

## ***Faith Pairs ... encouragement for Lutheran women***

Member Development Committee GOAL:

Encourage, better Equip and Enable all Lutheran women to grow in faith.

As Jesus sent His disciples two by two to share God’s word, we, too, can encourage each LWML–Canada member to *Faith Pair* with another Lutheran woman in her congregation.

- ❖ Experience one-on-one encouragement with each other.
- ❖ Enjoy personal contact and encouragement with this person on an ongoing basis.
- ❖ Receive and give a simple hug.
- ❖ *Faith Pairs* could include confirmation students, teens, shut-ins, ...
- ❖ Faith is all about God; let Him lead you in a desire to do His service, through *Faith Pairs*.
- ❖ Reflect Jesus as you are nourished by the Word.
- ❖ Strengthen oneness in Christ through teaming with a sister in Christ.



Watch for further information in:

- ❖ *Tapestry*
- ❖ *Get Connected!*
- ❖ A brochure and letter to the societies and pastors.

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**Next deadline:  
March 1, 2007**

## **The Blessings of *Faith Pairs***

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT – A new program is being prepared by the Member Development Committee of LWML–Canada: *Faith Pairs*. It will be beneficial for both individual members and societies. You are invited to find another woman in your congregation (look for someone who isn’t an LWML–Canada member, perhaps in a different age group) and form a *faith pair* so you may encourage each other as you grow in faith and service. Check information above.

### **There are many blessings to be found.**

- ♦ Faith unfolds, revealing a relationship with God, to be shared with another person.
- ♦ Faith is a gift from God and must be used.
- ♦ *Faith Pairs* will help you recognize that every woman in your congregation wants to be involved in Christian service.
- ♦ *Faith Pairs* will help women feel they are needed, making a difference in their lives.

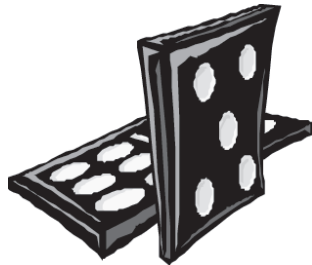
## Follow the leader! The Domino effect!

One Sunday for the Children's Message, our Associate Pastor had the children in the congregation play follow the leader, then talked to them about who they trusted to follow. As I watched the kids follow him down the aisle, out into the narthex, into a meeting room, through a group of adults in a pew and back up to the altar, I noticed a few things. Although the kids said they'd follow the Pastor, all but one in fact followed the person in front of them, trusting that they were following the Pastor. Most of the last of the 25-30 kids in line weren't even watching the pastor. I also noticed that it wasn't only the kids who participated, but all the adults followed with their eyes, especially parents. One toddler, too small to leave mom's side, stood on the pew and with eyes open wide watched the parade.

This game of "follow the leader" made me wonder who we are actually leading. Is our concept of leader based on the specific committee, group or organization that we've been appointed or elected to serve? Or are we in fact leading many others that we're not even aware of? Are we most likely leading all who are observing what we do? Isn't it also true that we may be leading someone – who's following someone – who's following us – like that last child in line? That's an awesome responsibility, and certainly makes me reflect more on what kind of leader I'm called to be. Do I have my own act together? Am I in the Word, attending Bible study and church faithfully, praying in all

circumstances? Is my attitude one of servanthood and humility?

Who are we following? As the kids above learned in the children's message, we need to be careful whom we follow; making sure they aren't leading us in the wrong direction, and trusting that Jesus always leads us in the right way. Whatever skills or abilities we have in leadership, we know our first source of help comes from our heavenly Father.



**God provides:** *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do... In him the whole building is joined together and*

*rises to become a holy temple in the Lord (Ephesians 2:10, 21).*

**We can serve:** *Obey them not only to win their favour when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men (Ephesians 6:6-7).*

**He will receive the praise:** *May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen (Hebrews 13:20-21).*

Grace and peace in Christ,

Judy  
President, LWML-Canada

## Let's start a BLOG

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT – While some of our readers don't have opportunity or interest regarding the Internet, there are many of our members and women outside our membership who do. First, some information for those who suspect "blog" is a word designed just to confuse them and then some information we ask you as leaders to share with others even if you aren't able to blog.

