

Counselor's corner

"On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared" (Luke 24:1).

In the *Lutheran Service Book*, we have a section called "Commemorations." In it, August 3 is set aside to commemorate three women called "Myrrhbearers." Who were they? Listed are Joanna, Mary and Salome. But there were others who went to the tomb with them on Easter morning to anoint His body with fragrant myrrh as a final honor to Him they all loved dearly as a great "man of God."

But like the rest of the disciples, they had not yet understood His message. At least some of them had seen Jesus nailed to the cross, saw Him suffer silently and die. Some of them probably saw the soldier use his spear to make sure that Jesus was indeed dead. And some of them saw Nicodemus and Joseph take the body down and place it in a nearby tomb. There was no doubt in their minds that Jesus was dead.

They all had such high expectations for Jesus—that God was going to do great and wonderful things through Him. They had been sure He was the Messiah, the one promised in the Scriptures through numerous prophets.

Before we dare stand in judgment of these "myrrhbearers," are we sure we would have done differently? God's plan of salvation was so different from what they had been expecting, we can hardly expect anything different.

They had done the best they could, and their hearts were in the right spot. As God unveiled how Jesus had done just what He had asked of His Son, they came to understand, believe and bear wit-

ness to this in their daily lives.

May God help us do the same in our daily lives also.

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Quilters at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lake George, have been together for about 10 years, and they donate quilts to the local homeless shelter, nursing homes, hospital and fire victims. They estimate that they make about 75 quilts and 30 lap robes a year.

On Sunday, April 29, they presented their high school graduates with specially made quilts.

Pictured are: graduate Sean Aila (left), quilters Carol Hadrava and Doris Erickson, and elder Bill Devine. Graduates not pictured: Renny Aila, Kris Skersick and Adam Manz.



LWML Minnesota North District President Cheryl Petersen was a guest speaker at several spring rallies. She shared photos and stories about her mission trip to Kenya and the Project 24 orphan rescue centers.

Petersen is pictured making her presentation at the Little Falls Zone Spring Rally held April 14 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Ramey, Minn.

New archivist-historian

LWML archivist-historian of eight years, Janet Miller, is retiring. Her dedication, service and organizational skills have been a blessing.



Kathleen Brehmer of Messiah Ladies League, Messiah, Sartell, has been appointed to the position. She has served as society

president for five years, society vice-president for two terms, and as regional vice-president of Arrowhead II for two years.

Brehmer attended St. Cloud State University after working as a nurse for 25 years, and she graduated with a major in history and a minor in American Indian studies. Her internship was in the archival department of a museum, where she fell in love with old papers!

She and her husband have four children and 12 grandchildren, with another expected in November.

If you have questions about historical records, email Brehmer at historian@lwmlmnn.org.

LWML Sunday

The author of the 2012 LWML Sunday material is none other than LCMS President Matthew Harrison.

Designed under the theme "Salted for Service," the service focuses on Mark 9:50: *Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.*

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