

On Solid Ground



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

Creative Enhancements



Creative Enhancements? Do any of you remember the TV commercial, "it's *Shake 'n Bake* and I helped"? The product was designed to give chicken an extra flavor and make the meal taste better. In a way extra flavor is what Creative Enhancements adds to a convention. The Creative Enhancements committee is responsible for the coordination of Servant Events, the Mission Walk, the decorations, and the music for the 2007 convention. All of these get approval from LWML, i.e., national, and we carry out their ideas.

Many of you have probably participated in servant events at previous conventions. But, if not, the 2007 convention will be a great opportunity to use your talents to help others. A couple of the events will require that we have projects ready for completion at the convention. We will need 75-100 quilts ready to be tied and hemmed. If your quilting group would be able to make quilts please let us know. The quilts should be approximately 60 by 80 inches in size and complete with filler and backing. This servant event will be tying and hemming the quilts. All of the servant events will require the help of willing workers to make sure all the plans are carried out successfully. Please say yes to helping work at the servant events. Contact either Sue Magedanz at 4607 Crestview Dr., Huron, SD 57350 or Arlene Naasz at 621 9th Ave., Brookings, SD 57006.

Hopefully, your society is making plans to construct necklaces for all the convention attendees as a favor from the South Dakota District LWML. Also there is the lovely rock bracelet for each of the convention delegates. Seeing one of those is an incentive to be a delegate. Each society will receive supplies at their respective Zone Fall Rallies.

Music is always a highlight of any convention and will be at the 2007 convention as well. We are looking forward to carrying out the music as requested. The convention choir is anticipating a number of voices to make a joyful sound.

The 2007 mission walk will be offered at two different times next June, in the morning and also over the lunch break. Make sure you pack your walking shoes.

Our prayer is that you too will be able to say, "And I helped with creative enhancements," or if not, some other area of the convention.

~Arlene Naasz
Creative Enhancements Chairman

Host Committee Chair Calls for Volunteers

Top Ten Reasons To Volunteer at the 2007 LWML Convention

- 10 We need at least **500 volunteers!**
- 9 You will not have to sew a “special dress”.
- 8 You may choose what you would like to do.
- 7 You will get to wear brick, grass green or bright blue!
- 6 Sitting jobs are available.
- 5 We need many young and/or ambitious people to cover all that territory between the Sheraton and the Convention Center!
- 4 If you volunteer to work eight hours or more you will receive \$55 off your registration fee! (Yes, everyone helping does have to pay the registration fee, but it is how the convention speakers, transportation, special guests, manuals, song rights, entertainment, insurance, organ rental, and all other bills are paid.)
- 3 It is an incredible experience to be with so many believers in one place.
- 2 God will bless what we do, as He has blessed all along.

★ **1** You will **ROCK!** *Psalm 31: 1-3*

The host committee is calling **ALL** South Dakota workers for the Lord. Our District has been given the awesome privilege of hosting the 2007 Convention. How many workers will it take to host 5000 LWML sisters from across the United States? Five hundred! We're seeking the assistance from our 100 plus societies in South Dakota. Can your society send at least five workers? Workers are not limited to LWML members; any willing worker- teenager, woman, or man- will be appreciated.

Yes, our workers are required to pay the registration fee, which has been set by LWML at \$155.00. However, if any worker is willing to commit to working at least eight hours during the convention, and fill out a *Call For Workers* form, \$55.00 of that fee will be waived. Perhaps your society or congregation can lend assistance with some of the registration fee.

Rooms have been blocked at the Ramada Limited for those requiring lodging. More details will be forthcoming. The Host Committee is counting on our South Dakota people to share our friendliness and work ethic with those coming to our state next June. Won't you please help?

The Host Committee asks that you continue praying for the 2007 convention. Even the most challenging tasks are simplified by prayer. God's promise is sure: When we call, he will hear and answer. Our response can be to trust and to thank Him.

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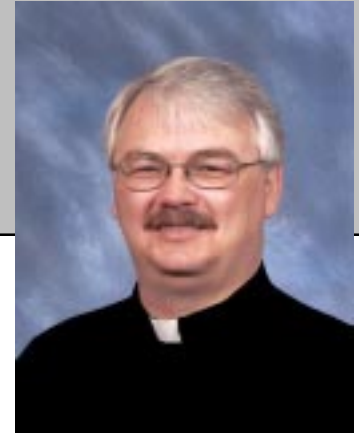
The worship text for LWML Sunday is taken from John 8:12, “Jesus said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’”

The LWML mission is to take the Light of Jesus around the world with praise, inspiration, and worship. As the time approaches for the June 21-24, 2007 national convention, let us be inspired to help share the Light of Jesus, by volunteering our time and talents in hosting our LWML sisters from across the United States as they come to **ROCK** in Sioux Falls.

Meet Our Counselors



Randy Sturzenbecher



Brian Lemcke

Who am I? I am a South Dakota farm boy, raised on a dairy farm near Parker. After high school, I was sure farming would be my occupation. Mechanics, middle management, college and Seminary in St. Louis would all come first.

In 2001, I was called fresh from the Seminary back to South Dakota to be Shepherd of First English, Centerville and Zion, Hurley. Currently I serve as Shepherd for Divine Shepherd, Black Hawk, in the beautiful Black Hills.

Vonda, my wife of 21 years, serves as Editor for the SD Section of the *Lutheran Witness*. We have two children, Ryan, a high school freshman, and Megan, in eighth grade.

Who am I? When German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote the poem, "Who Am I", he tried to bring together public and personal views of who he was. In the public's eyes, I am a Pastor and proclaimer of God's Good News of sins forgiven through Jesus Christ. In my family's eyes, I am a husband, father, car fixer, and much, much more. Of all the different views of whom I am, in God's eyes, I am a baptized, re-deemed, sanctified Child of the King, forgiven by Jesus and confidently Resting On Christ the King, my ROCK! I am looking forward to finding out who each of you are in Sioux Falls this June!

Pastor Randy Sturzenbecher
Senior SD LWML Counselor

Greetings! My name is Rev. Brian Lemcke, and I am currently serving as pastor of a triple parish in Central South Dakota. I have served Holy Cross, Onida; Immanuel, Harrold and St. John, Agar for four years. I love serving God in our "Beloved SD District" as it has been so often called.

My wife Michelle and I have been married for 21 years and have five wonderful children and one grandchild. I received my Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Theological Seminary in May of 2003 and was ordained on June 8, 2003.

I would like to encourage all LWML members concerning the LWML Convention in Sioux Falls. The convention has been appropriately named "**ROCK! Rest On Christ the King**". This reminds me of the hymn *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* (TLH 370). For it is Christ, the ROCK on which we build all we do, and only on His name that we lean. Against all adversities we can and will prevail if we keep our focus on Christ and His cross. For if God, who gave up all He had, stands with us, nothing we do can fail if it is done with His will in mind.

May God bless each and every one of you as we continue down the road paved with the blood of Christ.

Pastor Brian Lemcke
Junior SD LWML Counselor

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Prayer Requests



† Pray that God will lead many women and their families to gather in Sioux Falls for the 2007 Convention.

† Pray that all who attend will be filled with the Spirit as they worship, work and fellowship together.

† Pray that God may provide willing volunteers for the many tasks to be completed before, during and after the Convention.

† Pray that all who serve in any way for this Convention will be blessed with a spirit of joy, cooperation and friendship.

† Pray that God will guide and bless those who plan all the events for this convention so that the Lord Himself is always the focus of all we say and do.



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