

A District of Lutheran Congregations
in Mission for Christ (LCMC)

Women of the Word

“WOW News

August 2012

Greetings from your Women of the Word Board!

Are you enjoying the lazy, hazy days of summer or are they leaving you breathless from all of the activities that are crammed into the summer?

My husband and I spent a week in Calgary, Jasper and Banff, Canada (a destination that was on our “bucket list”). In order to stay out of the sun during part of our day at the Calgary Stampede, we watched World Champion Stock Dog Competition in an air conditioned arena. Three sheep were let into a football -size arena. A dog was directed by its owner who blew a whistle to help the dog herd the sheep first through a three-foot fence opening and then into a 12x12 foot pen (or sheepfold). The “shepherd” (aka whistle blower) held the gate open while the dog attempted to herd the sheep into the pen. All of this work was being timed. Needless to say, the sheep were not very cooperative. Sometimes one sheep would go into the pen and the other two would go around to the outside. Several times the clock ran out and no sheep were in the pen!

As I watched this competition, I started comparing the sheep to people on this earth. In our sin, we are prone to wandering and we are vulnerable to the Evil One. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, guards and guides and leads us into His fold, even laying down His own life so that we might be saved. Even the best sheep-herder in the competition we watched still failed sometimes. The Good Shepherd, on the other hand, never fails to successfully gather us into His fold. What a comforting thought!

Safe travel as you attend the Third Annual Gathering of Women of the Word at Faith Lutheran on Sept. 22.

Mary Ebent, Coordinator for
Women of the Word – Augustana District

Share the Word

The Third Annual Gathering of Women of the Word – Augustana District will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at Faith Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, MN.

John 1:1: *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."*

The gathering will begin at 9:30 a.m. with registration and coffee and muffins. A tentative timeline is listed below:

- ✠ 10:00 a.m. **Worship service led by Pastor Mark Richardson. An offering will be taken and evenly distributed between Augustana District, ReClaim, New Hope Mission, and Vision Honduras.**
- ✠ 11:00 a.m. **Keynote speaker Pastor Janine Rew-Werling of Hosanna Lutheran, Watertown, South Dakota, speaking on the theme, Share the Word**
- 12:00 Noon - **Lunch**
- ✠ 1:00 p.m. **Break out sessions begin**
(Breakout sessions include: New Hope Missions, Versions of the Bible, Card Making, Beth Moore Bible Series)
- ✠ 2:30 p.m. **Business Meeting**



Descriptions of the breakout sessions are as follows:

New Hope Missions: Led by Dorothy Desens

New Hope Mission Society supports four Muslim outreach missions in different parts of the world –Minneapolis/St. Paul, India and Africa. Dorothy Desens will tell about each of those missions. Come and learn about our missionaries as they spread the Good News of our Savior.

Versions of the Bible: Led by Pr. Scott Grorud (1 session)

Have you wondered which Bible translations is the most accurate? The most understandable? The most usable? Pastor Scott Grorud will discuss the merits of various translations.

Card-Making 101: Words of Comfort, Care, Concern: led by Carolyn Fiskness and Beverly Tellefson

Cardmaking can become a hobby with a purpose. This session will demonstrate basic cardmaking skills and tools. Cardmaking is fun, fulfilling and a good way to share the gospel and possibly brighten someone's day. Join us for a make-it, take-it experience as well.

Beth Moore Bible Series: Led by Pr. Janine Rew-Werling and Jan Schulte

An introduction to the Beth Moore studies and the formats available for conducting the studies in homes or churches. A sample of her study "Living Beyond Yourself" (covering the fruits of the Spirit) will be shown on the screen in the sanctuary."

What God Has Joined Together" – The Minnesota Marriage Amendment – Led by Pr. Randy Freund - (1 session)

As one of many "hot button" issues, it is only right to have conversation and dialogue about marriage and its definition. This workshop is not designed to provide a strategy for approaching November. The goal here is to assess both the questions that need to be asked and the theological distinctions we need to make. How can Christians witness effectively and thoughtfully in a cultural context that is largely suspicious of and hostile to Christianity is a challenge. There is important "equipping" work that needs to be done as we deal with this matter, as well as other controversial topics.

MISSION OUTREACH

Newborn and Hospice Kits will again be collected and taken to the Global Health Ministries. At our last annual gathering, pillowcase dresses and shorts were displayed. A number of you have been busy making them. Please feel free to bring them along to the September Gathering and we will see that they are delivered to the proper place.

Newborn Kits

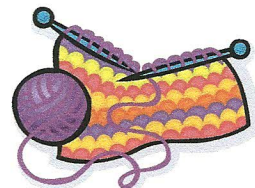
- Please use new or gently used, clean items
- 36" square muslin or sheeting – not necessary to hem
- Regular size bath towel – no longer than 48"
- Wash cloth
- Bath size bar of white Ivory soap
- Newborn stocking cap, this may be sewn, knit or crocheted
- Small baby shirt, size 0-3 or newborn
- 1 receiving blanket (approximate size is 30"x30")
- \$5.00 per kit for shipping, attach to outside

Hospice Kits

- 1 regular size bath towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 bath size bar of soap in a plastic Ziploc bag
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube tooth paste
- 1 'pick' style comb
- 1 nail clipper
- 6 band-aids
- 1 jar or tube petroleum jelly
- 1 pair heavy duty household gloves – med size
- 1 small devotional booklet such as Portals of Prayer (may be used)
- \$5.00 per kit for shipping, attach to outside

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!!!

The WOW Boutique will be 'open' for your shopping pleasure during the Gathering. All crafters are welcome to donate items. If you have something to donate, please bring it with the price marked. Proceeds will go to the McLeod County Food Shelf.





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Registration and coffee/muffins will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The registration fee - \$15.00
(includes morning coffee/muffin and lunch)
Fee is non-refundable, but can be transferred

Please return registration by September 12, 2012

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail _____

Congregation: _____

Please make check out to: Women of the Word - Augustana District

Mail Registrations to: Emilie Wildey, Treasurer, WOW
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