

Are You Ready to ROCK?

Have you started to gather your Gifts from the Heart? This year there are no limits on the number you can bring — truly give from the heart at the 2007 LWML Convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, June 21-24. And, it's time to get in shape for two pledge walks, one on Saturday morning for those early risers and another during lunch Saturday. These Rockin' Trails help raise money for missions, so sign up your supporters now.



We are privileged to have as our keynote speaker Terry Kieschnick, who is first lady of the LCMS as wife of LCMS President Gerald Kieschnick. Terry has a heart for all women who serve the Lord with gladness! All of you that have heard her know she will give a sparkling address. Be there to hear her encourage us as we learn to truly "ROCK! Rest On Christ the King."

There's a lot to do to get ready, so start now and plan on a ROCK-filled weekend in Sioux Falls!! Visit <http://www.lwml.org> for more information.

Mission Goal Update

The mite totals toward the mission goal of \$1,625,000 stand at \$1,431,380, which includes preliminary numbers for December and through January 18. With two and a half months left in the biennium, only \$193,620 is needed to meet the goal. Aside from June (convention month), the months of January and February are historically the highest months for mite receipts ... WE CAN DO THIS!! **GIVING IS WORSHIPING** — Paul refers to our willing giving as a gracious gift of God. Having received His love, we too can give to the Lord.

Here's a powerful example of how your mite offerings are sharing the Good News in various ways:

Hispanic Outreach – W. Houston, Texas \$17,089.00

"Hugo is a man who has been involved in this ministry through ESL classes. He has been transformed by the power of the Gospel and in serving alongside Dimas (Jiminez, church planter) as a ministry leader."

Committee Meets to Pick Mission Grants

The Mission Advocacy and Grants Committee met in St. Louis on January 7-9 to select a slate of grants for the next biennium. These grants will be presented to the Board of Directors at their February 2-4 meeting in Sioux Falls, SD, for their approval. In June, convention delegates will select the mission goal and the grants LWML will support through prayer and mites in the 2007-2009 biennium.

Simply Giving

Simply Giving® is a program of automatic giving offered by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans that allows you to give according to the schedule you choose. This new convenient option for returning the blessings of God is an automatic withdrawal through electronic funds transfer (EFT) from your checking or savings account. For more information, go to <http://www.lwml.org/giving/lutheran-women-in-mission-planned-giving.htm>

A Good Year with GoodSearch

In 2006, LWML supporters raised more than \$2,500 for missions using GoodSearch! Since signing up to receive a penny per search last January, thousands of searches have benefited LWML mission grants. The more we use this search engine, the more we make for mites. Let's see how much we can raise in 2007! Visit <http://www.goodsearch.com> and type LWML under "I'm supporting" to participate.

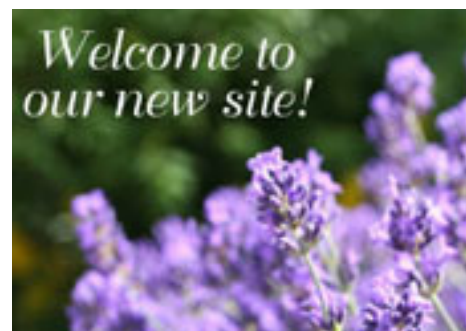


All Tied Up!

The new LWML tie has just arrived! You will love it! Buy one for your husband, pastor and pastoral counselor. Call the LWML Business Office or wait and order via our new LWML Shopping Cart, which will be available soon at <http://www.lwml.org>.

LWML at Your Fingertips

Check out our new LWML Web site at <http://www.lwml.org>! There are many new features including a brand-new look, easy-to-use navigation, a search engine, shopping cart, online convention registration (coming soon!) and a brief history written by Marlys Taege Moberg (read it at <http://www.lwml.org/about-us/lutheran-women-in-mission-history.htm>)



The LWML, with a membership of over 250,000, is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The LWML focuses on affirming each woman in her relationship with Christ to enable her to be in ministry among the people of the world. For over 60 years the LWML has been encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to financially support global mission.

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