Mission Lamp

Serve the Lord with gladness!

**Mother's Day** – a time to remember our mothers, and we all have had someone who fulfilled that mentoring role; a day for recognizing someone who may have made sacrifices, putting her own needs and desires on the back burner of life to minister to our needs.

Ministry - the spiritual work or service of any Christian; something we engage in as mothers, teachers, neighbors, friends, and children of someone, women who care about our fellow citizens on this earth, and take to heart Our Lord's Great Commissioning words in Matthew 28.

What connection can be made between these two? Christ, being both man and God, willingly sacrificed life. As man Jesus prayed earnestly that the cup be taken from him, but as God he willingly entered hell on our behalf to conquer sin and death. During all of His ministry, Christ engaged people, encouraged them to open their hearts, educated them about the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He equipped them for the battles they encountered, knowing that true enjoyment can only be found in living ones' life in The Way, sharing His Truth, and then acquiring Life eternal through His suffering and death.

We, as women who care deeply for children, students, neighbors, and friends, willingly sacrifice what is dear to us for the benefit of others. Sometimes we take the long path in order to bring them along with us to experience the blessings of life.

What connection does all of this have to our lives? How can we read our Lord's directions in Matthew and apply it to our daily lives? Let me share multiple ways in which the joy of LWML was passed on to members of the current Board of Directors.

My mother was an active member; My mother invited me to a retreat; My mom brought me to a rally; My mother role modeled for sister and me; My mother encouraged me by example; I grew up watching my mom serve; I knew about LWML from my mom; My mother nominated me Young Women's Representative in 1981;

I was dragged by mom – loved it.

The women who encouraged, led by example, modeled the life of a servant, took to heart the Great Commission, maybe not realizing it at the time, sharing the enjoyment of ministry with their daughters.

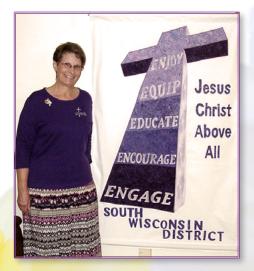
Quoting part of a devotion from a recent Lutheran Indian Ministries Lenten devotion, let's continue the comparison.

Reflect: by Jessica Meulendyke for Lutheran Indian Ministries

You are called to fulfill your ministry in the Kingdom of Christ, but that calling is different for each person. We are all given unique talents and experiences to be used for God's purpose. Some are called to teach or preach, while others are called to positions behind the scenes, but all of us are called to build up the body of Christ. Whatever your calling is, do a thorough job as God's servant. Ask Him what his mission is for you and commit to it wholeheartedly. Take time to pray and reflect on your interests, skills, and experiences. Instead of asking God to help you with the work you are doing, try asking Him to show you how you can help in the work He is already doing.

My hope is that we all make ministry part of our Mother's Day, and every day, asking how we can use our gifts and skills to help in His work, taking to heart our commission orders to take the Word of God to others through encounters in our everyday lives.

Barb Kaun, President, LWML-SWD



# LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT



# *A time to celebrate* LWML TURNS 75 IN 2017

Come to our Diamond Dazzle Celebration at the 37th Biennial Convention June 22-25, 2017 in Albuquerque, New Mexico



**Convention 2017 is almost here!** Travel plans are well underway and only one piece of information is needed to make the plans complete. All travelers will meet at Milwaukee airport and will travel as a group. Tickets have been purchased from SouthWest airlines and room reservations are made at the Hyatt in Albuquerque. More detailed information will be sent out when all the plans are complete. The current convention schedule has been posted on the lwml.org website and will be a great help in planning your time in Albuquerque. Bring your registration information with you to make registration easier when you reach the convention center. For those going as delegates from the South Wisconsin District check lwml. org/2017-convention for information on items that will be voted on during the convention. Be familiar with candidates, by-laws, and mission grant votes that will occur during the convention. The section on "You are a delegate...." will be a tremendous help if this is your first convention. For those going along not serving as delegates more information will be coming on cost of travel and travel schedule. After this information has been sent please contact Ruth Weckwerth, ruth.lwml@gmail.com, for payment for transportation and hotel.

If you'd like to be part of our LWML SWD prayer chain, please send your email address to Joyce Kaestner at <u>joycelk4011@att.net</u>



#### WANTED - Mission Grant Proposals

Once again it is time to consider mission grant needs for the 2018-2020 LWML South Wisconsin District. Twenty one grants were submitted by LWML members, societies, or zones for the 2016-2018 biennium. Of those, seven were chosen at the convention to fund. Your prayers, love and action made that happen.

