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**LWML–Canada Sunday
October 4, 2009**

Shine Like Stars – in your community and the world

Dear society president,

Another LWML–Canada Sunday will soon be here – the first Sunday in October. Having “rested in Jesus” during the last triennium, we are now ready to “shine like stars.”

Your pastor and LWML–Canada Sunday

As you plan for LWML–Canada Sunday, please remember that some pastors welcome the entire service outline, the children's message and the sermon. Others prefer simply to include LWML–Canada in the prayers of Divine Service, leaving any other information-sharing to an insert in the bulletin, a verbal or on-screen “announcement,” a display, and other activities outside of the worship service itself. Both ways, and anything in between, are all good choices.

We have included a bright orange "card" for your pastor. Please give it to him right away. Some pastors plan well in advance and if it is not received until Fall, it may be too late for consideration. Also find out how he sees Divine Service and this particular designated Sunday fitting together.

Society planning

We have included a white copy of the note to your pastor for your use when thinking about the focus your society will have on LWML–Canada Sunday. There are many ways the League is a blessing to the Church (as noted on the card). These are recognized by many; we just need to help the others recognize them. You will notice that we put mites/mission grants last, not first. While it is an important aspect of LWML–Canada, our pastors and congregations, will be interested first of all, in how God uses us to be a blessing in helping them carry out the mission locally.

The worship service, sermon, litany and children's message were prepared for us by Rev. John Makey, Emeritus, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Port Colborne, Ontario.

You may receive the resources provided by LWML–Canada in a variety of ways:

- Download copies from the LWML–Canada web site, www.lutheranwomen.ca
- Call the Resource Centre at 1-888-596-5226 and ask for the package of materials. There is no cost for one copy of each item.
- Order and receive copies by e-mail (resourcecentre@lutheranwomen.ca)

Take your pick. Everything will be ready by June 15, 2009. Please note that the bulletin insert template will not be available until after the national convention in July where new mission grants will be chosen.

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Other resources to consider

Being a convention year, there are quite a number of new items for sale that might be of interest to the women in your congregation, maybe even some men. A few, as noted on the enclosed order form, are in a price range where you might consider purchasing and giving them away. Three are written in on the enclosed order form. See the back of the form for other new items.

For more details, a Resource Catalogue is available online (www.lutheranwomen.ca) or order by e-mail or, if your society does not have access to the Internet, call 1-888-596-5226 and have a hard copy sent to you for the cost of shipping and handling.

You might want to order a small package of materials on consignment and offer them for sale. This might be one of each item to display, take orders and then sell. Or it might be several of each to sell. With consignments you are asked to pay the usual shipping and handling costs. If you sell everything all you return are the proceeds...or, if there are leftovers, cover the cost of returning them to the Resource Centre.

May God bless you richly as you celebrate LWML–Canada Sunday this October.

Marion Hollinger, PR Director, LWML–Canada