

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

*The men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here: He is risen!"*  
*Luke 24:5b-6a*

He has Risen!

He has risen indeed: Alleluia!

Where will people be looking for you 100 years from now? It's an interesting question, in that death is not a topic of pleasant conversation. Yet the population of earth, though a large number, is not the number of all the people born since creation. The reason? We die – Adam is not still living on this earth. But we do not face this fact very willingly.

For Christians, though, we are not dead. We live! We need not fear death, for we have eternal life in Christ. For Christ has taken away from us the cause of death – sin – through His death in our place. On Good Friday we mourned the death of Christ, but rejoiced over the death of death. On Easter Morning, we celebrated the rising of life eternal.

On that first Easter, Jesus rose from the dead with the healing of forgiveness accomplished for us. He has provided eternal life for His people. We have eternal life now, because by faith we live in Christ – we are a new creation! This is the joy of Christ's resurrection: this is the joy of the Resurrection Day each day of our lives.

Christ is risen!

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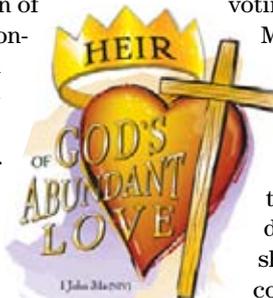
## Call to convention

The 27th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Minnesota North District will be held June 20-22, 2016, at the Willmar Conference Center, Willmar, MN.

The convention theme is "Heir of God's Abundant Love", based on 1 John 3:1a NIV:

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God! And that is what we are!"

The voting body of the convention is comprised of two delegates from each congregation, each zone president,



voting members of the LWML MN North Board of Directors and past district presidents who reside in MN North.

Each delegate shall have an alternate to the convention. The names of certified delegates and alternates shall be in the hands of the convention registrar at least four weeks before the convention (May 15). Delegate credentials, registration forms and housing information will be available in April.

Go to [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org) for updated information.

**President JoNette Brogaard**

## More than quilts...

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid (LWML) Grove Lake, hosted an Advent/Christmas luncheon with a quilt theme on Dec. 5.

After the luncheon, members from St. Johns-Villard, Trinity and guests moved to the church where the Pastor Philip Beyersdorf led a "Christmas Carols" devotion.

There was a reading of "Ima Quilt" – those who brought special quilts to the event displayed them and told their story. Pictured at top right is Doris Weispfennig telling her story.

The speaker, Kristen Weber, pictured below right, shared her experiences working with the people of Nepal before and after the April 2015 earthquake. A freewill offering was taken for Lutheran World Relief to help ship quilts. A Thrivent Action Grant funded the event.



## Spring rallies

Coming to a site near you – your Spring Zone Rally! Check the district website, [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org), for date, time, speaker, and location. Come for worship, Bible study, information, fellowship and food.

## Convention highlights

Our convention keynote speaker is Gary Thies, Director of Mission Central, a missionary training and conference center near Mapleton, Iowa. For more information, go to [missioncentral.us](http://missioncentral.us).



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