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Counselor's Corner

"Master, it is good that we are here" (Luke 9:33).

The 2014 LWML Convention is over. The fellowship with women committed to service to the Lord is becoming a memory. The inspiring words of the speakers who stirred our hearts are slipping away. The realization that we are not alone but are surrounded by sisters in Christ is slowly becoming clouded by the reality of the day. With Peter at the transfiguration of Jesus, we exclaim, "Master, it is good that we are here." It is good to have been at the convention. Like Peter, it would be good to prolong the experience and the euphoria of the convention. It is our chance to leave the trouble and toil of everyday life behind, even if for just a few days.

However, Jesus led his disciples down the mountain back to the everyday world. We, like them, are not called out of the world, but rather are called to overcome the world with witness of the Gospel of Jesus, with acts of mercy, and in our life together, united in a common faith in Christ. Refreshed and invigorated from the convention, we are ready for the Holy Spirit to work in us to bring these things to fruition. Our good and gracious God will use us to be his instruments in this world if we but let him. And we can do all things as we live secure in the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of life eternal in Christ Jesus.

In His service and yours, Rev. Don Stauty Arrowhead Region Counselor



Front row, from left, Janice Thalmann, Mary Jane Meyer, Sue Rosenow, Marlene Peterson; back row, Marlene Stueve, Vi Brutlag, Thelma Wilson, Ann Hilchen, Ann Koeppen, Emaline Erickson, Maxine Bode and Alice Heines. Quilters not pictured are Kathy Cloeter and Agnes Deckert.

Henning women reach out with quilts

The Women's Fellowship society of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Henning, gather weekly throughout the winter and make quilts.

Each spring, quilts are donated

to Lutheran World Relief, veterans' homes and presented to high school graduates of St. Paul's. The baby quilts made are distributed throughout the region.

Baskets of Promise

Baskets of Promise is a project of Lutheran World Relief that congregations in Fergus Falls have done for two years. The baskets are disaster aid kits that contain a comb, toothbrush, nail clipper, bath towel and two bars of hand soap. They are distributed to tornado-stricken areas and the Philippines, which was hit by a devastating typhoon in November 2013.

For three weeks, items were collected from Immanuel and St. Paul congregations. Two cartons totaling 72 toothbrushes were also donated by a local dentist. Enough hand soap was donated to place three bars in each kit. Items were packed in plastic bags or grocery bags.

A total of 51 kits was assembled and Pastor Noel Herr of Immanuel delivered them to the truck collection point in Fargo, N.D.

