



6<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of Women of the Word—Augustana District  
“Peace”

September 19, 2015

Living Word Lutheran Church-Milbank South Dakota

Psalm 29:11 The Lord gives strength to his people the Lord blesses his people with peace.

Minutes:

1. Registration began at 9:00 a.m. with coffee, juice and muffins served by the women of Living Word Lutheran Church of Milbank.
2. Call to worship music was given by Dan Jorgenson playing the saw.
3. Welcome was given by Carol Grimley, Milbank WOW Coordinator
4. Worship service with communion was held at 10:00 a.m. led by Pastor Greg Werling, Living Word Lutheran Church, Milbank, SD. Pastor Bill L Nelson-Loefke of Word of God in Canby gave the sermon based on our theme verse. An offering was taken. The current total of offering for the day was \$1,530.50 to be divided between the Ethiopian Mission and the backpack project in Watertown.
5. Angie Meseberg of the Beacon Center for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in Watertown, SD gave the presentation regarding abuse. Abuse is not about ‘anger management’. It is about power and control. This center provides many services to women, children and men.
6. June Kallhoff called the business meeting to order. The constitution with changes made by the board was read and adopted by the Gathering.
7. Table prayer and a delicious bag lunch was then served.
8. Pastor Bill Nelson-Loefke gave the session on The Power of Prayer. We need to be disciplined in prayer, dressing ourselves each day with prayer. We need to connect to God in prayer to come to know Him. Answers to prayers are in God’s time.
9. Kim Gustafson from Restore! International presented his experience and current involvement and vision of training and equipping millennials, now, with the tools to go to the Muslim communities and world. He gave reports from surveys showing what Muslims admire most in our country and what Christian expectations are of Muslims—which was nothing. We can connect with our Muslim neighbors through love of God and loving our neighbors.
10. Pastor Tom Christianson presented how the Augustana District enhances LCMC through the many services Augustana District can provide to churches which are currently not provided by LCMC.
11. Augustana Service Coordinator, Randy Freund stated that the District will continue to focus on the important areas of Theology, Church and Mission. Where theology is strong and church structure and organization is solid, congregations can effectively carry out their mission. There will be regular articles regarding these 3 areas in the Augustana District newsletter. Please read the Newsletter to see the amazing happenings in our District.
12. The women volunteering for the Augustana Board and installed by Tom Christianson for 2016 are: Paula Leske – Coordinator-Christ The King Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, MN, Sandy Kriefall, Vice Coordinator, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Richfield, Wisconsin, Carlotta Lindeman-Treasurer - St. John’s Lutheran Church, Springfield, MN, Sherri Brindle- Education-Hosanna Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD, Carla Grimsrud-Secretary -First Lutheran Church, Britton, SD, Beverly Tellefson-Mission-Wang Lutheran Church, Maynard, MN, Stephanie Freund-Member at Large-New Creation Lutheran Church, Perham, MN and June Kallhoff- Word of God Lutheran Church, Canby, MN will be the Ex- Officio Member. Leaving the board are Cindy Lerohl, Judy Lalim, and Carolyn Fiskness.
13. The theme for next year was introduced by Sandy Kriefall which is ‘For us all to be a witness for Christ.’ It is from Psalm 119 verse 105. “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path” The

location for next years' Gathering is to be determined. The sending hymn "Peace I Leave with You" was sung.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Lerohl—Secretary

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