



## North Dakota District LLL

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### North Dakota ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN REPORT

We continue to work out of our warehouse in Bottineau each week as used clothing arrives and we have an average of eight to ten volunteers each Friday. We do receive school supplies, quilts, medical supplies, Bibles and other Christian literature.

Last November we drove a load from our warehouse to Norfolk to be shipped to Haiti. Also in Nov. we sent a container to Liberia, Africa and then in 2011 a container was sent to Nicaragua where a member of our congregation together with a group from the West Fargo Mission Society spent some time at the mission in Nicaragua amid the poorest of the poor doing some mission projects and worked on the OGT warehouse.

We are doing some deliveries at Tokio, ND on the Spirit Lake Reservation and are planning for some further outreach for our church there.

This past May we joined our LLL friends at their convention in Great Falls and bounced across some horse trails to get there. They graciously filled our Bus for our return. We blew out two tires before we got home, even so, the Lord granted us a safe trip.

This year the elements have provided us with many challenges. Our complete State has been inundated with water. Our Cities were flooded and thousands of homes destroyed. The containers delivered by OGT-Norfolk to Minot were so much appreciated. We fed volunteers a couple of different times. Soon the winter will be coming on and I am not sure where all the people will live. FEMA is setting up a village of trailer homes to alleviate the problem.

The past year we have been very successful with the "Thrivent Choice" program. Many Thrivent members have donated their funds to our North Dakota Branch and we are extremely thankful for their generosity. In addition to other funding, this program has helped our Branch financially!

Our longest standing project in Liberia, Africa also has been saturated with water. Rev Sam Freeman told us that 15 inches of rain fell on the roof of the Christian Day School and it is badly in need of repair and also the city of Monrovia. And so life goes on.

September 24<sup>th</sup> the ND OGT loaded a 53' semi trailer to be delivered to the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission School at Rock Point, Arizona. 7 volunteers from Americorps volunteered their time to help us load 1438 boxes consisting of Used Women's, Men's & Children's clothing, Winter Coats and Quilts. They also helped us pick up 53 school desks and 15 stackable chairs donated by First Lutheran Church, Minot.

***"Thank you Lord" as we press forward! - Harold Gessner, Chairman***

### Upcoming Events

Nov 4-5, 2011 - [REGIONAL OUTREACH CONFERENCE](#) - Colorado Springs, CO

Nov 11-12, 2011 - [Prison Ministry](#) - New England, ND

Nov 18-19, 2011 - [Prison Ministry](#) - Bismarck, ND

Dec 1, 2011 - District Officers Mtg - Conference Call - 7pm

Dec 2-3, 2011 - [Prison Ministry](#) - Jamestown, ND

Dec 3, 10, 17 2011 - [Petal Pushers Detail Days](#) - Pasadena, CA

Dec 26, 2011 - Jan 1, 2012 - [Petal Pushers Decorating Days](#) - Pasadena, CA

Jan 6-7, 2012 - [Men's Retreat](#) - Shepherd's Hill

Jan 13-14, 2012 - [REGIONAL OUTREACH CONFERENCE](#) - Orlando, FL

March 24, 2012 - District Officers Mtg - 10am @ Jamestown

June 16, 2012 - District Officers Mtg - 10am @ Jamestown

Oct 26-27, 2012 - [NDLLL District Convention](#) - Immanuel Lutheran - Wahpeton, ND

## Petal Pushers

In sunny Southern California, 4,000 Petal Pusher volunteers are needed this year to decorate floats in the 2012 Tournament of Roses Parade, including the Lutheran Hour Ministries float (<http://www.petalpushers.org/2012/float/>.)

Wonderful witness opportunities will exist when tens of thousands of folks are in the vicinity of the Rose Palace and Rosemont Pavilion in Pasadena between Christmas and New Years. This is at the time of decorating the Tournament of Roses Parade Floats, including the Lutheran Hour Ministries Float <http://www.petalpushers.org/2012/float/>. Updated posters will introduce our new Lutheran Hour Speaker, Pastor Seltz, who is also a float rider this year.

Would you please consider participating and also publicize this opportunity by forwarding this message? Volunteers will receive a Family Pass to the [Behind the Scenes Party](#) on Friday 12/30. Decorating starts on Saturday December 3rd 2011 and continues through Sunday January 1st 2012, when final judging will take place. Please note here <http://www.petalpushers.org/cgi/res> that slots are available for volunteer sign ups.

Please do keep this project in your prayers, as we undertake our mission to provide a Christian witness and the message of hope in Jesus Christ, to the unchurched, who view the float in person or through other media.

Please RSVP to:

Lou Marting [lmarting@cox.net](mailto:lmarting@cox.net)  
[949-770-8420](tel:949-770-8420) [818-404-6447](tel:818-404-6447).

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Be sure to check out the encouraging reports from the Regional Outreach Conferences at <http://www.lhm.org/roc/newsroom.asp>



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**ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS** - Those who are 70 1/2 years of age must take out a certain amount of \$ from their I.R.A.'s required by law & taxes must be paid. However, this tax can be avoided if a person donates directly to his or her charity to get full benefit of their \$'s.

