

Counselor's corner

The Bible reveals that one of the greatest good works for the kingdom of God is the instruction of children in the faith of Christ. Mothers, grandmothers and Christian teachers all share in this great and eternally fruitful activity. The constant, loving attention and instruction given to a child by a Christian woman can provide a firm foundation for faith and a lifetime of blessing. It is a serious task—with many joys and obstacles—and, the sooner it is begun, the better for the young soul.

A woman once told her pastor that she would not give her children religious instruction until they had attained the years of discretion. The pastor replied, "Madam, if you do not teach them, the devil will." Such is the reality of this age. Either we teach our children Christ or they will learn from the world.

Take heart, for God is with you and His Word never returns to Him without accomplishing His will—even if we don't see it come to fruition in our lifetime.

*Rev. Ronald Hobbie
Lakeland Region*

**Minnesota North
LWML Retreat
Lutheran Island Camp
Aug. 12-14**

*Theme:
"Thy Word Is a Lamp
Unto My Feet"*



LWML plays in Peoria

Time is running out to register for the 34th biennial LWML Convention playing June 23-26 in Peoria, Ill. The deadline to register without a late fee is May 20. Register today so that you will not miss all the activities that will take place under the theme, "**Being with Jesus—Living on the Edge.**"

Each day will bring something new right up through the Sunday morning worship with proclaimer Rev. Joe Meyer of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Peoria. There will be much to do and see at the exhibits. Don't forget you can shop at the LWML store, where you can get resources for yourself and your society, along with many new items that make great gifts for yourself or others.

Check "conventions" in the slider at www.lwml.org for all the latest information and for that last-minute convention registration online.

Our Young Woman Representatives to the LWML convention

Kari Kremer and Kristina Kuhnau have been chosen as Young Woman Representatives (YWRs) to represent the Minnesota North District at the LWML convention in Peoria in June.

While at the convention, they will walk in the opening banner processional with our District LWML President Cheryl Petersen, sit with the voting delegation, attend special events to meet other YWRs from around the country, and will learn more about the LWML as they participate in the events.



Kari Kremer attends Good Shepherd in Alexandria. "Before I was an official member of the church, I attended an LWML meeting, mostly to hear the guest speaker, and from then on I was hooked ... I am very excited to be representing LWML Minnesota North District in Peoria this June. I look forward to getting to know so many of you. It will be a trip to remember, and I can't

wait to share it with all of you when we get back."



Kristina Kuhnau is a member of Zion in Alexandria. "I am excited about being part of the LWML and supporting the mission work we do, so that all can know about Jesus! Thank you for the privilege of being a Young Woman Representative for the LWML 2011 convention. I am looking forward to it."

Gifts from the Heart

Have you been gathering Gifts from the Heart? Agencies in Peoria, as well as Orphan Grain Train, have been chosen to receive the gifts from your heart.

Find the list of items you may donate in the winter 2010 issue of *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, or at the LWML website: www.lwml.org.

When you register at the civic center, bring your gifts with you and place them in the receptacles provided. No money will be accepted for Gifts from the Heart at the convention.