### What is a blog?

It is a journal or diary or newsletter written on a public web site by one or more people. Unlike a paper version, others who read it are encouraged to add their comments.

### What's in a blog?

Contributors (or "bloggers") usually share their personal thoughts, opinions, reflections, ideas, comments, suggestions or beliefs. Encouraging messages may be included. Links to favourite web sites may also be shared.

### How does it work?

The blogger signs in to a web site. Thoughts and ideas on a particular subject are written in chronological order. Comments are written frequently and are relatively short. The activity of updating a blog is called "blogging."

### Why should LWML-Canada start a blog?

Blogging can be an effective communication tool for small groups of people to keep in touch. A blog will give Lutheran women a place to share their faith and encourage one another. In particular it will make a good forum for sharing Faith Pairs experiences with others outside the pair.

### Who will be responsible?

The Member Development committee will initiate and monitor the blog. Watch for information about when the blog will be available for reading and posting.

From information supplied by Arlene Kish, VP Member Development and Cheryl Teeter, VP Communication.

# 17 Tips for Leader Development

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT –

1. Pray regularly for District leaders, Zone leaders, Society leaders and all LMWML–Canada members.
2. Zone leaders should attend District board meetings to learn of new information to share with society leaders.
3. Encourage and promote the organization of LWML–Canada groups in circuit congregations who do not have an active group.
4. Research and share with other societies, ways to gain and maintain active members (The LWML–Canada blog might be a useful tool to do some of this sharing).
5. Encourage involvement of present society members in zone events.
6. Access and use the inspirational material from the LWML–Canada Resource Centre.
7. Keep an enthusiastic, cooperative and joyful spirit. Always!

8. When God answers prayer for a new society member, don't leave the newcomer standing at the door. Have a place and materials ready for them so they know they were expected and welcome.
9. Bible-based leaders give people the big picture of God's mission, nurtured through the Word and Sacraments.
10. Leaders must have a passion for the salvation of those who do not yet trust in Jesus as their Saviour.
11. Leaders are examples of being Christ-like servants, demonstrating love and service through their words and actions, and then encouraging others to follow.
12. Leaders do what is RIGHT; right being defined as God's will revealed in Holy Scripture. They are not concerned about worldly success at the expense of God's Truth. Bible-based leaders encourage others to be obedient to God's will.

13. Successful leaders heed the advice of individuals who have training and experience.

14. Follow the Leader! Some will remember playing this game as a child. Christ is our Leader and we strive to follow Him and His example. Christ will equip you with everything good for doing His will.

15. As a leader we need to, as Jesus did, have a strong relationship with God. Study of Scripture, prayer and faith bring us to that close relationship. Commitment to God's will is strengthened as we grow in faith. This quality helps us to be Christ's leaders.

16. Jesus came as a servant. He came to serve, not to be served. We, too, are servant leaders. We serve God and His people carrying out His will with love and care, just as Christ did.

17. Let us always "Follow the Leader," our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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## Celebrate Youth

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT – As seasoned Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada members we often bemoan the fact that we see a lot more gray coiffures in our meetings and conventions than frisky ponytails. Why is that is so? Perhaps it's because we just sit there and wait for the younger women to discover us, eager to emulate what we've accomplished. Do we make a conscious effort to court the girls in our congregations and meet them where they are?

In a publication called IDEANET, Lutheran women report some of the things they have tried.

- ♦ One society appointed two women to the great ministry of searching out the local school papers, as well as the local newspapers, for reports on the accomplishments of their members. A weekly bulletin is updated when new information about the latest news of positive achievers is discovered.

- ♦ To help raise money for sponsorship of an African family, one church held a young people's talent show which raised \$3,000. All those who attended were amazed at the talents of a ballet dancer, a clarinet player and three singers. They really learned to appreciate their youth's talents.

- ♦ One congregation came upon the idea of setting up snack tables on a sidewalk outside their church near a high school. Once a week, a few adults are stationed at those tables in the morning, chatting with students and offering homemade cookies and juice as the pass by. The students naturally are curious as to why this is done. What a chance for ministry!

