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Counselor's Corner

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not men" (Col. 3:23).

"All good things must come to an end."

This quote often seems true, especially in September. Summer vacations are over and soon to become a distant memory. We begin again to buckle down at school or in our jobs, facing the rest of the year and winter ready (maybe) and willing (hopefully) to do the tasks that await us. But we do not have to resign ourselves to a life of drudgery.

When, as God's children, we see our tasks as working for the Lord and serving our neighbor, we begin to see the truth that God serves all people through the work that He calls people to do. But it is not just our employment through which He gives all good gifts to people; it is through spouses, parents, children, friends, neighbors and other callings that He works through to provide for the needs of those around us. By the grace of God, we are given the privilege in all these callings to work for God and the good of those around us!

So let us not look at this time as a good thing coming to an end, but look at the new beginning God gives us now and every day to be His people and joyfully serve those around us. So, *"whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God"* (1 Cor. 10:31).

In His service and yours,
Rev. Anthony Cloose
Park Region
Pastoral Counselor

NEW MITE CHALLENGE

\$136,000 set as mite goal for the 2014-16 Biennium.
With God's help, we can reach it!

2014 District Convention Offering Totals



\$5,712.66 – 2014-16 mite goal.
\$3,926.33 – The Sowers Fund.
\$4,133.01 – Hope Village, Minot, N.D.
\$3,530.16 – Granite Country Mite Walk
Total: **\$17,302.16**

LWML Sunday 2014

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday, but it may be celebrated at any time. Materials are available for download from the LWML website, www.lwml.org. They have been designed to help with your congregation's worship and celebration of LWML Sunday 2014.



Pillowcase dresses

Linda Laue and her daughter, Sarah, of First Lutheran Church, East Grand Forks, love making pillowcase dresses. So far this year, they've made 50. The dresses will make lots of little girls happy!



Montevideo Zone women at St. Luke's, Wood Lake

These were some of the "happenings" from a Spring Rally on April 12: the Rev. Joel Koepp gave the opening devotions; Society President Karen Nelson gave the welcome; Montevideo Zone President Julie Schlecht presided over the meeting. The theme was "Open Up Your Heart and Let The Son Shine In!"



From left, Karen Nelson gave the welcome and Ruth Hicky spoke about "Prolife."



From left, Julie Schlecht, Doris Goldenstein, Lois Sather and Marlys Wollschlager.