



Bountiful



Blessings

Des Moines LWML Convention ~ June 25-28, 2015 ~ Iowa East & Iowa West Districts ~ Volume 1 Issue 4 ~ May 2015

A Minute with Marilyn

I'll see you in Des Moines! At the National LWML Convention!

The LWML Convention will be here before we know it – June 25-28. The theme is “Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap.” The Lord is bountiful as He provides the LWML women and men in our host districts to meet the demands of hosting this convention. The planners — YOU — have been meeting, planning, and delegating. You are sowing the seeds of advertising, encouraging each other, and talking up the convention with lots of excitement. When you’ve run into road blocks, God has been bountiful. He’s opened doors so that His bountiful Word can be sown at the convention and hearers can be nurtured and encouraged in the Word. Filled with enthusiasm and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we will soon leave for Des Moines to sow the Word, to nourish the newly planted Word, and to reap the harvest of faith.



Several of us have experienced a “mountain top experience” at previous LWML conventions. Of course Iowa doesn’t exactly have mountain tops, however if we the planners remain focused, certain, and driven with a Spirit-filled, glad heart to serve God and the mission of LWML, we too can have a “mountain top experience” in Des Moines when the convention begins with an inspiring, uplifting communion worship service. Then we will hear from past mission grant recipients as they share news of their work. It will humble our hearts and lift us up in the power of the Gospel to change lives. All convention attendees will be nourished by the Bible study leader, keynote speaker, and small group luncheon speakers.

Additional features of the convention will include the typical business of the LWML. The primary business of the LWML convention will be for delegates to vote on the next biennium’s mission grants. Comical skits and inspiring songs will add to our convention memories.

My prayer is that as we leave the convention we will have seen first-hand the work of the LWML in mission. Thank God that He is so Bountiful!

I'll see you in Des Moines!

Marilyn Schroeder
2015 Host Committee Chairman



Convention Theme

The convention theme is based on the following Scripture passage: *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work* (2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV).

Convention Goal Statement

Through Christ’s bountiful love and blessings of Word and Sacraments, I am equipped by the Holy Spirit to work in my Father’s harvest field.

Convention Objectives

- Convention attendees will be:
- Fed by God’s Word and Sacrament
 - Nurtured through worship and fellowship
 - Equipped to sow, nourish, and reap in the Father’s field

Watch Convention Live at lwml.org

If you are unable to attend the LWML Convention in Des Moines, you can still participate by coming together in your own churches or homes to watch the opening worship service. Go to www.lwml.org to find the instructions for live streaming via an Internet connection and we can be together in worship, together in God’s Word and prayer.

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Music Leaders Share Talents at Convention

Julie DenHerder, Convention Choir Director, is the worship and Music Ministry Director at

Mount Olive Lutheran Church and School in Des Moines. She directs the adult choir, the handbell choir and helps prepare worship services. Julie considers it a blessing and a privilege,

to share her love of music in a setting which gives her the freedom to also convey her adoration of the Lord, especially with children attending Mount Olive Lutheran School (K-8) by teaching general music, piano lessons, instrument and band lessons as well as directing the band and children's handbell choir.

Julie enjoys organizing an annual Christmas concert. She reaches out into the community and involves people from across denominations who join in music to cele-



Julie DenHerder, Choir Director

brate the birth of Jesus. Julie delights in praising God at events where multiple generations can serve and praise together.

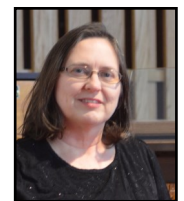
Julie has organized a statewide effort to gather musicians to show gratitude to military personnel and their families. She directs a Military Tribute Concert at the Iowa State Fair honoring veterans, those currently serving, fallen soldiers, and their families. Julie connects with musicians, and those who are eager to assist, to express gratitude for all who are willing to serve and protect their country.

Julie lives in Urbandale with her husband, Steve, and their four children, Elizabeth, Hannah, John, and Sarah.

Jeanette Hinkeldey, M.M., Convention Organist, is currently serving as the music director of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Aurelia. In this position she directs the Adult and Youth Choirs, two Adult Handbell Choirs, instrumental en-

sembles, and is the main organist. She is also the accompanist for the Storm Lake Community School District's High School and Middle School Concert Choirs. She received her Master's Degree in Organ Performance from Drake University under the leadership of Dr. Carl Staplin and her undergraduate degree in music education from the University of South Dakota.

