

## Woman to Woman: Sharing the Love of God

~A Look at the Rapid Waters Zone Spring Rally~



Women of the Rapid Waters Zone gathered at Mount Calvary in Greenville on April 16th for the Spring Rally, with a theme of "Woman to Woman: Sharing the Love of God."

Gen Abrams, Rapid Waters Zone Co- chairman, led a Bible study entitled "GO TELL IT! A Bible Study on Witnessing" and women were encouraged to write and share their own personal testimony.

Dee Veitengruber and Norma Carey were the featured presenters and shared information, stories and pictures of their Michigan District LWML/MOST Mission trip to Guatemala last November. Dee and Norma gave us a great snapshot of what it is like to go on a mission trip, with Dee having been on six trips and Norma sharing her first time experience. Both ladies have been active with the LWML for many years, Dee currently serves as the Michigan District Vice President of Caring Ministry.

Throughout the morning, names were drawn for door prizes with many of the attendees taking home a small gift. Following a brief business meeting, lunch was served by our gracious hostesses, the ladies of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Women's Society and desserts were provided by the Holy Cross Ladies Society. It was a wonderful morning of shared blessings for all in attendance!



Pastor Jeff Wilhelm, Zone Pastoral Counselor,  
addresses the group



"Go Tell It! A Bible study on Witnessing" was  
presented by Gen Abrams, Rapid Waters Zone Co-Chair

And He said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." *Matthew 4:19 (NIV)*

## Greetings from the Caring Ministry Committee of the Michigan District LWML!

The Caring Ministry Committee is sponsoring an In-State Mission Trip, July 25-29, 2011 in cooperation with the Lutheran Child and Family Services of Michigan.

The In-State Mission Trip will take place at three sites of LCFS: Bay City, Farmington Hills and Grand Rapids. The plan for Grand Rapids is to provide a simple meal (lunch) and work with the children while the parents are attending a class. In working with the children we would have a VBS-type schedule which includes Bible stories, crafts, music, etc. The event will be held at several locations in the Grand Rapids area.

Please promote this special event with your society and congregation in "Picturing the Possibilities" of sharing the love of Jesus. The event will take place  
Tuesday, July 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,  
Wednesday, July 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,  
Thursday, July 28, from 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and  
Friday, July 29, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. You can register for one day or four days and the cost is \$30.00 a day .  
To register or for more information, please contact Dee Veitengruber, Vice President of Caring Ministry, Michigan District LWML at (616)754-1853 or email at [dee.veitengruber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dee.veitengruber@sbcglobal.net).



Have you been to the  
Michigan District LWML Website?  
[www.mi-lwml.org](http://www.mi-lwml.org)

Serve the  
Lord with  
Gladness!  
*Psalm 100:2*

## Society News:

*What's happening in the Rapid Waters Zone*

### Holy Cross, Belding:

Belding Ladies Society has several events scheduled for the summer and fall months:

July 16 - "Rock on the Hilltop" Christian Music Festival

September 12 - Ladies' Birthday Party

October 22 - Turkey Dinner 5 pm - 7 pm

### Chapel of the Lakes, Mecosta:

The ladies of the Dorcas Guild took the church bus for an outing to Loafer's Glory in Blanchard, Michigan in May. About twenty women enjoyed lunch and fellowship and shopping! A trip to Frankenmuth is planned for July.

The Guild has been collecting items for LWR Health Kits in May, and several of the ladies are involved in planning upcoming activities including the Annual Fall Women's Retreat, Fall Bazaar, and an Advent event.

An active group of quilters meets on Mondays to sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief and they have more than 27 finished since January!

## Save The Dates!

### **National LWML Convention**

June 23-26, 2011

*Peoria, Ill*

### **Rapid Waters Zone Fall Board Meeting**

September 24, 2011

*Bethel, Howard City*

### **Annual Fall Women's Retreat**

September 17, 2011

*Chapel of the Lake, Mecosta*

### **Rapid Waters Zone Fall Rally**

October, 2011

*St. John's, Ionia*

## Your help is needed for the Michigan District LWML Convention!

Rapid Waters Zone LWML is one of three hosts for this convention to be held in Dearborn, MI, July 20-22, 2012. If you would like to serve on any of the following committees, please contact:

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and provide your **name, address (including zip), phone, and email address.**

### Convention Floor Committee

**Purpose of Convention Floor Committee:** Plans, prepares and sets up delegate and special guest seating on the Convention Floor.

**Tasks involved:** Make name cards for delegates, district board members and special guests. Set up and take down zone markers, name cards, banners and flags as needed. Procure special delegate gift for tables.

### Decorations Committee

**Purpose of Decoration Committee:** To glorify God by showcasing the convention theme and God's gifts of beauty throughout the convention.

**Tasks involved:** Make stage backdrop based on the convention theme and provide all stage accessories. Make or provide for someone to make the District banner showing the convention logo for processional. Provide centerpieces for food tables and reception.

### Exhibits Committee

**Purpose of Exhibits Committee:** To assist various ministries and Recognized Service Organizations (RSO), LWML district committees, other pre-approved Lutheran individuals in presenting their mission to the convention attendees so they may be informed, motivated and better equipped to serve the Lord through a variety of ministries.

**Tasks involved:** Invites and handles all reservations, tables and displays for exhibition hall. (NOTE: only one book vendor is allowed to sell items in addition to the LWML booth.)

### Guest Services Committee

**Purpose of Guest Service Committee:** To enhance the meals of the convention with prayer cards, tickets and seeing to attendees efficient seating and service at these meals.

