panama, Venezuela, and Guatemala (as well as pastors and teachers in Spanish-speaking areas of the United States) have expressed the need for an inexpensive Spanish edition of Holy Scriptures which includes Luther's Small Catechism. They have requested Lutheran Heritage Foundation to publish a single volume that includes two of these resources. These combined volumes will be distributed and used in North, Central and South American mission fields. A grant of \$10,000 will help fund the reprinting and distribution of this Spanish Bible with Small Catechism.

Article V-District Convention and Representation Proposed By-Law Changes

Section 5

Article V-District Convention and Representation Section 5

Rationale: to improve,
with accuracy, word usage

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Strike "A majority of the units within the district represented by accredited delegates, registered and present, shall constitute a quorum" and insert: "A majority of the registered voting assembly shall constitute a quorum"

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

A majority of the registered voting assembly shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII-Duties Of Elected Officers Section 3

Rationale: to conform to
LWML Bylaws

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

a. Strike "Advocacy and"

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

a. be Chairman of the Mission Grants Committee

Article VII-Duties Of Elected Officers Section 7

Rationale: to clarify
responsibility

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

e. Strike "prepare and" and insert "as provided by the Structure Committee"; Strike "listing all adopted motions of continuing action"

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

e. file, as provided by the Structure Committee, in the minutes book a record of current Standing Rules;

Article VII-Duties Of Elected Officers Section 8

Rationale: to improve,
with accuracy, word usage

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

d. Strike "delegates and alternates at least six (6) weeks before and insert "voting assembly prior to"

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

d. receive credentials of voting assembly prior to the district LWML convention;

Article IX-Appointed Officers Section 5

Rationale: to clarify
responsibility of the Structure Committee.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Insert: "g. be responsible for keeping current and submitting to the Recording Secretary the district LWML Standing Rules, listing all adopted motions of continuing action."

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

g. be responsible for keeping current and submitting to the Recording Secretary the district LWML Standing Rules, listing adopted motions of continuing action.

Article XI-Executive Committee Section 2

Rationale: to permit
electronic messaging

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Insert: "c. In case of emergency the Executive Committee may take action by electronic messaging."

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

c. In case of emergency, the Executive Committee may take action by electronic messaging.

Article XII-Board Of Directors Section 2

Rational: to permit
electronic messaging

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Insert: "c. In case of emergency the Board of Directors may take action by electronic messaging."

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

c. In case of emergency, the Board of Directors may take action by electronic messaging.

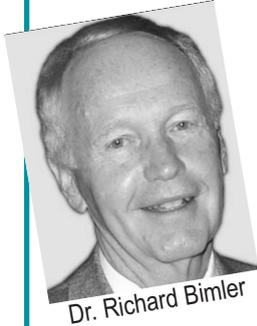
NID-LWML 70th Convention Registration Form "THE KING REIGNS TRIUMPHANT"

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphant procession in Christ, and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him" 2 Cor. 2:14 NIV

Saturday, October 23, 2010 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saint Paul Lutheran Church
100 S. School St.
Mount Prospect, IL 60656

speaker: **Dr. Richard Bimler**
musician: **Lana Gibbons**



Dr. Richard Bimler



Lana Gibbons

ingathering ● servant event ● worship service ● catered lunch

registration: due by October 12th

cost is \$40. per person **postmarked before October 2**, and \$45. after that date,

send form and fee (payable to NID LWML) to:
Barb Klopp, 415 Cobbler Ct. #1, Bartlett, IL 60103 630-372-1579
(Please print personal information and use one form per person.)

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: I am registering as:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> VOTER | <input type="checkbox"/> NON-VOTER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> past NID LWML president | <input type="checkbox"/> special guest/speaker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors voter | <input type="checkbox"/> pastor/counselor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> congregational delegate | <input type="checkbox"/> advisory BOD member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Women's Representative | <input type="checkbox"/> alternate delegate |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> guest |



my congregation is _____ zone _____ (w/location)

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address _____ city _____

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In emergency contact: _____ phone _____

please copy and keep a form for your records. Thank you.

Pauline Brunke,
*NID Mission Ministry Vision
 Consultant
 and Candidate, President NID
 LWML*



In 1977 I transferred membership to Trinity, Lisle, and proceeded to learn the joys of serving the Lord and of Lutheran Women in Mission. As I would enter the building to serve on the Stewardship Committee the LWML gals would greet me and invited me to join them, but I had this previous commitment on the same night.

