

September 2009

The Balancing Act - Understanding Who I Am

Northern Illinois District LWML

NID - Bits

News You Can Use



Two days ago, I was in Mexico with an eyeglass mission team. While there, I was the distance tester and believe it or not I was also the team song leader. My roles were well defined. It was clear what I had to do. Yesterday I was the daughter of Don and Gerry Kirst as they celebrated Dad's 50th anniversary in the ministry and Mom and Dad's 50th wedding anniversary. The cake and paper goods were my responsibility. I did what had to be done. Today I am the NID LWML president and my assignment is to write this article and answer e-mail. No question about what is expected of me. Sunday will be my son Kenton's 16th birthday so my defining role on Sunday will be Kenton's mom. There better be some sort of a celebration for him, and his dad and I must figure out what that will be soon. Monday I become the Ablaze winner of the Lutheran Bible Translator trip to Nigeria. Yes, when I get on that plane to Nigeria the other facets of my life will be put on hold and I will be the traveler to yet another foreign country.

All this in little more than a week and I didn't even mention the trip we are making to the little country church in Missouri to celebrate Mom and Dad's anniversary. There I will be the organizer and the printer of the bulletin. And I hope to work in my classroom before we go and there I am the preschool teacher. No wonder my head spins some times. Just who am I? Which of these roles is the important one? Can I fulfill more than one role at a time?

How does one possibly balance all the demands on time? No wonder I become weary.

Yes, I am a mission team member, a daughter, a mother, a wife, etc. etc. etc. But there is a role I have that is much more important than all the other roles put together. I am a child of God. I am created by God the Father, forgiven by the death and resurrection of God the Son, and sanctified by God the Holy Spirit. My purpose in life is to praise our God and to share the wonders of His love with others. Nothing else really matters. My life is held



Testing Eyes for Distance in Mexico



In Africa

together by this glue. It is not about what I think I am doing, but what God has done for me. When I remember this, all the pressure of the responsibilities I think I have disap-

pears. The weariness is replaced by the assurance that my father God has done it all for me - and God has done it all for all the people I care for. What a great God we have!! We can take refuge in our defining role - child of God.

Sherrie Shares



Sherrie Smith,
NID LWML
District
President

You LWML Ambassador YOU

Convention was tres hip and happening!

What struck me most as hip and happening in LWML-land at the Portland Convention? It was the truly beautiful role model of the women leading and teaching us there. First, President Jan kinda got to me-pretty, understated, a lover of Christ she lead and directed the convention in a kind, calm and orderly way. And, the role models just kept a comin': Keynote speaker Ruth Koch, song leader Dina Vendetti, Bible Study leader Dr. Mary Hilgendorf, and humorous interrupter Jan Struck were my favorites. Also dumbstruck was I when our Synod President and his wife thanked us LWML-ers for being shining stars of the LCMS...wasn't expecting that one either. Wow!

If you have never been to an LWML National Convention, I'd encourage you to keep the end of June 2011 open and make that trip to Peoria...I think you also may be pleasantly blessed! I was told the convention gives the big picture of LWML and now I know why. Prayerfully consider it sisters!

What also struck me about these women? They were ambassadors for LWML, for Christ. And sitting there listening I thought- "I wanna be like them!" Dear Jesus, help me be like them!

So, sisters, with that in mind, we in the NID LWML are at a very exciting time in our history...we are on the cusp of going electronic with our NID Bits!!!! This electronic conversion is for 1 years time. After 1 year, we will re-evaluate how the conversion is going. We know already that it will save our LWML district approximately \$7500 per year in publishing costs which in itself is very exciting. There are other possibilities of ways that it can help but some of them depend on us. IF we take it upon ourselves to promote it among our sisters within LWML and church, it can help spread the LWML story and help spread His Story. Wow! Praise God! May it be so and may He be honored in our lives and specifically in our LWML work!

In Him,
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Communications



Thanks
for your
suggestions

- Less paper, more website
- More intention-al communication of events via email, paper, personal phone calls
- Better looking fliers
- Update, modernize the web page
- Constantly updated list of Zone Presidents and Executive Committee Members
- Establish connection/relationships with people who have internet access and those who don't (within our societies) to share info or the NIDBits with each other.
- Past Board members as phone tree callers/coordinators for non-email members
- Devotional "blog" with comments section.
- and more...

