

## Counselor's corner

*"But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect"*  
(1 Peter 3:15).

**P**eter tells us to set Christ apart in our hearts. This God does by making us His children through Baptism. We realize this with joy and rejoice in the sure and certain hope of Christ Jesus — faith in forgiveness and eternal life which He has won for us.

**I**nspired by God's gracious and loving work, the Holy Spirit fills us with a desire to live in that hope, showing Christ to the world. Living like this makes us stand out in the world — and people wonder why.

**N**ext thing you know, they will be asking you why you have that hope. Nourished and nurtured by God's Word, we are able to give them the answer: God has given us peace and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

**G**ently telling others about the hope we have in Christ is a privilege and honor bestowed upon us. It's an opportunity to share with our neighbor the blessings of Christ Jesus!

*Rev. Anthony Cloose  
Park Region Counselor*



## LWML adopts new mission goal at convention

Delegates to the 35th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) adopted a \$1.83 million mission goal for the 2013-2015 biennium. This goal, when completed, will fund 18 mission grants.

More than 3,100 people attended the convention, held in Pittsburgh, Pa., June 27-30, under the theme "Quenched! By the Water," based on John 4:14. At the opening worship service, the Rev. Dr. Dien Taylor inspired the attendees to come to be quenched and refreshed by the Living Water so that we can be quenchers for others. The live-streamed service was picked up in 10 countries and 48 states, with many thousands joining in real time.



**Shown at convention with our Young Woman Representatives is President JoNette Brogaard, center. YWRs are Amy Finnern, left, and Karena LaPolice, right.**

LWML President Kay Kreklau of Drayton, N.D., said, "The LWML has existed for 71 years and by God's grace will continue to thrive because we, quenched by the water and the Word, will do God's work in God's time in God's way. You are the Lutheran Women's Missionary League! With the help of God, go and tell the world!"

## Share your ideas

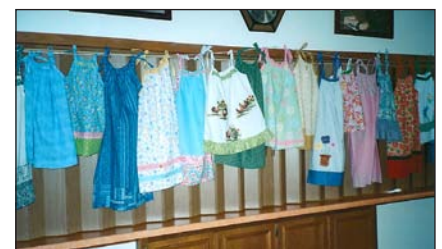
What are you doing as Lutheran Women in Mission in your society and zone?

This page is your forum for sharing ideas for reaching out in the community and reaching in to your family and congregation.

Please take time to share your special ideas and activities by sending them to the editor, along with a photo. Clearly identify all of the people in the photo, and provide any other information about the photo you think would be helpful for the reader to know.

Send your articles and photos to [editor@lwmlmnn.org](mailto:editor@lwmlmnn.org).

Please share what you are doing so others also might be inspired.



## Pillowcase dresses

The women of Trinity Lutheran, Twin Valley, Minn., have been busy sewing 52 "pillowcase dresses" for the children of Haiti.

The fabric and pillowcases were donated. Some of the women cut out the dress pattern and others trimmed and embellished the dresses. They had work days at church to sew, and some of the women did the sewing at home.