Do you have a special ministry of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod that you hold dear? Consider submitting a proposal on their behalf to be presented and approved at the 2018 LWML-SWD convention. As a LWML member submitting a grant, your responsibility would be to:

- Contact the agency you wish to encourage and ask if they are interested in applying or reapplying for a grant. If they say YES---
- Refer them to the <u>LWML-SWD.org</u> website (Resources/District/Mission Grant application) so they know what information will be needed. Ask the agency to refer to Step 3 and 4 of Page 2 and provide this information to you.
- You would be responsible for filling out the Cover Letter-Page 4.
- Have the proposal signed by a LCMS Pastor or LWML Counselor.
- To submit the proposal, follow the directions on Page 6 and send the required copies to Kristen Kolell by October 31, 2017.
- As with every LWML task, the first step is to ask God for guidance.

**Prayer**: Dear Jesus, give us awareness of the needs in our district, our country and the world. Encourage the agencies we contact to respond with proposals that will spread Your Word and show Your love to those in need. In Your name we pray. Amen.

The following list should give you some ideas for submitting grant requests for the 2018-2020 biennium. These are Mission Grants that were approved by the BOD and put on the ballot but did not get chosen for the previous biennium.

> Bethany Ev. Luth. Church Ministry Outreach Van Request Bibles for Mozambique

#### Emmaus Mercy Meals

24-passenger bus for Karenni, (Burmese Immigrant Ministry), Trinity, Freistadt (LCMS-SWD Mission Office)

LCMS Young Adults, Taking the Lead, Led by Christ (SOS Center)

Spanish Bibles with Small Catechism for the Americas (Lutheran Heritage Foundation)

LCMS Mission Central Current Missionary (The Time is Now)

VBS Express Ministries (Wisconsin Division)

ISM Children's Program at Luther Memorial Student Center, Milwaukee

Hispanic Prison Ministry (LCMS-SWD Mission Office)

Partnering in Native Outreach to So. Dakota Reservation (Lutheran Indian Ministries)

Y4Life Expansion to Lutheran High Schools (Lutherans for Life)

LUMIN Schools Disciple Developing Curriculum

School Leadership Development Project (LCMS/ONM)

Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones (CPTLN) Hispanic Lutheran Ministry Wisconsin

Scholarships for National Women's Leadership Institute Conference

Detention Ministry: Sharing the Love of Christ with Detained Immigrants (Urged by LCMS-ONM)

Elementary Curriculum Ultrasound Education Outreach (LCMS-OIM)

Remember to keep the current grant that we are working to fund in your prayers: Refuge House Renovation

Lord God, as once, through Your prophet Elijah, You ministered to the needs of a single mother and her child, please use my offering for the safety and wellbeing of expectant mothers in our time. As lodging needs call for structural improvements at the Refuge House, please make it a reality through our LWML support. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Marge Frank Mission Grant Committee Chairman



Bloom and Grow! Devotion

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).

Edelweiss, Edelweiss Every morning you greet me Small and white clean and bright You look happy to meet me Blossom of snow may you bloom and grow Bloom and grow forever Edelweiss, Edelweiss Bless my homeland forever.\* \*Words and tune: Rodgers and Hammerstein

Congratulations if you were able to read those words without singing them or hear them as they were read to you without hearing the tune from "The Sound of Music." Please take some time to think of the significance of the small, white, snow-like flower called Edelweiss.

Edelweiss covers many of the higher areas in mountainous regions of Europe. It does not have a long life, but spreads its seed to produce more and more plants and flowers. The leaves of Edelweiss are soft and almost wooly feeling to the touch. The center of each bloom has yellow-colored flowerets.

So when are we, as Christians, like Edelweiss? It is our intention to walk on the higher ground as we model God's love and His expectations for His children. When we are soft and "wooly" by showing care and compassion, our families, churches, and communities take note. As flowers drop their seeds, so the Holy Spirit plants seed in us. As these seeds are nurtured and grow into beautiful plants, so we are fed and strengthened on God's Word and the blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion as He has called us to be His through the water and Word of Holy Baptism. We can also feed the faith of those around us, no matter how old or new that faith may be.

The center, yellow-colored flowerets remind us of the opportunity we have to let God's light shine to us and then through us to those with whom we come in contact. Obviously, the fact that this small flower is white has some connections as well. We are white as snow because of the crimson blood of Jesus. Our sins are gone. We are free. While we may still live surrounded by sin as well as add to the sin in our world, we are also forgiven children of the Lord. We are washed clean in His eyes and given eternal life in heaven with all the saints who have gone before us.

