

## Counselor's corner

*"Arise, shine, for your Light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you"* (Is. 60:1 NIV).

The theme verse for our LWML Minnesota North District convention works well for the season of Easter. Although we will still be in the season of Lent when this arrives, we know Easter is just around the corner, and we long for it. When it comes, we set aside the emphasis on humility and somberness and again sing joyfully, "Alleluia!"

Is that not basically what this theme verse is calling us to do, to arise and let shine the joy that is in us, thanks to the triumph of Jesus as revealed in His resurrection of Easter morning?

Yes! For that is, after a fashion, a form of fulfillment of Isaiah's God-breathed words in our verse, *"for your Light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you."* Yes, Jesus came to us as the baby of Bethlehem at Christmas, but now He comes to us Victor over sin, death and the devil.

So, yes, we do heed the call of Scriptures and rise up from our easy-chair to *"let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven"* (Matt. 5:16).

The upcoming convention in June at Breezy Point will give us a chance to let our light shine there, and also a chance to learn how even better at home in the future.

To God alone be the glory.

*The Rev. Pastor Henry J. Koopmann*  
Park Region Counselor

*Alleluia!*  
HE IS ALIVE!

## Call to convention

The 25th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Minnesota North District will be held June 25-27 at the Breezy Point Resort, Minn.

The convention theme is "Arise! Shine! Your Light has Come ..." based on Is. 60:1-3 NIV, *"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn."*

The voting body of the convention is comprised of two delegates from each congregation, each zone president and the voting members of the board of directors. Each delegate shall have an alternate to the convention. The names of certified delegates and alternates shall be in the hands of the registrar at least four weeks before the convention (May 28).

Delegate credentials, registration forms and lodging information will be available in April. Check the website for updated information at [www.lwmlmn.org](http://www.lwmlmn.org).

## Young women – you're invited!

Do you have a deep love and devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ? Are you enthusiastic? Are you between the ages of 18 and 35? Are you mission minded?

If you answered "Yes" to these questions, you will want to join other young women of the district at the convention.

The Young Women Representative (YWR) Committee has a number of special events planned, in addition to the normal convention proceedings, including a pizza party, special time with President Cheryl, a mission project and LWML 101.

Register for the convention and check the "Young Woman" box on the registration form. We look forward to seeing you at convention!

## Keynote speaker Cynthia Khan: People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO)

As POBLO Director of Cross-Cultural Ministries and a missionary to Muslims, Cynthia Khan



uses various outreach strategies to reach ethnic populations.

Cynthia Khan was born and raised in Pakistan. She has lived in four countries and personally dealt with the people and issues she raises awareness about. She now resides in Troy, Mich., but is still a dedicated global citizen. She has served within an unusually broad variety of settings in different countries. Her hands-on experience and real-life stories impact the attendees in a special way.

Cynthia also will lead a breakout session at the convention on Monday afternoon.

