



Counselor's corner

*... for Herod is about to search
for the child, to destroy him
(Matt. 2:13).*



Sadly, the history of human government frequently includes the wholesale destruction of their own citizens, even

children and babies. In much of the pagan world of Herod's day, abortion, exposure to death and even sacrifice of children to idols was practiced.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the American legalization of infanticide, that is, the murder of our own nation's most innocent citizens — unborn children. While our culture at large may discount this great evil, God does not. Every life is precious to Him — precious enough that Jesus came to redeem us all from sin and everlasting judgment.

Every life should also be precious to us. Let us pray that God's Word and Spirit will use our witness and example to help end this great evil in our land and bring saving faith and spiritual renewal to many who have supported, supplied or received abortions.

May we also do our part to strengthen the hands of mothers and fathers who labor mightily to raise children in adverse and sometimes heartbreaking circumstances. Let us search out children to preserve them.

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PING

Mary Kuhnau, Lynn Lahd and JoNette Brogaard attended PING training in St. Louis, in October. PING is defined as a verb meaning "to get the attention of."

This year's event presented practical leadership ideas, inspiration and hands-on activities to help district leaders communicate with the men and women in their congregations and share the enthusiasm they have for the valuable work of the LWML.

The training session, held every four years, motivated our district people to return to Minnesota North District with a plan and a commitment — Prepared, Inspired, Nourished, and ready to Go share the heart of the LWML and the love of Jesus.

Watch for the closest PING training session in your area in the coming months, and make plans to attend!



Pittsburgh – WOW!

Make your plans NOW to attend the 35th Biennial LWML Convention to be held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 27-30, 2013.



Plans are already underway for this convention with the theme "Quenched! by the Water." Convention attendees will welcome the Rev. Dr. Dien Taylor as the proclaimer at the Opening Worship service; keynote speaker, Dr. LuJuana Butts; Bible study leader, Donna Pyle; song leader, Dr. Dina Vendetti; humorous interrupter, Elaine Bickel; and Dr. Victor Belton as Closing Worship proclaimer.

Invite your friends, mark the dates on your calendar and watch for more details in the months to come. Visit www.lwml.org/conventions for the latest in Pittsburgh convention news!

Join Your LWML neighbors in Pittsburgh in June!

'Bundle-Up-A-Snowman'

This Human Care mission project was done at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School, Crookston, Minn.

New or hand-made mittens, scarves and hats were brought in and pinned or hung on the six-foot snowman. The snowman got "bundled up" and was toasty warm.

What a blessing to know others will be warm, wrapped in these items and Jesus' love.

