

Happy Birthday LWML-Canada

June 20, 2008 marks the 15th birthday, or anniversary if you prefer, of the founding of LWML-Canada. Let's celebrate!

Celebration Activities

The main aspect of this celebration will be local...in societies, in congregations. Do whatever fits your society. Here are some ideas to get you started.

- Who signed the charter on behalf of your society in 1993? During your celebration you might include a thank you to her.



- Whether many or only a few from your society were able to attend the Founding Convention, perhaps they would be willing to share some memories of the event...including the International LWML convention held just prior to it. There was sadness as well as joy in our parting.

- Serve cake and ice cream and sing happy birthday.

- Gather some stories of the early days in LWML...back in the 1950s and 1960s. These are our roots and while not part of the last 15 years certainly set the stage for them. Use them at your celebration and/or send them to the editor-in-chief of *Tapestry*. [And while you're doing that, take some pictures of your celebration and tell a little about how you celebrated.]

Celebrate with your congregation.

- Do something special at your 2008 congregational picnic.

- Support a neighbourhood picnic, block party-style, and invite the people living near your church. Perhaps invite them to bring their own barbecue items to cook, and provide potluck salads, desserts and drinks, warm and cold.

- Make 2008, and every third summer, a gift from your LWMLC society to the congregation, a time to celebrate with a concerted service to all our families and all our members. Or make it a gift of service on behalf of and including all members of the congregation ...helping with VBS, visiting in homes for seniors, setting up food bank and other collections, etc.



Thank-offering

The other aspect of the celebration is a thank-offering. The offering will be used to ensure and enhance LWML-Canada for coming generations. Seventy-five percent of the offering will be added to the national Mission and Service Endowment. As it grows earnings will be used under the direction of the General Council. Twenty-five percent will be sent by LWML-Canada to the Districts for a similar use.

Details for taking and submitting the offering

Individual members wishing a tax receipt are encouraged to put their donation through their congregation's financial records as a designated offering. Many societies already have such a process in place for mites.

If this is not possible, please make copies of the form on page eight of this newsletter and fill one out for each individual donation. The forms and cheques (made out to LWML-Canada) may be mailed in bulk to the LWML-Canada Financial Secretary, Gloria Meyer, P.O. Box 658, Virgil, ON L0S 1T0.

You might want to provide a special envelope in advance of taking your offering. Although it isn't necessary it can help donors plan ahead and choose the amount they wish to contribute instead of giving what they happen to have in their pocket.

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Building a Leader!

Generally, the great leaders of Israel didn't seek a leadership position, but were called by God to step forward and with faith they obeyed. Examples include Noah (Genesis 6:13-22) and Abraham (Genesis 12:1-4), who seemingly followed immediately and without question. Most of us may relate more to closely Moses who had many reasons why he shouldn't be a leader. But in the end, as God took away his excuses and promised to be with him, Moses too obeyed (Exodus 3:1-4:20). God has blessed us richly as He's placed each of us in our positions, given us gifts to serve Him and faith to trust Him.

In LWML-Canada most of us are familiar with the term member development – to clarify it we could simply say developing members, not only in numbers but in abilities. On most levels of our league we have vice-presidents and committees bearing that name. Member development has many aspects but one is, according to the national Procedures Manual, to provide materials and resources to enable women to increase skills for leadership in LWML-Canada. At the zone and society level it would appear that the responsibility of leaders and individuals would be to put the materials and resources to work encouraging, equipping and enabling others to become leaders.

As with all areas of LWML-Canada we need to ask the question – where do I fit in? What then does Member Development mean to those of us who are leaders in LWML-Canada? What responsibility do we as individuals have to encourage, equip and enable others to become leaders?

Let's get started

Albert Schweitzer said: "Example is not the main thing in influencing others, it is the only thing". Jesus said "follow me" and in a perfect way

taught His disciples (we're included) how to lead others. The Apostle Paul tells us "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1).

