

LWML-Canada Inc.

ABBREVIATED UPDATE

May 1, 2026

The information in this Update is mostly new or updated from that in previous abbreviated updates. Refer to previous abbreviated issues if needed.

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MAY DEVOTION

God Loves Me, Just as I Am

During our life's journey, there are times when we have excelled. Perhaps we have been praised for singing in a renowned choir, bringing about a positive change in our church or community, or for managing list for our home.

READ or DOWNLOAD:

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

LISTEN: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IE-0hRutiuc>

PRAYER CALENDAR for May – DOWNLOAD and share:

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

Mothers – The Unsung Heroes of the Faith

CS Lewis wrote in *The Great Divorce* a wonderful tribute to mothers. A parade was held in heaven and everyone wondered who it was celebrating. The guide stated it was “one of the great ones,” a normal hardworking mother who was being honoured at her entrance into heaven. And not only mothers by biology but women who adopt children or mentor children as a mother. May we honour our mothers on Mother's Day for all the sacrifices they made for us.

If you didn't have such an amazing mother, please forgive her. None of us knows the difficulties and trauma they might have suffered in their past. If they failed you, let the Lord comfort and heal you. As a

hen covers her chicks the Lord will cover you and protect you. “*How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings*” (Psalm 37:6).

A MISSION IN ACTION webinar featuring Marilyn Witte, Sherley Hearty, Jill Munoz, and Linda Long who travelled to the Philippine Lutheran Women's League (PLWL) convention is planned for **June 6, 2026. To register for this free event, send your request to webinar@lutheranwomen.ca by May 27.**

MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS REQUIRED BY OCTOBER 31, 2026

Remember the date! It isn't too early to start thinking about and preparing mission grants for our next triennium!

Who can submit a grant request? Any member, society, zone or district of LWMLC Inc. or an LCC synodical board may submit a proposal. Information and forms can be found online at

<https://lutheranwomen.ca/lwmlc-inc-forms/how-to-submit-a-grant-proposal/>.

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES

1. ...working at the Resource Centre, housed in the Lutheran Laymen's League office in Kitchener, Ont. You would be responsible for filling orders and keeping track of what material is on hand and when we need to restock.
2. ...embroidering on various clothing items by hand or machine.

If you are interested, please contact Vice-President, Member Development Ruth Coe at 1-905-383-0366 or vpmemberdevelopment@lutheranwomen.ca Being an active member of LWMLC Inc. would be helpful from a knowledge perspective for working in the Resource Centre but is not essential for either of these tasks.

PRAYING FOR OUR SOCIETIES

This year the Member Development Committee is asking you to pray for each of our LWMLC societies across Canada. Today we pray for the societies in the Rockhaven Zone of Laurentian District.

- Sudbury, Redeemer LWMLC
- Timmins, Christ LWMLC
- Member, Francine Van Woudenberg-Sikkema

Gracious God, we thank You for the gift of fellowship and for calling women together in faith and service. Today we pray for the societies in the Rockhaven Zone in Laurentian District. Bless its members with unity, joy, and wisdom as they grow together and serve others in Your name. Guide their work, strengthen their hearts, and may all they do reflect Your love and bring glory to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

RESOURCE CENTRE

COMING SOON!! New logo pens arriving soon. New lace bookmarks will be hitting the scene within the next week. New designs in time for Mother's Day.

WRITE FOR TAPESTRY, Fall 2026 Deadline extended to May 15, 2026.

Theme: Faith-filled Beginnings

Send to: tapestry@lutheranwomen.ca

For details, check the LWMLC website.

LINK: <https://lutheranwomen.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Tapestry-theme-FALL-2026.pdf>

ANNUAL DINNERS FOR VICARS

On Friday, April 10, 2026, the Ontario District hosted the LWMLC Inc. annual Vicars' Dinner in honour of the three vicars from Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary. The event was held at Christ Lutheran Church in St. Catharines. After a delicious dinner, greetings were given by Rev. Dr. Winger (President, Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines), Rev. Marvin Bublitz (East Regional Pastor) and Sharon Mills (LWMLC Inc. Niagara Zone President).

President Marilyn Witte spoke to the men who would be going out on their vicarage and then had them complete a scavenger hunt designed to help them learn about LWMLC and how the league supports the mission of the church.

On April 17, 2026, the ABC District, thanks to St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Stony Plain, Alta., provided the annual dinner for students at Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton, who will be doing their vicarage in congregations beginning this fall. The dinner is an opportunity for them to learn more about LWMLC Inc. and how the local and area societies where they serve

their vicarage will provide them with support and encouragement.

SACRED CONVOCATIONS

Please keep the students at Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton, and Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, in your prayers as some receive their first call to a congregation and others receive their vicarage placement. Also, pray for the congregations who will receive these graduates and vicars into the Lord's Service. May the LWMLC ladies welcome and encourage them.

The Sacred Convocation (more familiarly known to many of us as the Call Service) for CLS will be held May 22, 7:00 p.m., at Riverbend Lutheran Church, Edmonton. The Sacred Convocation (Call Service) for CLTS will be held May 23, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church, St. Catharines.

For those unable to attend in person, the services will be livestreamed.

GERTRUDE POLLEX BURSARY AVAILABLE

Applications for the Gertrude Pollex Bursary for the 2026 fall term are now open to Lutheran women across Canada pursuing post-secondary education or specialized training for church work. Eligible fields include parish work, deaconess service, parochial teaching, church music, and choir direction. Preference is given to Ontario applicants, but all may apply. Applications, including a pastoral and LWMLC Inc. society reference, are due by **May 31, 2026**. [Forms and guidelines](#) are available on the LWMLC website or from Sharlene Procknow (vpdaontario@lutheranwomen.ca). Submissions are accepted via email or Canada Post but must be received by the deadline.

LINK: <https://lutheranwomen.ca/lwmlc-inc-forms/>

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