

PATTY'S PONDERINGS



HATS OFF to our delegates!

The voting delegates of the South Dakota District will represent each of our 10 zones at the LWML 40th Biennial Convention. Each zone has its own way of deciding who the delegate is and how to support her. An alternate delegate is also chosen.

The delegates will vote on the LWML Mission Grant proposals a few weeks ahead of the convention, to be held June 22–25 in Milwaukee. Voting at the convention will be for new officers, the Nominating Committee for the 2025 convention, bylaws and the new mission goal. This is very important work for the LWML. Please review these topics at your zone and group meetings and share your thoughts with your delegates.



Patty Peters
LWML South Dakota District President

- The voting delegates are :
- ▶ Betty Ochsner (Aberdeen Zone)
 - ▶ Patti Praeuner (Black Hills Zone)
 - ▶ Dora Harste (Brookings Zone)
 - ▶ Hope Lutter (Chamberlain Zone)
 - ▶ Laraine Kahre (Huron Zone)
 - ▶ Linda Remund (Milbank Zone)
 - ▶ Michelle Lemcke (Mitchell Zone)
 - ▶ Mary Jo Stier (Pierre Zone)
 - ▶ Cathy VandeBraak (Sioux Falls)
 - ▶ Sandy Brandt (Yankton Zone)

Thank you very much, delegates, for being a part of the convention and preparing for this important job of carrying out the work of LWML. May God bless our time at the convention!

SEW Happy

Faith, Pierre, boxes up handmade dresses for Mexico mission

Making dresses from new or gently used pillowcases has been a project of the Faith, Pierre, LWML group for over 12 years. Throughout the year, the pillow cases, buttons, lace and trim of all kinds are donated by Faith members while the LWML provides the elastic and bias tape.

LWML members gather to make kits that people can take home and sew into a dress, ranging from extra-small to extra-large. Each kit contains a pillowcase cut to a specific size and the materials needed to finish the project. When the dress is complete, it is returned to the church and another kit is taken home to sew.

Faith's mission team recently took the dresses to Mexico for its trip to help Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care of El Paso, Texas. The mission team has also taken shorts and flip-flops to give to boys they encounter. Handing out these tangible gifts in person has been rewarding for the mission team as well as



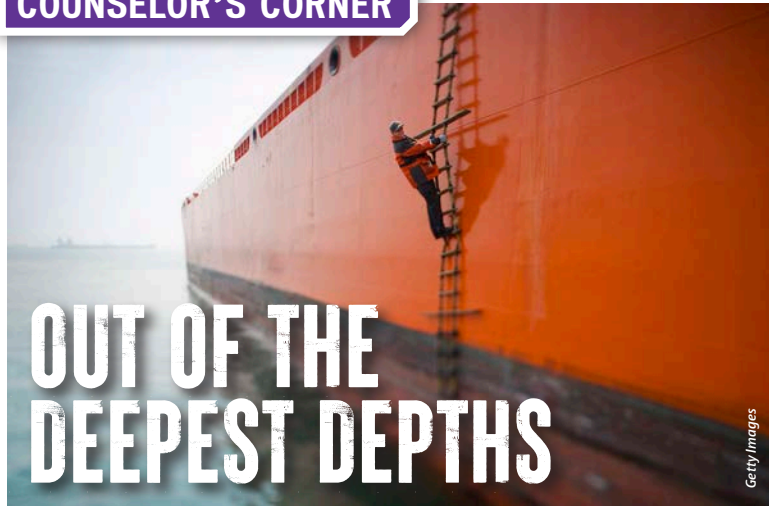
From left, Doreen Miller, Luann Zuercher, Jan Deal and Renee Knapp prepare dress kits.

the recipients. This has been a fun project for all the members of Faith Lutheran Church, and it's amazing to see how creative women can be!

The sewing typically starts in February and is completed by mid-May. In the beginning, up to 70 dresses were completed each year, but recently the number of completed dresses has been closer to 400! Doreen Miller coordinates the project for the group, but many hands go into serving the Lord in this event.

Jan Larson • VP of Gospel Outreach

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



OUT OF THE DEEPEST DEPTHS

Greetings in the name of our victorious Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ!

