

Women of the Word

"WOW" News



March 2011

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Carreen Pierson

As we begin our first newsletter of the Women of the Word of Augustana District in LCMC, it will be difficult for me to write a short message as so much has happened in 2010.

My husband and I attended many ELCA Synod conventions. We realized that we did not agree with a lot of the resolutions. It seemed that the church was headed for trouble.

When we moved to Hutchinson, MN, I became active in the Faith Lutheran Church Women's organization. Shortly after that, under the leadership of our pastors and Council, Faith Lutheran Church voted to leave the ELCA. The ladies were now without an organization. As the President of the FLCW, I felt this was the time to pursue an organization of a women's group within the LCMC.

Ladies from our area held our first gathering on October 2. It was a wonderful gathering. We had Pastor Jaynan Clark as our keynote speaker. Other presenters were from Word Alone, ILT Seminary, Sola Publishing, Global Health Ministries, Hutchinson Area Common Cup Ministries, Faith Lutheran Youth Ministries. Pastors Randy Freund and Scott Grorud.

So now we are at new beginnings. We celebrate the promise of Lamentations 3:2: Great is His faithfulness, His mercies begin afresh each day. As of now, we have formed a steering committee to help organize the next Annual Gathering of WOW. That committee met on Thursday, January 20 at 12:00 noon.

Please continue to pray for us as the plan our next convention. The date for the Annual Convention of Women of the Word will be held Saturday, October 1, 2011 at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, MN.

The national LCMC Convention will start Sunday, October 2, 2011 in Des Moines, Iowa.

OCTOBER WOW

The Women Of the Word, Augustana District held their first Annual Gathering at Hutchinson, Minnesota on October 2.

It was a spirit-filled day for the over 100 women who took part in all of the activities. An \$826.00 offering was collected and dispersed to Sola Publishing, Global Health Ministries and WOW of Augustana District. Profit from registration was \$594.86. \$200 was donated to Augustana District and the remaining monies will be used for expenses for the next Annual Gathering in October, 2011.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR WOW?

This is the feature where you will be able to share some of the events that your local Women Of the Word have sponsored.

The first featured WOW group is from **Faith Lutheran WOW of Hutchinson, Minnesota.** They have agreed to share highlights of their 2010 year.

In 2010, Faith Lutheran WOW held the following fund raisers:

- During one Summer Worship service at Park served coffee/bars: Free Will Offering for Children's Summer Program
- Luncheon/garden Tour in August: Profit used for Faith WOW and roller shades for new addition
- Rummage Sale: Proceeds used for new addition
- Meatball Supper: Proceeds used for new addition
- Pie-In-The-Park: Proceeds used for Children's Summer Program

The Faith Board of WOW also held an appreciation meal for all Faith volunteers. The Quilting Ladies continue to meet once a month and make many beautiful quilts for Luther World Relief and for emergency needs in Hutchinson.

Annual Gathering at Hutchinson
Saturday, October 1, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN

Temporary officers were elected by the WOW Steering Committee. At our next meeting in October, 2011, we'll have a conference wide election.

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**Next Steering Committee meeting:
Faith Lutheran, Hutchinson
Thursday, March 10 at 12:00 noon**

Please come and help us with plans for the next Annual Gathering.

If you have any questions concerning Women Of the Word, please contact Dorothy Desens, 320-587-8777 or ddesens@hutchtel.net.



MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Now that we're our "own" district, are you feeling a little lost – wondering how to continue with our various missions?

Mission and Ministry Opportunities will be an ongoing feature in WOW newsletters. The ministry of GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES will featured in this first newsletter.

GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES (GHM)

The Fridley, Minnesota based ministry's mission is: Global Health Ministries continues the healing ministry of Jesus Christ by enhancing health care programs of Lutheran churches in other countries. GHM is providing health care projects in Bangladesh, Cameroon, Liberia, Madagascar, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Tanzania and Central African Republic.



GHM is supported by several Lutheran denominations, World Mission Prayer League, and Partners in Mission. They were recently awarded their 8th consecutive year of 4-stars (out of a possible 4) rating of how they provided services to overseas churches and for their low administrative costs.

PROJECT DIRECTIONS FOR NEWBORN KITS

Please use new or gently used clean items.

