

## NEWS RELEASE:

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### **LWML Mite Marathon Introduces "Flat Jan"**

In the children's book *Flat Stanley*, Stanley Lambchop is accidentally flattened during his sleep one night. Flat Stanley has a special advantage now because he can visit his friends by being mailed in an envelope.

In the spirit of Flat Stanley, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League has introduced their much-loved President Janice Wendorf in the form of "Flat Jan." In the remaining weeks before the LWML Convention in Peoria, "Flat Jan" will be visiting with friends in all 40 of the LWML districts around the country as she travels to bring awareness to the *Mite Marathon ... Race to the Finish*, with emphasis on meeting the 2009-2011 mite goal. The goal set at the 2009 Portland Convention was \$1,825,000. There are six more mission grants to be funded before the end of the biennium March 31, 2011.



The LWML friends in each district play an important role in this project. With four "Flat Jan" posters traveling around the country, the goal is to see how many miles "Flat Jan" can travel and how many mites can be raised before they all arrive at the LWML Convention in Peoria, Illinois, June 23-26, 2011. Photos and brief highlights of the journey of "Flat Jan" are being posted at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) as well as on the LWML Facebook page. Updates will be added throughout the tight travel schedule. Please check the site often to find out where in the country is "Flat Jan."

You can be a part of the *Mite Marathon ... Race to the Finish* by sending your donations to LWML, PO Box 411993, St. Louis, MO 63141-1993 and note the contribution "Mite Marathon," or by donating online at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org), select "shop" then click on "donations."

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The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942 the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

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