

Counselor's corner

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"

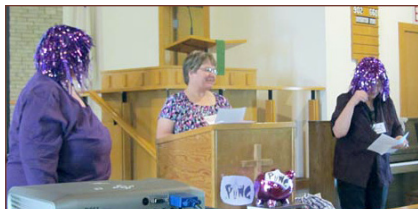
(1 Thess. 4:16-18).

A little boy was asked to say grace at the table. While the rest of the family waited, the little guy eyed every dish of food his mother had prepared. After the examination, he bowed his head and honestly prayed, "Lord, I don't like the looks of it, but I thank you for it and I'll eat it anyway."

How often do we give thanks for God's gifts that fall far short of what we would really like? We may give honest and heartfelt thanks for our healing from cancer, yet our bodies and minds continue to age and wind down toward the grave. Earthly blessings are always less than what we truly desire.

The good news is that one day soon, all this will change. The Lord will return for His faithful people, whether we are alive or dead. Then we will have blessings without disappointments and gladness beyond our current imagination. So for now, we give thanks for limited blessings. And even now, we can give thanks for the perfect everlasting blessings that we will enjoy forever!

*Rev. Ron Hobbie
Lakeland Region Counselor*



PING Inspiration 2013

On Sept. 7, the first of three PING events scheduled for the LWML Minnesota North District was held with 24 women from 10 different district societies attending. The day began with fellowship and the conversation starter, "My Name," led by President JoNette Brogaard. A devotion and song, "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us," got everyone ready to be "lead"-ers as they learned what PING is all about. Lynn Lahd, Leader Development chairman, explained the definition of PING and what the LWML's PING acronym would come to represent for those who attended.

Mary Kuhna, Christian Life chairman, presented the four Bible studies, which were woven throughout the day's activities. Each letter of the PING acronym was presented in one of the Bible studies:

P was "Prepare to share the Good News," and described how God pursues us and wants us to prepare and pursue others.

I represented "Inspired by God's Word," and everyone learned how our Lord inspires us and wants us to inspire others.

N represented how to "Nourish all those we cherish."

G taught us to "Go out and live the mission."



All enjoyed the lighthearted skit, "LWML — What Does That Mean?" President JoNette was the host of the game, "Who Wants to Be A Missionaire?" Online resources were discussed and hands-on resources were viewed in the afternoon. You can judge from the responses heard at the close of the day that this was an event worth attending:

- "Inspiring day."
- "Enjoyed the event and learned a lot."
- "Fellowship was great and had fun."
- "LWML 101 was interesting; I never knew exactly how everything fit together and now I do."

*Lynn Lahd,
Leader Development chairman*

Suggestions for ways to use Mustard Seed Devotions:

- With a friend in need.
- On your desk to read at break time.
- While waiting for the computer to boot up.
- As a gift to nursing homes.
- As a bookmark.