

Counselor's Corner

"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8).

I suspect that virtually anyone reading this article has picked a white dandelion top and blew upon it, spreading the seeds to the wind. Most likely, you did so when you were a child or when showing a youngster the joy of watching these little parachutes fly. Of course, wherever the seeds land, in due time another dandelion sprouts.

God uses His people much like this. The Spirit blows where He wills and uses His people in various places and ways to spread the seeds of faith into new places.

Where has God "blown" you? Whom might you reach with the love of Christ and the message of the Gospel? Look around. You are not where you are by accident. God's hand is on your life and He will make you fruitful where you land.

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LWML adopts mission goal of \$1.825 million for the 2011-13 biennium!

More than 4,600 Lutheran Women in Mission from across the nation gathered June 23-26 to conduct business, renew friendships and rally around God's Word in Peoria, Ill. The theme of the convention was "Being with Jesus—Living on the Edge," based on the Scripture passage, "And they realized they had been with Jesus ... 'For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard'" (Acts 4:13b, 20 NKJV).



St. Cloud Zone Spring Rally

More than 300 pillowcase dresses for the "Dress A Girl Around the World" project were collected at the April 30 rally at St. John's Lutheran in Kimball. T-shirt diapers and baby quilts also were sewn and donated by zone members.

Go to www.lwml.org to see highlights of the Peoria convention and more ...

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- Resources, news and ideas can be found there.
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