

GETTING TO KNOW DEB BURMA

Deb Burma will be the keynote speaker at our LWML NID Convention on September 23/24 at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Carol Stream. She will also lead a Bible study on Friday afternoon. (Reminder: Early Bird registration ends on July 23; registration closes on September 1.) Here's an introduction to this fellow sister in Christ:

With infectious warmth and wit, Deb Burma speaks with authenticity and passion. Faithful to God's Word, she shares His extravagant grace in Christ as she touches the hearts of women, meeting them in the moments of their everyday lives. (Visit Deb at her website, Extravagant Grace: www.debburma.com.)

*Author of bestsellers **JOY: A Study of Philippians** and **Living a Chocolate Life**, Deb has penned an assortment of Christian-living books, Bible studies, and devotionals, including her newest release, **Be Still & Know: A Study of Rest and Refuge**. They are all published by Concordia Publishing House (CPH). Her work has appeared in several periodicals, including the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly.*

Deb earned a degree in Economics and Finance, then followed the Lord's lead to direct women's and family ministries. She did this while raising a family and pursuing additional training in writing, speaking, and theology through Concordia Publishing House (CPH), Concordia Seminary, and the Women's Leadership Institute (WLI), under the direction of noted authors, editors, and theologians.

Deb has spoken at national and district LWML Conventions, as well as LHM's national and regional conferences. She has also led numerous workshops and sectionals for a variety of other conferences. She is a sought-after speaker for women's retreats and ministry events across the country, too. Deb's ministry travels have taken her to 28 states and Canada, aboard a Caribbean cruise ship, and continue to lead her down the street to her home church.

Raised on a ranch in South Dakota, Deb and her family have shared adventures while residing in five different states, before calling Nebraska home. Deb is a follower of Jesus, a pastor's wife, and the proud mother of three amazing young adults. She's a blogger, a women's ministry leader, and a self-proclaimed coffee/chocolate connoisseur. (She never travels without chocolate in one hand and a flavored hot latte in the other!) Above all, Deb is a grace-filled woman of God.