A Thankful YWR

Greetings in the name of the Lord:

I would like to give thanks to the NID for giving me the opportunity to attend the 2009 LWML Convention as a YWR. What a blessing it was to be part of such a wonderful event and to meet Lutheran women from all over the states giving praise to the Lord .

Being there made me realize of the many ways our youth can serve the Lord in our churches and at the same time of all the missing opportunities in those churches where there is not a LWML group, like in my present church.

The Bible Studies led by Dr. Mary Hilgendorf, changed my way of thinking. She was great! And the inspirational speech by Heidi Floyd on her journey to fight breast cancer, really touched my heart!

I also had the opportunity to shake hands with President Jan, who spoke to all the YWR's at a special dinner. All the YWR's were so thrilled to have her there and to receive a signed PURPLE BIBLE by her! I loved it!

Overall, this was a very special spiritual opportunity that I will always cherish and I will pray our Lord to give us the opportunity to attend the 2011 Convention in Peoria. I will ask God to give us the strength to keep serving Him and spread the Good News about Lord Jesus to those who don't know about Him yet. I will pray for the good work of all the LWML members and its missions.

Blessings to all,
Tania Canjura

See picture page 4.

A farewell message

Your Partnership in the Gospel

by Pastor Kris Whitby

Our Lord truly honors us with the challenges to serve Him, yet He does not leave us to our own ends to carry out those joyful challenges. He blesses and equips us with His Word, His grace, and His very presence in our daily lives. He then further blesses us by surrounding us with the rest of His spiritual body, our sisters and brothers in Christ, His Church, who also are honored to serve Him, and who also use the blessings with which our Lord has endowed them that we might build each other up for service that glorifies our Savior.

Our Lord has blessed and honored me to serve our LWML NID as your pastoral counselor. It has been a joy to work with Sherrie, our President, our Executive Committee, our Zone presidents, and you as fellow LWML servants in the spread of the Gospel both in our district and throughout the world. I pray that in my time of office our Lord has minimized my failings that would hinder our service to Him and that He used the gifts He has given me to be a blessing to our work together.

I was humbled and honored at the Portland convention when, through the vote of your fellow LWML delegates, I was elected to serve as the Jr. Pastoral Counselor for the national LWML. This means that I have stepped down from my position with our district for this last year in my term of office in order to fulfill my duties in my new office. However, as I write this farewell article to you, my thoughts resonate with Paul's words of encouragement to the Philippians, "In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." [Phil. 1:4-6]

Thank you for letting me serve you and our Lord as your pastoral counselor, and may our Lord continue to bless our partnership in the Gospel for His glory until the day of Christ Jesus.



Pastor Whitby shares a moment with NID District Pres. Sherrie Smith and LWML VP Communications Linda Arnold during the Portland Convention 2009.

My LWML Story

Stories of how women came into the LWML.

I vaguely remember a time when I wasn't involved with LWML.

I was invited to a meeting and at the time there was quite a big group of ladies at St. John's here in Country Club Hills, IL.

We also had a Ladies Aide group at the time, and some of the ladies were in both groups. The first office I held was as treasurer, and I even remember that I shared those duties with Pat Couch. We were always asked to arrange food for congregational functions. Some things never seem to change! I think it was because others learned

that we always had dessert at our meetings. We have given up on the desert, but not on the fellowship that we always derive from getting together in the Lord's Service.

It is still a joy for everyone of our members to find creative ways to share the Gospel as we minister with our care packages and our mites. We occasionally need re-charging and find that meeting together gives each of us the spirit to go on.

I am truly grateful for my LWML sisters, and find comfort and strength in their support.

We continue to meet and support each other, and plan our activities for each coming year. We try to bring God's Love to our congregation, the community, and God's mission fields.

I pray for God's patience and guidance as I try to lead St. John's LWML into the future.

Joyfully in Christ,

Renee Boros

Renee currently serves as Society President for St. John's Lutheran Church in Country Club Hills, IL



2009 Convention in Oregon: NID in Oregon - left to right: Delegate Lisa Molotla, NID President Sherrie Smith, YWR Tonya Covin-Newson, YWR Tania Canjura



2009 Convention in Oregon: NID Young Women Representatives Tania (left) and Tonya (right) with National President Jan Wendorf (center)

NID LWML Fall Gathering



Dawn L. Schalow

keynotes this year's Fall Gathering at Trinity Lutheran Church Family Life Center, Roselle, IL.

