



My grandparents lived a simple life. Grandma and Grandpa knew what had to be done on a daily basis. Those pigs had to be fed and the cows milked. Grandma had to bake the bread, can the fruit, and wash clothes with her wringer washer. Their days were filled with the simple, ordinary things that needed to be done.

Grandma and Grandpa had to listen for their ring on the party line. They had a rotary phone that was attached to the wall with a cord. They could easily speak to the operator. Today we pass laws making it illegal to text when driving and we long to speak to a live person on the phone.

Grandma made coffee in her little pot and today we have a list of decisions to make as we order "a coffee" at our coffee shops.

Is there any hope of finding a "Simple Life" in these technological, hectic days? We must go back to the basics. We must "return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love". Joel 2:13 As President Jan Wendorf admonishes, "We must be people of the

Word." We can be grounded in a simple life only as we remain in the Word. As Past NID LWML District President, Dorcas Meissner often says, "If it does not have to do with someone's

eternal salvation, it is really not that important." If we remember this, our lives can be simplified.

Jesus Himself says, "Only one thing is needed." Luke 10:42 Simply put, all we need is to know where we are going. We are going to Heaven because of Jesus' love for us. We need to make our priority in life prais-

ing God for this gift and sharing the news of this gift with others.

Simple childhood songs can be our theme songs. Let the chorus of "Yes, Jesus Loves Me" and "This Little Light of Mine – I'm Gonna Let it Shine" ring in our heads and be lived out in our lives. Yes, with God's direction, we can live a simple life in 2010.

Is there any hope of finding a "Simple Life" in these technological, hectic days?

**Sherrie Shares**



**Sherrie Smith,**  
NID LWML  
District President

# My LWML Story

Stories of how women came into the LWML.

by Jewel T. Sims

Although I could use the cliché “It takes a village”, it would not express the mentoring I received when I became a part of LWML.

About 31 years ago our church's pastor became our LWML zone counselor. Pastor's wife and the women of our congregation become actively supporting. I went along to meetings, but didn't become involved in the programs, because at the time I was busy with my job and community programs.

At a meeting there was to be an election for a secretary, there was a call for someone, minutes passed, no one stepped up. Suddenly I found myself volunteering to serve. This was my step into participating in the LWML program. I began assisting our society and zone in attending rallies, District and National Conventions. I remember Grace Lohse being NID LWML president. I began to serve on every committee and office at society and zone level. I received lots of support and encouragement from my church family, women in our zone and whenever I attended programs and activities. I was mentored by many too numerous to name and I would be remiss if I forgot someone. I have continued to serve in the mission of LWML to date.

I believe in our mission statement. I was impressed with the commitment of the women I came in contact with. The enthusiasm and the dedication toward missions really help to strength my faith.

Thank you all for touching, encouraging and assisting me in faith through service to Him.

I am strengthen in affirming .."whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17 (NKJV)



# Nominating Committee

Over the years, the Northern Illinois District LWML has been blessed by the service of women and Pastors willing to accept leadership positions within our district. Those presently serving as counselors and officers continue to do this good work and we thank and praise God for them, their time, energy and love for missions, the women of our district and the LWML.

The Nominating Committee is continuing its work to complete the task of searching for candidates for the election that will take place at convention on *October 23, 2010*. We are looking for Pastors and qualified women who are willing to serve and reap the rewards of that service.

Positions to be elected are as follows:

<i>Pastoral Counselor</i>	4 year term
<i>President</i>	4 year term
<i>VP of Servant Resources</i>	4 year term
<i>VP of Gospel Outreach</i>	4 year term
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	4 year term
<i>Treasurer</i>	4 year term

Nominating Committee	2 year term
East	
North	
South	
West	

We need your help to complete this task. Please prayerfully consider these opportunities for service and forward your recommendations to Jan Mauer, [janmauer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janmauer@sbcglobal.net) or 708-798-0691.

*Jan Mauer*  
 Chairman, Nominating Committee

# Future Financial Goals

by Rev. Erik Gauss,  
Senior Pastoral Counselor



“I don’t need to be rich; I just want to be comfortable.” I want my children/grandchildren to have what they need.” “I don’t want to have to worry about the future.” “I want to be able to travel when I retire.” What are your financial goals? I think of the commercial where the people are walking around with their “number” or the one with the green line to follow. I can relate to the thought but it does make me chuckle, I mean what number really makes you comfortable? Inflation, recession, health issues, tax code changes, and many other circumstances change our buying power.