With God's help and guidance we strive to have the same qualities and characteristics of servant leader that Christ had. We use our gifts to build up the body of Christ and to bring glory and honour to Him. We humbly set an example for future leaders to follow. Author and political columnist Walter Lippman states: "The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind in others the conviction and will to carry on". Jesus' primary mission was to die for our sins and bring us back into a relationship with His Father. During the three years of His public ministry He taught, encouraged and strengthened His disciples to carry on His mission and promised them that the Spirit would come to guide them. The disciples were left with the conviction and will to carry on.

The next step

If the mission of LWML-Canada is important to us, then we need to plan for its future. One of the ways we do that is by *building* new leaders for today and tomorrow. Potential leaders are women who are: *already actively leading in ministry; leaders at their workplace or in volunteer positions; those who have a passion for their ministry and a servant heart.* You know women who have these qualities; share the mission of LWMLC with them and encourage them to take a leadership role.

When they say yes – continue mentoring them as they learn and grow. Think about the positive ways your mentor encouraged you in leadership. Consider the following steps – have you been faithful in carrying them out with leaders in your congregation and LWML-Canada?

- ❖ Treat me as a person in my own right.
- ❖ Set a good example for me.
- ❖ Encourage and support me.
- ❖ Praise me when I do well.
- ❖ Back me up in front of others.
- ❖ Keep me informed about what I need to know.
- ❖ Take time from your normal duties to coach me.
- ❖ Never underestimate what I can do.

God has gifted every one of His children – some for leadership. Watch, listen and discover which women need that extra nudge to step out in faith and become a servant leader for Christ. And then...watch them soar!

"Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You. Show me the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul... Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; may Your good Spirit lead me on level ground" (Psalm 143:8-10).

*Grace and Peace in Christ,
Judy,
LWMLC President*

Who, Me? I Can't Be a Leader!

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT – Excuses, excuses! We all have them. We all use them.

Moses had a long list of excuses when God called him to lead the captive children of Israel. In a rough paraphrase, Moses said, "Remember, God, I tried defending your people before, but I got into trouble for my effort and they didn't appreciate it. My palace manners are long forgotten. I've been doing servant jobs, tending sheep and trying to survive in a desert. I'm old and have family responsibilities. And if that isn't reason enough, I can't talk well; I have a speech problem".

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No, Moses did not step into his role as leader eagerly or quickly, despite the spectacular burning bush and God's miraculous power. He didn't even want to consider the job. Exodus 4:13 condenses his response for us: "And Moses said, 'O Lord, please send someone else to do it.'" His excuses have a familiar sound. We've all used them. Our lists might include:

- ♦ I've spent my time serving on committees.
- ♦ They didn't appreciate all my work.
- ♦ I don't feel comfortable getting up in front of groups.
- ♦ My knowledge is limited.
- ♦ Others have better ideas.
- ♦ My responsibilities are many.
- ♦ I am much too old.

It's important to note that all of Moses' excuses were real. He did not imagine them. Thank God, the story of Moses is not about his excuses; it's about what the mighty God, Jehovah, would do through him. Just as God had plans for Moses, so God has plans for our lives. He desires to use us, despite our excuses. God does not care about our excuses, real or imagined. He knows them. He wants to overcome them. He reassured St. Paul and He reassures us, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness". Therefore, says St. Paul, "I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me" (2 Corinthians 12:9). What a powerful reminder! Our imperfections showcase God's abilities. It isn't about us; it is about what He can and will accomplish through us by His Holy Spirit. We never know when God may speak from the neighborhood burning bush. Like Moses, we may be tempted to say, "Let someone else lead, Lord. I'll just follow along." Seeing ourselves in a leadership role may be difficult. Just thinking about it may make us uncomfortable. Could it be that the Lord is speaking to your heart right now? Could He be calling you? *Joan,*

Mary, Miriam, Jo Ann! Take off your shoes. I have a job for you, only you, to do. You follow Me and then others will follow your leadership. "Dear Lord, give us faith and courage to respond when you call us to lead and to serve. Help us put aside our excuses and say with young Samuel, 'Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening'."

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Give It a Rest – God's Permission to Rest!

