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JAN'S JOTTINGS

In "Just a Cup of Coffee," a PowerPoint presentation provided by LWML, we are encouraged to have a cup of coffee with someone in our congregation. The real point of this suggestion is not to drink more coffee. It is to encourage us to build new relationships with women. It is an opportunity to share our joy and enthusiasm for Jesus Christ and LWML. And it can provide a way to meet someone new. We can always have a cup of coffee with our best friend forever (BFF), so we are encouraged to approach a woman we don't know and begin a

conversation. Ask her to have a cup of coffee. Will she say yes? If she says no, will we be disappointed? Feel rejected? Possibly, however Jesus was rejected many times by many people. We can take it! According to Duke University and the University of Phoenix, we all have fewer friends than in the past, and 25 percent of women don't have anyone to talk to about important matters. This is an opportunity for us and a challenge to step out of our comfort zone of close friends and meet someone new. It is an opportunity for us to build a new relationship with someone who just might need someone to talk to.

The PowerPoint, *Just a Cup of Coffee*, can be found on the website lwml.org. I encourage you to go to the website and look under Resources, Helps for Your Organization (HOPE). *Just a Cup of Coffee* and much more is provided to help you grow, to encourage you in your walk with our Savior, and grow LWML. My prayers are with all of you as we prepare for the Pittsburgh convention. If you are going, I look forward to seeing you there. If you are not, please pray for the convention participants. We will look forward to sharing our experiences with you.

Jan Mauer





SPIRITuality

How is your spiritual journey? Looking back, I can't believe the many times my spirituality was so wrong. Somewhere I had gotten the idea that to be spiritual is to focus on heaven and perfection and maybe playing a harp while floating on a cloud. I thought anything worldly was ungodly and unworthy of spiritual thought. God's Word sets us straight. Six times He

called His creation and creatures good. The seventh time He called it very good. Good and very good must certainly be worthy to be included in a spiritual journey!

SPIRITuality begins not with me but with God the Holy Spirit. Spirituality is not about me. Rather, spirituality is about the Holy Spirit using the Gospel to call you to a life

with God. Through Christ's death and resurrection, you are placed inside God's family. The Holy Spirit gives you God's Word to nourish your faith in Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit uses God's Word to guide you as you live interacting with people and creation wherever God places you. Spirituality is not about how to escape

from what troubles or burdens you. True spirituality is about the Holy Spirit working in you all it means "to love your neighbor as yourself."

Do you feel like some lessons took far too long to learn regarding life with God? Thank and praise God that He continues to call you, enlighten you, sanctify you, and keep you until Your life ends and begins in His eternity.

Pastor Gerhard Mau



The HOPE Committee wants you to know that we pray for you and your districts. God has called you to this place at this time to serve Him and women of your districts as well as be a blessing to those around you.

The HOPE Committee is also encouraging you to read the articles on

their web page. There are articles that your societies will find useful. These will help the societies evaluate themselves and help them to reach the women in their congregations. We hope you are using Just a Cup of Coffee, LWML 101- the Basics and LWML 102-

What to Do? What to Do! The committee is excited to be working on LWML 103 - The Heart of LWML which will be available soon. It will also be a free downloadable power point presentation with a script. Watch for it. We invite you to visit our

"A Cup of Hope" booth at the Pittsburgh Convention.

The HOPE Committee is here to serve you. If there is anything we can do, please let us know.

Melody Rosenwinkel

Human Care Committee

The mission of the Human Care Committee is "To gather information on service projects and share with Zones and Societies providing encouragement and assistance as necessary."

The following are Gifts From the Heart collected at the February 2013 Board of Directors meeting to benefit The Lutheran Home in Arlington Heights:

- 17 small body lotions
- 12 large body lotions
- 8 body washes
- 1 body splash
- 5 hand creams
- 9 small shampoos
- 1 small hair spray
- 1 mirror/brush
- 2 cosmetic bags
- 1 mesh sponge
- 1 assortment of body care items
- 2 mouthwashes
- 3 toothbrushes
- 8 toothpastes
- 18 dental floss
- 25 chap sticks
- 5 pkgs. nail files/emery boards
- 6 highlighters
- 13 pens
- 20 decks of playing cards
- 2013 calendars
- 36 puzzle books
- 19 bags candy
- 1 pkg. AA batteries
- 93 packets of facial tissue
- 7 boxes of facial tissue
- 1 clock
- 39 devotional booklets
- 4 devotional books
- 2 baskets
- 2 magnetic book markers
- 1 ceramic cross
- 4 hankies
- 2 scarves
- 1 small sewing kit

- 2 cups
- 17 pieces of jewelry
- 1 miniature vase
- 6 closet air fresheners
- 1 box envelopes
- 3 notepads w/pens
- 15 pkgs. of new note cards
- 9 writing pads
- Eons of loose greeting cards

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!





