

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

God's house

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

— Ps. 26:8

David, the king of Israel, loves being in God's house. It is the place where he finds sanctuary, protection and God's loving presence. You see, David doesn't love God's house — the tabernacle — for its beauty, but David loves God's house because it is where God promised to be.

Redeemed in Christ, you also should love God's house, for it is the place where God has promised to give you His good gifts of everlasting life, the forgiveness of your sins and salvation.

One of your problems — in fact, all of humanity's problem — is that you don't love His presence. No, you fear God's presence. Ever since mankind fell into sin in the Garden of Eden, you have had enmity or hatred toward God. You can't come into His presence.

However, God loves you and calls you and claims you as His own and keeps you in the faith, in His house. He does this through the Means of Grace: the Word of God, the Word attached to water in Holy Baptism and the Word attached to the elements in the Lord's Supper.

You see, as a Christian, you long to be in the presence of God so that you may see God's glory. Then on the Last Day — Judgment Day — you will physically dwell with God and celebrate the eternal marriage feast in His presence, saying: "Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells."

Rev. Donald Klatt
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New mission grant goal is set

A new mission grant goal of \$139,000 was set at the LWML district convention in June. The convention delegates also selected the following mission grants to be funded for the 2018-20 biennium:

- ▶ Orphan Grain Train, \$9,000
- ▶ Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination, \$15,000
- ▶ Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students, \$50,000
- ▶ Lutheran Island Camp & Christ Serve Ranch Staff Growth & Training, \$10,000
- ▶ Trinity HOPE Haitian Feeding Program, \$10,000
- ▶ Sharing Christ With Muslims, \$5,000
- ▶ Project 24 Child Care; Christ's Care for Children Kenya, \$10,800
- ▶ Lutheran Outreach in Puerto Rico (in response to Hurricane Mariam), \$8,000
- ▶ "Main Street Living North" Ministry Outreach TV Program, \$10,000
- ▶ Gloria Dei School & Church Building at Cap Haitian, Haiti (partial), \$11,200



The quilters from St. Paul's Loon Lake, Vergas, have completed another season of quilting. The quilts were given to Orphan Grain

Train, fire departments, Salvation Army, Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, Texas, food pantries, Mahube-Otwa Community Action

Partnership, high school graduates, Lutheran Island Camp auctions and numerous benefits. They also made bandages, health care kits, school kits, T-shirt diapers, fleece mittens and hats. Prayer shawls were crocheted along with baby blankets and afghans for Ysleta's mountain congregations.



In service to others

Shouts of "Praise the Lord," "Alleluia" and "Share His Love" echoed throughout Grace, Breckenridge, as LWML members packed Mercy Meals for Orphan Grain Train (OGT) as part of the Fergus Falls Spring Zone Rally on April 20. Zone societies donated funds to OGT to purchase food supplies. With hard work and an abundance of laughter, the group soared past their goal of 5,000 meals, which will be sent to Liberia, Africa.

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