

## Counselor's Corner

*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Ps. 119:105 KJV).*

Real darkness is hard to imagine. In a mine shaft or deep cave with the lights off, you feel real darkness. A light can be the difference between life and death.

Our world is a dark place estranged from God. Our confessions call natural man in spiritual and divine things "darkness."

Ours is a perilous journey from birth to physical death. False teachings, the temptations of the flesh and the world and our own sinfulness lurk in the darkness to trip us. On our own, we stumble about, lost and in peril of eternal darkness.

We need a light. Jesus said, *"I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness"* (John 12:46 ESV). The Word, Jesus Christ, came that we would come to saving faith in Christ and come into the presence of God unblemished by our sin.

The theme for our retreat, Ps. 119:105, which is quoted at the beginning of this article, describes the Word's work of faith as a light not for our eyes and our seeing, but for our feet and path.

God's Word guides the feet and the heart through the hearing of the Word so we may be saved from darkness through the cross of Christ.

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were sent to Russian Grain Train; and the rest of the quilts were given as gifts for graduates, a prom party, showers and several benefits. St. John quilters also made 50 lap quilts with a Bible verse sewn in the middle of the quilt for shut-in and care-center residents.

Pictured in photo at top are quilters, from left, (back row) Marsha Horkey, Diane Vollmers, Bernice Johnson, Linda Ehlers and Mary Schultz; (front row) Betty Jacobs, Margie Krumwiede, Dorothy Baldry and Audrey Jacobs. Not pictured are Ruth Bock and Doris Rixe.

## Dedication of quilts

The quilters from St. John Lutheran, Wheaton, made 159 quilts from October 2010 through April 2011. The quilts, pictured in inset below, were dedicated May 1 during the church service. Forty quilts were sent to Japan's earthquake and tsunami victims; many



## Kettle River Zone spring rally

Minnesota North District President Don Fondow was guest speaker at the Kettle River Zone spring rally at Peace, Finlayson, on April 19, with 65 people in attendance (top photo at right). The topic was "The Church Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

Rev. Matthew Vrudny, Peace, led the opening devotion. Rev. Michael Breach, St. John, Kroschel/Hinckley, led the closing devotion. Participants were served a luncheon by LWML Women of Peace.

Pictured in the bottom photo at right are (from left) Minnesota North District President Don Fondow, Rev. Michael Breach and Rev. Matthew Vrudny.



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