

Counselor's corner

Christian life means being human by virtue of the incarnation, means being judged and granted mercy by virtue of the cross, means to live a new life by virtue of the resurrection. One is not without the other (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Mystery of Easter*, p. 28).

Jesus was born to die: *"this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it"* (Acts 2:23-24). By the death of Jesus our sins were removed. The cross is the fulfillment of the promise of God spoken to Adam and Eve of the One who would once and for all release mankind from Satan's grasp. Whereas there once was only death, God would bring life anew through the resurrection of His Son.

"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (1 Cor. 15:17). Christ lives, our sins are forgiven, and through Him we also live. St. Paul reminds us that being baptized into Christ's death, we have also been baptized into his resurrection, *"so that we too might walk in newness of life"* (Rom. 6:3-4). No longer held by sin or death, we are free to live fully and wholly in Christ, serving God and one another. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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Serve the LORD with Gladness! (Ps. 100:2)



35th Biennial LWML Convention Pittsburgh, Pa. June 27-30, 2013

At the convention, attendees will have the opportunity to:

- participate in the "Servant Connections" on Thursday;
- worship with thousands of your sisters and brothers in Christ on Thursday evening and Sunday morning;
- visit the exhibits in "The LWML Neighborhood,"
- gather with your sisters in Christ for Friday lunch with a variety of presenters;
- join the "Mission in Motion" fundraiser for mites (mission walk) on Friday evening;
- enjoy our first ever "LWML Neighborhood Block Party,"
- meet new friends and renew old friendships; and
- praise God through song.

Go Learn ... Go Serve ... Go Share

On the GO is a resource from the LWML Gospel Outreach Committee. It will help equip you in your personal walk with Christ and to empower you to encourage others. Find this resource at www.lwml.org, "Missions," then "Gospel Outreach — Sharing the Gospel," and then "On the GO!"

You can do the activity, *On the GO DEVOS* to create a "To-GO Bag."



Ask others to join you in making one, too! Once they are filled, you can personalize them and give them to the women in your church who do not participate in LWML or who are unable to attend a regular LWML meeting or event.

You can use the *On the GO Devotion* from the web page, click "Devotions for the Working Woman."

Also available is the *On the GO ... Noontime Nibbles*. This is a short study that deals with real workplace situations. Share this study with a friend or co-worker, praying that the peace of Christ may rule in her heart at the office and at home.



Celebrating LWML's 70th

The 70th anniversary of the LWML was celebrated in November by Zion Evening Guild, Alexandria. Highlighting the "birthday party" was a skit portraying Zion Ladies Aid in 1942, as the women received the exciting news that a women's mission organization for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod had finally been formed.

Participants in the anniversary skit were from left: Florence Stanz, Jan Schoeneck, JoNette Brogaard, Carol Tewes, Dori Kutz and Vi Backhaus.