So, bloom and grow. Be in the Word so that the seeds of modeling God's love that you drop are pure, strong, and seen by others.

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**Prayer**: Dear Lord, You have created us to share Your love and Your Word with those around us. Help us to be bold and bright so that we attract others to You. Move us to bloom and grow so our lives glorify You. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

The

Mission Lamp

is your news within the

South Wisconsin District of

the LWML. Please make copies

of this to share in your society

and church. You may also

download a copy from

lwml-swd.org.

Greetings to the ladies of the LWML-SWD. We celebrate as we recall that grants #1, #2, and #3 have now been paid. We rejoice that the Lord has blessed the ladies with the means and willingness to follow through on the promises made at the last convention, to pay the grants. We are currently working to fund grant #4, the Refuge House renovations. I would like to remind you that progress on the grants can be tracked at the LWML-SWD website. I learned some tips on better utilizing the website which I would like to pass on to you. When looking at the pie chart (under Missions, Mites), if you hover your mouse above a slice of the pie, the amount donated pops up on the screen, which then coincides with the "Mite Donation" list to the right of the pie. This makes it easier to interpret the pie chart. The other nugget I was excited to learn about is the link to Pinterest. Have you ever tried to think of handouts for your meeting, Bible studies, devotions, LWML crafts, photos, or coloring resources? You can go to lwm-swd. org and scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the "P" icon, for Pinterest. There is a plethora of resources, right at your fingertips! I found this to be so helpful and I hope these tips might be of some assistance to you too!

Kristen Kolell

2018 District LWML Elections

Are you thinking about serving at the district level of LWML? You are not in this position on your own-there is always someone mentoring you. The offices that will be voted on at the 2018 District Convention are:

- Recording Secretary
- Financial Secretary
- Vice President of Organizational Resources
- Vice President of Gospel Outreach
- Junior Counselor

For a further listing of position duties, please go to our new website at: <u>lwml-swd.org</u>. Then click on Resources/District Helps, select District Guidelines. The positions are listed under Officers. Please contact any member of the Nominating Committee with names to submit or questions. The nomination form is on the website. Look under Resources/District Helps/2018 Nominations Form. Nomination forms should be e-mailed to: <u>nominations.lwml.swd@gmail.com</u> Diane Timm-Zone 5-Chairperson

Janis Mattson-Zone 1 President-Zone 9 Melody Roger-Zone 13 Judy Gitzlaff-Zone 17 Lori Henkes/Nancy Jensen-Zone 21 Judy Gitzlaff-PR-nominating committee

# He Is Risen! He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!



It is with great joy we get to hear the Alleluias along with praise and glory in the Divine Service once again. C.F. Walther's hymn *He's Risen, He's Risen*, rings through Christ's Church.

> He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord; He opened deaths prison, the incarnate, true Word. Break forth, hosts of heaven in jubilant song and earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

I pray that all of you have had a glorious Easter celebration and that the blessings be on all of you.

In the past few months, the LWML SWD has been busy in many ways. Two more grants were paid and our national biennium goal was met before the convention in June. Many of you will have had your local rallies and will be making plans to attend

the convention in June. Along with all of this, I encourage you to pray for all people as we can see many trials and tribulations around us. Satan has been defeated, however we still see him working in this fallen world we live in. My prayers go out to all of you as we begin our Easter Season Journey leading up to Pentecost. May the fire of the Spirit and the comfort of the Gospel be with you all.

> Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice; Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice. Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain: with Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

God Bless, Rev. Dale Blanchard Pastoral Counselor LWML SWD

Our Facebook page is a great way for us to share ideas with you and each other, remind you of upcoming events, share pictures, ask questions and stay connected. Some of the fun posts you will see on the page are pictures from retreats and updates on what people did for LWML Sunday. So if you haven't already, "LIKE" us on Facebook and stay informed on the latest LWML SWD news and events.



To follow up on the news about the new missionary family from the last Mission Lamp, Pastor Charles L Cortright and his wife, Connie, will be deploying to Eurasia in May to make their home in Prague with a base for operations in Bucharest, Romania. If you were to ask Pastor Cortright, "What are you going to do over there?" he would reply, "I help strengthen Lutheran pastors to bring Jesus to de-Christianized Europe." He will be a chaplain to church workers in the area and give of his time and talents in visiting, praying, communing and caring for missionaries and their families. In addition, he will work as a theological educator helping our partner churches in pastoral training.

