



Counselor's corner

[Jesus said:] *"but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life"* (John 4:14).

In a nation where we generally get water by turning on a faucet, these words have less impact than in Jesus' day when water was carried by hand, a few quarts or so at a time and often for long distances.

In Sychar, Jesus met a woman who walked to a well to get water. She knew the hard work required for drinking, cooking, cleaning and washing. Jesus said that he would equip her with indoor plumbing so that precious spiritual water of life would be in her, not far away. She would always have a continual spring within her, quenching her thirst and overflowing for other needs — even for the good of other people around her. Not just for this life, but forever. The woman believed and influenced many neighbors to hear Jesus and believe.

This summer, our national convention will gather the overflowing waters of many faithful women in Pittsburgh. As we encounter Jesus there, our thirst will be quenched. The water of life will abound. Our hearts and minds will be renewed and eternal truths will be cherished and, in turn, shared back home and through mission work all over the world. That's what abundant waters do. That's what the Word of God and his Holy Spirit does for us, in us and through us.

*The Rev. Ron Hobbie
Lakeland Region Counselor*



35th Biennial LWML Convention June 27-30, 2013

Let's go to Pittsburgh!

Are you still thinking about going to the LWML Convention in Pittsburgh? Is the fear of not finding transportation, housing and friendly companions delaying your decision to attend? Then check with Marilyn Hiltel (financialsec@lwmlmnn.org) to find out if there is room on our LWML Minnesota North bus and at our chartered bus hotel. If there's room, finding the friendly people to accompany you won't be far behind.

At the convention, you can take in the worship life, Bible study, singing, speakers, Mission in Motion (pledge walk), LWML Neighborhood Block Party and the exhibits.

Even if you are not able to attend, please keep our executive committee, host committee, workers, delegates, presenters and other participants in your prayers. Decisions on new officers, the new mite goal, bylaw changes and mission grants are being made that affect us all. We pray for God's guidance.

Convention registration materials are available in the winter issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and at www.lwml.org/conventions.

*JoNette Brogaard
LWML Minnesota North
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Gifts from the Heart needed for 2013 convention

Collect items for the LWML convention in Pittsburgh. Your Gifts from the Heart will be given to agencies in the Pittsburgh area. Bring your gifts when you register at the convention center or arrange to send the gifts with someone you know who is attending the convention. (No money will be accepted for Gifts from the Heart at the convention.)

- Quilts/blankets (all sizes received – baby and children included).
- Wipes and disposable diapers (sizes preemie, newborn, 3 and 4).

Pack the following kit items in a clear plastic ziplock bag and in original packaging.

- Baby kits: receiving blankets; sleepers (preemie/newborn); onesies (preemie/newborn); outfits (preemie/newborn); Children's Christian storybook.
- Men's kits: men's boxers (L - XXXL); men's T-shirts (L - XXL); men's socks; Christian tract or Bible verse.
- Bath kits: bath towel and washcloth; fullsize toothpaste and toothbrush; deodorant for women or men; bath/bar soap; Christian tract or Bible verse.
- Devotional kits: Bible (NIV or ESV preferred); devotional; journal and pen.