I want to start off by reminding and “hyping” you up for the LWML 40th Biennial Convention, to be held June 22–25 in Milwaukee. It isn’t too late to sign up. If you are able, please consider attending this wonderful event.

When you attend an LWML convention, you will see one mighty way that the Spirit works through His people — the way the phenomenal ladies of the LWML share His love and mercy with the rest of His creation. These conventions are wonderful experiences that everyone should attend at least once.

With that reminder, I have a question for you: Have you ever felt like you were in too deep in some area of life, or just in general? With everything the world throws at and expects of us, and with all the things that we want to do and expect of ourselves, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed, buried under a mountain of endless tasks. It gets even harder when we face disease and death in our own lives or the lives of our loved ones, not to mention the sins and temptations that weigh heavily on our hearts.



Rev. Clint O. Thorson
LWML District Counselor

If you are feeling like you’re in too deep, take a minute to read Psalm 130. The author has found himself feeling this way. Sin and iniquity have piled up; he is buried. From this self-made grave he cries out to the Lord because he knows there is no digging himself out of depths he has fallen into. He cries to the Lord because help in the Lord is his only hope.

God wasn’t and isn’t afraid of the depths that we find ourselves in when we sin, or even when we’re buried underneath everything that the world has heaped upon us. In fact, He sent His Son Jesus to dive right into those depths, to take our sin and pain on Himself. Why? So that we would be free of it all. Why? Because of His love for us. Jesus even descended to the depths of hell so that you who believe and hope in Him would not just be rescued from the depths you regularly face, but so that you would be free from the deepest, darkest depths of death because Jesus gives you eternal life.

So out of your own depths, hope in the Lord. He isn’t afraid to plumb the depths of your life to rescue you from the darkness of death and bring you into His marvelous life.

Time to prepare
MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

The deadline for mission grant proposals for the LWML South Dakota District is Aug. 31. Although that seems far off, now is the time to think about how your zone or ministry could be helped by a grant from LWML.



Mission grant proposals should be sent to Jan Larson at 920 Woodridge Drive; Pierre, SD 57501, or larson920@hotmail.com. You may also contact Jan for more information or visit sdlwml.org/mission-grant-application.

MITCHELL ZONE UPDATE

The Mitchell Zone finished 2022 with an Orphan Grain Train (OGT) fish feed Oct. 2 at Zion, Delmont. The event in many respects turned out to be more than we had bargained for.

The entire town of Delmont was in the midst of a major road project. As I looked out of the church window on Oct. 1, I saw that there was no possible way for vehicles to get into the church driveways. The road crew had pretty much shut down for the weekend, leaving one lone worker to diligently smooth out a path to the east driveway. But God is gracious. In spite of the road conditions, many people came.

By the end of the day, our ladies had the opportunity to work with some pretty amazing people who are now friends. We fed over 150 people, raised \$3,000 for OGT and filled a trailer with donations. It’s true: “With God all things are possible” (Matt. 19:26).

On Oct. 8, Zion, Mitchell, hosted the district Christian Life Workshop, “The Tabernacle/ Temple in the Bible,” with 87 attending. Mitchell Zone members made and donated several items for a silent auction for the district mission goal. A mite offering of \$1,318 was collected.

I pray God’s blessings on all of you for 2023!

Julie Kaufman • Mitchell Zone president

LWML selects young women for convention

Congratulations to Rebecca Scott and Vania Asmus, who were selected as the LWML South Dakota District Young Woman Representatives and will attend the LWML 40th Biennial Convention in Milwaukee in June.

Vania attends Memorial, Sioux Falls. She is interested in learning more about the LWML as well as meeting other women who have a similar interest. Vania has contributed to the LWML South Dakota District by designing logos and banners. She is also the daughter-in-law of Lisa Asmus,

former LWML district president.

Rebecca Scott attends Zion, Sioux Falls, and wishes to learn more about the LWML and get to meet other young LCMS women. She serves as an advanced emergency technician (AEMT) and is a clinical research coordinator for Sanford Health. She is the daughter of Cathy VandeBraak.

We are so glad to have these young women represent the South Dakota District!

Laurel Schamber

YWR Committee Chairwoman