THE LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE VIEWS EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND COMMUNICATION AS PART OF FULFILLING THE LWML MISSION STATEMENT. INSPIRATION 2012’S EVENT WAS UNDER THE THEME PING. IN OCTOBER 2012, PRESIDENT JAN MAUER, BARBARA COPELAND BELANSKI, AND MADLYN JOHNSON TRAVELED TO ST. LOUIS, MO TO ATTEND THE EVENT.

PING - an acronym for Prepare, Inspired, Nourish and GO - has been introduced to the women of the LWML NID. A committee from the NID was trained in the PING concepts in St. Louis last October.....on February 16, they shared many of the ideas they learned with the women of our district at a board of director’s meeting in Richton Park.

PING, a term used in submarine life, means to get the attention of or to alert! And the purpose of PING is to share just how easy it is to talk to our Lutheran sisters “over a cup of coffee or tea,” how to communicate effectively, how to access a myriad of resources from www.LWML.org, and how to promote mission grants.

After, LWML women are PINGed, prayerfully , they are Prepared to share the Good News, they are Inspired by God’s Word, they eagerly Nourish all those they cherish and then, they are ready to GO out and live ‘serving the Lord with gladness.’

Sharing PING with our LWML NID sisters was exciting for me as I feel we stimulated, motivated and enlightened them with resources and ideas to promote LWML. I'll always remember the enthusiasm we witnessed in the presentations at the PING conference we attended last October....we were challenged to GO and share the information in our home districts....we did that on February 16th....and it was my honor to be a part of the experience.

*Barbara Copeland-Belanski
Vice President of Human Care*

How do I share the “what” and “who” of LWML with other women? How can I motivate women within and without LWML? I have often pondered these questions. Then along came PING Inspiration 2012!

We were presented with methods to motivate and inspire not only our LWML sisters “in” our Districts but, also those “outside.” The challenge was set before us. We began the charge put before us at our Board of Directors Meeting in February 2013. You could see and sense the interest and thirst for the information we shared.

My work is not done...I will continue to Prepare, Inspire, Nourish, and Go. In other words, I am a “PINGer!”

*Madlyn Johnson
Vice President of Communication*





MISSION GRANTS 2012-2014

LWML NID is \$15,000.00 behind on our Mission Goal for 2012-2014. Please encourage your Societies and Zones to contribute to the LWML NID Mission Mite Goal. Make your check out to LWML NID and mail mite donations to: **LWML NID, P.O. Box 175, Westmont, IL 60559.**