A couple years later I accepted their invite and even went to the Spring Rally, a zone event. I was in awe of the current Zone President and was willing to accept the responsibility as treasurer for Trinity's LWML group. Still not understanding the magnitude of "District" nor (the then) "International LWML," I asked myself, "Why would I want to spend a whole Saturday away from my family, (I worked full time) with a thousand women I didn't know, to attend the NID Convention?" I did attend (my first convention ever.) Our zone shared a bus with another zone and we were off to a hotel in a northwest suburb. It was an impressive day learning about Mission Grant projects, Mustard Seeds and Skits. Then came 1987, the International Convention was in Dallas/Fort Worth where five thousand women and Pastoral Counselors gathered. LWMLers took over both cities. I was awed by the proposed mission grants; by surprise guest missionaries, sharing how MITEs provide things like generators or fresh water wells; by opportunities to learn more about mission ministries and by the camaraderie and love of the women all around me.

My dream for our NID LWMLers is for twice as many women to bond and celebrate God's blessing of being His hands and His feet, to encourage each other, to help each other grow spiritually and to know the joy of serving His children around the world. We learn and teach by example but first we must have relationships with women. Women are naturals at fellowship and love.

My LWML Story

NIDBits is honored to bring you the two NID LWML Candidates for President. This is how they became involved in the LWML.

Jan Mauer,
*Nominating Committee
 Chairman
 and Candidate, President
 NID LWML*



One of my earliest memories is of going to Sunday School. After

being sure I had change in my purse for the offering and being very sure I had something else in my purse so it would not be empty after the offering, my concern was who was going to be at Sunday School that morning. I was always most excited when a missionary was visiting. They told of their life in the mission field and their love of Jesus and I knew that is what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wanted to be a missionary and tell others about Jesus.

Life happens and I did not go into the mission field. I married, had one child, a son, and worked to make a home and provide for us. Church and missionaries were still an important part of my life. I just knew I was not going into the mission field anytime soon.

As Chris grew, we attended church and I found LWML and through LWML found a way to be a missionary without leaving Homewood.

I attended my first national LWML convention in Charlotte North Carolina and found my calling. I was inspired by speakers like Elaine Bickel, Ruth Koch and others. I will never forget Pastor Belton "holding up the light" and walking through the streets of Charlotte with 6000 other women singing God's praises and "holding up the light" I was hooked on LWML. I still feel the same passion I felt at the convention and want to bring this joy and desire to serve to the women of the NID LWML.

My goal for the NID LWML is to continue to grow as an organization of women of all ages with a passion for Christ, serving Him everyday at home and abroad through our churches, our LWML Mission Grants, mission trips and education. And I still want to make sure I have change in my purse for the Mite offering!

Candidate Credentials

Nominees for Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Robert Bartz has been Senior Pastor of Immanuel Evangelical Church in Richton Park since 2001 and currently serves the NID LWML as Sr. Pastoral Counselor, completing the term of Pastor Kris Whitby. Before coming to Immanuel, Pastor Bartz served as a Worker/Priest; working full-time as an Orderly/Nurse Aide in the Surgery Department at Elkhart General Hospital, Elkhart, IN and as part-time Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Culver, IN. He has also served at Messiah, Waldorf, MD and Messiah, Elkhart, IN. He currently serves on the Human Relations Commission in Richton Park. He is a graduate of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and studied at Concordia University in River Forest, IL and Seward, NE. He is married to Lindysue and they are parents of eight children. His vision for the LWML is *“By the Holy Spirit’s evidence to show the person and work of Jesus Christ in everyday life and to encourage people to ask, seek and knock.”* Matthew 7:7-8 and Luke 11:9-13

Rev. Kurtis A. Bueltmann currently serves as Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Belvidere. He has served the LWML as speaker at four South Wisconsin District Conventions, led music at a Central Illinois District Convention and will participate in the music ministry at the 2011 national LWML convention in Peoria, IL. He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne in 2008; studied at Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton, WI 2002; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO 1994-1996. Other education includes Concordia University, River Forest, IL 1990-1994, John Wood Comm. College 1992-1993 and Lincoln Land Comm. College, Springfield, IL 1990. Pastor Bueltmann has also served as Executive Director at Camp LuWiSoMo, Wild Rose, WI from 1996-2008, Math and Theology Instructor, Lutheran High School North, St. Louis, MO 1993-1996; and Director of Youth at Ascension Lutheran Church, St. Louis, MO 1994-1995. Pastor Bueltmann also served as President of Christ Lutheran, West Bloomfield, WI, delegate to four South Wisconsin district conventions; delegate to the 2007 Synodical Convention; and has served on the BOD of NLOMA (National Lutheran Outdoors Ministry Association); SWD Older Adult Committee; SWD Family Life Committee and currently serves on the Board of Directors for Walcamp. He and his wife Cyndi are the parents of 4 children.