The answer to every concern about the future has already been provided. Paul discovered it isn’t in the stock market or the vote of Congress. It isn’t in health care reform and it certainly isn’t in our comfort. It is in the empty tomb, and an eternal relationship with an almighty God. In Philippians 4 he writes, “I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”

Through Him we are provided with every need, more so than any blooming flower or budding tree. Through Him we are providers of blessings rather than hoarders of possessions. Through Him our stresses and worry are turned into a peace that passes all human understanding, guarding our hearts and minds (Phil 4). Yes, we need to be stewards of the resources, but it seems that when our worries are placed in His hands and we value what God values instead of what the world values, we find out we are already rich beyond measure.

The next NIDBits is scheduled for August 2010. Please have articles and pictures to the NIDBits editor (teenadorn@aol.com) or VP of Communications, Nancy Glissman (lwml-girl@comcast.net) by July 7.

# Newsy Letter News

Carol Sheppard  
Barbara Belanski  
Co-PR Chairs

- How do you get 80 women to attend your Spring Rally??.....have your rally coincide with the Lenten Inspiration!!.....good thinking **Zone 1**
- **Zone 2** had a bakeless bake sale to assist the Joint Seminary fund
- Tim Hetzner spoke on LCC's Comfort Dog Ministry at the fall rally for **Zone 3**
- **Zone 4** is having a book sale at their spring rally
- A new president will be elected at the spring rally for **Zone 5**
- **Zones 6 and 7** have joint rallies
- **Zone 8** joined zone 10 to pack boxes for servicemen last October
- Jan Gerzevske is slated to speak on "Missions in Action at the spring rally for **Zone 9**
- Dianna Bonfield will be presenting "The Anatomy of Disaster Relief" at the spring rally for **Zone 10**
- **Zone 11** shares the acronym F.R.O.G.....Fully Rely on God
- Susan Green (LCEF) will speak at the spring rally for **Zone 12**
- **Zone 13** had an ingathering for the new women's center at the Rockford Rescue Mission
- Parish nurse, Marcia Schnorr told of her experiences in Bethlehem to the ladies of **Zone 14**
- Sue Gross and Jan Johnson spoke about the Haitian Lutheran Mission Project at the fall rally for **Zone 21**
- Ali Federwitz from Lutheran Bible Translators will be the speaker at the spring rally for **Zone 22**
- Rick and Annette Haupt shared their Uganda ministry to the ladies of **Zone 23**
- **Zone 25** will be rolling bandages for Global Health Ministries and cutting and folding 'spiritual vitamins' at their spring rally

# 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



Dr. Richard Bimler

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

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



Lana Gibbons

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

VOTER

NON-VOTER

- past NID LWML president
- Board of Directors voter
- congregational delegate
- special guest/speaker
- pastor/counselor
- advisory BOD member
- Young Women's Representative
- alternate delegate
- guest



my congregation is \_\_\_\_\_ zone \_\_\_\_\_ (w/location)

**name** \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_ city \_\_\_\_\_

phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

In emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Mites Update April 2010

Northern Illinois District 2008-2010

Project Name	Grant Amount	Disbursed	Balance
1. Arabic Ministries	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	PAID
2. CAME DuPage Asian Indian	\$10,000.00	516.18	Project 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	3,918.82	\$8,081.18
8. Lutheran Special Education in NID	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	PAID
9. African Immigrant Ministry in NID	\$12,000.00	8,427.38	\$3,572.62
10. Extra Mile Crisis Response Ministry	\$12,000.00	4,337.30	\$7,662.70
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$122,335.00</b>	<b>\$93,534.68</b>	<b>\$28,800.32</b>

## Excerpts from President Jan Wendorf's letter to Board of Directors on April 9, 2010

"...our mission goal of \$1.825 million dollars is our game plan for the biennium; that tells us what we want to happen."

"When your Executive Committee met in Peoria last month, the news was not good. Treasurer Helen Miller reported that as of February 28, 2010 we are at 34.79% of our mission goal for this biennium. Our desired target at that point would be 45.83%. In plain dollars, we are behind our goal by roughly \$201, 567."

"In order to meet the goal adopted by our delegates to the 2009 LWML Convention in Portland, Oregon, LWML needs to receive \$76,000 per month for the balance of the biennium. I invite you to check the LWML Web site to see what has been received each month of the biennium. It takes several weeks after the end of the month to post results on the Web site."



