

## Counselor's corner

*"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1).*

I have often said that if you don't believe this one verse of Scripture, don't bother reading the rest. From God's creation comes all life (most particularly, your life), all we need to sustain that life and protection from all evil. We confess as much when we say, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth," and when we pray, "give us this day our daily bread." God's first action, that of creation, is an act of grace.

The world, in its attempts to dislodge God as the Creator, looks to the slime molds, natural selection, big bangs and intelligent design. The media bombards us with information that causes many to question whether God created the heavens and the earth from nothing.

How do you respond to such questions? How do you sort through the various theories of evolution in light of what the Scriptures say about creation?

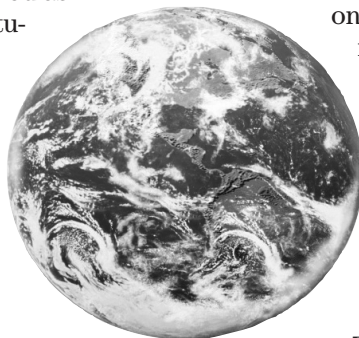
The LWML Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp in August is all about creationism. "In the Beginning God Created ..." is your opportunity to study

what the Scripture says about creation and to listen to and ask questions of Brian Young, author and lecturer on creation. Plan on joining us for this great time!

**In the beginning  
GOD created the  
heavens  
& the earth.**

**Genesis 1:1**

*Rev. Don Stauty  
Arrowhead Region Counselor*



## LWML Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp, Henning, Minn., Aug. 9-11, 2013

**"In the Beginning God Created ..." (Gen. 1:1)**

- What is this about evolution?
- How do I tell others the truth about creation?
- What do you say to your children and grandchildren when they ask you about evolution?
- When you say "God created the world," do people believe you or do they ask you for proof?

Our speaker is Brian Young, director of Creation Instruction Association, who has been speaking on the topic of creation and biblical authority for 20 years. He uses the Bible for science and education and can help you answer these questions and others.

The Rev. Don Stauty of Virginia, Minn., will lead our Bible study. He is serving as the Arrowhead Regional Pastoral Counselor and serves both Gloria Dei and Redeemer Lutheran churches.

The Saturday evening entertainment will be Messiah's Minnesota Minutemen, who use drama to share the Gospel to the world.

There's good news for mothers of children three to eight years old. Lutheran Island Camp has three children's programs: Little Lambs, Sheep Camp and Discovery Camp. They will run simultaneously with the LWML Retreat. For more details about these programs and to register your child(ren), go to their website, [www.islandcamp.org](http://www.islandcamp.org).

## LWML Retreat Registration Form

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Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone : \_\_\_\_\_  
Email : \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Needs : \_\_\_\_\_  
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Choose your housing preference:  
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For more retreat information, contact Mary Kuhnau at [christianlife@lwmlmnn.org](mailto:christianlife@lwmlmnn.org) or (320) 834-2135, or visit the district website for updates, [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org).

## Registration Fees:

Friday-Sunday: \$115  
Friday-Saturday: \$65  
Saturday Only: \$40  
Registration deadline: Aug. 1

(After Aug. 1, an additional \$10 fee for late registration will be charged.)

Make check payable to "LWML MN North District."

Send registration to Mary Kuhnau, 1536 71st St. NW, Alexandria, MN 56308.