

ABBREVIATED LWML-Canada UPDATE

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CHRISTIAN MISSION

MITES IN ACTION - WEBINARS

Our next webinar – **March 1 with Pastor Schave of LAMP, 10:30 a.m. CT.** Get updates on LAMP's mission to Northern Canada. **Register by February 16, 2025, at webinar@lutheranwomen.ca**

First webinar with Pastor Aredo of the Oromo (Ethiopian) Ministry in Canada **still available.** View it at: <https://youtu.be/ewcgbiMVfWI>

CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Jesus Loves Me - DEVOTION for February 2025

Available in English and French

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

LISTEN: (This video has English first, followed by the French version) <https://youtu.be/KJrIk-CLDpA>

PRAYER CALENDAR for February 2025

DOWNLOAD:

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

PRAYER SERVICE FOR 2025

Use the previous prayer service recommended the January 15 abbreviated Update. Or check out the LWML (U.S.) prayer services at <https://lwml.360unite.com/prayer-service>

RESOURCE IDEAS FROM THE DOWNLOAD ON DEMAND (DOD) CATALOGUE

With the observation of Valentines' Day, we consider matters of the heart. A devotion, *Create in me a clean heart—FOR SERVICE, C-18-15*, gives us a deeper reflection on the state of the heart.

Sometimes winter seems so long and dreary, and Satan may take the opportunity to have us question our purpose. *God's Plan for Our Lives, C-1997-04*, gives us a refresher course on our role.

You can easily request these free resources through dod@lutheranwomen.ca or look for other ideas in the resource catalogue at <https://lutheranwomen.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Download-on-Demand-ResourcesDEC.2024-docx.pdf>.

SING A NEW SONG

Suggested song as we find our purpose in sharing Christ: **Fan into Flame the Gift of God** (text by Joyce E. Doskotch, v1)

*Fan into flame the gift of God, His purpose to fulfill,
Aglow with faith to walk the path
and do His holy will, And do His holy will.*

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

TAPESTRY – LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

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

LINK for Sample 1:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GY0i5eoEEzNO7MIbom9a9sm-gPYCqETg/view?usp=sharing>

LINK for Sample 2:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C5WzaUAFaiMCR8de-Zk8_FJ8nSm-WHd2/view?usp=sharing

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.

RENEWALS FOR 2025-2026

It will take most of 2025 to receive and analyze your responses and to determine what is both possible and will meet your needs and the needs of our organization. There will, therefore, be **no changes to renewal forms for 2025-26**. They will be sent out this month or an order form may be downloaded from the LWMLC Inc. website. Please order as usual.

Marion Hollinger, Editor-in-Chief

VOLUNTEER AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

PREPARING MATERIAL FOR CELL PHONES

Do you have experience preparing material for a cell phone? The Christian Growth Committee is looking for help for a short-term project.

They are preparing a booklet on prayer that would be a great gift 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 they would love to find a volunteer soon. Contact Jill at vpchristiangrowth@lutheranwomen.ca if you or someone you know (active with LWMLC or not) has an interest.

SEMINAR WORKING GROUP MEMBERS WANTED

See previous abbreviated Updates for information. Particularly needed: someone from Central District.

GERTRUDE POLLEX BURSARY

Applications for 2025 are now being accepted from any Lutheran woman, from across Canada, who will be attending a post-secondary program or specific educational advancement program and who desire to serve their Lord in church work or are entering full-time service as parish workers, deaconesses, parochial

school teachers, church musicians, organist/choir directors. For application forms as well as Guidelines and Procedures visit <https://lutheranwomen.ca/lwmlc-inc-forms/> or contact Sharlene Procknow, VP District Administration Ontario at vpdaontario@lutheranwomen.ca

This bursary originated several years ago in the Ontario District honouring a former leader of the district. As a result, women in Ontario are given preference but women across Canada are encouraged to apply in the event there are no Ontario applicants who meet the established criteria. **DEADLINE: May 31, 2025.**

MONEY MATTERS

SERVING ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

LWML–Canada Inc. Finance Committee requires a member from Central District to complete the committee. It is important that we have representation from all four districts to keep members informed on our financial status. If you are a member of LWML–Canada Inc., Central District and would like more information, please contact Linda Horton, Treasurer, LWML–Canada Inc., at 1-403-984-2508 or treasurer@lutheranwomen.ca or

linda.horton2@shaw.ca

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