As an LWML member, she has been the organist for Iowa West District Conventions, served as Zone President and been on various society committees. Currently she is on the IWD Nominating Committee and is her zone's Leader Development Chair. Jeanette resides on a farm with her husband, Mark, and has two grown children, Renae and Marcus, who are pursuing agricultural careers.



Jeanette Hinkeldey, Organist

Bountiful Blessings

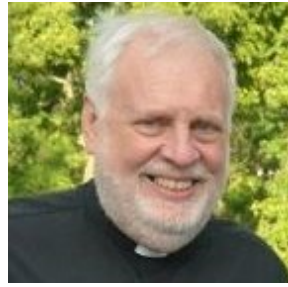
Clergy Corner

Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap

We know that Jesus was the son of a carpenter, and at that time in history it was typical for the son to follow the father's profession. It is likely that Jesus was taught the trade of carpentry by His father. But even if Jesus was a carpenter, He was surrounded by an agricultural society, just as we are here in Iowa. Jesus was familiar with agriculture and tended to use agricultural analogies in His teaching and preaching. One of Jesus' most striking agricultural analogies is as follows:

⁴ *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.* ⁵ *I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.* ⁶ *If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned* (John 15:4-6, ESV).

It is through hearing the Word of God that faith is sown in our hearts and minds through the Holy Spirit. If we are severed from the Word of God, we are no longer nourished in the Gospel of our Lord, but are subject to the teachings of the devil and our sinful world and they will work to pull us away from the Word of God and eternal life. Just as a branch, when broken from the vine is no longer able to receive the life giving nourishment from the vine, it withers and dies. When we are separated from God's Word, we are a severed branch, subject to the attacks of the devil and the sins of this world and our faith is weakened.



Chief of Sinners Though I Be
(LSB 611)

Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

Through Jesus, even the worst of sinners can be forgiven of their sins, just as St Paul's words are echoed in the hymn. Jesus died for all sinners and when He died and rose on the third day, he defeated death and the devil. Those who repent and believe have eternal life. Through the work of the LWML the seed, the Word of God, is sown in many locations so that those who hear the Gospel, the Holy Spirit will work faith in their hearts and minds. Just like when crops are planted, the work does not stop with this initial planting of the Word. People must continue to hear the Word of God so they are nourished by the vine, Jesus Christ. As their belief strengthens, they can then bear fruit by spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those around them and throughout the world. The cycle then continues that through these people, more may come to faith through the Holy Spirit and through their belief in Jesus as their Savior, many will reap eternal life.

Rev. Roy Berquist
St. John Lutheran Church, Fairbank
and Grace Lutheran Church, Jesup
2015 Host Committee Pastoral
Counselor

In Prayer for One Another

Be joyful always; pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is

God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV). As we near the start of our convention, what an encouragement! Our contagious joy will welcome

our visitors soon and our prayers for them (and us) will ascend in waves! As precious as the opportunity to talk to God is, sometimes I feel inadequate when I pray. But in Matthew 6:9, Jesus himself teaches us how to pray. Additionally, we are given access to the Holy Spirit who intercedes on our behalf so those prayers rise as incense to



our Father in Heaven. What an encouragement and comfort that is. Pray unceasingly and with the confidence that whatever leaves your heart in prayer is heard as *perfect* when it reaches God. No style

sheet, no spell check, no worthiness evaluation needed: He hears our *perfect* prayer, perfect because the Holy Spirit proofread it for us.

So pray! Pray for your personal needs and those of each other, pray for the Host Committee and its Directors, pray for the work of the Executive Committee, and pray for the mite recipients. Pray for all attendees that they may be equipped to Sow • Nourish • Reap in the harvest field, as well as be nourished themselves and reap faith benefits as the Word of God is sown at our LWML 36th Biennial Convention in Des Moines. Pray continually!



Karen Menz,
Prayer Chairman

More convention information is online at lwml.org
or at each District Website.