- ♦ One church organist accompanies junior and senior high school students in music contests. Since many have mastered instrumental or vocal music appropriate for worship, she invites them to play at Sunday worship services. The

students are warmly welcomed and encouraged by the congregation.

- ♦ The talents of youth are recognized at one church with a yearly dinner to raise money to send them to Lutheran music camps, youth conventions and Bible camps. One small rural church has sent six girls to Lutheran music camps and three dozen students to other events in the past three years.

- ♦ One quilters group, besides making quilts for CLWR, makes one for each graduating high school senior and each child who is baptized. One very young girl, who was baptized recently, wrote: "Thank you for your support and for making my baptism the best event of my life. I love the quilt you gave for my baptism very much. When I am scared, I wrap myself with the quilt and I feel Jesus hug me and love me through the quilt. No more scare!"

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## Lutheran women in prayer

St. Paul admonishes us to...*Pray continually* (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

### Prayer Service

CHRISTIAN GROWTH – In November 2006, the newly chosen committees for Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada met in Edmonton to begin their work for the next three years.

Though the job set before us looked frightful and mind-boggling, the Lord brought us through the weekend and, with His guidance, we have a direction for the new triennium.

To reach out to more women, especially those who do not consider themselves members of LWML–Canada societies but who have an interest in prayer, we're planning a change to what we currently call the *Prayer Service*.

*Prayer Service 2007* was sent to societies and is also available from the LWML–Canada web site [[www.lutheranwomen.ca/inspiration/prayers.htm](http://www.lutheranwomen.ca/inspiration/prayers.htm)] but, beginning with this issue of *Get Connected!*, we will be focusing on passing along prayer ideas and methods.

This will give each individual zone an opportunity to design a prayer event that works well for them at their own

zone or society level. You can choose a date, any time in the year, to hold a prayer service or a prayer event, but the date and event will be up to each zone or society to decide.

In the months to come we will provide you with more ideas for prayers and prayer activities for the women of your society and congregation.

We also ask that you hold us up in prayer as we strive to pass along more prayer ideas to societies.

### Prayer Calendar

CHRISTIAN GROWTH – In the months to come look on our web page for a monthly calendar with different prayer topics for each month. The calendar for February is already posted under "Inspiration." Copies have also been sent to the districts for distribution to those who don't have access to the Internet.

If you have any suggestions for themes for future prayer calendars, please contact the Vice President, Christian Growth, Helga Danielson, Box 39, Fisherville, ON, N0A 1G0 or [mdanielson@linetap.com](mailto:mdanielson@linetap.com).

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## Make program planning easy

CHRISTIAN GROWTH – We encourage you to make use of existing resources such as the CD *From A to Z: Program Planning Made Easy*, as it is also a great tool for spiritual growth. It contains over 350 devotions, Bible studies, retreats, dramas and sketches, and other material you can use for study and for fun. These items can be opened and printed directly from the CD for use in your society.

If you cannot use a CD, ask for a copy of the LWML–Canada Resource Catalogue from the LWML–Canada Resource Centre and place your order. Call Margaret at 1-888-596-5226 or 1-204-895-3433 ext. 20 and she will send out whatever you need. If you have e-mail you can order and receive both

the catalogue and program helps by e-mail. Contact her at [resourcecentre@lutheranwomen.ca](mailto:resourcecentre@lutheranwomen.ca).

Please note that payment is not required when ordering. An invoice will be included to be paid when you receive the order. Shipping and handling are not charged on orders sent via e-mail.

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## Rest, Reflect, Rejoice

CHRISTIAN GROWTH – On the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month there will be a devotion posted on the web site under the theme "Rest, Reflect, Rejoice." Postings began in January at [www.lutheranwomen.ca/inspiration/devotions.htm](http://www.lutheranwomen.ca/inspiration/devotions.htm).

## Good to know...

PUBLIC RELATIONS -

♦ *Tapestry* is available in large print and audio (CD or tape). Order with your regular subscription. Include the mailing address of the recipient. Cost: \$7.00 per year.

