



News & Notes from LWMLC Central District

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

Washing Feet

Since the production of Mel Gibson's "Passion of Christ," it has become my tradition to watch it during the week of Passion. The movie certainly brings to focus the great sacrifice Jesus made for all humankind but me personally. Mel Gibson was considerate of the horror and broke it up by flash back to Jesus' youth and ministry.

My favorite scene is when Jesus washes his disciples' feet. When you consider an adult's feet it is not pretty, heels can be calloused, toes gnarly and crooked. They can be dusty, dirty, and let us not forget smelly. We can be very self-conscious of exposing our feet to others. Not cute baby feet that are sweet smelling, Jesus knelt to our weary, weak, and scarred feet. Jesus tenderly removes the sandals or burdens of life. Jesus washes away the dirt of our sinful nature. This simple act of love always brings tears as it reminds me of the ultimate act of service He endured, ridicule, beatings, and crucifixion on the cross for all humankind.

Why feet? Jesus could have washed each of the disciples' hands, but he chose the feet. It is because feet are the foundation of the body. It keeps us upright, carries and takes us everywhere. Jesus cared for the part of the body that would send us out to do simple acts of service as He has called us. We may be washing the feet of our children or elderly. Our feet may be carrying us to bring a hot meal to a grieving family, shut ins or the homeless. Our feet may be stepping on the pedal of a sewing machine creating quilts for family support centers, women's, and men's shelters. Feet running as VBS, Sunday School, or youth retreats are planned and organized.

Feet, are they not amazing? Something else utterly amazing, Jesus took that moment to kneel in service to wash our feet.

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



Dates of Events on the Central District Calendar:

Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 7 p.m. (Central time zone) Our next all-District meeting through *Go to Meeting*. Agenda and link sent out - **contact Annette Borchardt if you have not received and wish to attend** – vpdacentral@lutheranwomen.ca

April 5, 2025, Parkland Zone Spring Renewal. St. John Frobisher Psalm 126.4, 'Restore our fortunes, O Lord.' – contact Denise Dougherty ddougherty@sasktel.net or Olga Toogood olgatoo@sasktel.net for more information.

April 26, 2025, Wheatland Zone Spring Renewal. Grace, Brandon **Time and theme to be announced** – contact Judy Gabler impala1@mymts.net

May 3, 2025, Northland Zone Spring Renewal. Zion, Nipawin **Time and theme to be announced** – contact Michell Heidecker livewires@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

July 26, 2025, Camp Aurora Ladies Retreat **Time and theme to be announced** -contact Angela Sharbot a_sharbot@hotmail.com

Next issue of Salt and Light deadline – May 16th. Sisters across the district would love to see pics and info on all your Spring renewals so send them in to communication.central.district@gmail.com

Beloved Sister Geraline Timm called to glory. For more details find the obituary at <https://www.saskatoonfuneralhome.com/obituaries/geraldine-timm>

Have you seen the latest LWMLC UPDATE? This semi-monthly newsletter is packed with information about the goings on with our LWMLC. *For a teaser:* In the March 15 edition you can read a reaction to the past *Mites in Action* webinar with Rev. Dr. Steven Shave from LAMP written by our own Judy Gabler. Check out how to get a subscription 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.

Join the team –

Our district is in need of representation on some committees. If you are granted the gift of

-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 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 and feel free to direct any questions to Linda to assist you in your decision.*

OR

-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.

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

Are you making executive changes at your next Spring Renewal?

Please make your first point of action to inform our Data Manager, Judy Gabler. Remember: *Communication is only possible if we have the right information. No matter how large or how small 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

I keep you in my prayers and look forward to hearing from you as you gather in your societies and zone. God bless your Lenten Walk and may the joy of the Resurrection be with you always.

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