- 36" square muslin or sheeting – not necessary to hem
 - regular size bath towel – no longer than 48"
 - wash cloth
 - bath size bar of white Ivory soap
 - newborn stocking cap (see directions below) This may be sewn, knit or crocheted.
 - small baby shirt, size 0-3 months or newborn
 - 1 receiving blanket
- Please donate \$5 per kit. Do not include the money with the kit. Pack each kit in a 2 – 2 1/2 gal. Ziploc plastic bag. Squeeze air out of the bag before sealing.

Finished Newborn Kits will be collected at the October Annual Meeting.

HELPFUL HINTS

Infant Stocking Cap: Cut an 8"X8" piece of stretchy knit fabric (like a tee shirt), fold in half lengthwise and sew or serge the edge. Gather the top and sew or tie. Fold up the other end. Newborn's head is about 14". Knitted and Crocheted cap directions are on the next sheet.

Receiving blankets: approximate size is 30"X 30". Serge or finish edge with a close zig zag.

**CHECK OUT THE AUGUSTANA DISTRICT WEB SITE
www.augustanadistrict.org
WOMEN OF THE WORD LINK**

KNITTED BABY CAP

- Use baby yarn or thin soft 3 ply and needles to match yarn
- Cast on 68 stitches on 2 needles – VERY LOOSELY
- Rib: 2 knit, 2 pearl for 12 rows
- Continue in stocking stitch until 3.5”
- Decrease gradually for 1 “
- Total length of cap 4.5 inches
- Pull yarn through remaining stitches, gather and fasten
- Sew seam



CROCHETED BABY CAP

Ch = chain st = stitch sc = single crochet Slp st = slip stitch dc = double crochet

Suggested yarn: Bernat's Softee Baby; Red Heart Baby Soft, Lion Brand Twinkle

Hook Size: G or smaller or larger, depending on how tightly you crochet

6 double crochets equal 1 inch

Cap length approximately 5 1/2 “, excluding Row 19

Row 1: ch 4, slp st in starting ch, ch 3(counts as first dc), 9 dc in circle, join with slp st into beginning chain 3. 10 dc

Row 2: ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first dc and in each dc around. Join with slp st to first sc. 20 sc

Row 3: ch 3(counts as first dc, now and throughout), turn; dc in next 3 sc, 2 dc in next sc; dc in next 4 sc, 2 dc in next sc; repeat from * around; join with slp st to first dc. 24 dc

Row 4: ch 1, turn; sc in first dc, sc in next dc, *2 sc in next dc, sc in next dc, repeat from * around, join with slip st to first sc. 36 sc

Row 5: ch 3, turn; dc in first sc and in each sc around, join with slp st to first dc.

Row 6: ch 1, turn; sc in first dc, sc in next dc, *2 sc in next dc, sc in next dc, repeat from * around, join with slp st to first sc. 54 sc. This is your last increase.

Row 7: ch 3, turn; dc in first sc and in each sc around; join with slp st to first dc.

Row 8: ch 1, turn; sc in first dc and in each dc around; join with slp st to first sc

Row 9 thru 18: Repeat Row 7 and 8 for pattern, keeping each round at 54 stitches

Optional Edging: Row 19: (shell stitch), ch 1, sc cr in same space, *skip 2 sc, 5 dc in next sc, skip 2 sc, sc in next sc. Repeat from *, ending with sc in last sc, slp stitch to beginning sc, cut thread and fasten. (9 shells total).

QUILTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Nathan Lieberg, from Dassel, will continue to pick up quilts for Lutheran World Relief. He has regularly scheduled appointments in the Cities and considers it a personal mission to deliver quilts to Lutheran World Relief and projects to Global Health Ministries. Rather than shipping your quilts and projects, Nathan would be most willing to pick them up at Faith Lutheran, Hutchinson. **If you're interested in using Nathan to help you get your projects to the Cities, please call Jackie at 320-587-2093.** When Nathan lets us know the date of his next trip in to Lutheran World Relief, we'll give you a call. Nathan mentioned that he'd also welcome your neighboring churches to join in on this mission. Bethesda Lutheran Church in Dresser, WI is also willing to be a quilt drop off site. If there are other churches who would like to be a drop-off site, please contact Dorothy Desens at 320-587-8777 or ddesens@hutchtel.net.

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