Those interested should contact their Thrivent agent to get the full details of this venture. This must be completed before the end of calendar year, so now is the time to talk to your Thrivent agent.

## Men's Winter Retreat

Attention Men -- January 6-7, 2012 is the date set for our Annual Men's Winter Retreat. It will be held at the beautiful Shepherd's Hill at the Cross Roads, St. John, ND. Our presenter will be Mr. Kirk Rosin, a member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo. He is active in the ministry of St. Andrew, as well as in our ND District. He is past President of the North Dakota Lutheran Laymen's League and has served in various capacities in the National Lutheran Laymen's League. His presentation will focus on enhancing and enriching Bible studies, especially directed towards men's ministry. He will present materials developed by Lutheran Hour Ministries' Men's Network. A wide variety of studies have been written and more are being added as time goes on. Come and enjoy all the features of a good retreat experience. More details will be forthcoming.

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## NORTH DAKOTA LLL DISASTER RESPONSE

This Spring was an extremely wet season for North Dakota. There has been flooding in many places. There is still work to be done in Bismarck and other rural locations, but the area that was especially hit hard was the Minot area. The LLL Disaster Response is willing to go wherever there may be a need and members are interested in assisting. The largest need at this time is in the Minot area. We have had LLL teams going to Minot to help out. There are three LCMS churches in Minot. Only St. Mark's received some water in their basement, and that appears to be under control. We figure there were over 200 LCMS families in Minot that were directly affected by the flood. The flooding was very serious in Minot. At this time, the majority of homes have been mucked out and gutted. There is still some of this work to be done. There is also sanitizing that is being completed to get rid of all the mold and muck left from the flooding. Many people are planning to not rebuild until they see what next Spring brings. However, these homes will still need to be prepared for the coming winter. This work will most likely have to be completed within the next six weeks. If these homes are left and they freeze up, there could be so much damage, they would become unrepairable. Some people on the outer edges have begun the process of attempting to rebuild. If you or a group of people are interested in helping out, please contact Kirk Rosin, head of North Dakota LLL Disaster Response, at [krosin@juno.com](mailto:krosin@juno.com) or call [701-347-5279](tel:701-347-5279). There is a lot of work to do yet in Minot. The estimate is that it will take approximately two years for them to get things back to normal again.

## North Dakota District Officers

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## KENYA

Continue to keep Kenya and LHM in your prayers and giving financially to help the ministry! God is doing awesome things over there. Check out their blog to read updates:

<http://www.nurulhm.blogspot.com/>

Visit our  
 website at  
[www.ndlll.org](http://www.ndlll.org)

## 2012 CONVENTIONS

### DISTRICT

Please note that the annual district convention has been moved from February 2012 to **October 26-27, 2012. It will be held in Wahpeton, ND at Immanuel Lutheran Church.**

### INTERNATIONAL

**94th International Convention**  
**International Lutheran**  
**Laymen's League**  
**July 26-28, 2012 • TCU**  
**Place Convention Centre**  
**• Saskatoon,**  
**Saskatchewan (Canada)**



Mark your calendars now for the 2012 International Convention of the International Lutheran Laymen's League, which will be held July 26-28, 2012 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. In addition to having more hours of sunshine annually than any other major Canadian city, Saskatoon is a city infused by a lively ambiance, friendly hospitality and rich, diverse cultural experiences.

### **YOUNG FAMILY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION SCHOLARSHIP**

The North Dakota District LLL Board of Directors has established a Young Family Scholarship Program to attend the **International Convention**. Passports will be necessary.

**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 Dallas Rosin, 222 4th Ave Montpelier, ND or e-mail to [dallas.rosin@cune.org](mailto:dallas.rosin@cune.org).

## Two new studies from Men's Network



### Ned Jarrett Never Rode Alone (Profiles Beyond the Spotlight Series)

By: [Chris Schneider](#)

For those in the public eye living as a Christian is tough enough. Add to that the adrenalized lifestyle of professional sports car racing and staying grounded in one's faith would seem a near impossibility. This was not the case with veteran NASCAR driver Ned Jarrett, a multiple race winner and 2011 inductee into the NASCAR Hall of Fame. His secret: God rode alongside him in every race.

In this single-session Men's NetWork Bible study, Ned Jarrett speaks with Chris Schneider, sports director and morning drive anchor of 1080 KRLD in Dallas, Texas. Along the way, Jarrett recounts the early days of his life when his racing involvement was just beginning and the influence his father had on him and his life in general.



### Fatherhood - with Joel Biermann

By: [Dr. Joel D. Biermann](#)

Fatherhood is more than providing half the genetic material at conception; it's being there for the long haul. In *Fatherhood with Joel Biermann* the Concordia Seminary professor and dad relates how being a father is a demanding pursuit with a heavenly goal-raising kids who know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Few things in life can be more intimidating than taking on the role of fatherhood. Whether it's a planned event or one of life's little *surprises* it demands our full attention and a commitment to put our all into it. This Men's NetWork Bible study addresses the challenges in being loving and Christ-like fathers to our families, especially in a society that frequently portrays dads as buffoons and ill-equipped to care for themselves, much less their kids.

For more information visit:

<http://www.lhmmen.com/studies.asp>



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