

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

## ARISE, SHINE!

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.”

— Is. 60:1



These words declare to us the Epiphany season. While our hearts are still remembering and our homes are still smelling of the Christmas season, this text presents a kind of challenge to us. Our **light** has indeed come!

The crude and overwhelming darkness which covered Isaiah's world, and the 12 disciples' world, still covers our groping, stumbling world. But the **light** from heaven, God's own dear Son, came down to earth to shine so that we could confess with Simeon:

“For my eyes have seen your salvation ... a **light** for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.” — LUKE 2:30, 32

With this faith, with our “seeing” comes the challenge: “Arise, shine!” Spread the **light**, tell everyone what He has done! He has called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light.

LWML members know that this is a dual task. We rejoice in the work being done for us, in our name, by the larger missionary league. What wonderful Gospel work is being done on our behalf. But this is not enough; that work may not reach our neighbor!

For them we, each of us, are to arise and shine. For the Lord is risen upon each of our lives for His Epiphany mission: That all eyes may see and rejoice in His salvation. Jesus thy **light** has come. Arise and shine in Him!

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## Leaders meet in St. Louis

From left, Rev. Matthew Vrudny, pastoral counselor; Kathy Brandt, regional vice-president; Marilyn Hiltel, president; and Karen Gorentz (Dent).



The LWML Assembly of Leaders gathered Nov. 7-10 in St. Louis under the theme “Follow the Leader.” Attending from the Minnesota North District are those pictured above. The participants were presented with practical leadership ideas, inspiration and hands-on activities.

The next step is to share and communicate what was learned with the the zones and congregations throughout the Minnesota North District. Bible

study and fellowship will be part of the sharing. Be on the lookout for the schedule of sessions throughout the district. Make plans to attend.

Catch the enthusiasm we have for the valuable work of the LWML!

“What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.” — PHIL. 4:9

## MORA WORKSHOP



Pictured with boxes of supplies for Black Dog Hill, the battered women's shelter in Mora, are, from left: Alvera Posey, Zion, Mora; Dianne Berg, St. Paul's, Ogilvie; Joan Erickson, Zion; and Marge Deal, St. Paul's. Other shelters receiving supplies were WINDOW (Women in Need Depending on Women) in Carlton and Hinckley, and Pearl Crisis Center in Milaca.

## Kettle River Zone holds Fall Workshop



The Kettle River Zone LWML Fall Workshop was held at Peace, Finlayson, and focused on providing necessary supplies for four battered women's shelters. The zone partnered with Thrivent Financial in Carlton to provide funding for the workshop. Pictured are some of the women selecting items for one of the shelters.



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