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT – You're a busy person. Your calendar is filled with appointments, meetings, classes, and lists with deadlines. Your friends are busy, your family is busy, and your world is busy. What would be the perfect gift for you?

- ♦ One more hour in every day
- ♦ A book on organization
- ♦ A cleaning lady
- ♦ A job closer to home.

If you were given one more hour every day, how would you spend it? Explain why.

Did you say you'd rest? Probably not. Women of all ages fill their days with busy-ness and rarely find time for rest. Now I'm not talking here about the five-minute power nap in your car while you wait for the preschool door to open or the 30 seconds when you close your eyes at the red traffic light.

Let's try an experiment. Spend one minute doing nothing. Right now. Set a timer and then do nothing. Don't think about your to-do list or even chew gum. Try not to tap your foot or plan tonight's dinner. You may want to close your eyes to shut out distractions.

How did your one-minute break feel? Was it difficult to do? Why?

Take a few moments and jot down your current to-do list for this week:

- ♦ How many items are on the list?
- ♦ When you look at this list, how do you feel?

God's Permission to Rest

Genesis 2:1-3 What did God do on the seventh day? Why?

How Do We Rest?

What is a good day for you to rest? What do you usually do on that day?

God gives you permission and even encouragement to rest. You know that it's healthy – emotionally and physically – to do so. But you still struggle with HOW to rest. You might want a list that tells you exactly what you could DO when you rest.

1. Find a quiet place and put your feet up for 35 minutes.
2. Read one chapter in your Bible.
3. Pray for 20 minutes after you have listed all those for whom you will pray.
4. Write in your spiritual journal for 45 minutes.
5. Sip tea.
6. Take a brisk walk.
7. Enjoy a long soak in a bubble bath.
8. Listen to relaxing music.

Yet, the last thing we need is a list of to-do's for our rest! God gives us permission to rest, but He doesn't give us specific guidelines.

Rest is promised. Read Matthew 11:28-30, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

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Seminar 2008

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT –

Topic: *I can't, but with God I can! — How to relate compassionately to those who are suffering.*

**Look for this seminar in Fall
of 2008**

Lutheran Women in Prayer

“Hear, O Lord, and Answer me!”

By now many of us may have taken some of the ideas presented in previous issues and put them into practice. Prayer should be simple and from the heart, just as Jesus taught us and as we teach our children. What type of prayer (private, spontaneous, informal or formal) we choose at any given time is secondary to our attitude and gratitude as we pray. “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer” (Psalm 19:14).

What an eye opener when we were first introduced to Martin Luther’s explanation to the Lord’s Prayer in the *Small Catechism*. For me, it was like viewing something through a microscope. Christ gives us a simple prayer that covers all bases. As we study it we see it involves all four areas of Prayer some refer to as ACTS: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. It affirms our relationship to our Heavenly Father, giving Him power and dominion over all. It is a humbling experience, putting us totally in His hands, as we trust Him with all our needs and even our wants. With complete confidence we praise Him for His mercy and goodness to us before He answers. “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6).

With a better understanding of the Lord’s Prayer, we may find ourselves dwelling on different petitions (See Luther’s explanation in *Luther’s Small Catechism*) throughout the day or night, depending on our circumstances. As children of God we can pray any time, any place, anywhere and about anything!

But, does God really hear our prayers? **YES!**

“Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear” (Isaiah 65:24).

He loves to hear our praises! He patiently waits for our confessions! He lovingly responds to our requests. Through His Holy Word, He assures us that He hears our every prayer and is active in our lives, in every step of our journey. (See Psalms 50:15; 65:8; 136:1; Matthew 7:7-8; John 16:23; Luke 18:1; 1Thessalonians 5:17-18)

Even when we do not know what to pray, He hears our groans.

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans too deep for words” (Romans 8:26).

We know God hears our prayers! We are now convinced of that but we wonder ...

Can He or will He answer them?

