



One of the many beautiful district LWML convention banners I was blessed to see. This one, from the LWML North Wisconsin District, seemed a perfect fit for the theme of this issue.



My first time visiting Niagara Falls!



Donna Pyle, Nancy Beckcom, and Linda Gage share the excitement of the new LWML Bible study, *Where Love Abides*, at the LWML Texas District convention.

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## Overflowing Blessings

The short devotion in this issue, “Showered With Blessings,” quotes 1 Timothy 1:14: *The grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.* Overflowing blessings are what I have witnessed this summer. I’d like to share some of them with you.

I have been blessed to have attended six district LWML conventions: Oklahoma, Gulf States, Eastern, Iowa East, North Wisconsin, and Texas as of this writing. The Florida-Georgia convention is coming up in September. It will be the last district convention I will attend as LWML President, which makes me a little sad because going to these district conventions (10 in 2016!) is one of the best things about being LWML President!

Visiting the districts has been a blessing to me, personally, by encouraging me as I see God working through our LWML family to reach so many people for Jesus. Whether it’s through Bible study or through works of mercy, giving aid, fellowship or enjoyment, we share our blessings with one another. Our fountain of blessings overflows to others.

Summer is also the time when many of us experience God’s blessings in the form of nature. Spending time at the lake this year has refreshed me. God’s blessings have included eating homegrown tomatoes, okra, and corn. Going to Niagara Falls for the first time was amazing. What power in the water! It reminds me of the power of water with the Word in our Baptism.

Scuba diving in the Caribbean and seeing the incredible variety of God’s creatures demonstrates how He blesses us with things to enjoy.

My grandchildren attended Camp Lutheroma, our church camp in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. It is another summer blessing where dedicated young people work as counselors to help make a difference in young lives in so many ways!

Blessings in God’s Word also happened this summer. Our new DVD Bible study, *Where Love Abides*, by Donna Pyle came out in July. We are blessed to have a generous donor who helped make this study happen financially as well as blessed to have a devoted Bible student like Donna to write and produce it. You will be blessed as you follow this study based on John 15. LWML is blessed, and I am happy to say that we take seriously how those blessings can be turned over to others.

As we approach the season of harvest and thanksgiving, we thank and praise God for our overflowing blessings. Let’s share those blessings to God’s Glory.

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