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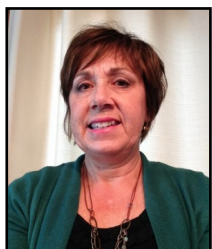
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Iowa East & Iowa West Districts

Many Details Finalized by Committee



Tracy Stetzel,
Personnel
Resources
Coordinator

Convention is almost here! We in Personnel Resources hope you are eager to welcome our LWML sisters from across the country to Des Moines. Our **Data Management** team has scheduled you, and our **Special Dress Committee** will outfit you, but it is our Lord who will equip you to serve in your volunteer positions at convention time.

Our **Hospitality Committee** will be on duty to insure all convention attendees, including you, the women of Iowa East and West Districts, have a meaningful convention experience. May this be a time to remember Christ's bountiful love and to be mindful of His call to Sow • Nourish • Reap!

Prepare to be Blessed in Des Moines

I pray you are finalizing your travel plans to the 2015 LWML Convention in Des Moines and that you are preparing to be Bountifully Blessed through the servant opportunities, the opening communion service, the Bible studies, the mission presentations, the closing worship, and so much more!



Sharon Andresen,
Facility
Management
Coordinator

If you are a first-timer, prepare to be blessed beyond your imagination by all there is to do and see and experience. Your Iowa Sisters in Christ have been preparing for your arrival and are looking forward to greeting you very soon in Des Moines.

Team Brings Opportunities to Sparkle Through Service

The Creative Enhancements team is very excited to have you enjoy their added sparkle to the 2015 Convention! Hours of unselfish time has been joyfully given to bring the mission of the LWML to life. We encourage you to join in one of the many servant activities. Perhaps you will walk across the "Women of Achievement Bridge" during the **Mission in Motion Pledge Walk** and be inspired by the LWML's dedication to world missions. Maybe you will generously donate blood at the **Blood Drive**. Possibly, you took the LWML Mite Challenge and your society is sponsoring a tee in the **Tee Up 4 Mites Golf Tournament**, or you are golfing to support world missions. However you partake, LWML is blessed by your participation to further its missions.

From the servant activities, pledge walk, golfing and blood drive, to favors, centerpieces, photo opportunities, stage décor, music, banners and even presidents' sashes, you will be nurtured through worship and fellowship and equipped to Sow • Nourish • Reap in the Father's field! Now that is SPARKLE!



Laura Woebeking,
Creative
Enhancements
Coordinator

Guest Services Makes Plans for Youth, Meals, Registration and Tours

The Guest Services Department is in the last stages of preparing to host all who attend the LWML Convention. We are scheduling workers and taking care of last-minute details.

The **Child Care Committee** is doing a wonderful job assembling materials and scheduling outings for Camp Insta Friends. The **Food Service Committee** is working hard scheduling workers in Food Service to make seating and serving a good experience for those who purchase meals. The **Packet Materials/Registration Team** of workers will soon be assembling convention packets in preparation for convention registration. The **Tours Committee** has completed the tremendous task of getting a variety of tours. There is still time to register for tours by going to the link for tours on the lwml.org website. The deadline for post convention tours is May 15 and for other day and half day tours the deadline is June 10. The **Transportation Committee** is diligently working to set people in place to welcome, direct and transport conventioners.



Judy Westergren,
Guest Services
Coordinator

I am so thankful for our team in the Guest Services Department and the hard work they are doing as they willingly serve our Lord and Savior by preparing to welcome and serve all who attend this LWML convention in Iowa.

Important Worker Details

Worker Information and Special Dress

Check in at the Workers' Room #107 at least 15 minutes before your work shift begins. You will also need to check out at the end of each shift. There may be worker assignments that need to be filled. If you are willing to work additional hours, please check in at the Workers' Room whenever you are available.

Prior to your first shift you will need to go to the Workers' Room #107 to pick up your t-shirt, yellow scarf and badge. The Workers' Room will be open at 8 a.m. Wednesday. For those who work immediately after arrival, there is a large ladies room just across from the Workers' Room, where you may change. (It is suggested that those workers arrive in tan pants and another shirt, which they can then just roll up and put in their new convention tote bag.) Volunteers may want to pick up their shirts as soon as they register so the shirts can be hung up in their hotel room.

Those who have an early morning shift on Wednesday or Thursday (Golf Tourney, Transportation or Hotel Hostesses) where it will not work to come to the IEC before your shift, your shirts will be mailed to you. Otherwise, please do not make a request for the items to be sent to you.