- 1. Veterans of the Cross LCMS National Mission** **\$2,000**
 Veterans of the Cross Program, which is administered for The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod by Concordia Plan Services, provides financial assistance to eligible ordained or commissioned ministers (and their dependents) who find that their income is insufficient to meet their needs. Often, the eligible church workers have served under unfavorable economic conditions, have demonstrated financial need and have no family to assist them or such assistance is minimal.
- 2. Handicap Accessible Bathroom Repair Walcamp Outdoor Ministries** **\$19,000** **paid \$5,500**
 Walcamp, a LCMS camp in the Northern Illinois District, which shares the Gospel in a unique outdoor setting through Biblical teaching, small group devotions, and worship in God's creation. Where some young people learn about the love of Jesus for the first time and others are strengthened in their faith to face the challenges of this world. Walcamp needs quality showers, bathrooms and facilities to maintain the overnight nature of this ministry, including facilities that are fully handicap accessible for all participants with special needs. This grant would provide renovation of the 50 year old showers and plumbing in the original lodge building.
- 3. More Grace Grace Christian Academy** **\$22,000** **paid \$5,593.10**
 Grace is a Lutheran school which is supported entirely by gifts and tuition. It is a mission near your home in the Little Village neighborhood of Chicago. Grace would utilize grant money in these two areas: curriculum improvement and building improvements. Grace's current math and religion materials are several years old, and they would be upgraded by purchasing new curriculum. The addition of fine arts classes and supervised tutoring would improve the after school program. Building improvements include refinishing the hardwood floors in all classrooms and replacing the school's missing second floor flagpole.
- 4. Worship for Shut-Ins Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc.** **\$22,000** **paid \$5,500**
 This grant would support the payment of "air-time" fees to the television stations in Northern Illinois that carry the worship for Shut-Ins program. Donor/viewer support from the area is only supplying 60% of the amount needed. As an LCMS Recognized Service Organization, WFSI is designed and focused specifically for the homebound, a predominately senior-aged audience. Health-care officials believe that emotional good-health has a direct bearing on physical health. Scripture says, "Cast your cares on the Lord:" Psalm 55:22. Seniors are dying every day without knowing Jesus. Worship for Shut-Ins proclaims God's Word to the homebound, un-churched, incarcerated and infirmed.
- 5. Audio Bible Study Lutheran Blind Mission** **\$6,000**
 Lutheran Blind Mission is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS and seeks to develop and distribute an audio Bible study titled: "Helping Blind People See Jesus." The grant of \$6,000 will support the production, design and distribution of the audio Bible study to 1,000 Blind Outreach centers. For the first time in LCMS history, the blind and visually-impaired community (both churched and un-churched) will be able to study and understand God's Word in a meaningful way, specific to their circumstances, and be able to receive the light of salvation as seen through the cross and eyes of Jesus.





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- 6. Housing for New Missionaries Lutheran Bible Translators \$5,000**
 Lutheran Bible Translators is an independent Lutheran mission organization with headquarters in Aurora IL, and with missionaries in 15 countries. These missionaries translate the Bible into new languages and train native pastors, teachers and deaconesses in teaching and witnessing. Funds are requested to set up a household for new missionaries going into the field in 2013. To provide suitable housing, a local home must be renovated through painting and repairs. A water filtration system ensures that the water is pure enough for drinking. Solar panels provide electricity and screens help prevent insect-borne illness. The requested amount will be matched by other sources developed by LBT.
- 7. Swahili Lutheran Catechisms for East Africa Lutheran Heritage Foundation \$10,000**
 Swahili is a language spoken by more than 100 million people in East African countries such as Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda. For a new Christian, the Bible's hundreds of pages can seem over whelming. Books that simply, but thoroughly, explain the Lutheran faith in the people's own language are a Godsend. For about \$5 per book, the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (in partnership with the Northern Illinois District LWML) will translate and publish Lutheran books, including Luther's Small Catechism, into Swahili. Churches and missionaries will use the books to share the Gospel with unbelievers and prepare new members for baptism and confirmation.
- 8. Repair & Furnish William Griffin Community Center, Zion Lutheran Church, Chicago \$20,000 paid \$3,344**
 The Dr. William H. Griffin Community Center, a ministry of Zion Lutheran Church, was established in 2009 to serve the needs in the community and to be a springboard for gospel outreach. The center serves approximately 800 individuals monthly through its food pantry, clothing bank, summer youth programs, computer lab, and the like. Other events are scheduled throughout the year such as healthy lifestyle promotions, abstinence workshops, peace-building education and, most importantly, to witness about Jesus Christ to participants. This grant will partially fund needed structural repair of the center, purchase refrigeration and storage units, and supply food for the food pantry.
- 9. Outreach to International Students in the U.S. International Student Ministry (ISM), INC. \$10,000**
 ISM, Inc. is an LCMS Recognized Service Organization that trains university workers for ministry among international students, assisting them in praying for their concerns and raising funds for their ministries. A grant given by the LWML NID would be used by ISM, Inc. to give grants to many international student ministries for purchasing Bibles and Christ-centered resources for the students in their native language or English. For \$10,000 nearly 400 students and families could receive bilingual Bibles. ISM offers visitors to US universities and colleges friendship, hospitality, and the Gospel message.
- 10. Lutheran School Improvement Project Trinity Lutheran School Tinley Park, IL \$780**
 Trinity Lutheran School exists to teach children about Jesus! Most students are from families of believers, but some are from un-churched families. In either case, students learn the Gospel and the importance of spreading it, now and throughout their lives. The school was blessed with an unexpected increase in enrollment in 2011, such that many children were turned away due to limited space. The church and school are committed to adding equipment and supplies as well as classroom space to increase the number of children reached. This grant would help with purchasing educational materials and some of the building expenses.