♦ LWML–Canada puts out an "Update" via e-mail whenever there is news to share. The easiest way to subscribe is to send a request to [publicrelations@lutheranwomen.ca](mailto:publicrelations@lutheranwomen.ca).

♦ The contents of the LWML–Canada Handbook have been updated. District presidents have collected orders. If you, as an individual, would like a copy please send your order to [resourcecentre@lutheranwomen.ca](mailto:resourcecentre@lutheranwomen.ca) or call 1-888-596-5226. Contents only: \$5.00. Complete Handbook including binder, contents and dividers: \$10.00. Please do not pay until you receive the invoice as we do not know in advance the cost of postage.

♦ LWML–Canada theme hymns and other music written for the organization have been moved from floppies to CD. This is music to print for your organist or pianist, etc. Order as indicated for the Handbook.

♦ One way to keep your LWML–Canada group alive and vibrant is to plant a new LWML–Canada group...in your own congregation or in another congregation. It has been said that there are so many heads of gray hair at LWMLC events because women so much love the opportunities to serve their Lord in LWML–Canada that they just won't quit. How wonderful to share that love and opportunity with women of other generations or congregations.

♦ In your own congregation a new group would be considered a circle...and the current group would also become a circle. It's a great way to introduce other generations of women to LWML–Canada. It could even be a group of teens. And, wouldn't it be exciting to introduce LWML–Canada to a congregation where there isn't an LWMLC group?

# Looking ahead—planning for the seasons

Here's a basketful of program ideas, planning for Easter, taken from the *From A to Z: Planning made easy* CD. The CD costs \$8.00. If you prefer, individual items may be ordered and received via e-mail or on paper. **Ordering information on page 8.**



## Understanding The Passover Meal – An Archetype Of Holy Communion (program)

Includes directions for celebrating the Passover meal and an explanation of its symbolism. Code 5575 \$1.25 11pgs

**All Eyes on the Cross** (devotion)

Stand at the foot of the cross and experience anew the depth of God's love for us based on the last seven words of Christ from the cross. Code 5514 \$.75 6 pages

**The Cross: Love's Eternal Design,** (devotion) Various types of crosses evoke special meaning for reflection. Code 5535 \$.50 3 pages

**Gifts Flowing from the Cross of Jesus** (devotion)

We are directed to new insights as we reflect on Jesus' last words from the cross. Code C196-06 \$.50 3 pages

**Jesus I Will Ponder Now** (devotion) Based on the hymn. Code C2003-02 \$.50 2 pages

**Jesus, King of Grace** (devotion) For leader and participants with reference to the hymn "On My Heart Imprint Your Image". Code C2000-04 \$.50 2 pages

**Easter Is...** (devotion)

A joyful devotion with four Bible readings and suggestions for visual aids. Code 5545 \$.50 3 pages

**Hidden Treasures** (devotion) Encouraging messages are "hidden" in 10 Easter eggs. Open an egg and read the Good News. Need plastic Easter eggs; other items needed are listed. (1

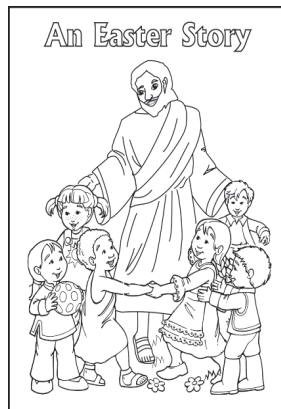
reader) Code 59903 \$.50 3 pages  
**I Know That My Redeemer Lives.** (devotion)

An Easter devotion using the well known hymn as the basis for comfort and joy. Code C1999-02 \$.50 2 pages

**Reviewing Easter** (devotion) The story of Easter as told in the gospels of Matthew, Luke and John. Code C2002-04 \$.50 2 pages

**Women In The Resurrection Account** (devotion) Details the role of women at the Resurrection. Code C2002-05 \$.50 2 pages

**His Care Helps Us Care** (drama) The cross is used as a visual and emphasizes how our Lord's great care and love for us allows us to care for others. Code 5511 \$.50 3 pages



Colouring pages for little hands and young minds who need to visualize the story of Christ's Passion. Code CMS 06-01

\$1.00/set

\$3.00/pkg

## Valentine's 'Day Drama God's Precious Valentine.

Visit a Heart Store. many kinds of hearts are on display. Which will you choose...a candy heart, a wooden heart, a broken heart, a thankful heart and many more? Code C3002PE \$.75 5 pages

**Springtime** (devotion) A celebration of God's gifts of spring. Code C2002-02 \$.25 1 page

Are you in charge of the ever popular Mother/Daughter Banquet and stuck for ideas?

