

Together in Prayer

As we join Together in Prayer Every Monday at Noon, let us reflect on our security in Jesus, our Rock and our Fortress, as we step out in faith to declare His praise and serve others.

In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name, lead and guide me.
Psalm 31:1-3 (NIV)

Dear Heavenly Father, I praise You for sending Jesus, Your Son, who binds us together in His body, the Church. Accept my grateful thanks that You have allowed the Lutheran Women's Missionary League to meet its mission goal this biennium. Grant Your blessing to those grant recipients funded by our mites. I humbly seek Your blessing upon the women attending the convention in Sioux Falls this month. Give Your wisdom to the delegates as they choose new officers, set the mission goal and select the mission grants to be funded over the next two years. May all that is said and done be to Your glory. Continue to lead and guide me as I serve You, confidently sharing Your message of forgiveness and love. In the Name of Jesus, my Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

TEAM LWML Leader Says Thanks!

As I close this chapter of LWML history as the 15th president, I do so with humble thanks and gratitude for each one of you! Four years ago, when we emphasized TEAM LWML—Together Everyone Achieves More, and being sisters in Christ on this team, little would any of us have imagined what blessings God abundantly showered on us the past four years.

In both 2005 and 2007, the mite goal selected by the delegates in convention was met and exceeded. In 2004 and 2006, almost every one of the 40 LWML districts met and raised their mite goal. Today, we anticipate a convention center filled with voices of praise and thanksgiving to our God!

We celebrate Teen LWML Friends Into Serving Him as new groups; we joyfully have partnered for diversity with our ethnic sisters and welcomed new Hispanic, Hmong and African Immigrant LWML societies in our midst. Through the new "Gifts of Love" initiative, we are enabled to give our gifts for God's work through the LWML long after He has called us to our eternal home!



LWML President Linda Reiser

Do you remember singing a song in Sunday school, "The wise man built his house upon the rock..." The wise man and woman does build their house upon the rock — the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word — for nothing built of any other substance will stand the test of time.

Here we are in LWML, 65 years strong, and I leave the office of president knowing you have listened to God's Word and put it into practice every day! The LWML is built on the Rock of Christ and our mission focus, fellowship, service and being in the Word will continue for years to come because of His faithfulness!

Thank you to the many dedicated officers who were elected to serve with me during the past four years! They are to be commended and thanked for their dedication, commitment and love for their Lord and the LWML! Many others have served in appointed positions and their service has been invaluable to this organization. The LWML is blessed with dedicated staff in our St. Louis office as well as our faithful pastors who lovingly serve as our Counselors. I know I speak for everyone who serves on the Executive Committee in saying thank you LWML women for your faithful and loving support as we humbly do our best in His service! To God be the Glory!

Linda Reiser, LWML President

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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ROCK Countdown

The LWML convention is right around the corner! Between June 21-24, attendees of the 32nd Biennial Convention will elect new officers, vote for important mission grant proposals and set a new mission mite goal. The LWML Store will offer new and exciting products, devotions, program materials and much more. Prairie Park will be full of interesting and innovative exhibits. Pack those bags!! Bring your e-mail addresses and keep in touch at the CyberSpot. Check your maps and head north, south, east or west to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to "ROCK! Rest On Christ the King."



Record Attendance

More than 4,900 people are registered to ROCK in Sioux Falls, which has caused registration to be closed for the first time in recent history. The maximum number of people the facility can handle has been reached, so on-site registration will not be available this year.

President Linda in a message to the Board of Directors said, "The reality is with us — we are full! That is a blessing which has not been part of a convention anytime in our recent history, so we can be thankful for such a response! We will be celebrating our largest number at a convention since 1999 in Minneapolis! I really am joyful about the number of women and men who plan to be part of the LWML Convention in Sioux Falls, but you can also imagine my sadness. I am sad that we just cannot handle the number of women who wanted to attend — their presence will be sorely missed."

ROCK from Home!

Even if you can't come to Sioux Falls, you can keep up with what's going on at convention at <http://www.lwml.org>! Check throughout the day for news updates and pictures. Each evening, the daily convention newspaper will be posted with the latest news from Sioux Falls. After the convention, a press release will be available online for you to share with your societies, zones and districts.

Shop LWML Online

The Shopping Cart at <http://www.lwml.org> is now open and ready for business. Order all of your favorite LWML products online! Many new products have been introduced for convention, so visit <http://www.lwml.org/top/lutheran-women-in-mission-lwml-store.htm> and check out how easy it is to shop from home!

New LWML products include:

- A lovely lavender and white striped cotton shirt, long sleeves and cuff with embroidered LWML logo on pocket.
- A brand new all-white cotton shirt, long sleeves with embroidered LWML logo in white.
- LWML socks (one size fits all), which will make a great give-away to all those gals attending your retreat.
- Great new teen products including a toe ring, mood-changing stadium cup, post-it notes and stickers in two different sizes.
- A wonderful new line of Mustard Seeds. Don't miss the meaningful and insightful prayers and devotions contained in these tidy packets!
- Plus lots more! Shop online at <http://www.lwml.org> or call 1-800-252-LWML (5965).



Suzy Says: Visit the Structure Web Page

Visit the Structure Committee Web page at http://www.lwml.org/about_us/lutheran-women-in-mission-bylaws.htm to meet Suzy Structure and find out what Suzy has to say. Suzy's purpose is much like that of an athletic team's mascot — she brings enthusiasm, encouragement and

helpful information to all who are involved with the structure of an organization. Visit Suzy on the LWML Web site to find out more or meet her in person at the Sioux Falls convention! Suzy will share structure tips and enthusiasm for parliamentary procedure.