

# LWML NID

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## Featured Grant:

### Grace "Little Village"

Updates to Grace Lutheran School in Chicago, IL assist the church in reaching out to their community with God's Word.

See Story page 6.

## Lenten Helps



by LWML NID President Janice Gerzevske

In a few short weeks Ash Wednesday will begin the season of Lent. As a district, we will meditate on the work of Holy Spirit at our Lenten Inspiration. I hope you will join us on March 7, 2020 at Our Savior, Joliet.

There are numerous program helps for Lent and Easter available on the lwml.org website— all can be downloaded simply by typing in the title listed below and scrolling down to open the item to see if it will work for your event.

Responsive readings include "From Manger to the Mount" covering the six major festivals of the church year-Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost and The Lamb of God.

Devotions include: "All Eyes on the Cross" based on the seven words of Jesus from the cross, "Foot Washers". "I am He...You are Right" was Jesus answer to Pilate, "The Perfect Lamb", "What God Sees", "When I Survey

the Wonderous Cross” based on the hymn, An Easter devotion entitled “Tears of Joy” discusses our tears both of sorrow and joy.

“Women with Jesus at the Cross and the Tomb” is a three page bible study to be used during Lent. “His Care helps us Care” is a short skit for Lent.

Our national leaders have provided the studies listed above and now there is a weekly podcast available for your listening. If you have downloaded the LWML app, there are a variety of items you can read, hear and view.

## Led by His Spirit – Psalm 143:10



**Rev. Jeffrey P. Howell**  
Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran  
Church-Grand Crossing,  
Chicago, IL

This verse is part of David’s desire and prayer to do God’s will. He asks God to “teach me to do your will,” not his own. That is what it means for God to have control over our lives. God is not only our Creator, but Teacher! There is a need to ask God for guidance because His power redirects our lives.

God teaches us through His Word to do His will and follow His Holy Spirit who enables us. The Spirit that is at work in us makes us what God wants us to be. Notice the words David uses, “for you are my God.” David acknowledges his source of power and is confident his prayer would be heard and answered by

God. He calls on God to lead him by His “good Spirit” which is on level ground. Ask the Father to open our hearts to His will as the Holy Spirit sets us on God’s level ground! The level ground where the Spirit leads us is smooth and free from the danger of falling.

Therefore, let us spend time in His Word that teaches us to live this life for Him as we follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Give glory we have the Lord as our God! Sing hallelujahs we have His Spirit as our guide! Give thanks we are led by the Spirit.

Praise Him who leads us toward His path into His marvelous light! Amen!

# Winter LWML Resources

<https://www.lwml.org/winter>

**Also, consider  
downloading the  
LWML mobile app  
to have with  
you wherever  
you go!**

# Grace Lutheran School in “Little Village”



**Diana Maanum,**  
*LWMLNID Vice  
President of  
Gospel Outreach*

With the help of the mites given by those in the Northern Illinois district, Grace Lutheran School, located in Chicago’s “Little Village” neighborhood, has been able to make many improvements to its facility, including a whole updating and adjustment of its electrical system to allow for whole-building air conditioning. Grace has also been able to incorporate cameras for use in documenting students’ academic, social,

and spiritual growth as well as family and community events.

Grace Lutheran School exists “to prepare students for success in high school, college, and beyond, raising them up to be future Christian leaders for service to God and their community.” These recent updates to the building will allow Grace to continue showing and sharing the love of Christ with the surrounding community.

Are you wondering if your church, school, or RSO can apply for a grant? Please read the grant criteria (<https://www.lwmlnid.org/mission-grants/criteria/>). If you are looking for our district grant recourses and information, please check out <https://www.lwmlnid.org/mission-grants/re-sources/>.



## Lenten Inspiration!

Plans are underway for Lenten Inspiration 2020 "Led by the Spirit--A Lenten Walk". The Psalmist writes Teach me to do your will for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground. Psalm 143:10

This event is for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Northern Illinois District and their friends. It is to be held on March 7 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1910 Black Road, Joliet, IL 60435. Mark your calendar, save the date, and register for this day of Lenten Inspiration.

Those in attendance will learn by participation in opening worship, Bible study, and fellowship. The primary speaker, Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, President Northern Illinois District LCMS will teach us and encourage us on our Lenten walk along with our Pastoral Counselors and Rev. Loy Schlote, Pastor of Our Savior Joliet. We will also welcome Mr. Bill Indelli, Executive Director of Walcamp as Mission Speaker.

Registration is \$15.00. Please bring a Mite offering as well as items for the ingathering which will benefit Walcamp. Please see form and details attached.

