

District Convention Report

Indiana District President Ruth Thomas led the 439 attendees (including 12 YWRs and 9 teens) with their theme, "Got the Rock!" (President Ruth's home area was part of the flooding in Indiana.)

Iowa District East: Although hard hit by flooding, Iowa District East met 287 strong, under the theme "Hope in the Lord—Soar Like Eagles." President Mabel Schmidt chaired her first convention, which included 14 YWRs.

Iowa District West had 330 in attendance, including 17 YWRs. Marilyn Schroeder led the group under the theme "Shaped in His Image."

Minnesota South District led by President Nancy Kohrs met with the theme, "Grounded in His Love." Total attendance was 529 with 22 YWRs.

North Dakota District celebrated with 276 including 15 YWRs and 8 teens. Debbie Larson presided under the theme was "Our Rock and Refuge." The new president is Sue Corwin.

North Wisconsin District was "Blessed by God's Plan" with 396 attendees including 14 YWRs. The convention was led by President Dottie Neumann.

Ohio District: Elfrieda Spencer led the 338 attendees (including 13 YWRs) under the theme "The Lord is My Strength and My Shield." Joy Dougherty was elected their new president.

Rocky Mountain District was led by President Susan Weimer under the theme "Lift Your Eyes to the Lord." Attendance was 284 with 13 YWRs.

South Wisconsin District had 372 in attendance with 11 YWRs. President Carolyn Blum led under the theme, "Go! Gather! Glorify!" We welcome new president Jan Dankwardt.

Texas District: Dorothy Hunger led the 647 in attendance, including 21 YWRs and 10 Teens, under the theme "Lord, Open my Eyes." Welcome to new president Kathy Lowman.

Washington-Alaska District: President Elaine Nelson presided under the theme, "The LORD, the LORD is the Rock eternal." Their attendance of 261 included 11 YWRs.

Wyoming District: President Gerry Neerieme led a group of 109 including 3 YWRs. Their theme was, "O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer."

Together in Prayer

"Summertime, and the living is easy ..." So the song goes, but for you gardeners out there, you know summertime means hard work — but brings great rewards! I am so thankful for the gifts of fresh produce from friends who delight in getting their hands into the dirt! As we pray together this month, let us give thanks for the bounty — in our gardens and in our hearts.

This is what the Lord told Jeremiah: *They will rejoice in the bounty of the Lord — the grain, the new wine and the oil ... They will be like a well-watered garden ... and my people will be filled with my bounty* (Jeremiah 31:12b, 14b, NIV).

Thank You, Father, for the gift of fresh and healthy foods from the garden and fields; and for the hard workers in both the earthly fields and in Your harvest fields of Your eternal kingdom. Help us to live a healthy lifestyle physically and spiritually. Water us with the Living Water of Your Word and nurture us with ripe fruit of the Spirit that we might generously share Your bounty with others.

Bless the women of the LWML as they gather and share the bounty so richly given them through mites for mission grants. In the Name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

New Appointments

President Jan Wendorf has made two appointments of Special Appointed Personnel to the LWML Board of Directors that will impact the 2011 LWML Convention in Peoria, Illinois. Pam Spilker of Edinburg, Ill., has been named the Host Committee Chairman. Marguerite Christman of

Midwest City, Okla., has been appointed Convention Manager. She will work with the current Convention Manager Jan Rueter who is retiring after the Portland convention.

Mission Grants Update

For a current update of which mission grants have been paid and where we stand

on our mite goal, visit <http://www.lwml.org/missions/lutheran-women-in-mission-mission-grants.htm>.

Don't forget about all the exciting and helpful mission grant resources available on the LWML Web site, including a monthly Mite Calendar and mission devotions and stories!

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.

Prior issues of LWML e-News are available at <http://www.lwml.org/news/lutheran-women-in-mission-e-news.htm>. To change your subscription settings, visit http://lwml.org/mailman/listinfo/e-news_news.lwml.org. Questions or comments about e-News? E-mail depcom@lwml.org

Louise Mueller (1920-2008): A Story to Tell and a Friend to Remember

By Janice Kerper Brauer

"If the LWML doesn't publish the stories of missionary women, who will?" Louise asked. "Unless we tell the story of their courage and commitment, what they did will be forgotten."

Louise Mueller had a passion and a dream. Her passion was that the contributions made by Lutheran women

to further God's kingdom would be remembered. Her dream was that the LWML would play a part in making sure that happened. With Louise as the driving force, the LWML published three books highlighting the lives of LCMS missionary women: *A Rainbow of Saris* (1996), *One Cup of Water* (1997) and *Dreams Dawn in Africa* (1999).

Louise was an encourager who knew

the power of God's Word to strengthen women. Standing less than 5 feet tall, Louise was nevertheless a giant in service to her Lord and the LWML. Her legacy is twofold: the lives she touched as she served the Lord with gladness and the stories she told about the spread of the Gospel.

For the full story, visit <http://www.lwml.org> and click on News.

New Web Specials!

Starting this month, LWML will be offering clearance sales and special prices the first of each month. Just look for the purple glitter words "Web Special" on the home page at <http://www.lwml.org>.

To receive these special prices, call 1-800-252-5965 and mention Web Special. You can also order on our Web site at <http://shop.lwml.org>. For this month, type "fleece pullover" in the search box to order your choice of size(s). On the Checkout page in the "Enter comments" box, type in "Web Special." The price of the fleece will be adjusted in the office before running your credit card. Postage remains at the regular price rate.

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Post-Convention Cruise

Following the 2009 LWML Convention next June in Portland, Oregon, there will be a seven-day cruise to Alaska with Holland America Line's ship *ms Volendam* offered by the Azumano Travel Co. of Portland.

Information and costs are available at <http://www.lwml.org/conventions/cruise.htm>. Cabins are limited for LWML guests. Book your reservations now!

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