**Bouquets of Blessings** (devotion)

This interactive devotion uses a bouquet of flowers to illustrate how Christ is the centre of our lives; the leaves and petals show a life of Christian serve (includes illustrations). Code 5429 \$.50 2 pages

**Christian Daughter's Style Show** (drama) Scripture readings, songs, narration and fashion make this life cycle drama enjoyable (up to 11 models). Code C5473 \$.50 4 pages



## Heavenly Spring Hats – Angels in Blossom (sketch)

Seven angels (perhaps LWML members in disguise) discuss their experiences "taking care of the Lord's business". Code C2003PE-04 \$.50 3 pages

**Perfect Gifts** (sketch)

In each of several scenes, the perfect gift turns out to be not so perfect. But there is one perfect gift revealed at the end of the drama (8 people; 1 narrator). Code C2003PE-03 \$.50 3 pages

## Leadership Workshop

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT –

♦ Member Development will be working with the other committees of LWML–Canada, in preparing a workshop to be presented at District level. To coordinate this workshop, our committee will be working closely with District Member Development

♦ The workshop's purpose will be the support and encouragement of present and future leaders in LWML–Canada.

# Sharing resources beyond LWML–Canada

PUBLIC RELATIONS – While we must provide some resources to assist members of our organization, LWML–Canada committees have always produced materials that are suitable for more general use. For the coming triennium that focus has been narrowed from general use to develop programs and resources that will help all women of LCC congregations grow in faith and put that faith into action in their daily lives.

A good example might be *Journey to the Manger*, the Advent calendar for children. While children may be the end user, it may help mothers of those children by providing a learning tool for family devotions and for missions.

But, how do we introduce those outside of LWML–Canada circles to the wealth of resources available? While these can be advertised in *Tapestry* and perhaps also in *The Canadian Lutheran* as budget allows, and, while they can be displayed every three years at district and synodical conventions of Lutheran Church–Canada, the real key to introducing them in your congregation lies with your society and your members.

## Help society members become familiar with all we have to offer.

- ♦ Use LWML–Canada resources regularly at your meetings and other gatherings so those attending become familiar with the range and quality of LWML–Canada materials.
- ♦ Need to speed things up? Order via our toll-free number. If someone has access to the Internet you can order and receive items via e-mail.
- ♦ Provide all your leaders with easy access to a catalogue. Usually we do our preparation at home. Order a resource catalogue by phone or e-mail or consider downloading a copy from the LWML–Canada web site ([www.lutheranwomen.ca](http://www.lutheranwomen.ca)). There is no cost for the catalogue. Photocopy

so each leader has a copy handy. All those with Internet access can download their own, saving copy costs and making the most recent update readily available.

- ♦ Encourage your members to have their own copies and to order items for themselves.
- ♦ Order a small consignment of items and sell them at society meetings. Purchase one or two to give away in a draw.

We cannot recommend to others what we know little or nothing about.

## Find ways to introduce other women in the congregation to LWML–Canada resources.

While we can encourage other groups to consider our devotions, sketches, Bible studies, retreats, etc. often it is more effective to introduce things one-on-one.

- ♦ If a friend mentions she is looking for a devotion, bring out your catalogue and suggest you look together for something suitable.
- ♦ If someone has access to the Internet invite them to check out our web site. This is especially effective if you also use the web and can point her to something specific.
- ♦ Order a small consignment and set up a sales table at a congregational event. Note: A contest of some sort with a prize [an LWML–Canada item] can help draw people to the table. If it is an event with a variety of ages you might want a contest for children, one for teens and one for adults. The contest should be something that helps them learn at least one fact about LWML–Canada.

