

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Heb. 11:1*

"I believe in the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." When we confess those words of the Apostles' Creed, we are confessing things unseen. I cannot see that my sins are forgiven. It does not appear that my body is destined either for eternal life or the resurrection. (Most days it appears exactly the opposite.)

However, while our faith holds to things unseen, that does not mean that our faith is unfounded, that our faith is merely wishful thinking or hopeful optimism. Our faith is based on a historical fact. Saint Paul makes this clear in his first letter to the Corinthians:

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures." 1 Cor. 15:3-4

He then mentions that there were more than 500 eyewitnesses to this fact of history. Peter in his Pentecost sermon also preaches that Christ's resurrection from the dead is the basis and foundation of the faith he proclaims:

"This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses." Acts 2:32

How do you know your sins are forgiven? How can you believe that you will live forever? How can you joyfully anticipate the resurrection of your body on the last day? Christ Jesus rose from the dead after dying for the sins of the world, after dying for your sin. That fact of history gives us the "conviction of things not seen."

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

**Rev. Bruce Timm**  
Arrowhead Region Pastoral Counselor

## A boat overflowing



The Alexandria Zone Fall Rally was held Oct. 18 at Ebenezer, Lutheran Church, Leaf Valley. The ingathering was items for Lutheran Island Camp in Henning.

Items collected — in a borrowed canoe — included quilts, life jackets, pillows, pillow cases, sheet sets, maintenance cones, frisbees, fans,

balls, pruners, rakes, beach toys, fishing poles, binoculars and a basket of personal items.

Ken Erlandson, Lutheran Island Camp executive director, arrived with the camp van in the afternoon of the rally. The ladies lined up and carried items out to the vehicle. It was a van overflowing with love and caring!

## No cure for a dressmaker

Marion Johnson, pictured, has a disease — "pillowcase dressitis." This is a very catchy condition spread by word of mouth and a heart for mission service.

Once she was diagnosed, the initial onset of needle and thread to the fabric hemmed her in. She was hooked and countless new ideas filled her head as she sewed the pieces together.

Marion uses everything to take the edge off the symptoms, such as cotton pillow cases, decorative materials and even small pockets made from material by cutting out the arm holes. There have been borderline cases that have been mended by the application of bias tape and decorative ribbons. Further healing has been known to occur by the application of binding, buttons and bows.

Since there "seams" to be no cure for her, the dresses she makes are donated to the Orphan Grain Train in Milbank, S.D., to be shipped wherever they are needed. As of October 2016, Marion had completed 143 dresses. Since then, she has made close to 100 more and no two are alike.



Marion is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Ortonville.

Caution to all LWML women: A similar disease also reached epidemic proportions with quilters in our district.



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