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Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services - A child imprisoned.

## LIRS Resettles Refugees

*By Barb Himley, Vice President of Gospel Outreach*

For nearly 80 years, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service has worked with refugees and migrants from around the globe, offering compassionate service that makes a difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people who have found safety and hope in America's communities. One part of their goal is to help ensure

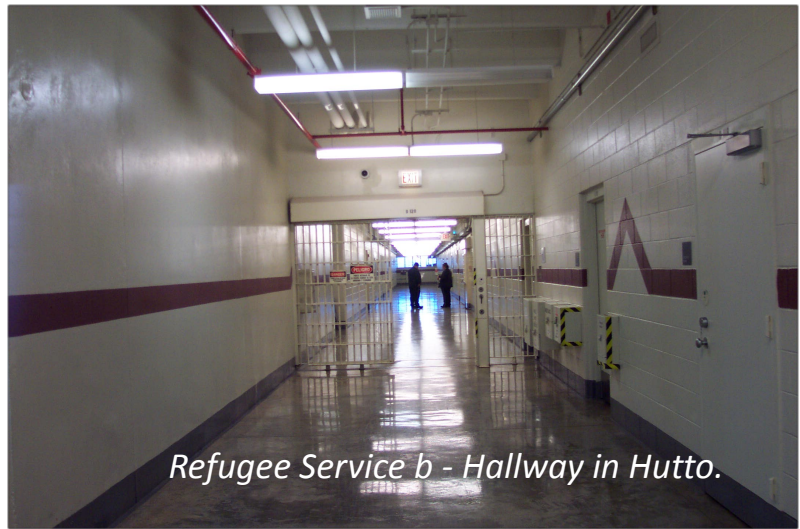
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that refugees and migrants are protected, embraced, and empowered in a world of just and welcoming communities.

Today nearly 65 million people have been displaced by violence and persecution around the globe, a crisis unlike any other time in history. As a vital arm of the United States refugee resettlement program, LIRS works every day to pair vulnerable refugees with LIRS service partners who are uniquely equipped to support their needs. In 2016, LIRS resettled more than 13,000 refugees. A robust network of service partners, volunteers and churches connects refugees with basic, essential services, while also helping them integrate into their new communities. Successful protection, stabilization, and integration processes are core elements of the mission.

The grant from NID LWML for \$10,000 provides Bibles to immigrants waiting in detention as their cases are processed. We pray for blessing through the Word of hope in Jesus Christ.



*Refugee Service b - Hallway in Hutto.*



*Collect stamps for missions, see how-to article page 6.*

# Our Source of Transforming Joy

by Barb Belanski



"He is not here – He is risen"

I am content – my Jesus, Beautiful Savior, is alive!! He died to save me – His sacrifice on the cross has spared and forgiven me – my heart is filled with His love - what a reason for joy and alleluias!!

This past Spring Rally season, I have observed this same joy as you have met in your new zones to share the resurrection story with each other. Your hymns of praise as well as your devotions were an awesome

display of glory to our risen Savior. I witnessed this fervor as you listened to speakers who go about their daily business in sharing Christ's salvation to others; you planned hands-on mission projects and in gatherings to share your love and concern with those less fortunate; and your joy was overflowing as you greeted each other and shared renewed fellowships.

The Holy Spirit has planted the seeds of faith and not only are you nurtured and growing, but you are blossoming!! The gifts of the Spirit are shining through in all that you are doing. Your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control are evident in your life as a child of God. I pray that these fruits will continue to reap sweet blessings.



*Sherlanda Brooks, CEO of Diversity Sourcing Solutions, speaking at the Sone 12 Spring Rally on patience and kindness.*



*LWML VP of Special Focus Ministry, Kaye Wolff visits with Barb at the LA/MS District Convention in Lafayette, LA*

I look forward to our time together at our District's convention this September. It will be a rousing celebration as LWML sisters share their true source of joy – a transformation resulting from God's love and grace for all mankind!

