



# The Salt Shaker

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The purpose of this info-letter is to share current information from your Executive Council with all Societies on a regular basis. Questions or comments are always welcome, and may be directed to your Communication Committee.

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## NOTICE: Convention 2019 location has been changed!

Central District LWMLC Convention  
June 7 – 9, 2019  
**St Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Parish**  
**Cultural Center**  
**240 Wellington Ave**  
**Yorkton, SK**

Hotel: **Holiday Inn Express**  
**64 – 7<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Yorkton, SK**  
306-782-9888, 1-877-660-8550  
Room Block LWC Expires April 23,  
2019  
Room Rate: \$107 single and double  
occupancy, \$10 for each additional  
person. Plus taxes

Registration Fees: \$150  
Meal Package: \$100  
**Total Registration: \$250**  
Saturday only Registration: \$75  
Saturday only meals: (Lunch & Supper) \$45

**Communion service** at Zion Lutheran Friday night at 7:30 pm

**Mission walk** Saturday afternoon. Monies will be going to our three camps,

Aurora (Thunder Bay ON),  
Jackfish (Roblin MB) and  
Lutherland (Fort Qu'Appelle SK)

**Ingathering:** For the 3 Camps above, gift cards for Walmart, Superstore,  
Canadian Tire

Further Mission Walk information and form will be coming in February.

**Deadlines:**

Mission Grant Proposal – January 15, 2019

Society Delegate – January 15, 2019

Nominations – January 31, 2019

**Pray earnestly.....**

*“...the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7b ESV)*

The Lord had asked the prophet Samuel to go to the house of Jesse in order to anoint the next King of Israel. Based on what he could see, Samuel would have been pleased to anoint any one of Jesse’s sons as King. Thankfully, he listened to the Lord’s direction that it was David – the youngest son, a mere shepherd boy, and, by all appearances, the least likely of the lot – who was His choice.

As we look forward to 2019 Convention and deadlines approach for mission grant proposals, society delegates, and nominations, I encourage you to be mindful of the Lord’s command to “pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Matthew 9:38), and to listen intently for His direction. The perfect nominee may be someone you least expected. A worthy mission may exist closer to home than you had thought. The perfect society delegate may be someone who has never had that opportunity before.

**Dear LWMLC Society President's and Members,**

This year has gone by so quickly. This reminds us how quickly our convention in June will be here. So the time has come to submit some Mission Grants to me as Vice president of Christian Missions asap. The deadline is January 15th, 2019. We need to review, prepare and submit them for voting on at the convention. Please pray about this and check what needy projects are in your areas.

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## Musings from Member Development

As we look to the Advent/Christmas season, our senses are bombarded by the “holiday” music and lights and baking smells and tastes. The feeling of weariness of this worldly expectation of “getting it right” bears heavily upon us – gifts, food, decorations, clothes, etc. Let us turn our back to the world’s expectations and turn back to God. Turn the lights down and listen to quiet, inspirational music while reading God’s Word. We don’t have to get it right – Jesus is the Only One who did – by coming to us as God’s Baby and growing into a Man who listened to us, fed us spiritually and physically, touched our wounds and made us whole. He took our place on the cross to give us the ultimate gifts: forgiveness, love and hope, and eternal salvation. May we try to share this gift of Jesus with others this season and throughout the new year.

IDEAS: purchase some Christmas books/booklets as gifts for the SS/VBS children (LLL has these \$10/25) or for your own family/friends; start Advent devotions at mealtime with candles and God’s Word (see your pastor for resources); use the candy cane devotion to hand out to visitors and children; cut back on the extras and return to a simpler plan. Use the gift catalogues from CLWR or WorldVision to sponsor a Christmas gift. Instead of watching “screens” during family times this holiday, play Bible trivia games or charades. Plan a Baking Exchange with your co-workers or neighbors. Make it a Back to Basics Christmas!

*Your Member Development Committee: Diane Dennis, Verla Schmirler, Arletta Wood*

### Celebrate Advent Hope, Peace, Joy and Love



The season of Advent begins the Christian liturgical church year. During the weeks of Advent we participate in a time of waiting for the birth of the Messiah and we hear from Scripture words from the prophets pointing us to Christ’s birth. It is also a time for Christians to look with hope for the second coming of Christ.

Advent is also a time of intentional prayer for the light of Christ to fill the darkest corners of our world. We quietly listen to the voice of God in Scripture and blend our voices with those of God’s people in song. We pray together for the light of Christ’s love to fill our hearts with hope, peace, joy and love.

These Advent worship times provide the opportunity for quiet reflection, the words of the Psalmist and Old Testament prophets; a hymn for the lighting of the

Advent wreath; other hymns and the visual symbolism centered around the Advent wreath.

I pray your Advent season will be filled with the light of Christ’s love.

Arlene