## District Convention 2020

**Deb Burma** ([debburma.com](http://debburma.com)) is a sought after speaker and author who is Keynote Speaker and Bible Study Leader for the LWML NID 2020 District Convention held in Gurnee, IL on September 11 and 12.

**Susan Donnelly**, LWML's National Public Relations Director will bring greetings from LWML National and **Katherine Ritter** from Ft Wayne will enlighten us about the food pantry at the seminary.

This 2 day event is packed with activity:

**Sept 11** from 1 - 10pm includes a servant event, Bible Study with Deb Burma and the Open Worship service and Fellowship.

**Sept 12** from 8am to 4pm includes another Bible Study with Deb Burma, her Keynote address other speakers and LWML NID business including elections.

Register for the convention separate from the hotel. Online registration begins after the Lenten Inspiration on March 7.

If you have never been to a convention now is the time to join in the fun!

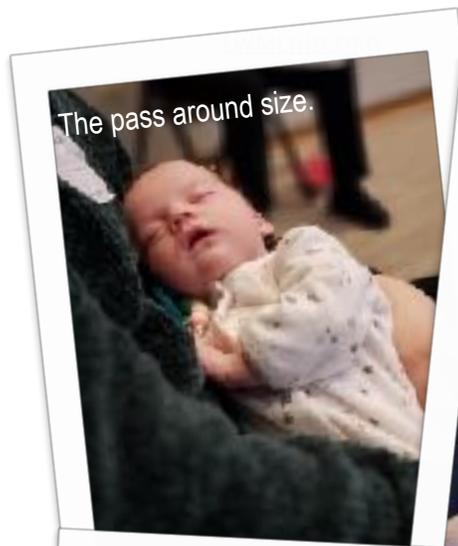


# Notes from Our Winter Retreat

by Ekaterina Grassmick

On the evening of January 17<sup>th</sup>, a score of ladies braved a mounting snowstorm to reach the Young Women & Young at Heart Winter Retreat at Walcamp. Once gathered, we basked in an oasis of peace. The focus was on overcoming fear by trusting God. Caitlin Escobedo, NID YWR 2019-2021, led us in a study on the theme verse, Isaiah 41:10. "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God..." (NIV). Jan Struck, best known as the LWML's very own humorous interrupter, made the trip from Florida to speak for the retreat. She led an in-depth study of Philippians 4:6 ("do not be anxious about anything..." NIV), and spoke of leaning on God in anxiety-causing situations from accidentally trying to board a plane without an ID to the Miraculous Pop, an answer to healing prayers.

Speaking of prayers, Saturday evening featured Prayer Stations, a quiet time of private conversation with God. Each woman made her way through the six stations, giving thanks, adoring God, laying her anxieties at His feet, and asking for His blessing upon family, friends, and Mite Grant recipients.



The pass around size.



Caitlin leads a Bible Study



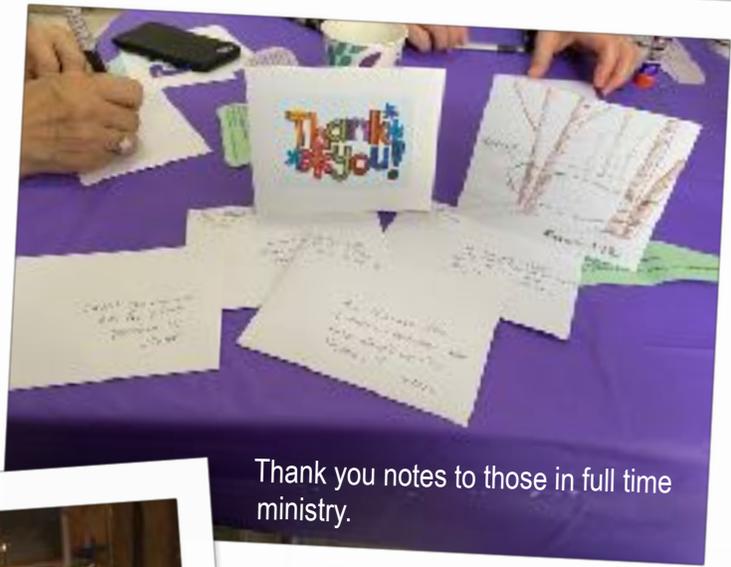
Jan Struck plays Superwoman



Going for a walk in the great outdoors.

The retreat was a wonderful time of fellowship. Over delicious meals ranging from egg and potato breakfast casseroles to Chicken Alfredo, ladies from across the NID got to know each other, exchanged ideas for LWML events, and encouraged one another. There were games and singing, but also time for quiet reflection, in the cabin and out in God's creation.

