



LWML–Canada SUNDAY 2009

IDEAS

This Sunday, appointed by Lutheran Church–Canada, is set aside to let LWML–Canada members and the whole congregation learn more about LWML–Canada, how it encourages women to spend time in God's Word and how it supports the mission of our church through mission service and mission grants.

Consult with your pastor regarding the celebration of LWML–Canada Sunday. Don't wait 'til Fall but do this as soon as possible as basic plans for Divine Service are often planned well in advance. Following are ideas you may use "as is" or as thought-starters for developing your own plans.

Handouts – as you greet everyone before Divine Service, you might hand out to the women, or to everyone, a packet containing all or some of the following. Customize the packet to suit your congregation.

- “Did you know that LWMLC is...”: available with this year's materials.
- List of mission projects supported by grants from our mites – both District and LWML–Canada.
- Program of monthly activities.
- Include bookmarks or other LWML–Canada resources.
- A back issue of *Tapestry*.

If you don't have any to share you can order back issues for this purpose at a cost of \$.75 each plus shipping and handling. Order them through the Data Manager, Michelle Johnson, 20 Crescent Road East, Portage la Prairie, MB R1N 0Y5. Make cheques payable to LWML–Canada.

Important: Follow up later with an invitation to subscribe. **New** subscriptions can be added at any time. The cost will depend on how many issues are left in the subscription year.

Displays

- Food always attracts...some serve coffee and muffins or cookies.
- Use this opportunity to display LWML–Canada resources – Bible studies, devotions, *Tapestry*,

Mite Boxes, etc. Have someone at the display to explain.

- Consider a small consignment of materials to sell. Shipping and handling costs for you to receive the consignment could be covered by your society and if you sell it all there will be no return postage costs for you to pay.
- Serve lunch after worship.
 - One group sets up a display with several stations that show activities the local society undertakes. Someone at each display station talks about that particular activity and invites visitors to the display to take part with your society in this activity if they are interested.
 - Another society has a potluck luncheon, selling tickets with proceeds supporting local mission projects. They have displays, skits and/or speakers related to LWMLC mission work. Sometimes they have used this Sunday for a Mission-Fest.
 - A third society has a pie-fest after the service where their display is highlighted.

Other Activity Ideas

- You might enlarge the bulletin cover design and turn it into a banner...made of fabric or of paper, depending on how long you want it to last.
- Show Sunday school students what your group does to support medical missions (Ontario), CLWR, the Canadian Bible Society and, of course, Lutheran Church–Canada missions.
- Include a Mite Offering Envelope in each bulletin. During announcements invite everyone to put their loose change into the envelope and put it in the offering plate with their regular offering. These envelopes are given to the LWMLC society to count along with their regular mites. Report to the congregation on the amount collected, thanking them for their support.
- Offer a mite box to everyone in the congregation. – Collect once a month at a service and give a monthly update or information on Missions supported.
- Organize a service activity as a way of involving everyone in mission. Have each person carry out their service during the following week and on the next Sunday (Thanksgiving) find a way to highlight the many services carried out (not the individuals who did the service).