

Abiding Peace NEWS & NOTES



July 31, 2016

LWMS Convention Highlights

The Chicago Area Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) welcomed nearly 1,100 WELS women from around the world to praise God and show their support for WELS mission work. "Christ Alone, Our Cornerstone" was the theme for the 53rd annual LWMS convention, held June 23–26 in St. Charles.

Missionary Terry Schultz was the preacher for opening worship, and he was amazed at the enthusiasm of the men and women attending. "To stand up on

stage and see over one thousand women have such a passion for missions—it's like no other church service you can imagine.

Their support through their prayers, volunteer work, and their gifts allows WELS to bring that Bible-based truth to all ends of the earth," says Schultz. More

than \$30,000 was collected to support WELS mission work during the opening service.



During the convention, members learned from home and world mission speakers about what God is doing through WELS missionaries with their prayers and support. Rev. Larry Schlomer, administrator for World Missions, says, "The excitement of the many mission supporters at the LWMS convention is contagious. It gives our missionaries a glimpse of the joyful & thankful support so many give to our work. The gathering is a calendar highlight every year."

For many attending this annual event, it is an opportunity to share the experience with their family members. "As a mom, I definitely want my kids to learn that missionaries aren't just people that maybe live in a different country; (that) we're all called to be missionaries for Christ and we can do that whether we live in India, or whether we live in Indiana

or Wisconsin or anywhere (that) Christ has called us to share the good news with other people,” says Katherine Schmoller, Lamb of God, Lafayette, Ind.

“Thanks to the amazing dedication of our LWMS partner, WELS missions and missionaries continue to receive prayers, encouragement, and financial gifts. Such faithful support isn’t taken for granted. It is another evidence of the power of the Lord’s love moving hearts to support the work we do in the WELS through Home and World Missions,” says Rev. Keith Free, administrator for Home Missions.

Karen Fischer, LWMS president, sums up the convention and the importance of WELS mission work, “It was a wonderful, emotion-filled convention that underscored how God takes all of us – little pieces of rubble – to build his church as he sees fit, making more of us together than we could ever make individually and building a diverse church full of saints around the world.”

Next year’s convention will be held June 22–25, 2017, in Orlando, Fla. Registration opens January 2017. For more about LWMS, visit www.lwms.org.

Birthday Greetings

This week, special birthday greetings are sent to Howard Smith (July 27), Cam Kacer (July 29), Bob Fry (July 30), Brody Diersen (August 1), Genesis Miller (August 4), Ruth Kline (August 6), and Glenn Miller (August 7). Enjoy your special days!



Welcome New Member!

Welcome!

Please join us in a warm welcome to our newest member – Dennis Lemke. Welcome to our AP family!

Mission Prayer



Ministerial Education – Holy Spirit, when you call us to faith in Jesus you also call us to a life of service for Jesus. We praise you for filling so many of our synod's youth with both of these spiritual blessings. Keep them under your care and instill them with holy joy as they

travel this summer to various places in the world to carry out mission work. Use their words and efforts to reach out to and nurture the faith of everyone they meet. Amen.

Chicago Conf. Reformation Rally

As part of a series of celebrations leading up to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the Chicago Conference of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) will host a joint service / rally on **Sunday, October 30, 2016** at Chicago's historic St. Andrew Lutheran Church. This will be followed by an Oktoberfest style fellowship meal. The Rev. Mark Jeske, Pastor of St. Marcus Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the host of *Time of Grace* TV program, will serve as the preacher.



Please join us at historic St. Andrew Lutheran Church located at 3658 S. Honore St. Chicago, IL 60609. The worship service, which starts at **4:00 p.m.**, will be followed at **5:30 p.m.** by a fellowship meal which will be served across the street at the old St. Andrew's school building.

Transportation will be provided in the form of coach busses (one from the south and two from the north) to make it possible for members from the outlying areas of the conference to attend the rally. For more information and to learn how to make a contribution, please visit the rally website at www.chicagoreformationrally.com

An Encouraging Word

Vision for Christian Living - Mark 6:30-34



For a Christian “down time” is never “down time.” The twelve disciples had returned from their mission trip. The execution of John the Baptist weighed heavily on Jesus. The Savior invited his disciples to some “down time” across the Sea of Galilee. However, the crowds still came. In spite of the “down time,” Jesus’

compassion on these shepherdless people was stronger than his need for some rest and relaxation. So Jesus used his “down time” for preaching God’s Word to those who both needed it and desired it. Our compassion and faithful witness to the shepherdless does not end when vacation begins, when days off come around, or when we relax after work. We are always ready to do the Lord’s work, even during our “down time.”

Service to Our Lord

	<i>July 24 - 31</i>	<i>August 1 - 7</i>
<i>Pianists</i>	<i>Dave Frick</i>	<i>Dave Frick</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Doug Salzwedel Howard Smith Al Schubring</i>	<i>Geoff Grossman Caryn Grossman Mike Waddell</i>
<i>Refreshments</i>	<i>Whitney</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Lawn Mowing</i>	<i>Kreklow</i>	<i>TBD</i>

Give Thanks to the Lord!

Worship Attendance:

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