

On Solid Ground

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R O C K! Rest On Christ the King

"In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me." *Psalm 31: 1-3*

Are You Ready ? Convention 2007

In less than fifteen weeks the 5000 guests we have been planning for will arrive in Sioux Falls eager to experience the 2007 LWML Convention. Yes, we are getting ready! Plans have been made, lists checked, beads strung, forms completed, quilts sewn, meetings attended, tours publicized, and polo shirts purchased.

Lutheran Women in Mission in South Dakota are enjoying the fellowship of sisters in Christ as they work to carry out the plans of the Convention Program Committee. Some of us have almost completed our jobs while others have yet to do anything! We are all learning to, "*Trust in the Lord forever; for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal.*" Isaiah 26.4.

If you have not yet made the commitment to volunteer your time and talents at the convention, please do so now.

We need as many willing workers as we can recruit. The time and money invested will be a blessing to you and your society. If finances are an issue, perhaps your LWML could provide a scholarship to help with expenses. If you think you do not know enough about LWML, this is your opportunity to learn. You will have almost 5000 teachers! This convention can not happen without you.

Join us as we learn to step out in faith to declare His praise and serve others. And join me in thanking God for this opportunity to enjoy an LWML Convention so close to home!

~Pat Reichert, Host Committee Chairman

You: A Resource more workers are needed

A *resource*, according to my dictionary is, "any supply that will meet a need." Another definition states, "a stock or reserve to draw upon when necessary."

All of you reading this are the *resources* of the LWML – in particular, *Personnel Resources*. Over 450 of you have already responded to the Call for Workers and are on our master list of workers. You are guaranteed a place on a 2007 convention committee and the wonderful opportunity to display your love for Christ with your smiling face and willing hands.

Those of you who have not signed up to work may certainly still do so. We can still use more workers – men and teens also. We don't want you to miss out on the excitement of hosting the thousands of guests coming to South Dakota.

The Call for Workers form is on the LWML web site at the South Dakota link or you may just e-mail me for a copy at sfalk@tnics.net.

~Sharon Falk, Personnel Resources Coordinator

Hospitality

The Hospitality Committee is securing gracious and caring personnel to interact with convention attendees. Hospitality Chairman Kelli Anawski and her committee will be in charge of hostesses for Assisted Seating, Exhibit Hall, First Aid, Information, Lost and Found, On Site, and the Workers Room.

Do You Have Time?

messages from our counselors

Proverbs 3:5-8 *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.*"

I know I need to. The doctors all say it is good for me. Report after report comes out stating the benefits of exercise, but still I find reasons to avoid the walks or lifting weights that would make me feel better. Sound familiar? Have you struggled with doing something that will be good for you? Instead of planning we procrastinate and make excuses. Instead of acting on what promises to be beneficial for our health we dismiss the idea away with excuses such as, "I don't have time."

The writer of the book of Proverbs writes, "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.*" The promise is profound! Health and nourishment for body and bones will be found when we trust the Lord.

Health and nourishment for body and bones is what you will find this summer when we *Rest On Christ the King* in Sioux Falls for the LWML convention. These few days will lift your spirit, and give strength to your weary soul. Put the excuse away! Come and hear of the Victory our Lord has accomplished for us as we *Rest On Christ the King!*

~Pastor Randy Sturzenbecher
Senior Counselor

Hebrews 10:25 NIV *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Meetings are important, aren't they—or are they? The writer to the Hebrews thinks so. And he isn't talking to the "unchurched" or those outside of Christianity, he's talking to those on the inside. I think it's vital to remember that as "insiders" in the LWML, your meetings are important—they're much more than just another "thing" we have to do. They're what we do because that's how we help each other understand what our mission is. Some of us have gotten out of the habit of meeting together at our societies, zone rallies, and district

and national conventions because our lives are so busy with other important things.

But it's important to come together for encouragement. This encouragement is found in the things we do together as members of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We come together to talk about what we can do to help in the Great Commission given by our Lord in Matthew 28 when he says we are to go and make disciples by teaching all the things he has commanded us. This is our mission. It's not just for the pastor or the missionaries overseas. It's for Christians. And you, my friends, fit the bill.

We need to remember that as the day for our LWML Convention in Sioux Falls approaches, we need to come together all the more. That means coming together for our society meetings even when we don't feel like it. It means encouraging others to attend the national convention even when their lives are busy with so many other things. It means setting priorities. And the best priority of all is letting others know about the love of God found through the cross of Christ. And that's why we exist—that's why we *meet together*.