I can think of no better parallel for the retreat's impact upon its participants than the weekend's weather: we arrived at Walcamp under gray skies, but we left on a clear blue morning.



Thank you notes to those in full time ministry.



The thankful tree, one of the prayer stations.



The whole gang!



Jan Struck talks.



Jan reminds us to always bring your ID on a plane!

## Quarterly Renewal for 2020-2021 Quarterly Subscriptions

Any society that did not receive a Quarterly renewal notice, please contact LeeAnn Himley ([correspondingsecretary@lwmlnid.org](mailto:correspondingsecretary@lwmlnid.org)) providing your name and the email address to resend your society's specific invoice. Or, you may use the blank form attached in this NID-BITS issue if your society has not already send in your order. Those interested in obtaining large print quarterlies may contact Lutheran Braille Workers for more information. Send email inquiry to [laura@lbwinc.org](mailto:laura@lbwinc.org).

## Say Yes!

*By Lauren Olsen, Nominating Committee Chairman* [nominatingcommchair@lwmlnid.org](mailto:nominatingcommchair@lwmlnid.org)

LWML NID Convention 2020 will be here before you know it!

We are still looking for candidates for the following positions: Vice President of Christian Life, Vice President of Communications, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Convention Chairman, and Nominating Committee from North, South, East, and West Regions. Please feel free to read the descriptions of each position in our bylaws <https://www.lwmlnid.org/wp-content/uploads/LWML-NID-bylaws.pdf>.

If after prayerful consideration you would like to be considered for one of these positions, please fill out the Nomination Form at <https://forms.gle/QgkJ4XdyuHPimNxbA>. If you prefer to have a paper form mailed to you, please contact me at 815-353-9414 and I will be glad to send you a form.

# Locations WANTED

**Lenten Inspiration** sometime in February/March 2021  
(Hosted in the South Region in 2019)

Location to host the **September/October Fall Gathering  
2021** (Hosted in the North Region in 2019)

Contact President Jan Gerzevske ([president@LWMLNID.org](mailto:president@LWMLNID.org)).  
Prefer to have meetings in a different region than the previous  
meeting, ie North, South, East and West.

Suggestion is to have a zone in the region host an event.

## Calendar

- *March 7, 2020— **LWMLNID Lenten Inspiration 2020** — Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1910 Black Road, Joliet, IL 60435*
- *Sept 11 - 12, 2020— **LWML NID Convention** at Holiday Inn / Gurnee - Daily Led by the Spirit*
- *June 24–27, 2021 — **LWML Convention** in Lexington, Kentucky*

## Announcements

- *Zones can send meeting announcements to be posted on Instagram and Facebook to Teena Dorn at [vpcommunications@LWMLNID.org](mailto:vpcommunications@LWMLNID.org) for distribution.*
- *Make sure you are signed up and encourage your Zones to sign up for Facebook and Instagram accounts so they may receive these notices and the latest happenings in the district! Instagram: LWMLNID, Facebook: [www.facebook.com/LWMLNID/](https://www.facebook.com/LWMLNID/) OR you can reach the LWMLNID facebook page through the icon on the [www.LWMLNID.org](http://www.LWMLNID.org) website.*

### **Attached:**

- **Lenten Inspiration Registration form/flyer**
- **Quarterly Form**

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



# LENTEN INSPIRATION

## Daily Led by the Spirit—A Lenten Walk

*Teach me to do your will for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground. Psalm 143:10*

**Featured Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss  
**President Northern Illinois District LCMS**

**Date:** Saturday, March 7, 2020

**Time:** Registration & Fellowship: 8:15  
 Opening Worship: 9:15 am

**Place:** **Our Savior Lutheran Church,**  
**1910 Black Road, Joliet, IL 60435**  
**(Enter from Palladium Drive)**

**Mission Speaker:** Bill Indelli, Executive Director Walcamp

### Ingathering for Walcamp:

- Quart and Gallon size Ziploc (or similar brands) Freezer Bags
- Dinner size paper plates
- Menards’ gift cards



### Registration Fee: \$15.00 includes lunch

Register **online by February 29** at [WWW.LWMLNID.org](http://WWW.LWMLNID.org) (Go to “Register for an Event”)  
OR **Mail registrations by Sat, Feb 22** to: Barbara Belanski (*Checks Payable to LWML NID*),  
19140 Crescent Drive, Mokena, IL 60448

**Select one:**  Ham  Turkey  Veggie  Gluten Free

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

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Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Location: \_\_\_\_\_