Photos, Polo Shirts, and Convention Blessing

The district photos will be taken Thursday, June 25 - Iowa East at 4:10 p.m. and Iowa West at 5:20 p.m. Host Committee Photo will be taken Sunday, June 28, 8:15 a.m. Pictures will be taken in the Memorial Hall Lobby West (Third Level).

Convention shirt: If you ordered a convention shirt and it was post-marked on or before June 1, you will be able to pick up your shirt at the Convention at the information table on the Second Level.

Check out www.lwml.org for a "Blessing of Convention Participants" – adapt for your congregation and those who will be attending.

Gifts from the Heart will be gathered as participants join together in Des Moines. Gifts will be gathered for donations to Luther Care Services, Orphan Grain Train, and Lutherans for Life. Participants are encouraged to bring Crayola regular markers, Tempera paint, school paintbrushes, crayons, colored pencils, glue or glue sticks, pony beads and laces, and school and hygiene kits. Also, participants may bring purchased or handmade quilts, hot neck wraps, shawls, undershirts, decorative pillows, and scarves.

Remember Prayer Chapel, District Photos at Convention

Thank you from the Communications Department! We appreciate that you have shared convention news via *Bountiful Blessings*, your church newsletters (Bulletin Bits) and even on Facebook. Continue to wear your convention shirt and be ready to share about LWML and how God continues to work through our mites.

A couple of reminders for all who will be attending the convention: The Prayer Chapel will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Prayer requests will not be shared during convention sessions, but will be brought to the Chapel, so please come and lift up the requests.

District photos will be on Thursday in the Memorial Hall Lobby West (Third Level), IED at 4:10 p.m. and IWD at 5:20 p.m. A Host committee photo will be taken at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, June 28.

Bring your smiles as we welcome our guests to be *Bountiful!*
Sow • Nourish • Reap!



Kathryn Sprecher,
Communications
Coordinator

Special Invitation for Pre-Convention Prayer

You are Invited!

Who: Committee Workers & LWML Board of Directors

What: Prayer Service

When: Thursday, June 25, 7 a.m.

Where: Capital Square Atrium (take sidewalk or skywalk to 400 Locust)

Why: To join together in prayer as we begin the tasks laid before us in welcoming our LWML Sisters and Brothers to Des Moines.

What: Dedication of Grace Place Prayer Chapel

When: Thursday, June 25, 9 a.m.

Where: Grace Place Chapel (Iowa Events Center, Room 321)

Why: Grace Place Chapel will offer convention participants a time to pray for others as prayer requests will be brought to the Chapel.

Shirt Orders Still Open

Convention polo shirts are still available for purchase. All orders postmarked by May 15 will be sent in the mail; orders post-marked by June 1 can be picked up at convention. The order form can be found on each District website.

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LWML Catches Des Moines

As you have been preparing to host the 2015 LWML Convention in Des Moines, do you remember the sketch presented at the 2013 LWML Convention in Pittsburgh? It was all about playing baseball in the “Field of Dreams.” What position have you been playing?



**Marguerite Christman,
LWML
Convention
Manager**

Has your position been that of a fielder? You may have found yourself fielding many questions about preparations for hosting this convention. In this process, you might have found yourself seeking answers, because when you said “yes” to be a part of the Host Committee, or agreed to be a worker at convention, you answered on faith. In other words, you couldn’t see the ball in front of you to field it. Instead, you trusted God; you trusted others along the way to direct you, to tell you where you were needed most, where you could place your God-given talents into action in hosting the convention. Thank you for your generosity in sharing your gifts, in trusting others, and most of all in trusting God that He will provide all of His bounty, in helping you sow His Word here in Iowa, and also nourish His Word through your actions in many hours of preparations for the numerous items needed in hosting the convention. For all those many tireless hours and for all the items you have put into place with many others, you are now ready to experience and reap what God has placed in His bountiful basket in hosting the convention.

When you are playing offense in baseball, it comes your time to be at bat. This is your time to contribute, to hit a single to advance the game, or maybe a double to even produce a score, and sometimes you might have the opportunity to hit a home run.

What joy! What excitement! What an accomplishment God has produced through you and your efforts.

