

## **Arlene Naasz**

LWML Vice President of Organizational Resources



Arlene Naasz remembers playing LWML as a girl growing up in Wolsey, South Dakota. While her mother and grandmother attended meetings, Arlene and her friends would go to another room and take turns leading a pretend LWML meeting! Now she has the blessing of serving in the LWML for real. What a joy!

Service to God through the LWML has always been a part of her life-long residency in South Dakota. Arlene has been active in five of the district's 10 LWML zones as she and her husband, Terry, now a retired LCMS pastor, lived in several parts of the state. Arlene has always joined the LWML as quickly as possible after each move. Going to district LWML events is like attending a family reunion, with lots of hugs from sisters-in-Christ.

Many women have had an influence on Arlene's LWML path, but her favorite mentor was her mother, Edna Haeder. She followed in her mother's footsteps, as both served as LWML South Dakota District Presidents. Arlene has also held many other positions at the district, local, and zone levels. In addition to being district president, she used her leadership gifts in her role as the district's Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Vice President of Mission Service, Parliamentarian, Special Gifts Fund Chairman, Nominating Committee, and Structure Committee. She was chairman of the Ushers and Pages Committee for the 1989 Rapid City LWML Convention and Creative Enhancements Coordinator for the 2007 Sioux Falls LWML Convention. On the national level, she has served on the Mission Service Committee, Christian Life Committee, Structure Committee, and Meeting Manager.

While attending South Dakota State University, her mother told her, "Go to Gamma Delta (Lutheran Student Fellowship) and meet a good Lutheran boy." She did and met her husband, Terry. They have been blessed with two sons, two daughters-in-law, and six adorable grandchildren.

When not doing LWML activities or spoiling her six grandchildren, Arlene enjoys reading, quilting, and baking cookies. As a former family and consumer science teacher, she likes teaching her grandchildren how to sew and to be great cookie dough taste-testers. She delights in singing her praises to God and appreciates the beauty of His creation at their home in the Black Hills.

Among her favorite Bible passages is her confirmation verse, John 14:27: *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*