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## Counselor's Corner

*"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem those who were under the Law, so we might receive adoption as sons"* (Gal. 4:4-5).



Ahhh, Christmas. The great celebration of the year! Not only do we get a week or two off from school, and maybe our jobs, but there's lots of good treats, big meals and, of course, presents. Just don't forget the best gift given on Christmas!

When it was the proper time, Jesus was born of Mary. He was wrapped, not in colorful foil, but in human flesh and blood. He was not under a tree, but under the Law to fulfill the Law for us (Matt. 5:17). In this gift, we have become children of our Heavenly Father, and we are dressed festively in Christ's righteousness.

This Christmas, as we gather with family and friends to open gifts and enjoy great meals together, let us in everything thank God for the gift of Christ Jesus, our brother in the flesh. For He has made us a gift to His Father, wrapped in His perfect righteousness.

Have a blessed Christmas celebration!

*Rev. Anthony Close  
Park Region Counselor*



## Mission Quilts: Much more than a blanket

Thousands of quilts are sent annually to all parts of the globe by Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Thanks to LWML quilters and other caring women, the needs of those who cannot provide for themselves are met.

LWR is one organization that ships the quilts to where they are needed. "There is, indeed, a transforming moment when a quilt passes from our hands into another's, and they embrace it," Kirk Betts, former chairman of the LWR Board of Directors said upon distributing LWR quilts in Niger.

When you make and send a quilt, you are comforting someone you have never met and providing an object that is useful in ways you probably never imagined. In addition to being a cozy, clean bed cover, it can be a:

- baby carrier tied around a



mother's back,

- market display spread on the ground and piled with vegetables,
- sack for transporting goods to and from market,
- sunshade,
- shawl, and most importantly,
- constant reminder that someone, far away, cares a lot.

LWR quilts should measure about 60" x 80." Full-size quilts best serve adult recipients and children as they grow.

### Help ship mission quilts

Shipping costs Lutheran World Relief about \$2.25 per quilt. Please give to the "Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund," which pays for the shipping of donated quilts and kits. Give \$500 to sponsor a brick in the "Good Samaritan Quilt Plaza" at the LWR headquarters in Baltimore and help send 220 quilts overseas!

For more information about quilts for Lutheran World Relief, go to [www.lwr.org/getinvolved/quilts](http://www.lwr.org/getinvolved/quilts).

## Check out our website

[www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org)

We are continually updating information on our LWML Minnesota North District website with:

### Events

- District convention news
- Zone rally information
- District retreat information

### Resources

- Bible studies and devotions
- Human care projects
- Scholarship application forms
- 2014 mission grant application instructions
- Financial remittance forms



- District Bylaws

### Publications

- District newsletters
- LWML District *The Lutheran Witness* supplement page (in color!)
- Prayer praise and mite calendars

### Personnel

- Information about the Board of Directors and how to contact them

### What's New

- Visit the website often to see what's happening!