



35th Biennial LWML Convention

June 27-30, 2013

Counselor's corner

(Jesus said,) *"Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again"* (John 4:14).

What is Jesus saying in John 4:14? The woman at the well didn't understand at first. The people attending the Feast of the Tabernacles didn't understand when Jesus stood up and spoke similar words in John 7:37-39. John gives us an explanation: *"This He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive."* This reminds us of John 3:5, *"Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

Baptism — where water is poured on us and the Spirit is given to us; where we are brought into the family of God as His children, purified and cleansed by His grace; and where we are joined to the body of Christ, each called to do our tasks as members of His body.

So, just as LWML members convene in Pittsburgh for the 2013 convention June 27-30, we also gather to encourage, support and work together in the Kingdom of God, sharing His Word with the world so that others may also be "Quenched by the Water."

*Rev. Anthony Cloose,
Park Region Counselor*

Our Young Woman Representatives to the LWML convention

Amy Finnern and Karena LaPolice have been chosen as Young Woman Representatives (YWRs) to represent LWML Minnesota North District. We had an excellent group of candidates. Both women are eager to represent the district in Pittsburgh this June and are thankful for the opportunity to learn more about LWML. They are planning to travel on the bus to convention, so be sure to take the opportunity to visit with them.

Amy Finnern grew up in Ham Lake, Minn., and graduated from Blaine High School. She attended Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., receiving her bachelors degree in health fitness.



Amy met her husband, Brady, at college. Brady is pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, Sartell. They have four beautiful children: Kajsa, 7, is in first grade; Averil, 5, is in all-day kindergarten; Elias, 4, is in preschool; and Xavia, 2, is at home.

Amy is currently a stay-at-home mom. She enjoys time with her family, coffee, exercising and running. She ran her third half-marathon with Brady in April in St. Cloud. Amy is involved in the LWML and a bowling league through church.

Karena LaPolice lives in Big Lake, Minn., with her husband, Lonnie, and two teen-



agers: Elizabeth, 16, and Dillain, 15. She has been a special agent for the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation for 11 years. She grew up in Bertha, Minn., graduated from Bertha-Hewitt High School and graduated from Mayville State University, Mayville, N.D. with a Bachelor of Science in mathematics and office administration, with a minor in accounting.

Karena attends Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Elk River. She and her husband have served as youth group leaders for several years. She is active in the choir, serves as secretary of the Endowment Committee, has served on several other committees at church and is currently the president of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church LWML society.

She enjoys spending time with her family at karate classes, where they are all striving for their second- and third-degree black belts. She also enjoys reading, crocheting, gardening and driving motorcycles.



Save the date!

**LWML Retreat
Aug. 9-11**

**at Lutheran Island Camp
Theme: "In the Beginning
God Created ..." (Gen. 1:1)**