Good news from Amy Formella. She has finished her intensive linguistics studies and is hoping to leave for Sierra Leone in May to begin her work there with Lutheran Bible Translators. Please pray for all of these missionaries.

Perhaps you are thinking that you might someday want to be more proactive in mission work. There are numerous opportunities for short term commitments (LCMS, MOST Ministries, among others). If that is not possible, know for sure that your prayers and gifts are doing their work through those who have "signed on". If you want to be put on the e-mail list to get forwarded newsletters from those in the field, please let me know, and I can add you to the 50+ who already get the newsletters when they arrive in my box. (<u>lwmllr@yahoo.com</u>)

Another nifty way to support is to prepare and send a Care Package to a chosen family. There are certain guidelines that should be kept in mind. If you, as an individual, or a society, wish to do so, you can contact me and I will e-mail the LWML Missionary Care Package FAQ or you can check https:// unite-production.s3.amazonaws.com/tenants/lwml/attachments/42112/GOCareflyer.pdf. God bless your Easter lives as we move forward in serving the Lord with gladness as LWMLers.

LuAnn Roman



#### MISSION LAMP FINANCIAL REPORT

Praise God from Whom All Blessing's Flow! On March 25th, we were able to pay Mission Grant #2, The Church Worker Student Grant of \$30,000 and Grant #3, Veterans Helping Veterans for \$5,000. LWML, also met their 2 million dollar goal by the end of March, Praise God!

Just a reminder we need \$8,959.00 each month to meet our 2016-2018 Mite Goal. We are behind about \$9,000.00 at the time of this writing. Many societies don't meet over the summer. We still need \$8,959.00 during each summer month. We are currently working on Grant #4 which is, \$20,000 for Refuge House Renovations. I challenge you: let's get the Refuge House Grant paid before the end of May. We need about \$13,000 more at the time of this writing. I pray that you continue to fill my mailbox with your generous Mite Offerings. Please make sure to include your vouchers.

To God Be the Glory!

Diane Kamrath, Financial Secretary

# To keep you updated on Roberta & Bill Hilgendorf's ministry in Sterling, Alaska

Spring is slowly starting in Alaska. As of April 3, they still had a foot of snow on the ground but it hasn't dropped below zero for almost a week and a half. The spruce trees are greening up, and the rivers are breaking up. Bill and Roberta bought a house last September, near the Kenai River, with a large garden plot, so they are anxiously awaiting the arrival of warm weather.

Last October they started a children's club on Mondays after school, calling it the Hungry Caterpillar Club. Between 8-11 children have attended each week. The congregation has decided to step out in faith and begin plans for an addition with 2 classrooms, that had been part of the original church plans many years ago. Currently there are no families with children that are members, but the choice was to wait till they join, then build; or build and trust the Lord to send the families. Pray for wisdom and guidance and the finances to complete this project.

A vacation Bible School is planned for the third week in July, with a group from Redeemer Lutheran in Manitowoc, WI coming to help lead it. The Hilgendorf's are excited to have these friends from their former congregation coming up to support them.

If anyone wants to contact them for questions or just to chat, Roberta's email is <u>r\_hilgendorf@yahoo.com</u>, and she still has her old Wisconsin phone number. Greetings to all my sisters in Christ,

I am excited to announce that the Young Women's Committee is busy planning a couple new and exciting events. These will be held in July and Aug, as well as later this fall. The "where and when" are still being worked out. There will be one event in each "quadrant" of the district. Please watch the website for more information. There will also be posters and other PR with information out soon. God's Blessings,

Amy Tikkanen Chairperson, Young Women Committee

"Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples." Psalm 117:1 This was our Heart to Heart event bible verse for 2017. I am happy to announce to you that we had over 180 people who attended the event representing the Nigerians, French Africans, Karennis, Hmong, Chinese, Germans, and the Hispanics. The cultures that attended and represented at our event is our little "LWML nations," but we are not done there! We are continuously reaching out to more cultures with God's guidance to expand to all nations. Many wore their traditional costumes and came with their families, grandparents to little ones. At our lunch offering, many generous attendees contributed a total of \$275 and for our Mite Box we collected \$123.68. I thank my wonderful committee who were the key players, and because of them we were able to pull this event off. The Karennis would like to thank everyone who donated towards their request for school supplies. As your Heart to Heart Leader, I was able to worship with the Karennis, French Africans, and the Hmong. I am looking forward to meet with the Hispanic Ministry in the near future and also other cultures too. Please look out for the next 2018 Heart to Heart Event, date and location is to be determined. If you have any questions, please call me at 414-531-3661.

