

What's on Your Summer Reading List?

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Are you an avid reader or someone who likes to set aside books for summer reading? If you are looking for a *great* read, I invite you to add a new favorite of mine to your list. It has ten chapters, but it really isn't one of those books you can jump to the last chapter to see how it ends before finishing the rest of the book. That's because the ending is still being written!

So why is this book at the top of my list? For starters, I found myself encouraged by the example of faithful women who were motivated by the same desire to carry out the Great Commission as we in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League do today. The stories within the book's covers tell of women who dedicated their lives to learning God's Word, sharing, teaching, praying, leading, practicing hospitality, serving, and supporting the mission of the church.

What an eye-opener! I became acquainted with Lutheran women who promoted the faith in European history and supported the Reformation movement. And not only did I learn about the women who led religious causes here in North America, but I also witnessed how women's service, a women's auxiliary, and foreign mission work had their beginning through the women of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

What have I been reading? It's our brand new LWML book, *Women in League With the Lord*, written by Marlys Taege Moberg.



Read along with me and discover this: Change abounds in the LWML over these 64

years, yet there has been NO change in the mission of the LWML. And as we go forward, other changes will happen, new chapters will be written — but we as Lutheran Women in Mission will joyfully and courageously continue to “Serve the Lord with Gladness” as we have in the past:

In 1946, Our Redeemer Women's Guild in Honolulu, Hawaii, joined as the first society outside the continental USA. **Today**, we welcome new teen groups who embrace the mission focus of the LWML and desire to be part of Teen LWML —Teens in Christ's Service, affectionately known as *Gamma Girls!*

At the 1975 LWML convention, the first 45 Young Women Representatives were officially invited and recognized. **Today**, we have a YWR program in every one of our 40 districts and many of those young women who participated as a YWR in either a district or national convention, currently serve as officers in our organization.

And the story goes on...because the end cannot be written about the women of mission who pray, serve, lead, tell, teach, share, support, and encourage!
Happy reading to each of you!