Through this hosting process as a team, we have had many accomplishments; some small, some larger, and now we come to convention where the home run is a game changer. Are you prepared for that home run? Are you prepared to welcome the thousands of attendees with your generous Iowa hospitality and answer their many questions? Hopefully, you will join me and other sisters and brothers, and together we can hit several home runs, being those many helping hands, using your feet in going the extra mile, and using your voice in sharing “We are so glad you are here! How can we help you?”

By God’s direction and guidance, you will experience this convention “Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap” as never dreamed of before. Even more rewarding is that the attendees will be fed by God’s Word and Sacrament, nurtured through worship and fellowship, and through this, they will be equipped to sow, nourish, and reap in the Father’s field where they live. What a game changer. What a home run. A life changing, a once in a life time experience that God has provided you, right here in Iowa, as you contribute in bountifully assisting

LWML in “Catching Des Moines.” This is your time to host. What an honor and privilege to host all the attendees from across the United States and even from around the world. God has provided many opportunities for you; opportunities to be a vital part in this convention.

Thanks to all of you who have worked diligently to make everything be the best it can be. God has blessed us abundantly in providing many faithful servants. We pray that He will continue to move others to say “Yes. I want to come to Des Moines; I want to be a part of LWML Catching Des Moines. I want to be a part of all this joy and excitement!”

May God continue to give you abundantly more than you ask. He is faithful. He has blessed you to be a blessing to others. May you be fed by God’s Word and Sacrament, and nurtured through worship and fellowship, as you are equipped to sow, nourish, and reap in our Father’s field. May all be done to His glory, especially in your service to Him.

My prayer is that you will experience His joy, peace, and love as you proclaim and celebrate “Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap.” It has been my honor, joy, and privilege to serve with you.

*Marguerite Christman
LWML Convention Manager*

2015 Host Committee



Host Committee members recently met in Des Moines for the final ‘face-to-face’ prior to convention. They are ready to welcome their Brothers and Sisters in Christ with *Bountiful Blessings!*

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Sponsors Support Golf Challenge for LWML Mite Goal

Tee Up 4 Mites Hole sponsors:

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Special thanks to our other sponsors:

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Sponsors at all levels are being accepted. Contact Rachel Kruse at (319) 404-9211 or teeup4mites@lwml.org to donate.

FAQs: Convention

Q: Where can I obtain information about the convention?

A: Complete convention information and forms are available in the 2014 winter issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and on the LWML website: www.lwml.org/conventions.



Q: Where in Des Moines will the convention be held?

A: The convention venue site is the Iowa Events Center (IEC) located at 730 Third Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

Q: When does registration open?

A: Regular registration is open. Late registration is after 5/8/15.

Q: What is included in the registration fee?

A: The registration fee includes admission to all convention sessions, evening programs, and the exhibit hall.

Q: Does a person need to be registered to participate in the servant activity?

A: An individual may register and pay the \$10 fee for the servant activity without registering for the convention.

Q: Does a person need to be registered to participate in the mission pledge walk, purchase catered meals, sing in the choir, or register their child/youth?

A: Yes. Only those registered may participate.

Q: Do children need to be registered?

A: Yes. Children under the age of 18 must be registered on the form of a responsible adult. Those enrolled in the child/youth programs pay daily fees but not a registration fee.

Q: May guests attend the Friday evening Bountiful Bash, Saturday evening entertainment and Sunday morning worship?

A: Yes, guests may attend those events. They will be given a name tag and must complete an Acknowledgement/Release Form, both available on site. A donation to the mite goal would be appreciated for the Bountiful Bash. There will be a \$10 charge per person for the Saturday evening entertainment.

Q: Who may attend the Opening Worship Service on Thursday, June 25 at 7 p.m.?

A: The Opening Worship Service is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. It will be held in the Iowa Events Center, Exhibit Hall B&C of HyVee Hall. Music begins at 6:45 p.m.

Q: What if my hotel is not close to the IEC?

A: Shuttle busing will be provided for those housed in the outlying hotels in the LWML block of hotels. The daily parking fee at the IEC north parking lot is \$7 a day, with in and out privileges.

Q: When will convention tours information be available?

A: Tour information is available at lwml.org/conventions.