Rev. Gerhard Mau currently serves as Pastor at St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church at North Platte in Hampshire. He has served the LWML as speaker/Bible Study leader at zone rallies. Pastor Mau is a 1983 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. He has previously served as Pastor at St. John’s, Grey Eagle and Mt. Olive, Upsala MN and served as Christian Education representative for the Circuit. He also served at First Lutheran, Algonac, MI and served as Circuit Treasurer and Mission representative and also helped organize and plan the annual community Lenten/Easter Music Fest and played in the summer band program. He and his wife Devonne are the parents of 2 daughters. His vision statement for the LWML is *“The LWML exists for the encouragement of women for the Day of the Lord and for faithfulness as she sees that day approaching. The Holy Spirit uses women to help each other face their challenges and discover and use their gifts to God’s glory.”*

Nominees for President

Pauline Brunke is an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lisle and has served in various leadership and committee positions. Currently she co-leads the Women Into Serving Him group and serves as Editor and back up to the Administrative Assistant at Trinity. Since 2004 she has served the NID LWML as a Mission Ministry Vision Consultant. She has served as LWML Society and Zone leader in one position or another since 1987 and is currently Zone 22S President. She was the NID LWML Convention Chair 1996-2000 and has served on the Convention and the Christian Life Committees. Pauline serves on her Homeowners Board of Managers and is a Financial Services Representative with Primerica.

Janet Mauer is an active member of Salem Lutheran Church, Homewood where she is a leader in her local society, Women's Ministry leader and Spiritual Care Team. She has served as Chair of the Board for Parish Education, Stephen Leader, Stephen Minister, member of a Cross Cultural Task Force and Sunday School/VBS teacher. Currently she serves the NID LWML as Nominating Committee Chair (2008-2010) and previously served the NID LWML as Recording Secretary (2004-2008), Convention Chairman (2000-2004) and on the Convention Committee. She has served in various Zone leadership positions including Zone 24S immediate past President. Janet is retired from Genuine Parts Company where she was Customer Service/Inventory Control Manager and Management Mentor.

Nominees for Vice President of Servant Resources

Carol Sheppard is an active member of Mt. Greenwood Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago where she has served as President and Treasurer of the Women's Guild/LWML, President of the Altar Guild, Sunday School teacher and Catechism teacher for 5th and 6th grade. She currently serves the NID LWML as District Public Relations Director, is President of her local society and President of Zone 20E. Carol is retired after more than 40 years experience as Head Nurse of the Recovery Unit (PACU) at Ravenswood Hospital.

Kathie Teske is an active member of Zion Lutheran Church, Beecher where she has served as Chairman of the Centennial Committee and served on the Call Committee. She is currently a representative of her local LWML Society, President of Zone 27S and has served on the District Nominating Committee. Kathy is currently Organist/Bell Choir Director at Zion and part time Circulation Clerk at the Bourbonnais Library and has taught in Lutheran Schools in Flint, MI, Chicago and Beecher. Kathie has a BS and a Masters in Education from Concordia River Forest.

Nominees for Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Marilyn Hess is an active member of St. John Lutheran Church, Wheaton where she has served on the Christmas Sharing Committee. She has served as Chairman of Christian Education at Divine Shepherd in Bolingbrook and on the Board of Regents for Concordia University (Chicago). Marilyn currently serves as Secretary of her local society and on the NID LWML Gospel Outreach Committee. She is a retired Business and Computer High School Teacher and has a BS Business Education and MA Business and Public Administration.

Jan Stantus is an active member of King of Glory, Elgin where she has served in leadership

positions in the women's guild, LWML, altar care and Sunday school and has served as Synodical Convention delegate. She currently serves the NID LWML as Planner (2008-2010) and continues to work with the Convention Committee. She previously served on the Christian Life and Convention Committees. After completing her BS in Education at Valparaiso and MS in Special Education at National-Louis Universities, Jan taught for more than thirty years in the Aurora Public Schools (District 131).

Nominee for Corresponding Secretary

Kristine Blackwell is an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lisle where she is co-leader of the Women Into Serving Him group and teaches a Special Education Sunday School class. She currently serves the NID LWML as Vice President of Gospel Outreach (2006-2010) and has previously served as VP for Mission Projects and on the Convention and Christian Life Committees and her Zone as President. Kris is currently employed as a substitute Special Education teacher and has previous experience operating a home based business and as office Manager for a small boutique. She received an AA from Concordia, Bronxville and a BA in Theology from Concordia, River Forest.

Nominee for Treasurer

Nancy Suhs is an active member of Salem Lutheran Church, Homewood where she is representative/coordinator of her LWML Society and Women's Bible Study leader. She has served Salem as Sunday School teacher and Secretary, Ladies Aid President, VBS teacher and registrar, Congregational Secretary and member, Board for Parish Education. Nancy currently serves the NID LWML as Structure Chairman and has served on the Finance and Convention Committees. Nancy was Zone 24S President (2004-2008) and previously served as Zone Secretary/Treasurer. Nancy has served her community as Treasurer of the Homewood Flossmoor Lions Club and is employed as a Paralegal for a law firm in Homewood, IL.

