

President Jan to Ride in Rose Parade

LWML President Jan Wendorf has been selected to ride on the Lutheran Hour Ministries float in the 2009 Tournament of Roses Parade, which will be aired live on national television January 1, 2009. Be sure to tune in!

Each year, volunteers from all over the country help decorate the Lutheran Hour float. You too can be a “petal pusher” and help decorate the float President Jan will ride on! Find out more at <http://www.petalpushers.org>.



An LWML History Lesson

By Marlys Taege, LWML Historian

Have you ever wondered where the phrase “in his dying love” came from in our LWML Pledge? In writing the pledge, Pastor Harry Fricke used many phrases from well-known hymns. The “dying love” phrase is from “Savior, Thy Dying Love,” (#374 in the Lutheran Worship hymnal), and much of the balance of the pledge is based on “Take My Life, O Lord, Renew” (#404 in the same hymnal), where we ask the Lord to take our hands, feet, voice, lips, etc. to serve God.

The pledge was originally written for

the Northern Illinois women when they developed a district organization in 1938 to support sending Dr. Norbert Leckband to India as the first LCMS male medical missionary to India. The pledge was adopted by the LWML in 1956 at the LWML convention in Colorado. Pastor Fricke was present at the Laramie, WY, convention in 1977 where he led attendees in the pledge.

The phrase simply says, “Jesus loved us enough to die for us” and that is verified by the next phrase, “His blood-bought gift of redemption.” For this, we are to be fervently grateful always and to respond accordingly.

LWML Gift Planning

As Christian stewards, we know that God, who is the source of wisdom, grace, love and power, is not only by our side, but is at work in our hearts when we make a gift to benefit LWML. A planned gift may provide special tax deductions plus a lifetime income for yourself and your spouse, if you are married. To learn more, contact LWML Gift Planning Services at 1-888-482-8425.

Upcoming Conventions

District conventions start up in April and will last through October. Remember these conventions in your prayers:

Oklahoma	April 11-12
Kansas.....	April 11-13
LA/Miss.....	April 11-13
Gulf States.....	April 11-13
CNH.....	April 25-27
English.....	April 25-27
Montana.....	April 25-27
Atlantic.....	April 26-27

Together in Prayer

As we join “Together in Prayer Every Monday at Noon,” this month we focus on the blood of Jesus who died that we might have eternal life. He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!!

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on the cross!
(Philippians 2:8 NIV)

O God, our Father, as we look to the cross we are reminded of Jesus who gave His life for us. We too seek to be humble in our service and to walk in the path that is Your will. Lord, we desire to love others sacrificially as Jesus does us. We pray that the knowledge of the resurrection will surround us with greater zeal and dedication for the mission of our organization. May the Holy Spirit guide and direct us to serve You with gladness. In the glory of our risen Savior, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Confirmation Gifts

Confirmation is a great opportunity to establish a mentoring relationship with a young woman in your congregation. Check out this list of LWML resources that would make great gifts:

- **Jeans Gems:** 28 devotions for middle and high school youth. (\$3.50, #49000)
- **Journal Gems:** 28 devotions for teens on topics of concern to today’s youth. (\$5.00, #49300)
- **Promises, Prayers, and Plans:** Do-it-yourself journal based on daily Bible verses. Can be used in groups or by individuals. (\$7.50, #50020)

Order online at <http://shop.lwml.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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