♦ Whenever new members are welcomed to the congregation they often are given a packet of pertinent materials from the congregation. Provide an LWML–Canada item and a resource catalogue for the packet.

- ♦ Give LWML–Canada resources such as devotional booklets, crosses,

etc. as gifts...as a society and as individuals.

The resource catalogue and web site are valuable tools when telling others about resources that can help them in their faith walk.

A side benefit of introducing more women to our resources through the catalogue and web site will be increased sales which in turn means more money available to produce more resources.

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## Celebrate Youth

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Thank you very much! God bless you all!"

- ♦ One congregation provided young women, at their high school graduation, with a gift from the women's group. A subscription to their women's magazine and a lapel pin are just two examples. They are also invited to a celebration dinner hosted by the women's society.
- ♦ One Synod has money set aside to send young women to their first convention.
- ♦ Offering a baby sitter service during Bible study is a great way to interest young women to participate and a good start in developing an active young mothers' group. A couple of women from another group could volunteer for this babysitting service. It gives them an opportunity to get to know the small children in the congregation. Listening to the young women also helps to understand that we are *One in Christ*.

## One young woman's view

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT–The interests of young women are as diverse as are the opportunities to serve.

Thank goodness someone in the LWML took time to get to know me! By education a journalist, I had just finished five years of voluntarily editing

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# New resources in production

PUBLIC RELATIONS—

## New booklet on Baptism:

*God's Blessings in Baptism: rejoice in this gift of life.*

This small, 16-page booklet, will be available very soon. In it the author tells us that God gives the gift of life and then, through Baptism, He gives the gift of new life...by the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. Along with new life, God gives us the gift of identity for He makes each of us His child. The final section of the booklet reveals that "Baptism is a gift of faith with many other gifts nestled

inside" and goes on to describe those gifts.

*God's Blessings in Baptism* is an excellent gift to give at the time of a Baptism, by individuals, or by your society to all those baptized in your congregation. The price is yet to be set but should be comparable to many of the cards found in card shops. We probably can't beat the Dollar Store with our price, but we certainly can with the content.

## A follow-up to *Teen Speak*

Like the popular, *Teen Speak*, another book of devotions has been written and illustrated by teens for

teens. Teens were asked to write on the theme "God's Grace – God's Gifts – My Service" based on Ephesians 2:10 and Matthew 5:16. Still in the layout stage at the time of this printing; it will be available soon.

Although it will be exciting to purchase a new book for gift-giving, *Teen Speak* is still available and there will be new teens confirmed this year and following years who haven't seen it. We encourage you to purchase copies of both books for the teens in your life.

## Let's plant a seed...

CHRISTIAN MISSION – As Lutheran Women we trust in God to guide us and we show our love and caring for our brothers and sisters by serving the Lord gladly. *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path* (Psalm 119: 105).

In a variety of ways we have become missionaries by using our mites and our talents to help those in need. In many of our societies, the talents are used in the continuing projects like sewing blankets for warmth and shelter for overseas missions. For our local communities we knit mittens to keep little hands warm. We are very concerned with the need

for food banks and collect food items for the local food bank in our communities.

## What more can we do?

In early January, seed catalogues arrive at many homes for the planting season ahead of us. While thumbing through the pages why not plan for one extra row in your garden for carrots or other vegetables for the food bank?

Societies could have a spring *wind up garden planting party*, inviting all members as well as the congregation's youth and the seniors to help with the garden project. Seniors have a lot of experience to offer from which the

youth can learn how to plant a garden and to help with weeding and watering. This will afford endless opportunities in helping the food bank and provide some fun, too. Just don't forget to call them all back at harvest when it's time to pull up and clean those root crops before delivery to the food bank! There will be another chance for fellowship and much enjoyment.

Providing great outreach to all members of the congregation and a terrific chance for youth to get involved, will be rewarding to everyone, as the laughter of youth and the wisdom of senior members are shared.

*Blessed is he who is kind to the needy* (Proverbs 14 : 21).



