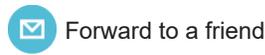
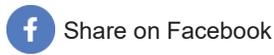


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Don't Worry ~ Be Thankful!



Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:5-6, ESV)

This Bible verse has been appearing quite a bit in articles that I have been

reading, besides in my head. With the election happening in a few days and with the daily COVID-19 news we hear, we could easily become anxious. Not only the election and coronavirus, but many other things cause us to become anxious and worry.

What are we to do? Take it to the Lord in prayer. Pray that God will allow our hearts to be changed and the hearts of our elected leaders aligned to do His will. We are not alone. God is still with us, keeping us in His care.

This Thanksgiving Day, and every other day, give thanks to God that He has graciously given us a great nation and for the leaders elected. Give thanks for the many earthly blessings He has given us, along with giving us His Son who humbly took our place on the cross. Thank Him also for His Holy Spirit, who grants us faith and strengthens and sustains that faith through His holy Word.

Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever! Psalm 106:1

Thanksgiving Blessings to Everyone!
 Deb Vinkemeier, President
 2018-2022

Silent Auction Baskets – Great MN South Mission Get-Together



What a beautiful and creative array of Silent Auction gift baskets that were on display at the Great Minnesota South Mission Get-Together at Mayer Lutheran High School on October 10th! The bidding results of the 31 entries brought in a total of \$3,106 for mites.

The Gospel Outreach Committee wishes to thank everyone who contributed baskets and those who bid on the baskets. The winning bidders were happy to go home with a basket, and the increase to mites will benefit our mission grant recipients. It is a win/win success!

The other mite producer at the event was the "Spin for Missions". It was an opportunity to spin the colored wheel for \$1.00 and receive a color-coded grab bag. Most of the items in the grab bags were from the LWML Store inventory. At the end of the day there were no grab bags left, and a total of \$119 was contributed to mission mites.

Carol Hubert
Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Where Two or Three Are Gathered . . .



After receiving an LWML Questionnaire from President Deb, the LWML Waseca Zone President, Joan Proehl, organized a brainstorming workshop for September 24, at St. Paul, Waseca. All Waseca Zone congregations were in attendance. Eleven women; President Deb; LWML MN South District Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Larry Griffin; and Waseca Zone Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Juan Palm, were present. Pictured in the photo above are Waseca Zone Secretary, Lenora Kuball, and LWML MN South District President, Deb Vinkemeier.

Each society representative gave a brief report on her society and its membership. It was noted some had a decline in membership, but there was certainly no decline in their willingness to continue to serve "wherever and whenever needed". A comment "yes, we are smaller, but we are not dead! We arise and meet any opportunity before us" was made.

President Deb reviewed the questionnaire and addressed the topics of:

Disbanding, Rezoning, Officers, Members and Young Women. The attendees were encouraged to personally invite young women to come to society activities, to try doing something different to attract attendance, and to step out of our comfort zone.

A hand-sewn quilt was presented to President Deb as a thank you gift.

Four delicious, homemade pies were made by Judie Waters and served at the gathering. Everyone agreed that praying, singing, sharing, and laughing together is just what the LWML Dr. ordered for its members to do.

Joan Proehl
Waseca Zone President

A Mailbox Full of Many Thanks



This past month was a delight to go to the mailbox and find an envelope addressed to me and the LWML MN South District. Even though I did not recognize the sender's name, I knew from seeing the return address that it was from a seminarian student. What is surprising is that each one of these students is from the Minnesota South District.

I wish that I could share each of those letters of thanks that were received in appreciation for financial aid from the MN South District Student Aid Scholarships grant. Each of these students was filled with complete joy and felt blessed by the LWML MN South for our support, generosity, and the encouragement we are giving them in their journey to serve the Lord. How wonderful it is to hear what our mites are doing.

The following are the students from whom we have received a letter of thanks:

Nathan Speerbrecker	Kia Thao
Paul Aarsvold	Ryan Maser

Tanner Post
 Connor Wondrasch
 Karyn Nober
 Ryan Barnett

Andrew Asp
 Nick Wagenknecht
 Andrew Mussell

If anyone would like addresses for the above seminarians in order that you may continue to encourage them by sending them a letter or card, please email me, dmvink7@gmail.com, and I will be delighted to share their address with you. Please continue to keep them and their families in your prayers.

President Deb

“BEE”-utiful Visitor For a Great Cause



Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Hutchinson had a “bee”-utiful visitor on two Sundays in October. The Queen Bee, alias Gwen Dahl, “buzzed” in to tell our congregation about the wonderful honey that is being sold by the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch of Minot, North Dakota.

The Queen Bee offered to collect our honey orders and deliver them to the “busy beehive” of workers at the ranch. She “bee”-lieves the honey would be a “sweet” stocking stuffer for Christmas or a “honey” of a hostess gift for an upcoming party.

Our Savior’s has sponsored a Honey Sunday for many years to help support the residential treatment and educational programs at the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. They help the most troubled kids by providing psychiatric therapy and trauma-informed care to help kids become their best selves. The mission

of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is to help at-risk families succeed in the name of Christ.

Outcome of the Great Minnesota South Mission Get-Together



What an exciting and spiritually uplifting day it was! The sun was shining outside and even though the smiles were hidden by the masks that were worn, the faces were beaming with joy.

There were 174 people in attendance, as well as 20 women who joined together at Immanuel, Lakefield, MN, watching it by live-stream, and many others who watched from the comfort of their homes. They were privileged to hear the message from Rev. Dr. William Utech, Mission Executive of the LCMS MN South District, entitled "Driven Out to Missions". He reminded us that we are to go out and harvest, which is the work in which Jesus wants us to be engaged. He referred to the church as God's means of accomplishing God's mission, and we are part of God's plan to accomplish His mission.

We were delighted to have our second LWML MN South District President, Ruth Ziegler, in attendance with us, along with her two sons. They drove here all the way from Nebraska to attend. We are certainly blessed by her (and her sons') ongoing dedication to LWML.

Eleven displayers joined us with their displays and visited with the attendees. We had 16 Young Women registered, and were blessed by Molly Loder, Melissa Adelson, Adrienne Zhang and Amy Khamphanh who encouraged the women attending to get other young women involved.

Jan Struck was a highlight with the audience as she shared her "Lucinda" humorist interruption and spoke on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, reminding us to rejoice in the hope that belongs to us in Christ.

The two offerings that were collected were true blessings. At the time of this writing, we have received \$2,521.25 for our mission goal offering. The second offering was \$2,679.00 and will be divided between Phil's Friends, Trinity First

Lutheran School (Minneapolis), and Chance International.

A great big THANK YOU goes out to Mayer Lutheran High School for working diligently with us and in allowing our "Great Minnesota South Mission Get-Together" to take place in their beautiful facility.

If you were not able to attend or watch the live stream, you can watch it either by going to our LWML MN South District home page and clicking on "Watch the Great Minnesota South Mission Get-Together" [Here!](#) ... OR by clicking on the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3v9Bkg_rbcc&feature=youtu.be

Thank you again to anyone and everyone who assisted or participated in any way in the success of this great event. To God be the Glory.

President Deb

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