Here lie the questions:

- ♦ “Why, when I pray, do my prayers seem to go to the ceiling and then fall flat?”
- ♦ “How long do I keep praying for the same thing if I’m not getting an answer?”
- ♦ “Where is God when I’m still hurting?”
- ♦ “Does He really care? If so, how will I know?”

The Bible supports God’s ability to answer our prayers, for God is the Almighty, Eternal King with everlasting power. (See Psalms 33:6; 103:2-3; 113:3-4; James 1:17; Ephesians 3:20-21; 1Timothy 1:17)

In both the Old and New Testaments there are examples of God answering the prayers of His people. (Moses – Exodus 15:24-25; Gideon – Judges 6:39-40; Elijah – 1Kings 18:37-38; Promises – Psalm 91:15, Isaiah 65:24; Early Church – Acts 4:31; Luke 11:9; John 15:7; Matthew 18:19)

However, the question of ‘how He answers *our* prayers’ often remains a mystery – without rhyme or reason to our limited understanding. And we ask,

- ♦ “**Why** does one child die and another live when they are both dearly loved and prayers have been lifted to

the throne of God for each?”

- ♦ “**Why do we wait** for years for God’s answer when we’ve been persistent in prayer?”

- ♦ “**Where are you, God**, when I can’t take anymore of this pain?”

- ♦ “**What difference** will prayer make?”

God does answer prayer, but not always as we would like. Until He answers, we continue to pray. Sometimes His answers can be found in the Bible. When the answer is **YES**, we are quick to praise and thank God. But when it is **NO** or **WAIT**, we may be saddened; nevertheless, we still can praise and thank Him. Having left our petitions at the throne of God, we entrust to His wisdom an answer according to His will for our lives. Only God knows what is best for our eternal salvation because **He sees the whole picture for our lives.**

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good” (Romans 8:28).

The apostle Paul prayed three times that God would take away the “thorn... in the flesh, a messenger of Satan sent to harass” him. But God answered, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:7-9).

Like Paul we can be encouraged to **accept His grace as an answer to prayer.** James talks about the many trials we face which will test our faith and develop perseverance in us. (James 3:1 ff) Only with God’s help can we overcome the trials in our lives, thereby learning to lean solely on Him. His *grace becomes sufficient* for us. Then like Paul, we can respond, “For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities. For when I am weak then I am strong” (2 Corinthians 12:10).

Throughout the centuries humanity has wrestled with the subject of unresolved pain. It clouds the sunniest

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day. It seems to be no respecter of persons. It tries to rob us of joy, peace and hope. At times even prayer may seem futile **but we know and trust God to strengthen us in our hour of need. He promises**, “No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it” (1 Corinthians 10: 13).

Imagine. We may be the very channels of love God has chosen to use in the midst of someone’s dilemma! God’s answer to his/her prayer could be to send us to share in the pain by being present as good listeners and comforters. (See Ephesians 4:2; Matthew 25:35-36)

Prayer cannot and should not be taken lightly. Its purpose in our lives is crucial. It draws us closer to God and His Word. It makes us more acutely aware of the needs of others, and also of our limited ability to exist on our own strength. May we glorify and honour our Lord Jesus Christ as we allow Him to work *His good will* through our lives as *His answer* to our prayer.

Action Suggestion

Encourage one another to pray. **Support** one another with prayer. **Assure** one another of God’s unfailing love and **show** His love to others. Some may find that developing a prayer book is helpful where prayers and responses can be recorded, giving added opportunity to praise and thank God in all circumstances. Those who are on a Prayer Chain may already be doing this.

Some helpful resources are:

Luther’s Small Catechism – The Lord’s Prayer;

Talking with God and So You Prayed For a Miracle (Lutheran Hour Ministries).

All Bible references are from ESV.