## One young woman's view

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a regional newsletter. I was in need of keeping these God-given talents alive for a good purpose and was overjoyed to be asked to edit our district's newsletter..

My support of the mission of the LWML has grown steadily in this past decade, thanks to the perceptive Leaguer who drew me in through an avenue guaranteed to pique my interest! I am so thankful for the opportunities God has given me to serve – and for the

women, young and young-at-heart, who repeatedly demonstrate what it means to be a Christian.

My point with regard to young women? Make friends with them first; find out what each individual is interested in; only then ask her to serve the Lord in the capacity which best suits her God-given talents.

Get to know a woman personally and then ask her to share in the

excitement of serving the Lord.

From Kate Hallock's (LWML): *What is this thing called LWML anyway?* Reprinted from Manitoba and Saskatchewan Newsletter *Sonbeam*, June 1991.



# Tapestry — your opportunity to share with others

PUBLIC RELATIONS — *Tapestry* renewals and new subscriptions for the 2007-2008 subscription year are due April 30, 2007. A subscription form is included in this mailing. Please give it to the person responsible for the ordering.

The overall focus of our organization for the next three years is to provide resources for all women

in the church. That also applies to *Tapestry*. While the editors focus on content that will appeal to Christian women, regardless of age and membership, we need you to help by inviting other women to subscribe. Not only the articles, but the Bible studies and Viewpoint are directed at all women. And Weavings and Spotlight can help them discover ways they can

be involved in mission even if they cannot manage the commitment of “membership.” Gift subscriptions are also a great idea but, unless you want to continue the gift in subsequent years, you’ll need to follow-up with an invitation to subscribe. For some reason we women seem to enjoy being asked when it comes to doing something.

## Cross Canada 2008: An update and a request



You read about **Cross Canada 2008** in the Fall and Winter, 2006, editions of *Tapestry*. We piqued your interest and we want to bring you up-to-

date on this exciting adventure.

Some changes have been made to our plans, but it’s still about:

The Mission...A Journey...Stories of Women and their faith... and A Celebration of God’s Gifts.

Two young women from each LCC District (ABC, Central and East) will be selected to be a part of this mission endeavour in their own District and live the Mission Statement of LWML–Canada. An advisor for each team of young women will be selected as a mentor and support.

Their journey will include working, growing, and serving in a one-week Mission Project and a one-week Servant Event. It will include visiting LWMLC zone events and connecting with LWML–Canada members and other Lutheran women along the way. The young women will listen to your stories of faith, share their experiences of how God has strengthened them,

and work together with you to support the work of LWML–Canada and the Church. They will encourage other young women to become active in their faith and to learn more about our league.

All of the young women will meet together for a week of orientation, fellowship and planning. During the journey they will communicate with each other through e-mail, support each other through prayer and a common Bible study and share the stories of their adventure. At the end of their journey, the young women will meet

again to share and to plan: Where do we go from here? How can we serve LWML–Canada and the church? How will we share our journey of faith?

As they travel we’ll keep you posted through LWML–Canada Updates, *Tapestry* and our website. To conclude their journey the young women will come together again in Ottawa for the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada convention in 2009. They’ll tell us about their part in God’s mission and how He used each of them to tell His story – ‘Cross Canada!

### **What can you do?**

- ♦ Add your prayers to ours – asking God to bless us in our plans.
- ♦ Encourage young women to submit their names for the selection process.
- ♦ Consider being an advisor in your district
- ♦ Watch for new information from Project Co-ordinator, Linda Brinkworth, and participate in each step of the journey.
- ♦ Rejoice and give thanks for God’s blessings to us through what began as Karen Leonhardt’s vision of Cross Canada 2008!

Judy Grande,  
President, LWML-Canada

### **Another Mission Grant approved**

Early in January 2007 the General Council of LWML–Canada approved payment of \$3,500 from the Mission Opportunity Fund to provide equipment needed to set up an “International Servant Event Liaison Office” in Nicaragua. Details of this project are now posted as <http://www.lutheranwomen.ca/inspiration/prayers.htm> and will be made available in a future issue of *Tapestry*. Click on the link or copy and paste it into your web browser.

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