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KATIE STAM, MISS AMERICA 2009, TO BE LWML CONVENTION SPEAKER

Miss America 2009 Katie Stam is scheduled to be the Friday evening inspirational speaker at the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Convention to be held in Peoria, Illinois, June 23-26, 2011. She is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Seymour, Indiana, where her mother teaches fifth grade at the Lutheran elementary school. Katie will also be on the cover and in a feature article of the Fall 2010 *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.



After winning the Miss Indiana pageant, Miss Stam received the Miss America crown in January 2009. Her platform during her reigning year was "Passion for Service: Promoting Community Service and Involvement." Katie worked with non-profit organizations and shared her message of volunteerism to students across the nation. In addition, she dedicated her year of service to honoring men and women in uniform and was the first Miss America in over 30 years to visit the Armed Forces in Germany.

Miss Stam is completing a degree in Communication from the University of Indianapolis. She plans to pursue a career in television broadcasting and will soon release her first children's book. Katie has been quoted as saying: "Always know that we are all soldiers for Christ no matter what we do, no matter what situation or experience. Always keep God with you and at the top of your priority list."

LWML President Janice Wendorf shares: "The LWML is privileged that Katie has agreed to speak at the LWML convention in Peoria. She is certainly a dynamic Lutheran Woman in Mission!"

Check out the LWML website at www.lwml.org and cast *your* vote to choose the cover photo of Katie Stam for the Fall 2010 *Quarterly*. Voting closes on July 1, 2010.

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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