



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

### **New Year- Time of Reflection, Inspiration and Comfort**

*A New Year 2025 has begun. Many of us make new year resolutions but it also is a time to reflect on the past year. This year may have held many celebrations such as weddings, baptisms, confirmations, family reunions and yes, another birthday. Along with joys are some sorrows death of loved ones, job losses, relationship hardships or health challenges.*

*These reflections are like our Savior's entry into the world. Mary's miraculous conception, joy, and sorrow for an unwed mother. Joseph, stunned, embarrassed but called to protect Mary and this unborn Savior of the world. This whole journey was filled with hardships, finding shelter to give birth, and later fleeing from King Herod and his decree to kill all males under two years of age. Even in these harsh and stressful situations joy, inspiration and comfort were present. Shepherds were declared the Good News by heavenly angels of the promised Savior sent for all humankind. They did not keep the news to themselves but went to worship the newborn King, Jesus. Wisemen followed a bright star, traveling many miles to bring gifts to the King of the World. What comfort Mary and Joseph must have received from these unexpected visitors.*

*In our own joys and challenges of the past year and the future where does our inspiration and comfort come? I pray it comes from that same source that Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and wisemen found inspiration and comfort. The Words of God heralded by angels or in our case today the Word proclaimed by pastors and the Bible. May our responses be the same as we worship our newborn King in Divine Service, and offer our gifts of love to the King, who gave an unending gift to us of love, forgiveness, and everlasting life.*

*I pray your resolutions for this coming year and every day is to seek encouragement and inspiration from the only source of happiness and fulfillment, the little babe in Bethlehem, Jesus Christ.*

Keeping Up the Faith-Annette Borchardt [vpdacentral@lutheranwomen.ca](mailto:vpdacentral@lutheranwomen.ca)



**Join the team** – Our district is in great need of representation on some committees. If you are granted the gift of

**-a desire to gather and share archival materials** 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.

OR

**-financial understanding** (The following is from our LWMLC treasurer)

*LWML–Canada Inc. Financial Committee is in need of a member from **Central District** to complete the financial committee. It is very important that there is representation from all 4 Districts to keep the members informed on the financial status of LWML–Canada Inc. If you are or know someone who is a member of the LWML–Canada Inc. Central District and would be prayerfully willing to join the committee, please contact Linda Horton, Treasurer LWML–Canada Inc. at 403-984-2508 or [treasurer@lutheranwomen.ca](mailto:treasurer@lutheranwomen.ca) and feel free to direct any questions to Linda to assist you in your decision.*

**May the Holy Spirit guide you in your “call to serve.”**



**And with the new year if you have executive adjustments at your society or zone.....**

**A note from our Data Manager, Judy Gabler.** *Communication is only possible if we have the right information. No matter how large or how small your society or zone, please send Judy an update of contact information for any of the positions held in your society or zone. We desire to keep you in the loop and only by knowing these things can we accomplish this. Reach out to Judy [datamanager@lutheranwomen.ca](mailto:datamanager@lutheranwomen.ca)*



**Have you seen the latest LWMLC UPDATE?** This semi-monthly newsletter is full of information about the goings on with our LWMLC. *For a teaser:* In the Jan 15 edition you will find details on the upcoming webinar with Pastor Schave from LAMP (March 1). If you do not receive the UPDATE, subscribe at <https://lutheranwomen.ca/publications/> scroll down to fill out the form and press “subscribe.” This is the best way to keep you in the know on the latest in LWMLC news.



**Dates of Events on the Central District Calendar:**

**Tuesday, Jan 21, 2025, 7 p.m. (Central time zone)** Our next all-District meeting through *Go to Meeting*. Agenda and link sent out - contact Annette Borchart if you have not received and wish to attend – [vpdacentral@lutheranwomen.ca](mailto:vpdacentral@lutheranwomen.ca)

**April 5, 2025** Parkland Zone Spring Renewal. St. John Frobisher **Time and theme to be announced** – contact Denise Dougherty [ddougherty@sasktel.net](mailto:ddougherty@sasktel.net)

**May 10, 2025** Thunder Bay Zone Spring Renewal. Redeemer, Kakabeka Falls **Time and theme to be announced** - contact Angela Sharbot [a\\_sharbot@hotmail.com](mailto:a_sharbot@hotmail.com)

**July 26, 2025** Camp Aurora Ladies Retreat **Time and theme to be announced** -contact Angela Sharbot [a\\_sharbot@hotmail.com](mailto:a_sharbot@hotmail.com)

And check out the *district past happenings* by pressing the You Tube link <https://youtu.be/CqGUJqdS7-0> to see that the cold and busyness never stops LWMLC’ers from gathering. God bless us as we reflect His loving light.



And a little closing message from your humble “desk” of the *Salt and Light*.

First, I am thankful for the “contact list” that Judy shared with me. I am grateful to those of you who willingly pass the *Salt and Light* on to those in your society and zone on our behalf. It is my pleasure to compile the information on what everyone across our blessed District is doing.

To those who have reached out with the notes of “we are not active” or “we have disbanded” permit me to say that the *Salt and Light* is still for you and for your sisters in the pews who may have at one time been a part of a very busy, organized LWMLC society. I know that some of you said that you still gather for Bible study and often still use the Tapestry for that purpose, and you still support mites though perhaps in a smaller way, but because of low numbers or less activity you feel you can’t be labelled an LWMLC society. Dear Sisters, I say to you, “Praise God for you are an active part, though in an adjusted manner, of LWMLC. As you continue to gather around the Word and support the mission in the best way you are able, you are active in the way the Lord wishes you to be.”

Remember that we are always looking for content. If you are gathering together to have Bible study or do a little servant project, take a picture and tell us a line or two of what brought you together for that time. No matter the size of your group you are a blessing and an encouragement of faith.

As I hit “send,” I pray for you (that is the joy of a *contact list* - remember Judy’s plea on page 1?) and those to whom you will be sharing the *Salt and Light* with though I may not know their name. God keep you in His loving care and...

**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](mailto:communication.central.district@gmail.com)