*And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit  
(2 Corinthians 3:18).*

# Be Transformed

by Pastor Swanson, Pastor of King of Glory Lutheran Church in Elgin, IL



Finally

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**FINALLY!**

For those of us who live in northern Illinois you know exactly what I'm talking about. This has been a particularly long winter. Longer than usually anyway. It's now mid May and what's

hard to believe is that barely a month ago we were still watching as snow fell from the sky. It's been a rollercoaster ever since. A shot of summer followed immediately by a return to fall. Shorts and T-shirts. Sweatshirts and jackets. All in the same week. But alas, it would seem we've finally made the turn. Spring has FINALLY sprung! I love this time of year. Watching the world around me transform seemingly before my very eyes. Life begins to push up through the once frozen ground. Trees which stood for months, naked against the winter cold begin to dress themselves in garments of green. Tree blossoms and flowers of all shapes, colors and sizes remind us that God really does use all the crayons in the box. Watching the world transform around us is one of the true joys of living in this part of the country. This transformation reminds me of some of my favorite verses in all of Scripture.

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Did you catch Paul's words right there in the middle? "Be transformed", he says. I love that word because it is packed with image and meaning. The greek, here translated be transformed, is more literally the word from which we get our word metamorphosis. Metamorphosis, of course, is the process of a caterpillar changing or transforming into something completely different, in the case a beautiful butterfly. So whether is caterpillars



to butterfly's or the barren landscape of winter to the bright colors of spring, transformation is a change to something beautiful.

Our theme for 2018 is "Transforming Joy." It's a theme that speaks to the transforming power of joy. The joy we have in the Lord. The joy that fills us to overflowing. The joy that speaks of His sacrifice and the new life we have in Him. His joy changes us. His joy transforms us. His joy makes us into something beautiful. And that beauty is for all the world to see. Wherever you go. Wherever God's people are gathered. Wherever the Word is proclaimed there is a perpetual spring. Jesus brings life out of death and makes all things beautiful. May the joy of the Lord transform you into a beautiful spring flower giving color and beauty to the world around us.

## Candidates Needed

We need VP for Gospel Outreach and a nominating committee member from West Region. We only have one name for all the other positions, except a nominating committee member from north.

Positions that will be voted on at the 2018 LWML NID Convention are: Pastoral Counselor, President, Treasurer, VP of Servant Resources, VP of Gospel Outreach, Corresponding Secretary, and a Nominating Committee from each region.

For nominations contact Susie Washington (312-326-4788).

## Convention News and Reminder

Joyce Hagen-McIntosh will be sharing her Christian comedy on Saturday evening following dinner. We welcome her to our LWML NID convention.

*In a world where faith is so often perceived as irrelevant at best and hypocritical at worst, Joyce's take on being a Christian is fresh air and air gulping humor. Hers is a poignant, relevant, and earthy wit that is built upon sound theology and practical faith. Joyce brings a healthy balance of humor, satire, and irony to narratives of living the faith in the post-Christian age.*

— Carly Stucklen Sather, Pastor, First Congregational Church of La Grange, IL



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Northern Illinois District invites you to register now for the 2018 District convention scheduled for Friday September 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Early registration is \$99** and runs from now until **July 21**.

From July 22 until September 1<sup>st</sup> registration is \$125. If you are staying overnight, hotel is \$99 per night for up to 4 guests with 2 breakfasts only, extra breakfasts are \$6 ea.

There is no charge for the Friday Servant Event at 1pm, the Friday Worship at 7pm, or the Sunday morning installation and worship service. Saturday's Key Note Speaker is, Rev. Dr. John Nunes. Registration form attached. Every church in the Northern Illinois District is entitled to 2 delegates.

## Convention Service Event

### 2018 LWML-NID CONVENTION

Friday September 21<sup>st</sup> 1:30pm – 3:30pm

**Making Witness Bracelets** to support **MOST Ministries**  
(Mission Opportunities Short Term)

**DONATIONS NEEDED:** 1/8" leather strip (lace); pony beads – Blue, Clear, Gray, Green, Red, White and Yellow. Our biggest need will be the strip (bags of pony beads make many, strip only a few). Instructions can be found on our website or at [mostministries.org](http://mostministries.org)



MOST Ministries sends mission teams throughout the world. These teams are requested by missionaries and church bodies. The bracelets we will be making help them spread the Gospel message and are their most effective and popular evangelism tool. They give away on average 1,000 bracelets on every mission trip.

Please help by joining us for the service event and donating some of the supplies needed. Some supplies will be provided.

Also the 2018 Convention Gifts From the Heart will be supporting the Westchester Food Pantry. They service the Hillside area where the convention is being held.

Proverbs 19:17 Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.

