

ABBREVIATED LWML-Canada UPDATE

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CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Coming soon! Looking for a gift for the confirmand in your life? The Christian Growth Committee is working on a booklet filled with Bible verses and prayers to bless their faith journey through high school and beyond.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

DEVOTION for March 2025

To read, download or listen, visit

<https://lutheranwomen.ca/growing/devotions/>

PRAYER CALENDAR for March 2025 –

<https://lutheranwomen.ca/growing/prayer-calendars/>

PRAYER SERVICE FOR 2025

No new prayer service for this year. Our recommendation: prayer service is from 2013, "Beyond Understanding – the unlimited love of God" (C-12-29). Order from dod@lutheranwomen.ca.

Eden Keefe, president of LWML (US), invites LWMLC to use any of their prayer services. This year: "Blessed are They" on the Beatitudes at <https://lwml.360unite.com/prayer-service> or scroll down their web page to access previous services. Free downloads in several formats/sizes—print (PDF), editable Word documents, Leaders' Guide, and PowerPoint.

PROGRAM RESOURCE IDEAS FROM THE DOD CATALOGUE

With Lent just around the corner instead of giving something up, you to take something on. Past President Judy Grande prepared a five-week Bible study entitled *Sacrifices and Blessings - Christ's and Ours (C-11-01)*. It will aid you to fully appreciate Christ's sacrifice. Use it in a group setting with your sisters in the faith as a weekly study, or as a private devotional. To order a PDF copy, send your request to dod@lutheranwomen.ca or look through the resource catalogue (<https://lutheranwomen.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Download-on-Demand-ResourcesDEC.2024-docx.pdf>) for other resources as we consider Christ's journey to the cross for us.

SING A NEW SONG

Suggestion: Use as a prayer for your Lenten walk.

Lord, help as to Your Word We Cling

(text by Laurie Schaeffer, v4)

*What wondrous love, what grace unknown,
to me the Saviour's face is shown,
Eternal praise to God we bring,
Lord, help as to Your Word we cling.*

For the full song and score, order **Lutheran Women Sing (2024 edition), C-17-04** from dod@lutheranwomen.ca

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

BE A VALENTINE

February is the month of love, and we have one of the greatest Valentines in the book of Corinthians (13:4-7). How many acts of faith are contained in these verses? Love is patient, love is kind, love does not boast, love is not proud, love is not rude, love is not self-seeking, love is not easily angered, love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with truth, love always protects, love always hopes and preserves. Can we not use all these things in love to show our love to those around us, remembering "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13)?

SPARKS OF THE SPIRIT OFFER

Did you know? If you order a *Sparks of the Spirit* booklet, you will also receive the "Sparks cards" that are a nice addition to any card or letter you are sending. Order yours today from the Resource Centre (see below for ordering information).

COMMUNICATION

WHAT'S HAPPENING ACROSS OUR SYNOD?

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MONEY MATTERS

SERVING ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

LWML–Canada Inc. Finance Committee requires a member from Central District to complete the committee. Contact the LWML–Canada Inc. treasurer at 1-403-984-2508 or treasurer@lutheranwomen.ca.

RECEIPTS

2024 Donation Receipts have been sent out by email and/or mail. If your contact email address or mailing address changed in 2024 and you have not forwarded that information, please do so

to financialsec@lutheranwomen.ca and you will receive your donation receipt(s) ASAP.

When submitting donations please remember to only use the Remittance Voucher dated Sept. 30, 2024. When submitting, it is helpful to make a notation on the form indicating any change of contact email address and/or mailing address.

OPPORTUNITIES

PREPARING RESOURCE FOR CELL PHONE

The Christian Growth Committee is looking for help for a short-term project. The committee is preparing a booklet for confirmands. Given the age group, they hope to also make it available via cell phone, but the committee isn't quite sure how to go about it. The print version is almost ready for printing, so a volunteer is needed soon. Contact Jill at vpchristiangrowth@lutheranwomen.ca if you or someone you know (active with LWMLC or not) has an interest.

GERTRUDE POLLEX BURSARY

Applications for 2025 are now being accepted from any Lutheran woman across Canada, who will be attending a post-secondary program or specific educational advancement program and who desires to serve her Lord in church work or full-time service as parish worker, deaconess, parochial schoolteacher, church musician or organist/choir director. For application forms and guidelines and procedures visit the LWMLC website or contact VP District Administration Ontario (vpdaontario@lutheranwomen.ca). **DEADLINE: May 31, 2025.**

REMINDERS

MISSION IN ACTION WEBINARS

Webinar videos related to projects receiving grants from LWMLC are available for individuals or groups at their convenience. They will be posted online

following each in-person webinar. Contact LWMLCvideos@lutheranwomen.ca for links. Oromo (Ethiopian) ministry in Canada is ready. A link to an update on mission work in Northern Canada with Pastor Schave, Executive Director of LAMP (Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots) will be available soon.

TAPESTRY – LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

See the January 1, 2025, Abbreviated Update for details. We have formulated a discussion/survey to help you provide input. Please encourage the women in your congregation not involved with LWMLC to do so as well. For those who have never subscribed to *Tapestry*, links to samples are included on the LWMLC website.

Answer the survey online using the link at <https://lutheranwomen.ca/publications/tapestry/> or download the PDF (same location) so you have a printed version. You will also find it in the spring issue of *Tapestry*. **Complete and submit by May 31, 2025.**

SEMINAR WORKING GROUP MEMBERS WANTED

To learn more see previous abbreviated Updates or contact Ruth, Vice-President Member Development at vpmemberdevelopment@lutheranwomen.ca.

WEEKLY BLOG POSTS

Visit the LWMLC website, “Serving in His Strength,” for encouragement from your national leaders. A new item is posted each Monday.

MISSION GRANT RESOURCES

Check the LWMLC website for a Mission Grant poster, individual pages of prayers and/or a booklet of information, pictures and prayers.

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