Dawn L. Schalow has 20 years of experience in designing & conducting high impact learning programs, facilitating management & leadership development, & inspiring hundreds of individuals towards zestful living. She has done a considerable amount of public speaking, facilitation, curriculum development, & training in the areas of individual/organizational development, change management, personal effectiveness & workplace issues.

Dawn has been a retreat facilitator & conference presenter for local, state-wide, & national events. She has held a variety of professional positions such as Director of Staff Development & Training, Corporate Health Promotion Director, Asst. Professor, Health & Fitness Director, and Prevention & Wellness Specialist. She is currently the Vice President of Inspired Training Institute. Her most favorite role continues to be: "Beloved Child of God"! Dawn is a graduate of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa & has graduate degrees and management certificates in Corporate

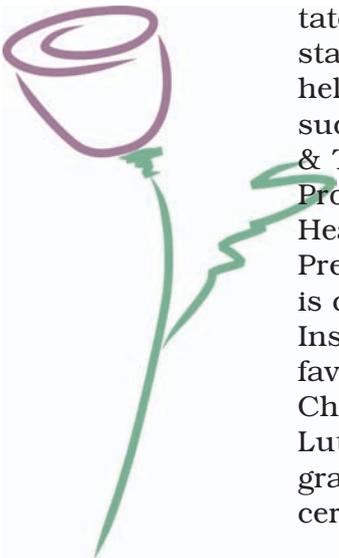
Health/Wellness Promotion, Training & Development, Human Resource Management, and Organizational Development.

Dawn is very active in her church, Bethany Lutheran (LCMS), Kaukauna, WI, with having facilitated adult bible studies, leading and organizing women events, and teaching Midweek/Sunday School to middle school aged children. She is also an active volunteer in several charitable organizations in the Fox Valley & Green Bay areas, which allows her to share her many gifts and talents.

Dawn has also been adding zest and infusing peace and humor into individuals' lives through church retreats, community programs, and "Zest Fests" that she develops and facilitates in her spare time. Her greatest passion lies in sharing how her ongoing personal relationship with Christ transforms her life in many wonderful and challenging ways, both personally & professionally!

She founded Zestful Living Ministries in 1998, as a way to share her faith and to inspire others to do the same! She currently has two books in the process of being published and are soon to be released, "The Christmas Way™" and "Is Your Life L.A.U.G.H.-Full or Laugh-Empty?". Dawn's personal interests include photography, reading, outdoor activities, cooking traditional Norwegian food, & playing computer/video games with their two sons, Jake (17) & Kyle (13) and her husband Michael.

Register by October 6, 2009.



NID LWML Fall Gathering

Saturday
October 17,
2009

8:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

at Trinity Lutheran Church Family Life
Center, 204 South Rush St., Roselle, IL
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2009 NID LWML Zestful Living Gathering Registration Form

"Shout for Joy to the Lord"

...come before Him with joyful songs., Ps. 100:1-2
presenter, Dawn Schalow, Zestful Living Ministries
music and surprise activities for added zest

\$35.00 per person includes presentations, catered box lunch
and morning coffee with side choices.

Deadline For Registration: October 6, 2009.

Make Checks Payable to: NID LWML and mail to:
Jan Stantus at 521 Bradbury Lane, Geneva, IL 60134
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or register on line at www.nidlwml.org and mail check.
For more information contact:
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This Gathering is presented by the Convention Committee and the Christian Life Committee, Jewel T.Sims, Convention Chairman

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NID LWML Calendar

September 12 - 9AM to 11:30AM, Zone 6
Fall Fellowship - Trinity, Huntley

September 19 EC meeting 9:00 at NID
Office, Hillside

Saturday, October 17 NID Fall Gathering
at Family Life Center, Trinity, Roselle

October 24 - 31 Eyeglass Mission Trip to
Mexico

November 21 EC meeting 9:00 at NID
Office, Hillside

Eye Glasses Trip

NID LWML is fielding an eyeglass team to Mexico

October 24-31. Men and women are all invited.

Maybe you know of sewers who would like to make eye glasses cases or someone who would like to make necklaces. Or maybe you would like to financially support someone who needs help. Be sure to contact Jan Gerzevske at jgerz@netzero.com Most importantly, we can all pray.