Irene Warpula
Christian Growth Committee

Resources

Bible Studies:

Follow Me – 2 pgs #5763

Down in the Valley – 2 pgs #C1996-02

Devotions:

Abba Father – 2 pgs #C2002-06

God’s Will or Ours – 2 pgs #C1995-10

Devotion on the Lord’s Prayer (Collection of Litanies) #51945

House Clean–Heart Clean – 2 pgs #5120

Dramas:

In the hurt and Hurry of Life...REST IN JESUS – 9 pgs C-06-19

Return to Give Thanks – 3 pgs #5875

Litanies:

I Will Praise – 2 pgs #C1994-05

Come Holy Spirit Come – 2 pgs #C2003PE-25

Retreats:

Let Go and Let God – 25 pgs #59007

Looking for Prayer Service materials?

In the latest edition of our American sisters’ LWML’s e-News it is stated that their 2008 Prayer Service is available for download at http://www.lwml.org/docs/Prayer_Service_2008.pdf. Like LWML–Canada materials, the Prayer Service will have been through doctrinal review. However, it may have to be amended to suit Canadian audiences.

Mission News – Grants at Work

CHRISTIAN MISSION – At the end of November a cheque for \$1,750 was mailed to Rev. Mark Hartburg, Assistant to the President, East District. The General Council of LWML–Canada approved this grant, taken from the Mission Opportunity Fund, to support a special vicarage for Peter Gatluak as he helps our church serve the Sudanese people in Canada. He will assist Nuer-speaking

communities in integrating into local congregations of Lutheran Church–Canada. This intercultural approach is of particular interest to members of LWML–Canada. Mr. Gatluak will serve his vicarage year at Prince of Peace, Burlington, Ontario.

New Mission Grant Proposals wanted

CHRISTIAN MISSION – LWML–Canada is searching for new mission grant proposals. The criteria and forms will be sent to the District Presidents to disseminate to Zones and Societies. Criteria and guidelines for putting together these proposals can be downloaded from the web site www.lutheranwomen.ca. Click on enter, then click on Grants in the navigation bar at the left on the home page. On the grants page information is under “Selection Criteria, “Project Submissions” in the navigation bar on the left.

Destination: Nicaragua

CHRISTIAN MISSION – November 6-16, 2008 are the dates for the planned mission trip to Nicaragua to encourage the deaconesses and congregational women in their faith and service to our Lord. There will be eight women going. Already some of our LWMLC members are expressing an interest. The team will be using the gifts God has given them. They may lead a Bible study, craft or family-oriented activities. They may share some parenting skills for the Christian home. If the women in Nicaragua wish to start a women’s organization, we would be honoured to share with them our purpose and structure. Deadline for application to be on the team is September 15, 2008. A \$100 deposit is necessary to reserve a place on the mission team. Trip participants will pay their own expenses. Details are available from Marilyn Witte at 780-457-1499 or slimwitte@hotmail.com.

Life's Lessons — Pass them on!

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT – It is a great idea for mature Christians (mature in faith and usually also mature in age), who are further along life's highway, to share advice with those just starting out on the Christian path, helping them in their Christian journey as a personal mentor. Not all mature Christians, however, feel comfortable sharing their insights in person. Instead, those of you who fit this category may feel more at ease serving as a mentor, providing personal guidance and direction, by writing down, in booklet form, some of the things you have learned that could be shared with the younger generation.

Where should one start? Perhaps the following advice will give you some ideas. Divide your advice into several categories, as is done here, to make it easier to use.

Faith and Your Relationship to God

- ♦ Be a dedicated Christian. Read your Bible. The world has many distractions but stay focused on Jesus and what He has done for you.
- ♦ Read daily Bible devotions. Listen to and sing Christian songs.
- ♦ Keep your Bible busy – at home; at Bible study classes; when you are away from home; at all times. Never forget all the blessings God's Word has given you.
- ♦ Keep your faith growing. Regularly partake of the Lord's Supper. Pray continuously.

Church

- ♦ Don't forget your church. On Sunday morning don't sleep in. Get up!
- ♦ Attend church regularly. It is important to be in God's house every Sunday with fellow Christians.
- ♦ Be active in church work and witnessing. Participate.
- ♦ Keep your eyes on the cross.
- ♦ After marriage, stay faithful and bring your family to church. Go!

Education

- ♦ Get as much education as possible. It can never be taken away from you.

