

Together in Prayer

As the winter stretches on, we long for springtime, and on hot summer days we will long for autumn. What a fickle people we are! As we gather in prayer every Monday at noon, let us praise God that His love and mercy are unchanging!

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever (Isaiah 40:8 NIV).

Gracious Father, You have given us all that we need and still we complain. Forgive us our unfaithfulness and teach us to trust in You. The seasons change but You remain the same. You are our Rock and our Salvation. Remind us daily that You have appointed us Your missionaries so that we may share Your love and mercy with those who need to hear. You have blessed us so that we may be a blessing to others and through prayer, service, and contributions we will honor Your call for workers in the harvest fields. In Your holy name, Amen.

Charitable Trust

Retiring from farming? Rather than pay a hefty tax by selling depreciated farm equipment, you may want to consider using it to fund a charitable trust. LCMS Foundation as trustee can sell the equipment tax-free. In return, you (and spouse, if married) receive a lifetime income from the charitable trust and avoid a potentially large income tax liability. The trust remainder can be distributed at the death of the second spouse to LWML and any other LCMS ministry you would like to remember. For more information, call Pat Bilow, LWML Gift Planning Counselor, at 1 (888) 482-8425. You also may want to visit our Web site at www.lwmlgiftplan.org.

Come to Convention!

Look! Look! Look no further for reasons to attend the LWML convention on June 25-28 in Portland, Oregon, where we will *Look to the Hills ... God Reigns!* We will have opportunities to:

- Worship God the Maker of all things
- Trust in the Lord who daily meets our needs
- Declare God's peace and provision through tangible acts of mercy and grace
- Share the Good News of Jesus in everyday situations

On Friday evening, Heidi Floyd from the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer will be the inspirational speaker. She will be joined by Lauren Randall, a music major in college and a gifted vocalist, who will open and close this inspirational evening with music. The Pride of Portland will entertain all Saturday evening with its repertoire of traditional "golden oldies," jazz, blues, patriotic music, gospel songs, and Broadway showtunes. This is a can't-miss event, so we'll see you in Portland! Find out more at www.lwml.org.



Mite Deadline March 31

Don't forget that your national mite offerings need to be postmarked by March 31 to be counted toward this biennium's mission goal. As of February 9, the LWML still needed \$170,940 to reach our goal.

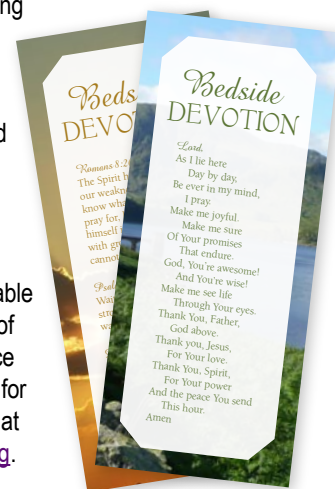
What are you personally doing to share the story of our shortage in Mites?

- Have you committed this to prayer?
- Have you issued a challenge to your district boards?
- Has information been on your district Web site to encourage an extra offering (to be post-marked by March 31)?

As information becomes available, it will be shared on www.lwml.org. Thank you for partnering with us to reach the goal that belongs to every one of us.

Bedside Devotions

These attractive cards are designed with a Bible verse and prayer or poem to help you bring comfort to those experiencing loneliness, bitterness, guilt, sin, despair, or fear. These devotional cards are intended to remain with nursing home residents or hospital patients or shared with others. You are encouraged to sign your name and write a brief note on the back, if appropriate. These devotions are available in six different sets of five or 100. The price is \$1 for five or \$15 for 100. Now available 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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