## Zone Buzz

*Submitted by Susie Washington, Secretary/treasurer of St. Philip LWML*

On Tuesday, March 27th, President Karen Kelley and the St. Philip LWML members gathered and put together 50 bags of breakfast food items for our community. We called it "The Easter Breakfast Basket Giveaway". Each bag contained a loaf of bread or a can of biscuits, a package of sausages, a box/package of cold or hot cereal, a dozen eggs and a pound of margarine.

There was a surprise for the last person through the door after all bags had been distributed; a turkey left over from the Thanksgiving Dinner giveaway!

Member, Berdie Jones had set out clothing for all recipients to chose whatever they wanted after picking up their food.

Pastor and Mrs. Lewis prayed for/with recipients that asked for prayer as they left the building, it was a beautiful thing and we are so Blessed to be able to do this year after year. Love, Joy, Peace and Patience.

## LWML NID Stamp Ministry



The stamp ministry receives stamps from more than just the Northern Illinois District. We receive inquiries from all over the nation. And interest continues! In fact, it is the single most inquired about ministry on the website.

If you want to contribute to this ministry here is what we look for:

1. All intact picture postcards. Do not cut off the stamps, send the entire post card.
2. All old (pre 1930) envelopes intact. Do not cut off the stamps.
3. All foreign stamps, large and small.
4. Large commemorative U.S. stamps.
5. Small definitive (common) U.S. stamps (including USA nonprofit bulk stamps), except DO NOT save Love and Christmas stamps. Save unused charity return mail stamps.
6. Any collections of stamps, save on sheets if possible and do not remove stamps from pages or albums.

If at all possible, stamps should be trimmed leaving about 1/4" margin around the stamp. Do not trim stamps to touch perforations or the stamps will be discarded.

Elvera Ruff is the LWML NID point person collecting stamps for this ministry. Send her stamps at the Northern Illinois District office, 2301 S. Wolf Road, Hillside, IL 60162. If you have other questions you may also contact Teena Dorn at [vpcommunications@lwmlnid.com](mailto:vpcommunications@lwmlnid.com) or contact Don Oostman directly about specific stamps questions, phone 630-921-3344.

## Calendar

- *July 21, 2018 — Last day for the \$99 convention price for the **LWML NID Convention 2018***
- *July 22 - Sept 1 - 2018 LWML NID Convention registration is \$125.*
- *July 21, 2018 — LWML NID Board of Directors Meeting at Bethany/Naperville*
- *Sept 1, 2018 - Last day to register for 2018 LWML NID Convention*
- *September 21-23, 2018 — **LWML NID Convention 2018**, Best Western Plus, Hillside, IL, Theme: "Fruit of the Spirit"*
- *June 20-23, 2019 — **LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama** — Its never too early to start planning!*
- *June 24-27, 2021 — **LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky***

## Announcements

- *Please make sure your Zone continues to use old Zone numbers until July 1, 2018.*
- *Susie Washington is looking for candidates interested in running for **Corresponding Secretary** and **Nominating Committee Member from the West region**. These are LWML NID positions. For nominations contact Susie at or 312-326-4788.*
- *Please inform your **LWML NID Society Treasurer** of the new address for mites: LWML NID, P.O. Box 958012, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169.*
- ***Tech Notes** — **LWML NID goes from .org to .com**. A new and more secure web site went live at [www.LWMLNID.org](http://www.LWMLNID.org) in February. For several weeks in May the website was down and the email system for the LWML NID went with it. Since this problem related to the domain name may take some time to resolve and it was important for women to register for the convention and have access to the site, we opted to purchase a new domain name: [www.LWMLNID.com](http://www.LWMLNID.com). (This piece at the end of the address is called a top level domain name OR TLD.) This solution will affect all LWML NID email*



*addresses. Please pay close attention as we move forward that emails to LWML District personnel have the correct TLD. This problem may resolve in the future and we will keep you apprised of the situation. For this and other delays in getting this newsletter to you, we apologize. Feed back is always appreciated and can be sent to [webmaster@lwmlnid.com](mailto:webmaster@lwmlnid.com) or [vpcommunications@lwmlnid.com](mailto:vpcommunications@lwmlnid.com).*

- **Delivery of Quarterly Subscriptions:** Quarterlies are mailed on the following schedule:

Spring	March 1
Summer	June 1
Fall	October 1
Winter	December 1

After checking with your church secretary or whomever sorts the mail for your church. if you have not received your subscription of Quarterlies between the 15th & 20th of the month they were mailed, something probably happened to them in the postal delivery system. You have the option of emailing national directly at [Quarterly@lwml.org](mailto:Quarterly@lwml.org) or you can email the corresponding secretary at [correspondingsecretary@lwmlnid.org](mailto:correspondingsecretary@lwmlnid.org) letting us know your quarterlies have not arrived. National prints a limited number of extras --if there is a problem we need to contact them in a timely fashion to have replacement copies mailed.

