

URGENT: Mite Deadline

The amount needed for funding of 2007-2009 Mission Grants as of March 17 is \$76,004. *Please have mite contributions postmarked by **March 31, 2009**, for this biennium's goal.* Go to www.lwml.org to make your convenient, online contribution today.

Together in Prayer

Come, let us gather together this Monday at noon and pray for the Spirit to blow fresh wind into our lives, the work of our LWML societies and the mission of our mites! Pray for His touch upon those we love with the power of renewed faith and hope. May we feel His wind at our backs as He propels our faith walk forward — and then — upward!

The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit (John 3:8 NIV).

O Holy Spirit, fill us with Your fruit and bless us with the specific spiritual gifts we need to accomplish all that You would have us do this week. Thank You for the gift of Your eternal presence given at our Baptism and for Your guiding hand and gentle reproof when needed. Use us as Your ambassadors in our workplaces and homes, giving us the words and the courage to speak Your name and to act in love. Bless the missionaries in their witness wherever our mites are at work that Your Word is made clear and planted in hearts to grow and bear fruit. Blow on, Holy Spirit! Amen.

However, as it is written, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" -- but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit (1 Cor. 2:9-10a NIV).

Convention Registration Open

LOOK! Look for those forms. Registration for the LWML convention and hotel registration opened March 2. Send in those forms from the 2009 Winter *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* in as soon as possible to receive your first choice, or register at www.lwml.org. Only three months to go!



Did you know that our song leader for the convention will be Dina Vendetti, an energetic and exciting Lutheran school principal, teacher, and former Young Woman Representative who also led us in song in Sioux Falls? Or that you might be *Struck with Laughter* by Jan Struck, humorous interrupter?



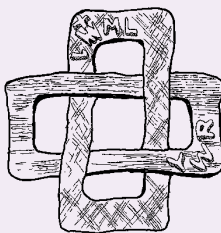
Dina Vendetti

LWML has contracted with Plans and Action of Portland to provide day tours on Wednesday and Thursday prior to convention and Monday afterwards. Come early and stay late to visit some of the sights around Portland from the mountains, to the seashore, to the rivers and much more! The complete tour brochure along with registration form is available at www.lwml.org.



Jan Struck

Join us! The place to be is Portland, Oregon, June 25-28, where we will *Look to the Hills ... God Reigns!*



Young Woman Representative Gathering in Portland

Current and former YWRs are invited to the YWR & YWR Alumni Gathering & Reunion on Friday, June 25, 2009, at the Portland convention! Sign up for the Friday "box lunch" on the Convention Registration Form or bring your own lunch. Meet and greet your YWR friends and welcome the 2009 YWRs. It will be a great time for networking and sharing about what the Lord has done in your life since your LWML convention experience. Watch the convention newspaper for the location.

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

New Mission Grants Resource Online

Have you ever wondered which countries your mite offerings have traveled to? Or if your district has ever received LWML mission grant funding? If you have ever been questioned about past LWML mission grants, what resource(s) do you turn to for answers? All these questions can be answered in LWML's "Mission Grants Resume, 1943-2007"!

The Mission Grants Resume is packed full of wonderful information about our past mission grants — a resource that

many do not know exists, but now is available on the LWML Web site! This concise Mission Grants Resume is meant to aid Lutheran Women in Mission involved in mission education to motivate further service. It presents a quick reference and source of information for working on displays, mission fairs, skits, devotions, programs, and reports, etc.

Check it out at http://www.lwml.org/docs/missions/mission_grants_resume.pdf

Special Gifts

LWML provides opportunities for faithful stewards to make special gifts. These gifts can provide you (and your spouse, if married) with increased income for life and healthy tax advantages. The gift remainder can be earmarked for LWML. For more information, contact Pat Bilow, LWML Gift Planning Counselor, at bilowp@oh.lcms.org or 1 (888) 482-8425. Visit www.lwmlgiftplan.org for more gift planning options.

Board of Directors

The LWML Board of Directors met in Portland, Oregon, in February to discuss plans and share in the business, activities, programming, schedules, and entertainment for the upcoming convention in Portland. LWML Mission Grant proposals were adopted by the Board of Directors for the 2009 convention ballot, bylaw revisions were reviewed and accepted for voting delegates, as well as a slate of candidates for election. The total for the three Mite offerings taken at this meeting was \$3,431.04. Other programs highlighted were reports from special task forces, long range planning and the introduction of new programs and products.

Do You Scrapbook?

The LWML Store has three great scrapbook kits you can use to display your LWML memories in style.

The 12"x12" purple scrapbook kit contains a two-page layout featuring the LWML logo and "Lutheran Women's Missionary League." Die cut designs on dark purple overlay pages reveal a light lavender background. The kit also includes one Lutheran Women's Missionary League lettering laser cut, two light purple sheets of cardstock, two dark purple sheets of cardstock, one LWML logo laser cutout, and two sheets of LWML specialty paper.

The teen scrapbook kit includes a two-page layout featuring "Friends Into Serving Him." Die cut designs on dark green overlay pages reveal a deep rich purple background. The kit



also includes a matching purple and green fish die cut.

Finally, the new 12"x12" Portland convention two-page layout kit includes the convention logo at the top of the page and Portland 2009 at the bottom. Die cut designs on black overlay pages reveal the colors of the logo in the background and will look great with convention photos and memories.

For a limited time, all three kits can be purchased as a package from the LWML Store for only \$32. Just go to <http://shop.lwml.org> and enter product number 16405 to get this package.

LWML Heard 'Round the World

KFUO Radio received a \$50,000 LWML mission grant this biennium for radio Internet streaming that has helped them adapt to new ways of communicating the Gospel around the world. As a result of the grant and the live streaming it provides, you can also hear President Jan each Monday at 8:05 a.m. CDT at www.kfuo.org. Some of President Jan's features are archived on the KFUE Web site.