TOTAL DISBURSED TO GRANT RECIPIENTS AS OF 2/28/2013: \$19,937.10





Testing Your Grant Knowledge for the Biennium 2012-2014

- 1. ____ The William Griffin Community Center is located at:
(a) Trinity, Lisle (b) Zion, Hinsdale (c) Zion, Chicago
- 2. ____ Retired pastors will receive assistance from which of the following grants:
(a) More Grace (b) LCMS National Mission (c) Worship for Shut-Ins
- 3. ____ The grant supported by Lutheran Bible Translators will provide funding for:
(a) Catechisms (b) Missionary Housing (c) New Classrooms
- 4. ____ The highest dollar amount awarded a grant recipient in this biennium is for:
(a) \$20,000 (b) \$24,000 (c) \$22,000
- 5. ____ Walcamp Outdoor Ministries will use their grant money for:
(a) Bathroom Repair (b) Planting Trees (c) Devotional materials
- 6. ____ Grace Christian Academy is located in:
(a) Lincoln Park (b) Lakeview (c) Little Village
- 7. ____ The grant awarded to the International Student Ministry will use their dollars for translated:
(a) Text books (b) Christ-centered resources (c) Computer guides
- 8. ____ Worship for Shut-Ins telecasts services to the:
(a) Home bound (b) Un-Churched (c) Incarcerated and Infirm (d) a, b, c
- 9. ____ In the biennium of 2012-2014, _____ recipients were awarded grant dollars.
(a) ten (b) eleven (c) twelve
- 10. ____ Trinity Lutheran School is in:
(a) Bedford Park (b) Calumet Park (c) Tinley Park
- 11. ____ The grant money awarded in this biennium is:
(a) \$116,780 (b) \$117, 680 (c) \$118, 870
- 12. ____ The Lutheran Blind Mission will provide visually impaired materials through:
(a) Smart phones (b) Braille Bible studies (c) Audio Bible studies
- 13. ____ The Lutheran Heritage Foundation will provide catechisms for:
(a) East Africa (b) South Africa (c) West Africa (d) North Africa



ANSWERS: 1. c, 2. b, 3. b, 4. c, 5. a, 6. c, 7. b, 8. d, 9. c, 10. c, 11. a, 12. c, 13. a



Upcoming EVENTS

	Saturday, March 9th	Lenten Inspiration, Immanuel, Lindenwood
	March 16, 2013	EC meeting at 9:00 a.m. at NID office, Hillside
Zone 2N	Saturday, April 6th	Spring Rally at Immanuel, Glenview
Zone 12W	Saturday, April 6th	Spring Rally at Immanuel, Belvidere
Zone 15E	Saturday, April 6th	Spring Rally at Messiah, Chicago
Zone 26S	Sunday, April 7th	Spring Rally at Our Savior, Joliet
Zone 8W	Saturday, April 13th	Spring Rally at Bethel, Westmont
Zone 13W	Saturday, April 13th	Spring Rally at St. Andrew, Rockton
Zone 25S	Saturday, April 13th	Spring Rally at Good Shepherd, Frankfort
Zone 24S	Sunday, April 14th	Spring Rally at St. John's, Country Club Hills
Zone 14W	Thursday, April 18th	Spring Rally at Messiah, Sterling
Zone 9W	Saturday, April 20th	Spring Rally at Calvary, Wooddale
Zone 10W	Saturday, April 20th	Spring Rally at St. Mark's, St. Charles
Zones 22S & 18E	Saturday, April 20th	Spring Rally at St. John's, Darien
Zones 6N & 7N	Saturday, April 20th	Spring Rally at Zion, McHenry
Zone 11W	Saturday, April 20th	Spring Rally at Immanuel, De Kalb
Zones 27S & 28S	Saturday, April 20th	Spring Rally at St. Paul's, Kankakee
Zone 1N	Saturday, April 27th	Spring Rally at Bethel, Gurnee
Zone 3N	Saturday, April 27th	Spring Rally at Immanuel, Des Plaines
Zone 23S	Saturday, April 27th	Spring Rally at Cross Lutheran Church, Yorkville
Zone 4N	Saturday, April 27th	Spring Rally at St. Peter, Schaumburg
Zone 5N	Saturday, April 27th	Spring Rally at Good Shepherd, Elgin
Zones 6N & 7N	Saturday, April 27th	Spring Rally at Zion, McHenry