***Attached:***

- ***2018 LWML NID Convention registration form***
- ***Donations needed for 2018 LWML NID Convention Service Event***
- ***2018 LWML NID Convention Display Request***

*You can reach NID-Bits Editor, Teena Dorn at [VPCommunications@LWMLNID.com](mailto:VPCommunications@LWMLNID.com)*



# LWML Northern Illinois District Convention 2018

## September 21-23, 2018

Best Western Plus Chicago Hillside  
Hotel and Conference Center  
4400 Frontage Road, Hillside, IL 60162

### Speakers:

**Rev. Dr. John Nunes**, Keynote Speaker.  
**Ginger Starrett**, Secretary, LWML National Representative  
Mission Speakers from LWML NID grants. (2016-2018)

### Convention Schedule

**Servant Event** Friday, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
**Opening Worship & fellowship** Friday, 7 p.m. Sat, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
**Convention, includes Saturday lunch, Saturday Dinner and entertainment** provided by LWML NID Gifts and Bequests –  
Saturday, 6:30 p.m. (RSVP Below.)  
**Closing Service and installation of officers** Sunday, 9 a.m.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_  
Church/City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday Dinner not included.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes **Saturday Dinner** and Entertainment provided by LWML NID Gifts and Bequests.  
\_\_\_\_\_ No Will you attend? *We want to be good stewards of food and finances, so kindly RSVP.*

**Classification:** (please circle all that apply)

Delegate • Alternate • LWML NID Past  
President • Zone President • Guest • Pastor •  
LWML Member • First Timer • Young Woman  
Representative •

**Please check for special dietary needs:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Gluten-free \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

**Registration Fees/Deadlines:**

**\$99 by July 21**

**\$125 July 22 - September 1**

**Please mail form and check or money order  
(payable to LWML NID) to:**

Janice Gerzevske  
30W017 Juniper Ct  
Warrenville IL 60555

[correspondingsecretary@lwmlnid.com](mailto:correspondingsecretary@lwmlnid.com)

OR register online at:

<https://www.lwmlnid.com/event/lwml-nid-convention-2018/>

OR use the NEW search tool on the web site

NO refunds after **September 1.**

To reserve a room at the Chicago Hillside Best Western Plus, address call 708-544-9300 before **August 21, 2018** and request the “**Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Northern Illinois District**” convention rate of \$99 plus tax for 2 queens and 2 breakfasts OR 1 king plus breakfast.

\$6 for extra breakfast tickets. Hotel will not replace breakfast coupons if lost.





# Convention Service Event

Friday September 21, 2018

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

to support

## **MOST Ministries**

### Making Witness Bracelets

#### **DONATIONS NEEDED**

1/8" Wide Leather Strip (Lace)

Pony Beads:

Blue, Clear, Gray, Green, Red, White, Yellow

*Biggest need is: Leather Strip...*  
(a bag of pony beads makes many, strip a few)



ALL INSTRUCTIONS ARE ON OUR  
WEBSITE or at MOSTMinistries.org



LWML NID Convention 2018  
September 21-23, 2018

**Theme:**  
**PEACE JOY LOVE..**  
**Galatians 5:22-23**

**Best Western Plus**  
**Hotel and Conference Center**  
4400 Frontage Road, Hillside, Il. 60162

## Convention Display Request Form

**Deadline for Registration is July 21, 2018**

Make check payable to LWML NID

Make copy and send to:

Loretta Platter

7602 Bristol Ln. Unit E Hanover Park, Illinois 60133

You will be notified via email if your request is approved by

Convention Committee

For more information call 630-213-7362 or [yippy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:yippy@sbcglobal.net)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Email contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Tables Needed \_\_\_\_\_ @\$30 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

• Electrical Outlet needed \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no (limited outlets available)

- 2 chairs with each table
- Restaurant on site
- Description of Display (tabletop exhibit board, handouts, video)
- Displays will be from 7:30 am until sessions begins after lunch.
- Displays must be removed by 6 pm.