



A GRAIN OF THOUGHT from VP of DA Central – Annette Borchardt

Preparing for Advent

Advent means “arrival” and signifies the start of an event or the arrival of a person. In the Christian church it is the first season of the church year, the beginning of preparation for the birth of Jesus and the anticipation of Jesus second coming.

What are you doing to prepare for this Advent season? For some it is buying a chocolate advent calendar, gifts, and decorating the home. These are certainly fun traditions. Maybe while you are eating your first Advent chocolate you are meditating on an Advent devotion. Perhaps as you buy gifts for loved ones you are reminded of the special gift, a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, coming down to earth to redeem us and make us His children. Possibly as you decorate your home with an Advent wreath, Nativity scene, and lights on the Christmas tree you take the occasion to remember the babe Jesus, the Light that came into this dark sinful world.

Advent is also a time of preparations for Jesus second coming. This is an opportunity to focus being in God's Word and being in His House of Worship where we receive His blessing through Confession and Absolutions and are strengthened through Holy Communion.

May this Advent Season be filled with Hope, Peace, Love and Joy that only comes through knowing our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Keeping Up the Faith-Annette Borchardt vpdacentral@lutheranwomen.ca



Beloved Sisters across the district who have been called to glory in the past year. Included are links for obituaries if you wish to have more details.

Inez Marie (nee Machell) Herman August 11, 1924 - July 10, 2024- Faith Middle Lake SK. <https://schuler-lefebvrefuneralchapel.com/inez-herman-2/>

Irene Ruth (nee Block) Besser August 16, 1926 - September 12, 2024- Zion Plumas MB and served on Winnitoba and Wheatland zones and Man/Sask district (pre-dating Central district) as president. <https://www.clarkesfuneralhome.com/obituary/Irene-Besser>

Lorraine Margery (nee Killn) Iversen March 7, 1934 – September 16, 2024- St. Luke's Ogema SK and served on Capital Zone. <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/weyburn-sk/lorraine-iversen-11999204>

Eileen Elsie Frieda (nee Biesenthal) Hutton October 5, 1944 – September 20, 2024- Prince of Peace Regina SK <https://leaderpost.remembering.ca/obituary/eileen-hutton-1091206254>

IRMA ELFRIEDE (nee Krumbiegel) BARTEN March 4, 1929- February 26, 2024- Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Winnipeg MB. <https://cropo.com/tribute/details/9572/IRMA-BARTEN/obituary.html> Irma scripted closing prayers for use by the LWMLC Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. These are still used for their gathering to this day. The following is one of these prayers.

In the beauty of a snowflake, falling softly on the land is the mystery and miracle of God's great creative hand. What better answers are there to prove His holy being than the wonders all around us just for seeing? As we approach wintertime, we thank our heavenly Father for all the wonders in nature. If we stand on a mountain top observing the amazing nature around, look at the amazing world under the ocean, or gaze into the face of a sleeping child, these are wonders we human beings can barely comprehend. Now, we think about the sun, the moon and the seasons, the air we breathe, the color, the taste, and the textures of life.

But what we cannot see is God's unfailing love and His promise to forgive us our sins when we confess to Him. In our world of darkness, we have plenty of news about floods, earthquakes, senseless violence, murder, child abuse, money greed and so many other dreadful things. Good News is seldom, until we open our hearts to our Father in Heaven. He gave us His son Jesus Christ and through Him our sins are forgiven. Jesus is the Light of the World! We do not have to live in the darkness when we believe in Him. He loves us and likes to make our lives peaceful and fulfilled.

Before the ending of the day, Creator of the world we pray, your grace and peace to us allow, and be our Guard and Keeper now. Amen.

By Irma Barten 2017



Join the team – Our district needs representation on some committees. If you are granted the gift of

-financial understanding OR

-a desire to gather and share archival materials for our district OR

-feel called to serve with other women to produce the next national seminar

please let VP Annette know and she can introduce you to the head personnel of these committees. May the Holy Spirit guide you in your “call to serve.”



Are you receiving the LWMLC UPDATE? This semi-monthly newsletter is full of information about the goings on with our LWMLC. *For a teaser:* In the Nov 15 edition you will find details on the upcoming webinar with Pastor Aredo (Nov 30) plus important details that affect each member from Linda Horton the National treasurer. If you do not receive the UPDATE, subscribe at <https://lutheranwomen.ca/publications/> scroll down to fill out form and press “subscribe.”



Dates of Events on the Central District Calendar:

Rescheduled to November 23, 9:30 a.m. Parkland Zone Fall Renewal. *Missions: Local...National...Inter-racial...Global.* St. Peter's, Estevan – contact Denise Dougherty ddougherty@sasktel.net

Tuesday, Jan 21, 2025, 7 p.m. (Central time zone) Our next all-District meeting through *Go to Meeting*. Agenda will be sent out in new year - contact Annette Borchart – vpdcentral@lutheranwomen.ca

And check out the district past happenings at <https://youtu.be/TT30q498ykQ> . It has been a wonderful autumn of events across the district.



Remember *Salt and Light* is for **everyone and anyone who loves the LWMLC** so please feel free to forward it. Some societies and zone have contact people and they will receive it and be encouraged to pass it on, but should you want a digital copy sent to you when it comes hot off the press we can accommodate. Email your request to communication.central.district@gmail.com so you will be on the email list, sending it directly to your inbox.

Go in Peace with Matthew 5:13-16 recalling we are “called to serve.” From the *Salt and Light* desk. Patti Kreutzwieser communication.central.district@gmail.com