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Counselor's Corner

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His mercies endure forever.

November is when many stop and “give thanks.” On the one hand, it is heartening to see many — who seldom stop to give thanks to the Lord — on the day of national observance offer thanks for “clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals and all I have.” We should be thankful that our good and gracious Lord supplies us with the means of holding body and soul together.

If one reads the psalms, songs of thanksgiving abound. Ps. 69:30 states, “*I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.*” The intent is shown in verse 31: “*This will please the LORD more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs.*” In other words, sacrifice for many of Israel had become rote as they went through the motions of a sacrificial life. Their songs of thanksgiving had lost something. Perhaps you catch yourself at times “going through the motions” with your prayers of thanksgiving.



In many cases, we take the things we have for granted and they become passé. It is easy to forget the many blessings that may come to us each and every day.

Luther wrote, “For this [all the Lord provides us] it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him” (*Small Catechism*, First Article). Each day is a day of thanksgiving, not only for food and clothing, but also for the gift of faith, that we believe Jesus died for our sins, that we have peace with God, that He is indeed our own dear heavenly Father and that we have the promise of life eternal through His Son. Songs of praise should indeed be forever on our lips in thanksgiving for what the Father has done for us through His Son.

Let Thanksgiving Day be every day as we thank the Lord for His goodness toward us.

In Christ’s name.

Rev. Don Stauty
Arrowhead Pastoral Counselor

50 Years of Scholarships

MITES IN ACTION



Since our district was founded in 1964, LWML Minnesota North has funded scholarships for those pursuing full-time church work and men preparing for ordination. The following students have been awarded scholarships for the 2014-15 school year:

Ordination

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

- John Bakou, St. Cloud
- Andrew Coop, Mora

► Jeffrey Manthe, Avon

Full-Time Church Work

Concordia, St. Paul

- Kayla Blair, Brainard
- Jessica Borchardt, Henning
- Rachel Cralley, Princeton
- MacKenzie Lindquist, Kerkhoven
- Josef Muench, Hermantown
- Stephanie Wilde, Parkers Prairie

Creativity flows in color



Zion Evening Guild of Zion, Alexandria, began their “program year” with a Crayon Night, filled with color and creativity. The officers got everyone excited with a cheer about mites, Bible study and fellowship. Everyone was encouraged to dress in one color; the women looked like a box of crayons! Prizes were given to reward creativity in following the theme of the night.



Top photo, from left, (front row) Debbie Ziegelmann, Carol Rohloff, Jan DeJong; (back row) Audrey Schuhmacher, Deb Hjelm, Vivian Koenecke, Vi Backhaus and Carol Tewes.

Below, Jane Close, Kathy Haug, Lisa VanHout and Debbie Ziegelmann.