- ♦ Stay in school. It is your future.
- ♦ Finish all assignments. Turn them in.
- ♦ Do all your research. If you fail, learn from your mistakes and try again.
- ♦ The opportunity to learn does not always happen in a formal school setting. We can learn from those around us. Be open to all avenues that increase your basic knowledge.
- ♦ Stick to it!

Work

- ♦ Dedicate yourself to doing the best job and always work hard.
- ♦ Show up for work on time. Be dependable. You will be rewarded.
- ♦ Wake each day eager to fulfill your duty to God, family and community.
- ♦ No matter if it's paid or volunteer work, do it in service to the Lord.
- ♦ Make Christ your partner in any work you do. Share your wages in the Lord's work.

Dress and Appearance

- ♦ Look your best. Even though you cannot afford expensive clothing, be neat.
- ♦ Your dress should reflect you. The first way others form an opinion of you is by your appearance and conversation.
- ♦ Always dress in an appropriate manner in reverence to God.
- ♦ Modesty is the key word.

Dating and Marriage

- ♦ It is important to date and marry a person of your own faith; otherwise problems could result in the future.
- ♦ Pray about your relationships and keep them Christ-centred.
- ♦ Remember, your body is a temple in which the Lord lives.
- ♦ Save yourself for your spouse.
- ♦ Ask yourself: "Do I really care for this person? Is this person ready to share my faith? Does this person respect my church? Does this person respect both my family and me? Does this person get along with other people?"

Family and Parents

- ♦ Your family and parents are most important. Your family wants the best

for you. Listen to their advice. Many youth get in trouble when they rebel and go against their parents' advice and instructions. Respect your parents and obey them. You may not be able to make sound judgments now but your parents can make them for you – for your sake!

- ♦ Be kind to brothers and sisters. Remember, you will all grow up and it's really nice to be friends with your siblings. It makes for happy times.

♦ A loving relationship between family members will develop if there is respect for God and for each other.

Life in General

- ♦ As a young person, you may think you'll live forever, but actually life is short. Live every day to the fullest. Start and end each day with prayer and devotion. Do not be distracted by the world, but remember *you are a child of God*, and live accordingly.
- ♦ Look for the best in people.
- ♦ Always look to the Lord and the Word for help and advice.
- ♦ Include and acknowledge God in all you do.
- ♦ Tell people you love how much they mean to you.

By sharing your comments, you give our youth the collective wisdom of hundreds of years of Christian life and experience. It is mentoring on a big scale, in a form always available to those who will read and heed it. You will be amazed how closely your comments parallel the Bible in many ways.

The positive comments and response of people will meet a desired goal of helping God's people in their daily walk with the Lord. That is what Christian mentoring is all about – however we do it.

Arlene Kish
VP, Member Development

April is Sales month at the LWMLC Resource Centre!

Look for advertising flyers with your orders and on the LWML-Canada web site www.lutheranwomen.ca



WIMSEE Bear Travel Agency

Hi! My name is WIMSEE

I'm the cute little Blue Bear you see at conventions
And I love to travel and so do all my cousins.
That's why we've started our own Travel Agency.
There are 596 of us just waiting to be adopted
So we can do ministry for the Lord.

I know there are all kinds of children and perhaps a few
adults, too who need our love.

50 of our cousins went to The Rock in Edmonton.
50 got to travel to La Ronge in Northern Saskatchewan.
100 went to Guatemala

And 25 more journeyed to Cambodia.

They were all so excited about their destinations
And the children they would meet.

How Can You Help?

Put us on your Society's agenda!

Is there a local mission or an overseas destination
Who could use a cute little bear to bring Hope and Love?
Contact our home at the LWML-Canada Resource Centre in Winnipeg
with your ideas.

Encourage our adoption in your Society:

Only \$6.00 for each Bear.

And for every bear you adopt, LWML-Canada will send

One of our cousins for company.

A true 2 for 1 special!

No Adoption - No Travel

Please, we NEED your help

It's no fun sitting on a shelf!

Clara Zirk

Communication Committee

Get it from the Store!

