



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

People Of Christ With A Message Of Hope

*North Dakota District
Lutheran Laymen's League
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**2009 NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT
CONVENTION**
"Live By The Spirit"

February 20-22, 2009
**Registration begins Friday at
4:00pm at Immanuel Lutheran
Grand Forks, ND**

REGISTRATION COSTS

Before February 15, 2009	\$ 20.00
After February 15, 2009	\$ 25.00
Breakout Sessions Only	\$ 5.00
Under 25 Years of Age	Free
Saturday Banquet	\$ 12.00
Saturday Lunch	\$ 5.00

Lodging is on your own. Rooms have been blocked at the Guest House International, 710 1st Avenue North, Grand Forks, ND. Room rates are \$71 plus tax for 1 queen, \$81 plus tax for 1 king, and \$89 plus tax for 2 queens. Call (701) 746-5411.
(THESE ROOMS WILL BE HELD ONLY UNTIL JANUARY 20th AT THIS RATE) When reserving a room, state that you are with the ND LLL CONVENTION.

The North Dakota District Lutheran Laymen's League Convention will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grand Forks on February 20-21, 2009. The theme of the convention is "Live By The Spirit" from Galatians 5:16. Special Guest and Banquet Speaker is Bruce Wurdemann, Director of US Ministries of Lutheran Hour Ministries.

The Saturday afternoon session will emphasize the importance of Disaster Response. There will be three breakout sessions with individuals being able to select from 5 different presentations. The 5 presentations are: Disaster Preparedness – Rev. Glenn Merritt, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, or representative; How Faith Helps in Time of Disaster – Panel Discussion; People Working in Disaster Areas – Mrs. Cindi Trahms, Minnesota South District Orphan Grain Train; Involving Youth in Disaster Work – Mr. Dallas Rosin, Director of Christian Education, Concordia Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND; and Ablaze and Outreach – Mrs. Carol Borchers, Director of Outreach and Mission, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN.

Registration begins at 4:00pm on **Friday**, February 20th. At 6:30 pm there will be a presentation on Orphan Grain Train Opportunities in China by Mr. Harold Gessner, Director of the ND Orphan Grain Train and Mr. Kirk Rosin, Chairman of the ND District LLL Disaster Response Team. The opening Worship Service will be at 8:00 pm followed by fellowship at 9:00 pm.

Saturday morning session will begin at 8:30 am with Devotions and Bible Study led by Pastor Al Werth, District LLL Pastoral Advisor. The rest of Saturday morning will be devoted to a business meeting. Saturday afternoon will be devoted to the breakout sessions. Saturday activities conclude with a banquet at 6:30 pm.

Sunday activities include Worship Services at Immanuel at 8:30 and 11:00 am, Bible Study led by Bruce Wurdemann at 9:45 am, and a pot luck dinner after the 11:00 am service.

You are invited to join the LLL for the entire convention or for whatever part you desire.

The information on registration and lodging is for you to use to pre-register. The Registration sheet is on page 3 of the newsletter.

MEN'S NETWORK *It's here...*

As part of its outreach toward men inside and outside the church, Lutheran Hour Ministries' Men's NetWork is introducing a blog for guys to read and react to. Visit <http://mnmanstuff.blogspot> where readers are invited to comment on topics ranging from the importance of male leadership to differences between being a nice guy and a good guy. Along the way, we'll even tackle the perpetual riddle of what do women really want. Check it out; post a comment; tell us what you think - it's all about having a conversation. For more information visit: <http://www.lhmmensnetwork.org/>

NORTH DAKOTA WINTER SHOW

The LLL is continuing to man and supply an outreach booth at the North Dakota Winter Show in Valley City. This has been done for over 10 years and will again, be done this year on March 6-8, 2009.

Materials are purchased from the Lutheran Laymen's League and distributed to those visiting the booth during these fair days. The materials from Project Connect are very appealing to the public that attends this event. We also purchase children's religious material to hand out. These go very well.

We have sign-up slips that are collected each day and then a drawing is held for some special item. This year we gave 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, Bill and Nikki Rahlf. Many thanks go to the volunteers who helped!

This year the material that was left was also taken to a booth at the ND District LWML Convention in Fargo.

Working at the booth is not hard and anyone having time to share an hour or so will find it very rewarding. People love to visit and will pick up several brochures as you talk with them.

If you are interested in helping please see Bill Rahlf or sign up on the sheet that will be available here at the Convention.

Bill Rahlf

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 e-mailed to irbauer@ndsupernet.com. The next scheduled trip is to Mexico at the end of January.



Newest Radio Program from Lutheran Hour Ministries! You can listen to [Woman to](#)

[Woman](#) on these stations:

- Mayville, ND KMAV RADIO Sunday 7:00 AM 1520 AM AND 105.5 FM

NORTH DAKOTA LLL DISASTER RESPONSE TO HURRICANE IKE
A group of five went to Houston, Texas, to work on disaster response to Hurricane Ike. The group was in Texas December 8th to the 14th. They worked on houses on the island of Galveston. Most of the work that was done was tearing out and sanitizing homes that had been flooded by Hurricane Ike. One of the more interesting homes that they worked on was the home of a 100 year old lady, Ms. Ruby, that had lived there in Galveston all her life. While they were there, they took some time to take in the NASA Space Center, which was next to the church they worked out of in Houston. All in all, it was a very good trip, having the opportunity to work through the church to help many people that were not able to help themselves.

Kirk Rosin, North Dakota LLL Disaster Response Coordinator

CALENDAR of EVENTS

- March 6-8 2009 - ND Winter Show - Valley City
- February 20-22 2009 - District Convention - Grand Forks
- July 16-19 2009 - [International Convention](#) - Greensboro, NC

Please visit our newly updated website for more information at www.ndlll.org or Email: nddill@gmail.com

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

BREAKOUT SESSION
 PREFERENCE

Each person will be able to attend 3 of the breakout sessions. Please select your preference by numbering 1-3 from the following:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Registration	_____	\$ _____
Banquet	_____	\$ _____
Lunch	_____	\$ _____
Total		\$ _____

- ___ Rev. Glenn Merritt
- ___ Panel Discussion
- ___ Mrs. Cindi Jo Trahms
- ___ Mr. Dallas Rosin
- ___ Mrs. Carol Borchers

Send Registration to:
Janet Bauer
927 Elm Avenue
Dickinson, ND 58601-6231

Make checks payable to:
North Dakota District LLL



It's never too early... To start planning for the 2009 Convention in Greensboro, NC. Registration is \$95. Visit www.ndlll.org to get the

Registration Form.



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YOUNG FAMILY CONVENTION SCHOLARSHIP

The North Dakota District LLL Board of Directors has established a Young Family Scholarship Program to attend the International Convention. The next convention will be held on July 16 – 19 in Greensboro, NC.

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship you must be

1. 35 years old or younger
2. a member of a LCMS congregation in North Dakota
3. have never attended a previous International Convention.

If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested contact Robert Bauer, 927 Elm Avenue, Dickinson, ND or e-mailed to jrbauer@ndsupernet.com.



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