Mai Thao

# Relax, learn, and renew at the 2018 WINTER GETAWAY RETREAT!

The 2018 Winter Getaway will be held on January 19-20 at the Holiday Inn, Fond du lac. The theme Bible verse is Romans 15:5-6: "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." The theme for the Retreat is "Finding Faith in Films." More details to come!

Lori Kleinschmidt, PR for the 2018 Winter Getaway

#### Just a Piece of Clay---Really?

The impact of the 2017 Winter Getaway, which was held in Wisconsin Dells, is still being felt. It was a fantastic getaway with almost 150 in attendance. The committee planning the event wanted it to be different than all the others and it was! The retreat was held further west than it has been for a while, a brunch was served, cost was lower and there was a ROOM FULL of servant projects. Having longer blocks of time to work on the servant events meant the attendees found lots of time to meet up with LWML friends they had lost touch with and still accomplish a great amount of work on the projects. There was a good balance of what LWML is about: being in His Word, praying together, learning about the mission work LWML supports, supporting mission work, serving others, and fellowship. Those purposes were all met at this retreat. You have heard me say this before, but I am continually awed by how God brings together a group of LWML ladies and through His leading, an event happens that BLESSES those who attend, BLESSES the recipients of the ingathering and offering, and BLESSES those who receive the finished servant projects. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

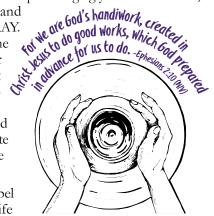
We are all created in Christ Jesus for His purpose. That is the theme for the Fall Retreat which will be held September 21st through the 23rd at the Green Lake Conference Center. I love that the committee chose hands working at a potter's wheel for the logo. It is one of my favorite images of God. Have you ever reflected back 5, 15, 25 even 50 years in your life and you can see how someone who just happened to cross your path then showed up again years later and in some way blessed you? God brought that person in your life for His purpose. The same way things we have experienced throughout our lives, both good and bad become part of who we are. Each person we meet, each experience we have, are all "pieces of clay" in our Potter's hands. He uses them to mold and shape us into the person He is creating us to be. Keep in mind, He is not finished yet-- -He is still doing the molding and shaping of us.

Often we are resistant to meeting new people or trying new things. By declining too quickly when asked to serve on a committee or accept a nomination to a position, are we missing out on some 'clay' Christ was going to use in the molding and shaping of us? Are WE the 'missing piece of clay' He had wanted to use in the molding of someone else? It is certainly something to reflect on.

Right now, LWML SWD is seeking willing servants to fill out several committees as well as positions at the Zone and District levels. If you have felt His Spirit nudging you to be involved,

stop for a few moments and really think about it and PRAY. Could it be that you are the missing piece, that on your own you maybe would not have the confidence to do the job? But when God joins you with like- minded women, the team is complete and great things are done through Him.

Diane Meyer, VP of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life



### And speaking of the Fall Retreat ...



Sarah Long-Radloff

We are so excited to be back at Green Lake Convention Center (GLCC), Thursday September 21st to Saturday, September 23rd, 2017. Thursday night is optional, and gives us an extra day to relax and reflect on the beautiful grounds of GLCC. Pastor Peters will be leading us in the Thursday evening Vesper service in the Railroad car. Our Friday evening activities are being planned and will include a bonfire. Our music leaders will be "Return of the King", Contemporary Praise Band from St Luke's-Lyndon Station/Trinity-

Wisconsin Dells. We look forward to them leading us in songs ranging from familiar hymns to praise songs. Saturday's keynote speaker will be Sarah Long-Radloff,

LWML NWD Heart to Heart sister. Sarah is excited to speak to us under the retreat theme of "Recreated in Christ Jesus for His purpose". Breakout speakers include Vicar David Blas, missionary at-large at LCMS Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach, and a representative from Bethesda Lutheran Communities. Please visit the LWML SWD website for more information and registration forms.

Cindi Gill, Fall Retreat Chairman



Vicar David Blas

## WINTER GETAWAY HIGHLIGHTS





Pastor Dale Blanchard



Amy Tikkanen, 2017 Winter Getaway Chairman



Making Witness bracelets for MOST ministries



Jamila Spencer, Rayleen Walker, Lydia Brown



Sleeping mats for the homeless



Beverly Hanson and Gail Krueger tying a fleece blanket



Praying over the Build-A-Bear bunnies



Eye glass cases made from potholders for MOST



# Gifts from the Heart Albuquerque 2017

# Recipients

Albuquerque	Care Net	Lutheran	Ysleta
Christian Children		World Relief	Lutheran Mission
(Privately funded foster care that emphasizes Christianity.)	(Works with unplanned pregnancies. Pro-life!)	(Focuses on international disaster relief and recovery.)	(Provides ministry and human care on both sides of the US/Mexico border.)

