

LWML Sunday 2014



The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday, but it may be celebrated at any time. The materials mentioned in this letter are available and may be downloaded from the LWML website, or may be ordered. They have been designed to help with your congregation's worship and celebration of LWML Sunday 2014.

Ideas for Your LWML Sunday Celebration:

- Order, or download from the LWML website, the Mission Grant power posters, devotions, prayer guides and stories, and Mite Marathon flyers. These are available for each mission grant and **The Time is NOW** to help congregations connect with real people who need Jesus;
- Order Mite Boxes and have them available throughout the year to encourage support for mission grants. There's even a Children's Mite Box Children want to be missionaries too. These are available on the LWML website or the order form;
- LWML members may serve as greeters and ushers all decked out in their favorite LWML purple;
- Gather a door offering for missions on the day of the celebration to help support the mission of LWML;
- Be sure to order sets of Mission Grant prayer cards, LWML bookmarks, Mustard Seed Devotions and Master's Cards, The Time is NOW awareness bracelets, or;
- Hand out LWML pencils, glass angels, the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, an invitation to the next LWML event; ask your pastor to recognize all women of the LWML, and;
- Do you have a binder with your LWML history? Set it out, along with the books *God Gave the Increase* and *Wherever God Sends Us*. These books tell the story of our mites in action.

NEW THIS YEAR! The following resources are <u>immediately</u> available for download on our website (you may also choose to order pre-printed bulletins, as in the past years):

- Order Form;
- Worship Bulletin (8.5"x11" or 8.5"x14") or you may order preprinted bulletins;
- Worship Bulletin Cover (8.5"x11" or 8.5"x14") blank inside, or you may order pre-printed covers;
- Sermon Text;
- Children's Message;
- Celebration Banner Pattern;
- Ingathering Litany;

- LWML Sunday Logo in Color and in Black/White;
- Bulletin Announcement Suggestions;
- Sheet Music, Audio, and Commentary of "Because of Jesus' Sacrifice" – song written by Rev. Bernhard Seter for LWML
- NEW LWML Bookmark (included in mailing, available free for postage);
- Des Moines LWML Convention Flyer, and
- Flyer of New Products and Resources.



The Rev. Dr. Victor Belton, author of this year's materials, was proclaimer for the Pittsburgh Convention Sunday worship service. He and his wife Wenona live in Georgia, where he is pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Decatur. He also serves The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) on their national Board of Directors, and has spoken nationally in a variety of venues. Rev. Belton enjoys serving his community and has a passion for seeing young people come to Christ. He is a certified coach through the Center for United States Missions and works with other pastors to plan and implement prayer initiatives for the LCMS. He has also helped to begin a ministry in Sudan, Africa. Based on Ephesians 5:2, the theme he has chosen for the 2014 LWML Sunday celebration is "Fragrant Sacrifices and Offerings."

LWML Leader: Contact your pastor and assist with the ordering of these materials to make this a special day of celebrating the work the Lord is doing through the LWML.

Pastor: Please contact your congregation's LWML President or leader. She will be pleased to help you coordinate activities for this celebration Sunday.



Share your LWML story with the women you cherish. The Time is NOW!

All worship and devotional materials have received approval from LCMS Doctrinal Review.