Good ideas from

LWML:

http://www.lwml.org/resources/webmasters/cyberscoop0409_webmasters.pdf

If you choose to participate in a social network, make it an opportunity to share Christ with others. Take care in how you create your network profile, so that you present yourself in a manner worthy of Christ. When you create your network by inviting friends to join, look for friends who will edify you in your faith, and be aware that by inviting them to join you, you are granting their network of friends permission to connect with you and your network of friends to connect with them. And, when you post information to your profile page, remember that you represent Christ, even if the message you post has nothing to do with the Bible, Jesus, or the LWML.

Next Issue:

November 2009

*Topic: Relationships:
Learning the Ropes*

Articles due 10/3.

Mites that Matter

Stories about how your mites make a difference.

Saudi artist Bader Hamoud ignored attempts by his family to keep him from converting to Christianity. In sharp contrast to most Muslim converts who must remain anonymous, once Bader came to faith he announced his conversion on Saudi television saying, "The Christian religion calls for love and tolerance". He also convinced his wife, who is a resident of Kuwait and Syria.

(K) is another Muslim convert who received Jesus as his Lord after working for 3 months over the telephone with Rev. Naeem. Fearing for his life, other Christians helped him flee to China. He established a new mission to Arabic speaking people there, and 17 people are now on their way to believing in Jesus.

Although their families are entirely Muslim, two women (G) and (S) have also come to faith in Christ. They are both highly educated, which is very unusual in Saudi Arabia. These ladies are fluent in English and hoping for an opportunity to work in the USA witnessing to other Saudis.

Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission (BOLM) is changing the way the Arabic people think about Lutheran theology. 97% of the area had not heard Lutheran theology, and some considered it a cult. BOLM is breaking down barriers and making Lutheranism very well known among Arabs and Muslims.

The Gospel, shared by Christians who present the message of God's love, are freeing the people of the Middle East from the enslavement of wrong beliefs. The Arabic believers have been very instrumental in advancing the mission by helping the missionaries and the new converts. They are ready and eager to help share the good news!

Despite persecution, threats of death, and rejection by family members, regular contact with Christian teachers through the efforts of the Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission (BOLM) allow Muslims to learn about Christ and come to Him in faith. Arabic speaking people connect with each other in internet classrooms to learn English or Christian teaching from preachers and teachers.

Mites help bring the Gospel message and hope to people in the Middle East. BOLM is one of the mission projects that has been fully funded. Our grant money enables Dr. Naeem to teach and share the gospel with Arabic speaking people using new technologies and equipment.

Editor's note: Real names cannot be used for those whose safety could be endangered.

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LWML News Releases

CPH Offers Discount in Response to LWML President's Convention Challenge

At the LWML Convention in Portland, President Janice Wendorf challenged the attendees to be women who are in the Word, of the Word, and walking with the Lord. Concordia Publishing House (CPH), in an effort to support the LWML President's challenge, is extending its special savings on the purchase of the ten "best" women's ministry items through September 30, 2009. More information about the 20% discount with no minimum purchase is available at www.cph.org/women.

Submit Designs for LWML Convention Logo Now

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Executive Committee announces the theme and Scripture verses for the 2011 Convention to be held June 23-26, 2011 in Peoria, Illinois:

Theme: Being with Jesus — Living on the Edge

Scripture Verses: ... They realized that they had been with Jesus ... "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard". Acts 4:13b & 20 (NKJV)

Proposed logo illustrations/graphics should be submitted in a landscape orientation as a TIFF or JPEG file. Design submissions must be received no later than *October 1, 2009*. Please send to: Edie Norris, LWML Public Relations Director, 3915 64th Ave Ct NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335, edielwml@gmail.com

Lutheran Women Adopt \$1.825 Million Mission Goal

Delegates to the 33rd Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) adopted a \$1.825 million mission goal for the 2009–11 biennium. It is the largest in the organization's 67-year history and will fund a record 19 mission grants. The funds raised nationwide over the next two years will be used to support the following mission grants:

- Defray Costs of Shipping Quilts by Lutheran World Relief – \$80,000
- Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank Relocation – \$50,000
- The Carpenter's Hands – Youth Refurbish Homes in Florida – \$26,000
- Psalm 69:14 Project – Emergency Disaster Aid in Texas, Oklahoma, & Louisiana – \$50,000
- Digitize Classes for Specific Ministry Pastor Program, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana – \$36,000
- 10 Chapels, Transportation, and Pastoral Training in Tanzania – \$88,000
- Body and Soul Care for Children in India – \$50,000
- LCMS Prison Ministry Provides Devotional Materials – \$50,000
- Lutheran Braille Workers Provide English Braille Bibles – Africa – \$100,000
- Kyrgyzstan Locals Trained for Evangelism - \$100,000
- The Hope Center for Refugees and Immigrants – Ohio – \$90,000
- Human Care & Pastoral Ministries Developed in Latvia & Lithuania – \$87,500
- Mission Support to Disabled Children – Dominican Republic – \$50,000
- Native Leadership Scholarships for Students Enrolled in Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology – \$100,000
- Humanitarian Care Outreach in Kazakhstan – \$90,000
- International Student Ministry Provides Bibles & Christ-Oriented Resources – \$30,000
- Earthquake Relief Aid & Church Plants in Peru – \$100,000
- Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran Mission – St. Louis – \$75,000
- Humanitarian Aid Opens Mission Field in North Korea – \$82,482 (revised amount from original News Release)

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

Mission Field in Jacksonville, IL

- Friendships old and new
- Mentoring for a daughter
- Serving the Lord
- Low cost for trip
- Short distance from home

These were the reasons the Jacksonville team members gave for joining the team.

The church, Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf, had just torn down the rectory, to build an outreach center so volunteer efforts from the church and community were directed toward that effort. so we focused on helping with some cleaning, painting, and file organizing in the church itself.

Thursday afternoon was spent removing green boards from walls and masking in preparation for painting of two bathrooms and the basement of Christ Church on Friday and Saturday morning. On Saturday painting the kitchen was included in the tasks as well as painting a couple storage rooms. While the last of the paint was being applied, the team was busy mopping the basement floor and restoring the basement furnishing to their proper places.

Barb, our resident gardener, weeded flower beds, dug up hostas and replanted them around the church. We kept asking her if she needed help but she was in her element enjoying the beautiful weather while the rest of us barely saw the sun.

One of the reasons the cost for the trip was very reasonable was due to the hospitality of five LWML families in Jacksonville. Diane contacted Carol Schmidt from Our Redeemer who sent out a request for families who would house us instead of paying the cost of three nights at a hotel. This was especially gracious of these ladies since their CID(Central Illinois District)-LWML convention was the Friday evening and Saturday of our trip.

Having Susan offer to be our cook and grocery shopper for the trip



Team members L to R: Barb Copeland-Belanski of Immanuel, Mokena; Carol Fuys of Peace, Lombard; Emma Kolterman of Faith, Lake Forest; Jan Gerzevske of St John, Wheaton; Susie Kolterman of Faith, Lake Forest; Diane Perrone of St John, Elgin; Susan Albom of St John, Elgin.

also reduced the cost. Easy, quick and effortless meals supplied us with the energy needed to complete our tasks. We splurged on Saturday evening and had great pizza from Pastor Tom's favorite place. Sunday we enjoyed lunch at Applebee's before heading for home.

Emma, Susie's daughter, provided teenage youth and energy to our team. Her greatest joys included mopping floors with Carol Fuys, painting the girls' bathroom pepto-bismol pink and being part of the ice cream social with the deaf residents on Saturday evening.

Following ice cream and brownies Susie had everyone making "stained glass" fish which our guests had a great time assembling after we finally got the backing removed from the clear contact paper onto which the "glass" pieces were stuck. The evening's program concluded with Susie reading and Pastor Tom signing The Friends Go Fishing.

The vastness of the mission field there is among the deaf was related to us by Pastor Tom. Between 95-98% of the deaf population is unchurched but the opportunities in the LCMS for working among the deaf have decreased greatly during the past 20 years as the number of professional church workers among the deaf has decreased from about 60 to only 16 today.

Thanking us Pastor Tom stated "We were humbled by this team of ladies who came at their own expense and did so many tasks that we knew we would never have finished on our own." On Sunday morning he told us that "pound for pound we were the hardest workers to have visited them!" That statement was a compliment. Our members were inspired by their example and are eager to bring the Gospel to the deaf of central Illinois. Thanks ladies of the NID!"

Editor's note: Rev. Tom Phillips is the Missionary-at-large for the Deaf in the Central Illinois District of the LCMS. For more info on this ministry see <http://illinoisdeafutherans.com>

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