



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

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*North Dakota District
Lutheran Laymen's League
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CALENDAR of EVENTS

May 27-31 - [Disaster Response](#) work week in Northwood, ND

June 1st - [Outreach Event](#) - Great Bend & Fairmont, ND

September 6th - [District Meeting](#) - Gwinner, ND @ 10:30 AM

September 21st - [Outreach Event](#) - Hazen, ND

October 12th - [Outreach Event](#) - Upham, ND

November 6th-8th - [Heartland Conference](#) - Mahoney State Park, Ashland, NE

July 24-27, 2008 - [International LLL Convention](#) - Lexington, Kentucky

Dec 6th - [District Meeting](#) - TBA

CONTACT US

Please visit our newly updated website for more information at www.ndlll.org

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KENYA

North Dakota District LLL is sponsoring Kenya by prayers and dollars. John Maina is LHM Manager in Kenya. He and his family are in need of prayer as the country is in strife. Here is his email to contact him with words of encouragement:
mainajohn2001@yahoo.com

VALLEY CITY WINTER SHOW BOOTH REPORT

The Winter Show Fair Booth was set up on Friday, March 7 in the South Exhibit Building. It was open from noon to 6pm. Saturday, March 8 from 9am to 6pm and Sunday, March 9 from 9am to until 5pm. Approximately 300 Project Connect Booklets, women's and men's prayer books, children's story books and coloring books, along with balloons, bookmarks, and other items were handed out. Liability insurance was required from LHM this year for the first time by the Winter Show Association. Drawings were held for Dr. Hoffman's book "What More is There to Say, but Amen", for the adults and for the children there were Puzzle Club videos. Volunteers helping to man the booth were Harold and Avonne Gessner, Leroy Seidschlag, Greg and Sue Seidschlag, Earl Podoll, Don Brandenburg, David Krenz, and Bill and Nikki Rahlf.

Many thanks go to these volunteers who helped!

The material left will be taken to the ND District LWML Convention being held in Fargo in June.

PARTY ON THE PRAIRIE

The North Dakota District LLL had another Party on the Prairie at the Brandenburg's in Edgeley, ND on May 15-16th. There was a good sized group that roofed one building about 40x70 in size and also did some clean up work around the site. The proceeds raised will be used as follows: The first \$1000 will be used to sponsor the website www.faithmoments.com which is a nonprofit, internet-based service and resource ministry providing encouragement and materials to actively integrate Christian faith-building opportunities into every family schedule, for one week. Any monies raised over \$1000 will be sent to the Sam Freeman Ministry in Liberia.

UPDATE ON SAM FREEMAN

As you may recall, I contacted most all of you with some info asking you to contact N. Dakota Senator Kent Conrad's office in Washington to ask the Senator for assistance in getting Sam released and returned to Liberia. Yesterday (May 23.08) I received a letter from Sam stating that he was, without previous notice, hurriedly called before a newly assigned Judge, who reduced the original charge and stated that upon a review of the case, Sam could be expecting a release and return to Liberia on June 15th. Although this is encouraging, we need to pray it becomes a reality.

North Dakota Orphan Grain Train Division Chair, Harold Gessner

NORTH DAKOTA LLL DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

The North Dakota LLL has a Disaster Response team to reach out to needy victims from natural disasters. This team has worked in Florida, Louisiana, and Minnesota, as well as North Dakota. If you have an interest, or know of someone who may be interested, in being on an e-mail list to receive updated information about what they are doing, where needs may be, or where they are going, please e-mail Kirk Rosin @ krosin@juno.com or call 701-347-5279.

LLL DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM REQUESTED TO HELP IN NORTHWOOD

The LLL Disaster Response has received a request from Lutheran Disaster Response for assistance in recovery efforts from the tornado that ripped through Northwood, North Dakota last summer. We received word from Joan Buchhop that there are a number of homeowners that still need assistance. These are elderly, widows, and other less fortunate individuals, who did not have enough insurance to cover their losses to rebuild, and don't have the resources to complete the rebuilding. Work possibilities are one roof, some extensive residing, some patching of siding and roofs, repairing windows, replacing windows, screen doors and doors, painting, plus other miscellaneous projects. If this is something that you think you would like to be a part of, assisting these needy people, please contact Kirk Rosin at krosin@juno.com or call 701-347-5279 to find out more information. Please share this with others within your congregation.

DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM GOES TO SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA

Three members of the North Dakota Disaster Response team went to Winona, Minnesota April 16th to the 20th to help flood victims from last August's floods. Working with needy people in the Minnesota City and Goodview area, they did taping and texturing and, when it wasn't raining, roofing. It was a good experience, sharing with people in need.

DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM GOES TO FLORIDA

The North Dakota District Lutheran Laymen's League Disaster Response Team traveled to Clewiston, Florida to provide assistance to people suffering hurricane damage caused by Hurricane Wilma in 2005.

A group of 7 people; Glenn and Gary Bethke-Immanuel-Grand Forks, Paul Mindemen-Bethel-Bismarck, Merlin Mindemen-Peace-Barney, Bob and Janet Bauer-Redeemer- Dickinson, and Jerry Hatlestad-Harwood; spent March 8 to March 14 working on various projects. The work projects were arranged through Lutheran Disaster Relief and the Clewiston Community Rebuilding Ecumenical Workforce.

