



Counselor's Corner

"[Jesus] suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead." These are familiar words from the Apostles' Creed that encapsulate all that transpired during Holy Week, events foretold by the prophets.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Is. 53:6). Genesis 3:15 was fulfilled. Satan would be defeated by the One born of the Virgin Mary. The Lamb of God has taken away the sins of the world.

Without the cradle there would be no cross of Good Friday and empty tomb of Easter morning. We would still be dead in our sins. St. Paul asks, *"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life"* (Rom. 6:3-4).

Baptized into Christ, the empty tomb is ours. Freed from sin, death and the devil because of Christ's sacrifice and resurrection, we are free to *"walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace"* (Eph. 4:1-2).

Baptized into Christ and "In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him ... we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us" (LWML pledge).

Christ is risen!

*Rev. Don Stauty
Arrowhead Region Counselor*

Call to convention

The 26th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Minnesota North District will be held June 23-25 at St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center, St. Cloud, Minn.

The convention theme is "God Alone is Our Rock" based on Ps. 62:1-2, *"For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken."*

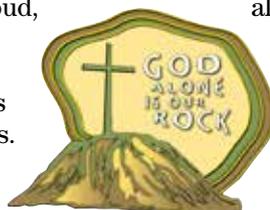
The voting body of the convention is comprised of two

delegates from each congregation, each zone president, voting members of the board of directors and past district presidents.

Each delegate shall have an alternate to the convention. The names of certified delegates and alternates shall be in the hands of the registrar at least four weeks before the convention (May 23).

Delegate credentials, registration forms and housing information will be available in April. Go to www.lwmlmnn.org for updated information.

President JoNette Brogaard



Young women — you're invited!

A special invitation goes out to women between the ages of 18 and 35 to attend our convention June 23-25 in St. Cloud! In addition to the normal convention activities, there will be after-hours activities for women of these ages to learn more about LWML and to meet other young women in the district.

Please encourage the younger women of your congregation to come to the convention. Offer them a ride or help pay their way and encourage them to find out more about LWML beyond your

society. Childcare will be provided at convention, so the littlest ones are also encouraged to attend as well.

Attention younger women: Take the leap and come to St. Cloud to meet your sisters in Christ! Attendance at conventions has been proven to light a fire for the Lord for women of all ages who were not sure how they could "Serve the Lord with Gladness." See you in St. Cloud!

*Lynnette Roshell,
Young Women
Committee Chairwoman*

Krueger is convention keynote speaker



Rev. Paul Krueger, senior pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Minot, N.D., has been in the pastoral ministry for 26 years, serving 20 years in Minot. Following the catastrophic flooding in Minot in 2011, Rev. Krueger was appointed the director of Hope Village, Minot's one-stop flood recovery center.

Rev. Krueger will be tying the theme of "God Alone is Our Rock" with the work that has been accomplished through Hope Village.