

Together in Prayer

As we join "Together in Prayer Every Monday at Noon," this month we reflect on the activity of our hearts and hands to accomplish the work of the LWML.

We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ (1Thessalonians 1:3 NIV).

Dear Lord, we thank You for the laborers of Your kingdom who serve through the LWML to share the Gospel with those who don't yet know you and enhance the lives of those who already do know You. We pray that our work will be blessed with Your grace and mercy, our steps will be ordered by Your will, and our love will be a reflection of Your love.

Father, we thank You for the earthly provisions that You supply for us and for opportunities to share them with others. Forgive us for those times of selfishness when we do not share, or when we overlook someone else's needs. Together we pray that You will bless the Mites we give that they bring glory to You and seeds of hope to Your people. In the precious Name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Look to the Hills ... God Reigns in Portland 2009

The 33rd Biennial Convention of the LWML will be in Portland, Oregon, on June 25-28, 2009. The convention theme, goal statement and objectives are now available at <http://www.lwml.org/conventions/lutheran-women-in-mission-conventions.htm>

on a convention flyer that you can print and share with others. Don't forget ... mark these dates on your calendar and join your LWML sisters in Portland in 2009!



Human Care at District Conventions

This is the year of district conventions. What Human Care activity have you included in your district planning? Need ideas? Check out the "Human Care" section of the LWML Web site (<http://www.lwml.org/human-care/lutheran-women-in-mission-human-care.htm>). In addition to resources, there are also links for Human Care Ideas and Gifts from the Heart. You will find just what you need!

Heart to Heart Sister Memorial Fund

A Heart to Heart Sister Memorial Fund has been set up in honor of Emma Edwards, the first Heart to Heart Sister to receive her crown of glory. Memorials should be labeled Heart to Heart and mailed to:

Lutheran Women's Missionary League
P.O. Box 411993
St. Louis, MO 63141-1993

Memorials will support the Heart to Heart program.

Easter is Almost Here!

Need a gift for Easter? The new LWML Lavender Lamb is perfect for any age! Soft and cuddly, the new lamb has a fragrant lavender and flaxseed stuffed removable insert and may be warmed in the microwave up to 30 seconds for a warm fragrant hug. #10018, \$22.00. Also great for the Easter season is our new LWML beaded bookmark, which is available assembled or unassembled. Assembled: #15431, \$5.00 each. Bookmark Kits: #15432, \$2.00 each. Order online at <http://shop.lwml.org> or call 1-800-252-LWML (5965). Order now because Easter will be here before you know it!



Gifts of Love for LWML

Please prayerfully consider a Gift of Love for LWML in your estate plan. Our legal name is: Lutheran Women's Missionary League. For more information about creating a planned gift, contact LWML Gift Planning Services at 1-888-482-8425 or visit <http://www.lwmlgiftplan.org>

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

For over 65 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

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Left, the outgoing district LWML presidents. Above, prayer partners Marilyn Schroeder, Iowa District West, and Dorothy Hunger, Texas District.



North Dakota District President Debbie Larson, left, reads a poem during the presentation while Karen Ruhlig of the Central Illinois District looks on.

District Presidents Present Prayer Pillows

Over the last two years, the senior district presidents on the LWML Board of Directors have been mentoring the newer DPs. Since this was the senior presidents' last Board of Director's meeting, they presented prayer pillows made by Pacific Southwest President JoAnn Bradley as gifts for their mentees.

Now we're the senior DPs and we're very proud
To be your prayer partners — and this we all vow
The prayers and the friendship and the joy is not ending.
We hope you'll accept this gift we're extending.

Some people pass the baton and they do it with flair.
But we want to give you a pillow for prayer.
Please take this gift and remember our goal
With prayer and conviction to reach every soul.

(From a poem written by North Dakota District President Debbie Larsen)



From left: Prayer partners Karen Christner, Nebraska-South District, and Connie Johnson, English District. Prayer partners Dianne Diekmann, South Dakota District, and Mabel Schmidt, Iowa District East. A prayer pillow made by Pacific Southwest President JoAnn Bradley, far right.