~Rev. Brian Lemcke
Junior Counselor



Sioux Falls '07 to Portland '09!

The PORTLAND 2009 Host Committee is now being formed. Unlike our South Dakota sisters, the women of the Oregon, Utah-Idaho, and Washington-Alaska Districts have not had the opportunity to welcome our LWML sisters to the beautiful Pacific Northwest in more than 50 years. We are very eagerly anticipating the planning and preparation that will occur over the next two years. Then it will be **OUR** great blessing and privilege to welcome **YOU** to **PORTLAND 2009!**

~Julia Riess, Host Committee Chairman
LWML Convention~Portland 2009



2007 Official Host Committee

Front Row: Arlene Naasz, Nancy Bogenhagen, Gerry Stark, Pat Reichert, Judy Dockter, Mary Jo Stier, Sharon Falk. **Row 2-** Lisa Asmus, Melanie Kludt, Martha Smith, Virginia Graham, Jill Johnsen, Lorraine Mosemann, Patty Peters, Dianne Diekmann. **Row 3-** Kelli Anawski, Gwen Braddock, Janell McKinstry, Rev Brian Lemcke, Kerry Niederbaumer, Rev Randy Sturzenbecher, Vonda Sturzenbecher, Elaine Hankel, Sue Magedanz, Nancy Duhachek, Kathy McKinney, Debbie Sattgast.
 Not pictured: Donna Harr

2007 LWML Convention Official Host Committee Roster

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| Pat Reichert | Host Committee Chairman |
| Judy Dockter | HC Treasurer |
| Nancy Bogenhagen | Communications Coordinator |
| Gwen Braddock | Prayer (Carol Goehring, Jerilyn Harris, Annette Jarratt, Ruth Neuberger) |
| Vonda Sturzenbecher | Publicity (Marie Boetel, Judith Fauth, Debby Schelske, Waunita Watt) |
| Gerry Stark | Secretary |
| Janell McKinstry | Staff Services (Nona Fincher, Susan Kinsley) |
| Arlene Naasz | Creative Enhancements Coordinator |
| Sue Magedanz | Activities (Susan DeJong, Lorraine Rittmann, Karen Stevens) |
| Martha Smith | Decorations (Caroline Krapf, Lorna Friese, Bonnie Raabe) |
| Melanie Kludt | Music (Donell Mayfield, Rita Wiese) |
| Donna Harr | Facilities Management Coordinator |
| Virginia Graham | Properties (Lauverne Harr, Dorothy Wollmuth) |
| Lisa Asmus | Worship Support (Sharon Conrad, Maxine Boxdorfer, LaRaye Rehfeldt, Sandy Williams) |
| Kerry Niederbaumer | Ushers (Claudia Scotter, June Ring, Ann Cruse, Nancy Ziegeldorf) |
| Mary Jo Stier | Guest Services Coordinator |
| Debbie Sattgast | Child Care (Laurie Ascher, Lynn DeHann, Sandy Tams) |
| Kathy McKinney | Food Services (Dorothea Geidel, Mary Kidweiler, Lois Mielke) |
| Elaine Hankel | Registration Packets (Carol Backens, Judi Larsen, Marilyn Swain, Lynette Tisdall) |
| Patty Peters | Tours (Lisa Clauson) |
| Nancy Duhachek | Transportation (Julie Schenkel, Paulette Gross, Marlys Larson, Michelle Wadkins) |
| Sharon Falk | Personnel Resources Coordinator |
| Jill Johnsen | Personnel Resources Assistant |
| Kelli Anawski | Hospitality (Myrna Snow, Dorothy Bassingthwaite, Dawn LaMee, Belva Schindler, Thelma Hueners, Evelyn Nelson, Joyce Kasuske, Jeanette Stensland) |
| Lorraine Mosemann | Special Dress (Florence Powers, Yvonne Steffen) |
| Dianne Diekmann | District President |
| Rev. Sturzenbecher | Counselor |
| Rev. Lemcke | Counselor |

DISTRICT PHOTO: A picture of South Dakotans attending this convention will be taken Thursday morning, June 21, 2007 following the 7:00 A.M. Prayer Service at Howard Wood Stadium. We will want to be prompt in getting this photo taken so that workers needed for servant events and other activities that morning can report for duty on time. We hope to see YOU there!