**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.*

## **A Mission Grant in Action** - By Barb Copeland-Belanski

Just a few short weeks ago, I was given the privilege to personally view the partial construction of Pastor Isaac's orphanage in Jeremie, Haiti.....how awesome!! I've seen some pictures of our fellow Lutherans beginning to build the orphanage in 2008, with a \$12,000 mission grant.

The orphanage is a few miles from the Eglise Lutherieenne Philadelphie, one of Pastor Isaac's churches, and sits on a beautiful piece of property right on the shores of the Caribbean. The plans for the orphanage are three-fold: a three room school, a facility for the children to eat and sleep and a medical complex. Pastor Isaac truly has a vision!!

So far, the only part of the construction that resembles the orphanage plans is the school.....two rooms are nearly complete. A third room is boarded up and houses equipment. My mission team used the classrooms on one of the days of our visit by hosting our medical and eyeglass clinics. Ocean breezes blew in through the open windows and made the morning most pleasant. Once the rooms are occupied with school children, the classrooms will be conducive for learning. The entire orphanage site is adjacent to a catholic orphanage and school. Pastor Isaac is hoping to integrate the children by having them play and spend time together.

The facility where the children and their caregivers will live has a long way to go before completion. To date, the building only has a foundation.....no walls. When completed it will give Pastor Isaac's orphans ample space for living activities. Building the walls is an undertaking as each brick has to be handmade, dried in the sun and one by one 'cemented' to the foundation. This process takes much man power.

The medical complex has some walls, but no roof. It sits next to the orphanage and will be used to screen and treat both the orphans and children of Jeremie having health issues. Partially completed also, is a colossal latrine.....all dug by hand.

One of the highlights of my mission trip was to present the NID LWML mission grant to Pastor Isaac in his Sunday evening church service. I was honored to represent all my Lutheran sisters back home and thought of each one of you as you so faithfully fill your mite boxes each month. To really see our mites 'in action' was a real blessing!!

## **NID LWML Calendar**

**Sunday, May 23, at 3:00 P.M.**

*Multi Culture Pentecost  
Worship and Choral Service*  
Mt. Greenwood Lutheran  
Church

10901 S. Trumbull Ave  
Chicago.

Dinner follows - \$10.00.

Write the check to  
Janet Hasler and mail it to  
her at 15727 S. Ravinia Ave.,  
2 East, Orland Park,  
Illinois 60462. Ruth Pralle  
could use singers for the  
LWML choir. If there are  
any questions, contact Janet  
at 708-873-0383 or  
janethasler@sbcglobal.net.  
Reservation deadline is  
Friday, May 14.

### **October 2**

Resurrection is hosting an  
LWML Multi Cultural Prayer  
Breakfast

### **Saturday October 23, 2010**

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

# LWML News Releases

**February 26, 2010**

## **LWML FAITH TALK© PROJECT COMPLETED**

The Faith Talk© project initiated by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) in 2006 is the organization's response to the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) Ablaze! movement. This facilitator-led DVD workshop has been developed for use by women of the LCMS and in sponsored events through LWML districts and zones.

The goal of the Faith Talk© outreach training program is that each woman will be compelled to share the gospel, pray for and recognize opportunities to do so, and then confidently live and speak her faith. Many fine materials for outreach training currently exist within the LCMS, but this program is designed to specifically help women become more comfortable with sharing the hope they have because of Jesus Christ.

**February 16, 2010**

## **2011 LWML CONVENTION LOGO ANNOUNCED**

The convention logo for the 34th Biennial Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention was designed by artist Judy Newell of Chesterfield, Missouri. The theme for the convention is: "Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge." Both the logo and the convention theme are based on these words from Acts: And they realized they had been with Jesus. "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Acts 4:13b & 20 (NKJV)

**February 12, 2010**

## **LWML GRANT GIVEN TO LIGHT OF CHRIST CHINESE LUTHERAN MISSION**

The Missouri District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod began the Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran mission program in 2000. Because of the large Asian population living in Olivette (St. Louis County), Missouri, and adjoining communities, the Light of Christ Chinese Mission has been established in the facilities of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Olivette. The primary focus of the mission is to reach, teach, and baptize those who do not know Jesus as their Savior.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) voted at the Portland LWML Convention in June 2009 to grant \$75,000 to help support the work of Rev. Dr. Paul Shaw and the Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran Mission as they reach out to Asian community. The LWML rejoices that the full amount of this grant has been paid.

**LWML news releases are archived at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) under News link**





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