

Lutheran Women in Mission

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Welcome to the 19th issue of Lutheran Women in Mission e-News! Please forward and share this news and encourage others to stay in touch with LWML by email. To date, there are over 1800 subscribers to e-News receiving LWML news and updates and thanks to our readers the numbers continue to grow.

LEADERSHIP FOR TOMORROW 2004

President Linda Reiser proclaimed the Leadership for Tomorrow 2004 event held in St. Louis, MO, November 12-14, 2004 a VICTORY!

"Victory wasn't a result of what we did, but how God brought together His gifts of leadership, hearts for mission, love of service and women who were called and chosen for His purpose.

"Tremendous event" "I feel energized and informed" "My leadership skills have been enhanced" - These were some of the comments made from attendees. A new format was utilized and districts were challenged to bring future leaders, young women and those who had never attended a similar national training event.

The GOAL was to raise up God's Own Amazing Leaders within our 40 LWML districts. The 120 district attendees represented over 6 generations of women who came to build on their leadership gifts. >From small group sessions with hands-on experience, Q&A, interaction and networking to group singing, Bible Study, worship, speakers, entertainment and training, these leaders were immersed in opportunities to improve on their leadership skills.

Over half of the 181 women at LFT were attending a national LWML training event for the first time. At least twenty of these women were under the age of 40, with 18 of them having been recent Young Women Representatives to an LWML Convention!

The attendees will now develop a plan of action to implement and impact women in their districts with similar training. These district training sessions will be held over the next 2 years by the 3 attendees who attended LFT from each district.

LWML, the church and our communities will be impacted in the future by these women with their enhanced leadership skills. The LWML acknowledges Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for their financial grant to assist in making this event possible."

Linda K. Reiser, President

PRESIDENT REISER TO REPRESENT LWML AT TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE

Linda Reiser, president of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League will represent the organization in the annual Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade, on Saturday, January 1, 2005.

The theme for the parade is "Celebrate Family" and this year's Lutheran Hour Float theme is "The Family of God." Riders this year include Reiser and the newly elected Lutheran Layman's

League President, Jack Kidwell. The Lutheran Hour Float stands as the only Christian float participating in the world's most famous media event and will be seen by more than 450 million people around the world. This is The Lutheran Hour's 55th year of participation in the Rose Parade.

2005 LWML PRAYER SERVICE

"God's Salty Christians" is the theme of the 2005 LWML Prayer Service. Based on the Tampa LWML Convention theme verse (Matthew 5:13-16), this service brings LWML members and friends together in prayer.

The 2005 LWML Prayer Service will be available this winter as a downloadable resource from the LWML website. By offering it in this manner it is hoped that a wider audience will have access to the service and utilize it at a pre-Lent LWML event, spring prayer service or at any time of the year.

To access the Prayer Service, go to <http://www.lwml.org> and click on "2005 Prayer Service" to download the PDF file or HTML file.

LOOK WHAT'S NEW!

There are some wonderful new products available through the LWML Store that you will want to wear this holiday season! Photos, prices and descriptions at https://www.reachone.com/lwml/index_catalog.html

The LWML purple all-weather jacket is a must for your wardrobe. It has a concealed hood and durable fabric makes it versatile for all kinds of weather.

For colder climates, you'll want to have our new pullover, half-zip fleece with matching ear warmer.

Coordinate these outer wear garments with our new mock turtle neck in either purple or white with the LWML logo sported on the neck of the garment!

Razzle, dazzle those around you with the sparkling rhinestone LWML bracelet with black leather-like band.

Don't forget to order several of the new LWML pewter Christmas ornaments. This lovely ornament is a holly wreath encircling a nativity. This will be a beautiful addition to your Christmas décor.

See them at http://www.lwml.org/catalog/new_items.html. Call the LWML office today to get your order by Christmas 1.800.252.LWML (5965)

MORE CLASSIC LWML GIFTS

"Lead me Lord, Through Motherhood"

Encourage and support young mothers of various cultures with this devotional guide prepared especially for them. Available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Chinese and Korean. A gift envelope is provided. See it at

http://www.lwml.org/catalog/bible_study_indiv.html #99850 \$2.00 ea.

(Buy more than one (1) and pay half price).

Treasures of the Heart-My Walk with the Lord - Show how the Lord has guided you and how you

have matured in His love and service. Use this journal to document your church and prayer life, family traditions and spiritual goals. #11210 \$14.95 ea.

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You may already be taking advantage of the simplicity of electronic funds transfer to make other monthly payments, like using Simply Giving® to make your regular church contributions. Now you can use this same convenient, reliable method to give a gift to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Please continue to pray for the recipients of the Mission Grants. Simply Giving® is a simple choice. Begin with only \$5 a month.

For more information, call the LWML Office, 1.800.252.LWML (5965).

THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

The [Lutheran Women's Missionary League](#) (LWML), with a membership of over 250,000, is the official women's auxiliary of [The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod](#). The LWML focuses on affirming each woman in her relationship with Christ to enable her to be in ministry among the people of the world. For over 60 years the LWML has been encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to financially support global mission.

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