❑ Thinking about Easter? LWMLC has colouring pages for children, featuring the events of Holy Week. Buy some for the *quiet room* at your church, for your own children or for your grandchildren.

❑ *Teen Speak 2* is available – a great gift for confirmation and graduation; something special from your LWML-Canada society!

❑ Want to put more drama into your society? *In Search of Total Confidence* is a new program help.

Order from the LWMLC-Resource Centre,
1-888-596-5226
orders@lutheranwomen.ca

Service Opportunities

CHRISTIAN MISSION – It is always a good time to order a consignment of beautiful tableclothes, placemats, jewelry, carved boxes, and other assorted merchandise from “Four Corners”. The items are made by

artisans from poor countries around the world. The items can be sold at zone rallies or in your local church or village market/shopping mall. CLWR makes up the boxes and sends them to you at their cost. What you don't sell you can send back, but you pay the postage. Contact Bruce Rose at “Four Corners”, CLWR 1-800-661-2597.

Speakers for your Programs

CHRISTIAN MISSION – If you need speakers for your retreat, rally or gatherings, consider someone from the Listed Service Organizations of LCC. If you live in Toronto, Janice Drews who works with immigrants for CLWR, can be reached at 1-416-962-9747. She also can bring items from “Four Corners” for your viewing.

Lutheran Bible Translators Missionaries Joan and Martin Weber available for speaking engagements. Just call the LBT office 1-866-518-7071 or e-mail at info@lbt.ca.

News from LWMLC

The Vicars come to Dinner

PUBLICITY – Each year LWML-Canada, with the assistance of the districts and local societies, hosts a dinner for those seminary students going on vicarage. The dinner for students from St. Catharines will be held in Hamilton on March 28. The date and place of the dinner for Edmonton students have not been set at the time of this writing.

The purpose of the dinners is to help these young men get to know about our organization and to encourage them (and their wives if they are married) to participate in the local LWMLC society and zone where they are placed. If your congregation receives a vicar, we encourage you to find ways to help them learn more about LWML-Canada and our passion for mission, especially at the local level.

Tapestry seeks more news

PUBLICITY – One way to strengthen our organization is through sharing. What does being in mission look like in your society or zone? We would like to be able to share photos and news items from all of our districts. To assist in such newsgathering we have asked Diane Dennis of Cupar, Sask. to serve. She will be keeping an eye on what is sent in and, where there are gaps, seeking out stories from those areas. Zone presidents have been asked to keep an eye out for news items.

Photos are a great way to tell the story. A photo and a good caption may be all that is needed. Remember that good news reporting answers the who, what, when, why, where and how questions.

News may be sent to Diane at dennis4@sasktel.net, Box 427, Cupar, SK S0G 0Y0 or to Marion at tapestry@lutheranwomen.ca, 2816 Calder Avenue, Saskatoon, SK S7J 1W1.

How are we doing?

PUBLICITY – Three years can be a long time to wait for a report from the

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leaders you elected on how we are doing as an organization. A progress report is being assembled and will be sent to all societies and zones and districts, via their presidents. It should arrive in late February. If your copy doesn't arrive, please contact the LWML-Canada PR Director at publicrelations@lutheranwomen.ca or 306-343-7396 or 2816 Calder Avenue, Saskatoon, SK, S7J 1W1.

LWML-Canada Update

PUBLICITY – This e-mail news service helps keep our members and others up-to-date on what is happening in the organization. It is open to anyone who has e-mail. Ensure that your society members and others in your

congregation know about it. They may subscribe at <http://mail.tdkcs.ca/mail/info/lwml.canada> or by e-mailing the Public Relations Director at publicrelation@lutheranwomen.ca.

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they would like to order gift subscriptions.

Although the date for receiving renewals and new subscriptions is April 30, the Summer issue (arrives in May/June) is still part of the 2007-2008 year.

In particular, for new subscriptions, consider ordering the Summer issue for them (\$1.75 each for bulk orders, \$2.50 for individual) in addition to subscribing for the following year.

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