Mark the date for our NID LWML FALL GATHERING

Trinity Lutheran Church, Lisle, Illinois

Saturday, October 5, 2013

Keynote Speaker in the morning with break-out sessions in the afternoon.

Plans are in progress for sessions on cross cultural interests, missions and grant recipients.





Pittsburgh—WOW! Be part of a new event at the June 27-30, 2013, LWML Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Enjoy the first ever “LWML Neighborhood Block Party” on Friday, June 28, with strolling musicians and interactive exhibits designed to inform and entertain. You’ll learn about LWML history and meet Past Presidents, Heart to Heart Sisters, and Young Women Representatives as you stroll through a celebration of 70 years of Lutheran Women in Mission. Prior to the block party, you are invited to be in motion for missions by participating in a Mission Pledge Walk. Bring your pledge funds from friends and family to contribute to Mites in Mission at the convention. To learn more about these and the many Quenched! by the Water 2013 Convention activities, visit www.lwml.org/conventions.



The Board of Directors approved the Executive Committee’s recommendation to send Two (2) Young Women Representatives (YWRs) to the Pittsburgh LWML convention. They are:

Kathryn Albrecht, Immanuel-Belvidere
&
Katelin Ebert, Immanuel-Mokena

These young women are excellent candidates. As they are from different regions of the NID, they will be able to reach more young women as a team than they would alone. Please pray for them as they represent Young Women of the NID.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE BUS TO PITTSBURGH

There are so many reasons to take the bus to Pittsburgh. It is cheaper than flying and more relaxing than driving! You can make new friends while you travel with your sisters from the Northern Illinois District and even a few from our non geographical districts who live in our area.

We are currently accepting up to 6 additional bus registrations. **Please call Kris Blackwell (630) 234-1491 as you must register for the bus before you register for convention.**

We will leave at 7AM on **Wednesday, June 26, 2013** from the Northern Illinois District office (2301 South Wolf Road, Hillside, Illinois 60162-2298) and arrive at our hotel around 7PM. **We will all stay in the same hotel at a special reduced rate** about 5 miles from the convention center. Hotel registration will be at the Double Tree Greentree Hotel in Pittsburgh at \$129 per night. You may be in a room with up to 3 other people. There are refrigerators in every room and access to a microwave in the dining area. Breakfast is available for purchase at 6:30 in the morning.

Our bus will serve as our shuttle bus every morning and evening. We anticipate that we will have two departures from the convention center each day - one around suppertime and one after the evening event. We will ensure that the bus arrives at the convention center Thursday morning in time for those taking the sight-seeing trip. Our actual schedule will be determined once we have the convention schedule that will be in the Winter Quarterly. On Sunday the 30th, we will stay for the closing worship. Please buy a Sunday box lunch to take on the bus for the way back home. It is anticipated that we will arrive home just before midnight.

Here is what you need to do:

Make your reservation for the bus as soon as possible. Download the Participant and Acknowledgment & Release forms from the website: www.nidlwml.org. Send the completed forms with your check or money order for \$150 payable to LWML NID to:

Kris Blackwell
2917 Brentwood Ct
Woodridge IL 60157

Your convention registration must be done separately following the directions given in the convention registration material found in the Winter Lutheran Women's Quarterly. You must mark that you are taking the district bus. Kris will be coordinate the names on the bus with the convention bus chairman to make sure you are put in the right hotel. Remember, you do not have a choice in which hotel you can stay at. And, your hotel roommates must also be riding the bus.

Questions may be directed to nidlwmlcorrespondingsec@gmail.com or call 630-234-1491.