The group was provided housing in a Baptist Church in Clewiston. They also had the use of the kitchen in the church and were able to prepare many of their own meals. Again work was done through Lutheran Disaster Relief.

As in past years, this trip provided a golden opportunity to witness the love of Christ to others.



For more pictures of this trip and others, check out our website at www.ndlll.org/mission_work.php

BUS INFORMATION TO INT'L CONVENTION

The North Dakota LLL will once again be taking the bus to the International Convention, this year in Lexington, Kentucky. The bus will be leaving July 22nd, stopping overnight in Illinois.

July 23rd we will continue to make our way to Lexington, stopping in Cincinnati at the Creation Museum for the afternoon. The bus will leave Lexington on Saturday, July 26th, stopping overnight, and then returning to Fargo on July 27th.

The North Dakota LLL is again offering free transportation on the bus to anyone from North Dakota desiring to attend the International Convention.

If you would like more information, or to reserve a space on the bus, please contact Kirk Rosin at krosin@juno.com or call 701-347-5279.

YOUNG ADULT FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FOR CONVENTION

The North Dakota LLL has established a scholarship fund for some fortunate family to attend the International LLL Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, July 23rd to the 27th. This is open to any young adult family that is a member of an LCMS church in North Dakota. This is an all expense paid trip to the International Convention in Lexington. Those 35 and under are considered to be young adults. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Bob Bauer at jrbauer@ndsupernet.com or call 701-483-4305. You may also nominate a young adult family that you know for this scholarship. Please send the name and information to Bob Bauer. With the high cost of gas, this would be a great opportunity for some young, Christian family from your church to enjoy a vacation this summer and have their spiritual life recharged.



INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE CONVENTION

The 91st Convention of the International Lutheran Laymen's League will be held in Lexington, Kentucky July 24 – July 28, 2008. It promises to be a great time of worship and fellowship under the theme of "Live by the Spirit," (Galatians 5:16). As we live by the Spirit, our fruits will be love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and other good fruits.

There will be a Lutheran Hour rally on Saturday July 26, Reverend Ken Klaus regular speaker of the Lutheran Hour will be the preacher. Reverend Gerald Kieschnick, President of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, will preach the Opening Worship on Thursday. Two time Kentucky Derby winning jockey Pat Day will talk about how the Holy Spirit works through imperfect people like himself and how his life was turned around by God's grace through hearing the Gospel message at the Friday Noon Luncheon. Pastor Ken Klaus will lead a Men's Mini Retreat about Launch of Powerful Men's Ministry. A Women's Mini Retreat about God "Lightening" Our Load will be led Phyllis Wallace, host of the nationally syndicated radio talk show Women to Women. The Reverend Mark Muenchow, the pastoral advisor for the International Lutheran Laymen's League, will lead the Bible studies during the convention. There will also be 5 Outreach Workshops as follows:

- (1) Expanding Lutheran Hour Ministries through New Donors by Molly Taylor, Lutheran Hour Ministries Director of Ministry Support.
- (2) Parenting Families: From Me to We by The Reverend David Ludwig.
- (3) What's Happening in U. S. Ministries by Bruce Wurdenman, Director and Dave Dawson, Assistant Director, U. S. Ministries.
- (4) Making a Difference Against the Odds by Mar Lay, Director of Lutheran Hour Ministries – Myanmar (Burma)
- (5) Opportunities Abound --- Get Involved! by The Reverend C. David, Director Lutheran Hour Ministries – India.

Business activities at this convention are limited to the election of officers and members of the Board of Directors. There may also be a limited number of resolutions that need to be acted upon.

The convention is a great opportunity to spend time with fellow Christians in fellowship Praising and Glorifying our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Registration forms are available on line at www.lhm.org/convention. If you would like to register by hard copy and need a registration form, please contact Bob Bauer at (701) 483-4305.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE MISSION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The North Dakota Lutheran Laymen's League has set up a Mission Scholarship Program to help promote interest in their mission program, which may include mission trips to Mexico, Disaster Relief trips to aid people in time of disasters, and Global Work and Witness Trips. The Scholarship will be available to any Lutheran Laymen's League member (in North Dakota all members, men and women, of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod are considered members of the Lutheran Laymen's League) between the age of 18 and 35. After receiving the nomination (nominations may be made by anyone, and you may nominate yourself), a committee of the North Dakota District of the Lutheran Laymen's League will send an application to the nominee for the individual to complete. Nominations may be submitted to Robert Bauer, 927 Elm Avenue, Dickinson, ND or emailed to jrbauer@ndsupernet.com or submitted online at www.ndlll.org/missionscholarship.php.

2009 NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LLL CONVENTION

The 2009 North Dakota District Lutheran Laymen's Convention will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks on February 13 – 14, 2009. It promises to be a great time of worship and fellowship under the theme of "Live by the Spirit," (Galatians 5:16). As we live by the Spirit, our fruits will be love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and other good fruits. The program and schedule will be developed this summer and printed in the fall newsletter. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.



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