

## Counselor's corner

*"For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning" (Ps. 30:5).*

Lent, honestly observed, is a season that pulls no punches. It reminds us of the fallen reality of our world and the deep darkness of sin from which we need to be delivered.

G.K. Chesterton was a prolific English writer of the early 20th century. He generally described himself as an Orthodox Christian and, in later life, converted from Anglicanism to Roman Catholicism. He once was asked by a London newspaper to join other authors and thinkers to address the weighty and important question of, "What's wrong with the world?"

His simple, insightful response was submitted: *Dear Sirs, I am. Sincerely yours, G.K. Chesterton.*

Lent puts the issue of sin and the need for a Savior precisely where it belongs—on each of us, alone before God. Insofar as we allow God's Word and Spirit to work in us, Lent can focus our hearts rightly so that we can more fully appreciate and celebrate the joyous days of Easter that follow.

*The Rev. Ronald Hobbie  
Lakeland Region Counselor*



**LWML Minnesota North District  
25th Biennial Convention  
June 25-27  
Breezy Point Resort, Minn.**

## 2011 Human Care activities

The women of LWML Minnesota North District gave generously to organizations for the blind, deaf and handicapped. Monetary gifts were given to The Lutheran Hour radio program, Lutheran Association of Ministries and Pilots U.S., Bethesda Lutheran Home, hospice care providers, Heifer International, Someplace Safe, Inc. and a variety of other organizations.

Homeless shelters, abuse center and pregnancy crisis centers received money, as well as clothing, household goods, personal items and baby supplies. More than 18,614 pounds of food and \$27,091 were donated to food shelves. Members also gave of their time to bring in day-old bread, stock shelves and sort clothing.

School supplies and backpacks were collected for local schools, a preschool in Tanzania and an orphanage in India. Used greeting cards were sent to senior centers, nursing homes and St. Judes hospitals.

Missionaries were remembered with donations, supplies and prayers. Funding for water filters was sent to Haiti. Eyeglasses and hundreds of shoes were sent to missions. The Christmas Child and Shoebox projects were supported. Many societies sponsored an orphan overseas.

Prayer shawls and baby sweaters were knit and crocheted with love and concern for those that received them. More than 5,800 quilts were made. They were given to fire victims, missions, Lutheran World Relief, disaster areas, abuse shelters, homeless shelters, graduates, confirmands and for infant baptisms. Also given where needed were 1,109 T-shirt diapers, 330 Linus blankets, 1,970 pillowcase dresses, 365 layettes and 809 kits of various kinds.

More 2011 human care activities will be shared on this page in future editions of *The Lutheran Witness*

*Ellen Strickler  
District Human Care Chairman*

**Alison Petru,  
youth leader at  
St. John, Dent,  
Minn., made  
this banner in  
celebration of  
our 2011 LWML  
Convention in  
Peoria.**