**Tasks involved:** Supervise admittance to meals by allowing only ticketed or paid entrants to be seated at each meal. Coordinate with Decorations committee for table decorations. Coordinate with Registration committee regarding the ticketing/paid for meals process. Supply prayer cards /programs for tables. Enlist hostesses for help during meals. Provide gift baskets upon the request of the District President to be placed in hotel rooms of Special Guests.

### Hostesses and Ushers Committee

**Purpose of Hostesses and Ushers Committee:** To assist convention attendees and committee members in locating places in the hotel and convention center and feeling welcomed and comfortable in their surroundings

**Tasks involved:** Handle greetings and directions when registrants and guests arrive and throughout the convention, assist the Pages and Guest Service Committees.

### Pages Committee

**Purpose of Pages Committee:** To assist convention delegates, officers, special guests and attendees in contacting others on the stage or the convention floor with pertinent information without disrupting the flow of the convention; and assist as needed with the Worship Service or other activities of the convention.

**Chairman's tasks involve:** Enlist and train teenage girls from each of 3 zones to act as pages and supervise them while at the convention. Be on call during business sessions for special assignments. Maintain Lost & Found and Message Board for convention participants.

### Properties Committee

**Purpose of Properties Committee:** To insure that all needed equipment and signage is available and in place at the convention.

**Tasks involved:** Provide a request form to District Officers and Convention Committee Chairmen to list needed properties. Itemize requests, and present list of same to Convention Manager to obtain itemized properties from hotel management. Arrange to obtain certain properties from outside sources and transport to convention as needed.

### Prayer Room Committee

**Purpose of Prayer Room Committee:** To provide a serene atmosphere where attendees can meet with their Lord in prayer and meditation.

**Tasks involved:** Set up and maintain the prayer room (May be done in conjunction with the Worship Committee and the counselors).

### **President's Dinner Committee**

**Purpose of President's Dinner Committee:** To plan and supervise arrangements for a formal dinner for all the zone presidents, officers and appointed personnel and Past Presidents of the District with the assistance of the District President as a way to express gratitude for all their faithful service to our Lord and the Michigan District LWML prior to the starting of the convention.

**Tasks involved:** Work with the District President to plan, coordinate, and host the President's Dinner. Design and obtain centerpieces (may contact Decorations Committee Chairman to coordinate this) for this dinner. Make favors, place cards, and programs and order corsages for Past District Presidents, President and special guests.

### **Press Room Committee**

**Purpose of Press Room Committee:** To record newsworthy convention highlights and happenings in a daily newsletter for reminders of God's blessings at the Michigan District Convention to share with each convention attendee.

**Tasks involved:** Suggest names for the convention newspaper (to be voted on by Convention Committee Planning Meeting attendees in November.) Prepare, print and collate a daily newsletter for distribution at the convention. Should be familiar with Publisher as the software of choice.

### **Shirts and Charms Committee**

**Purpose of Shirts and Charms Committee:** To order and display memorabilia of the convention for attendees to purchase.

**Tasks involved:** Select colors of host committee shirts and convention attendee shirts to compliment logo, order shirts and charms based on logo. Contract and sell items.

### **Registration Committee**

**Purpose of Registration Committee:** To assist attendees in registering for the Convention and to keep accurate records of registrants.

**Tasks involved:** Create form for registration along with District President; Keep track of registrations and coordinate food packages, charms, shirts, interest sessions, choir, housing, special interests and servant events; report delegates and alternates to Vice President of Organizational Resources and District Recording Secretary who will certify them; works with Tote Bag Committee for stuffing bags; arranges for a Post Office Box.

### **Wardrobe Committee**

**Purpose of Wardrobe Committee:** Select items of clothing for Convention Co-chairmen, committee members, Hostesses and Ushers, and Pages to wear during the Convention to designate which women are doing which area of service.

**Tasks involved:** Select, obtain, handle and publicize uniform attire for various committee people. (May involve, but this is not mandatory, sewing garments.)

### **Tote Bag Committee**

**Purpose of Tote Bag Committee:** To provide an attractive, suitable, sturdy bag that will be a memento of the convention, for attendees to carry convention materials conveniently in one place.

**Tasks involved:** Order tote bags. Purchase or make a small favor for registrants to be included in bag. Collate and supervise the filling of bags for Registration Committee and assist Registration Committee with disbursement of bags.

### **Worship Service Committee**

**Purpose of Worship Service Committee:** To assist the District Counselor in planning, preparing for and implementing the Opening Worship and Communion Service to the glory of God by all attendees.

**Tasks involved:** Coordinate Opening Worship and Communion Service (order choir music, choir gift, service folders) as directed by the Vice President of Christian Growth. Secure communion ware, wine and wafers, paraments, organ or keyboard, etc. for the service. With the assistance of the District Pastoral Counselors, coordinate ushers, pages, and hostesses for the worship service.

### **Walk-Run Committee**

**Purpose of Walk-Run Committee:** Coordinate Walk-Run to be held early Sunday morning near the convention site for attendees to praise God for His gift of exercise and if desired raise additional funds for Mites.

**Tasks involved:** With the Convention Manager, locate site for Walk-Run; designate coordinators; secure supplemental funding from Thrivent; provide information to share with District Board Members for women of the District; seek grants to assist with funding water bottles and/or snack bars for the walkers; and promote this activity in the District; coordinates Sunday morning Walk-Run activities.