



Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
**UPDATE**

THE LATEST NEWS AND VIEWS FROM LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE-CANADA

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## Ready, Set, Go! Our Sister to Sister team is off to Nicaragua

Dear ladies of LWMLC and friends,

Please remember the Sister to Sister team in their prayers as they leave on their journey to Nicaragua on Friday. You can follow their travels with their blog, *Serving in His Strength* ([servinginhisstrength.wordpress.com](http://servinginhisstrength.wordpress.com)). Daily prayers will help the team as they share their faith with our sisters in Nicaragua. Following is a note from President Iris.



As I write, we are in the final days of preparation for our trip to Nicaragua. We call this mission Sister to Sister (Hermana a Hermana). We

are sisters in Christ—the women of Canada and the women of Central America. For two weeks we will walk beside our sisters in Nicaragua and Costa Rica, not just in spirit, but in body, there, where they live. As is any time spent with a sister, it will be a blessed time of sharing and encouraging one another.

We have prepared opening and closing devotions based on Martin Luther's morning and evening prayers.

We have prepared a banner-making session and will make Martin Luther roses.

Our Bible study "The Life of the Christian Woman" will be on line for women in Canada to use. The Bible study looks at our vocation as Christian women. We will explore what our roles are in our homes, in our workplaces, in our congregations and in the world. Each of our team members will share her own story, and the story of a woman of the Bible.

In our closing session we will share Pearls of Wisdom. Using the acronym W I S D O M (S A B I D U R I A) we will talk about the characteristics of a woman of God.

We will leave with our sisters a prayer booklet with a prayer and a scripture verse for every day of the week.

Thank you to those who have participated in our preparations by making banners, providing funds for materials and especially by praying for our team and the women of Nicaragua and Costa Rica. We ask you to continue to pray for us as we travel. You can subscribe to our blog at: [servinginhisstrength.wordpress.com](http://servinginhisstrength.wordpress.com).

We will be posting prayer requests from Nicaragua as often as we can.

Materials will be posted on the LWMLC web site ([www.lutheranwomen.ca](http://www.lutheranwomen.ca)) to be used by individuals and societies.

*Iris Barta, President, LWML-Canada*

## Christmas programming ideas for you to use

Christmas is upon us and many societies spend more time enjoying fellowship and Christian Growth than on meeting matters. There are lots of materials available from the Resource Centre that

focus on Christmas and all that it entails.

### DEVOTIONS....

**A-Cross-Tic Christmas** - What is Christmas really about? In this devotion, nine "gifts" are

offered to last long past the stress of the holiday season. A good reminder of God's gifts to us.

2 pages 59911-CD1

**Preparation for Christmas** - Based on the hymn "The Advent of Our God."

2 pages C2003-01-CD1

**Angels** - Details the role of angels in the birth of Christ.

1 page C2002-09-CD1

#### **BIBLE STUDIES....**

**Who Wants to be Mary?**— When it's time to cast Mary in the Christmas program all the girls eagerly raise their hands, but is being Mary all it's cracked up to be?

C-12-72-CD4

**Gold, Frankincense and Me** - Christmas is a time of giving. This study looks at the gifts the

Wise Men brought to Jesus, the gifts God desires from us, and the gifts He gave us.

59938 - CD2

#### **SKITS...**

**In Today's World...That's How it is** - A humorous look at the real meaning of Christmas and its celebrations.

3 pages C2003-03-CD1

**Mary's Treasure Box** - Mary, Jesus' mother, opens her treasure box with her granddaughter and shares her most precious memories of one special night in a Bethlehem stable. (2 readers)

4 pages 59919-CD1

We pray that the true spirit of Christmas, and all the joy and wonder that it brings, will be upon you throughout the season.

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