

Counselor's corner

The Rev. Richard Wurmbbrand, a Romanian Lutheran pastor of the mid-20th century, spent many years serving Christ amid persecution in the former Soviet Union. Besides spending 13 ½ years in jail, three of them in solitary confinement, he knew countless other believers who also suffered for the name of Jesus. He said, "Christians are like nails. The more they're hit, the deeper they go."

Please pray for our missionaries who work in dangerous lands. Pray for the relief of all believers worldwide. Do what you can to support them in their service for our Savior.

On a second level, I think the Rev. Wurmbbrand's words are also true for other kinds of trials and pains we endure. Rather than destroying our faith, they drive us deeper into God's Word and the loving care of Jesus.

As we read in James 1:2-4, "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

When hit, may you go deeper and find the peace of God that passes all human understanding!

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Lakeland Region Counselor*

LWML President
Kay Kreklau
invites you to join
her every Saturday
morning for "A
Cup with Kay" to pray for 9
minutes at 9 a.m. ("9@9").



Sewing for God's glory



The sewing group of First, Ely, has been busy making pillowcase dresses and shorts from T-shirts for children in Haiti. The group meets monthly and has made 92 dresses and 46 shorts. Pictured, from left, are Elaine Perko, Enola Loomis, Donna Esterberg, Pastor John Bonk, Shirley Britton, Carol Carlson and Peggy Rosett.

Leanna Hasbargen of St. Paul Ladies Aid, International Falls, quilted this banner for the LWML district convention in June. Leanna is an avid quilter and has made many beautiful quilted wall hangings for St. Paul Lutheran Church.



The quilting group of First, Ely, meets weekly to work on some amazing quilts. They have given 61 quilts to various organizations. Pictured, from left, are Bonnie Barich, Fran Church, Shirley Britton, Doris Mae Paul, Marge Haasl, Donna Esterberg, Carol Carlson and Enola Loomis.

More 2011 Human Care activities . . .

Pop-tops, soup labels and box tops were collected. Work was done for Habitat for Humanity. Hundreds of Arch Books were purchased or bought at Peoria. Special kits, socks, underwear and quilts were also donated at the convention.

Bibles were marked for prison ministry. Disabled veterans received literature and lap robes. Military personnel were remembered with reading material, letters and care packages.

Lutheran Island Camp was supported with quilts for their fundraising auction, and many societies donated money to fund special projects. Many societies also continue to support the food and clothing co-ops at the Fort Wayne and St. Louis seminaries with money, gifts, and gas and phone cards. Some money goes to scholarships for seminary students.

Mother-daughter events were held around Mother's Day. A pie and ice cream social celebrated Father's Day. "Undies Sunday" provided underwear and socks for Lutheran World Relief.

Thank you, zones and society Human Care chairwomen, for sharing ideas and working diligently to fulfill the needs of others. Without your compassion, encouragement and leadership, the needs of many would not be met.

"You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God" (2 Cor. 9:11-12 NIV).

Human Care Committee