# Gifts from the Heart Items

- 1. Twin-sized Sheet Sets (new and in package)
- 2. Quilts (60" x 80" preferred, but all sizes welcome)
- 3. New Baby Kit (or individual items from kit)
- 4. School Kits (or individual items from kit)
- 5. Health Kits

## New Baby Kit

#### (Packed in diaper bag)

- 1. 8-12 disposable diapers (Newborn or Size 1)
- 2. Wet wipes
- 3. 2 sleepers (Size 0-3 or 3-6 months)
- 4. 2 daytime outfits (Size 0-3 or 3-6 months)
- 5. 2-3 pair of socks
- 6. 1 fleece blanket
- 7. Baby wash
- 8. Baby lotion
- 9. 1 baby washcloth
- 10. 1 baby toy
- 11. 1 gift for Mom (toiletry or personal)
- 12. Christian books or tracts

- Children's Underwear (Items should be new and in sizes for pre-school to middle-school aged kids.)
- 7. Gift Cards (\$10 or \$25 amounts recommended to Walmart, K-Mart, Kohl's, or JC Penney)

## School Kit

## (Packed in backpack)

- 1. Spiral notebook or lined paper
- 2. 6 pencils
- 3. 3 pens (blue or black)
- 4. Ruler
- 5. Blunt scissors
- 6. Washable Markers or Crayons
- 7. Glue sticks
- 8. 2 folders
- 9. Eraser
- 10. Children's Bible

## Health Kit

- (Wrapped in bath towel)
- 1. Washcloth
- 2. Full-sized bar of soap
- 3. Toothbrush
- 4. Toothpaste
- 5. Comb
- 6. Christian books or tracts





Isaiah 52:7

# 2018 LWML SWD Convention June 22 & 23 Milwaukee Marriot West

"But I don't want to think about 2018! We are only partially thru 2017!!"

As your 2018 LWML SWD Convention Steering Committee we are already thinking, talking, praying and planning for the 2018 convention.

The excitement is building in us and we want it to build in YOU as well! With our convention's theme "How Beautiful" based on Isaiah 52:7, we will be focusing on how God's promise of salvation is being shared throughout the world thru the work of missions.

ENJOY a few teasers...

-Friday Breakout Session speaker-Hannah Lull- an enthusiastic mission minded young woman will share how she engages her peers with Jesus!

-Friday evening speaker-Alan Lull- Youth & Mission Director at St. John's Lutheran Church in West Bend will equip us as to how sharing the love of Christ can be rewarding and FUN!

-New Mites in Action events-Walk, Swim or Rock your way to raising mites!

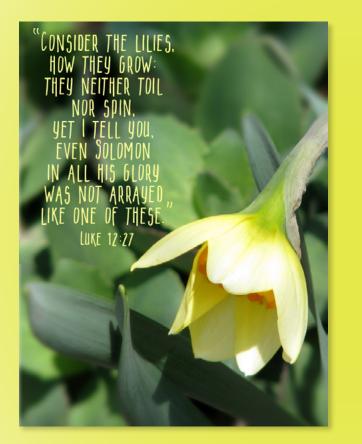
#### We ENCOURAGE you to Save the Date! 2018 LWML SWD Convention June 22 & 23

#### 2018 LWML SWD Convention Steering Committee

To encourage attendance by our Deaf LWML sisters, a grant to assist in costs for Deaf Interpreters has been applied for through Mill Neck Foundation for Deaf Ministry.

# LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT

#### MAY 2017



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

June 22-25, 2017: LWML 37th Biennial Convention,

Albuquerque, New Mexico

- August 1, 2017: TLC Scholarship applications due for Fall Retreat
- Sept 21-23, 2017: Fall Retreat, Green Lake Conference Center
- October 31, 2017: Mission Grant applications due

Want to share your news? What do you find uplifting or inspiring as you serve the Lord? Is there something you would like your fellow LWMLers to know? The Mission Lamp is a great way to share photos, ideas, and upcoming events! The deadline for the next issue is July 15, 2017. Holly Anderson, Mission Lamp Editor holkanders@gmail.com