Nominees for Nominating Committee

East Region

Ruth Buehler is an active member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran, Chicago and currently serves as Chairman of the Congregation and served previously as Sunday School Superintendent and teacher, trustee and member of the Altar Guild. Ruth is a member of her local society and serves as Zone Vice President. She is retired after 20 years in retail sales and 26 years in general office positions. She continues her education through her senior's club.

Elaine Kuh is an active member of Salem Lutheran Church, Blue Island where she has served as Teacher, School Principal, Choir Director, VBS Instructor, Ex-Officio member of the Board of Christian Education and Sunday School teacher. She was President of her local society for more than 20 years, President of Zone 21E (1992-2006) and serves the NID LWML as a member of the Servant Resources Committee. She has twice been delegate to the national LWML Convention. Elaine received a BS Education from Concordia University, River Forest. Elaine is retired although she still substitute teaches in Lutheran schools.

South Region

Barbara Copeland-Belanski is an active member of Immanuel, Mokena and serves her church as Women's Guild President, SS and VBS Superintendent, member, Board of Education and Choir and Chime choir director. Barb serves the NID LWML as Public Relations Director. She is President of her local society and President of Zone 25S. She has a Bachelors of Education and a MS in Special Education. Barb is a retired elementary and special education teacher and Special Education administrator.

Gene Miller is an active member of Trinity, Tinley Park and has served as SS teacher and LFL Coordinator. She is currently NID LWML Vice President of Servant Resources and serves as local Society President, Zone Board of Directors and has been national LWML convention delegate. Gene served as President of the Chicago Zone, English District and is retired after more than 30 years as a surgical and ER nurse.

West Region

Judy Mueller is an active member of Zion Lutheran, Hinsdale and has served her congregation as SS and VBS teacher, Bible class leader, member of the Social Ministry and Evangelism and Church Growth committees and President of the Ladies Guild. She has served her local society as President (1970, 72, 74 and 82-86) and Vice President (2000-2004). She currently serves as President of Zone 8W and is on the NID LWML Public Relations Committee. Judy has a BS in Education, Concordia Teachers College, River Forest and taught in Lutheran elementary schools. She worked as a teacher's aide and currently works part time as a hostess at Graue Mill and Museum in Oak Brook.

North Region

Jeannette Berger is an active member of Immanuel, Palatine and has held many positions, including Designated Staff for Ministry to the Shut In, Communion Server, Small Group Leader, Director of VBS, Stephen Minister and Contemporary Worship Leader. She is serving Zone 4N as President and has served her local society on the Women's Ministry Planning Committee (2002-2010). Jeannette has a BA (1978) and D.C.E. (1979) from Concordia Teachers College, River Forest. She is currently a homemaker and has experience as a Director of Christian Education, Messiah, Park Ridge, 5th and 6th Grade Teacher St. John's, Roselle, IL and Church Secretary at St. Paul's, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA and is a volunteer at church, school and P.T.L.

Lois Marten is an active member of St. John, Niles and is Ladies Circle Vice President, member of the Altar Guild, and Chairman of the Stewardship Committee. She currently serves on the NID LWML Convention Committee and is President of Zone 2N. Lois is a Pharmacy clerk, travel agent and volunteer and President of the Service League, Lutheran General Hospital.

NID-LWML District Convention

Ingathering & Servant Event

Saturday, October 23, 2010 9 a.m.
Saint Paul Lutheran Church
100 S. School St. Mount, Prospect, IL 60656

Ingathering Recipient

Phil's Friends—local non-profit shares hope of Christ with cancer patients
Bring donations to convention (list below)

Servant Event

Takes place *on site at the NID-LWML District Convention*
Staff from Phil's Friends will coordinate assembly of care packages for men, women, and children who are battling cancer
The items for the care packages are the in-gathering items. If you bring a lot of product, we get to make a lot of care packages!!

About Phil's Friends

"The bottom line of our faith based charity is to support and bring as many people as possible to Christ and ultimately salvation. Phil's Friends distributes care packages to cancer patients and their families while sharing the love and saving message of Jesus Christ. Wherever God leads our efforts we will follow."



People are diagnosed with cancer everyday and they need the comfort, peace, and joy only God can provide!

Ingathering Items

NIV New Testaments
(pocket sized preferred due to shipping costs)
Tea small box (16 pack)
Single serving coffee packets
Non-flavored lip balm
Extra soft toothbrushes, individually packaged
Packages of blank note cards with envelopes
Boxes of pre-printed Christian cards of "encouragement" and or "praying for you cards".
Pre-packaged craft kits for children and teens.
Trial size Eucerin or Keri lotion
\$5 gift cards: Panera, Dairy Queen, or Starbucks
Thick, fuzzy women's socks

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(VP Human Care)

