

## Counselor's corner

No matter what you hear, how you view the origin of human life determines how you value and treat it.

Adolph Hitler, an avowed and committed evolutionist, wrote, "I do not see why man should not be just as cruel as nature." He lived what he believed and multiple millions followed him gladly to all manners of cruelty and destruction.

Karl Marx, author of *Das Kapital*, the inspiration for Joseph Stalin's brutal communist regime, wrote Charles Darwin to ask if he might dedicate *Das Kapital* to Darwin since evolutionary theory was the inspiration for Marx's beliefs.

While not all who accept evolution as the origin of life live consistent with their beliefs, they nonetheless believe that evolution effectively destroys any intrinsic value of life, human and otherwise.

If we are random events in an impersonal, accidental existence, then life also is ultimately random, accidental and has no goal or lasting meaning. Morality is also similarly destroyed.

The Bible, though, tells us the truth about life and our relationship to our creator. We are made in His image and although our sin corrupts us, God still redeems us through faith in Christ.

The true, verifiable and testable facts of science confirm that we are not products of time, chance and random events.

Our LWML district will hold its annual retreat at Lutheran Island Camp this month and will help make these and other vital truths about creation and evidence abundantly clear. Why not invest a few days and let God strengthen your faith, life and witness?

*Rev. Ron Hobbie  
Lakeland Region Counselor*

A registration form for the Lutheran Island Camp retreat is available at [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org) or contact Mary Kuhnau at 320-384-2135.



**Mary Warble started a "Widows Club" at St. John's Lutheran Church in Park Rapids. Women get together for lunch and visit twice a month or more. Pictured are from left, seated, Marian Snelling, Mary Warble, Betty Wittenberg and Darlene Wallick; standing, Joanne May, Shirley Wothe and Bonnie Lehrke. Not all ladies were present for the photo.**

## Christian Life activities

Your 2012 Christian Life reports revealed good ideas for special events your sister societies are doing. Some societies sponsor Christmas teas, summer picnics, spring salad luncheons, fellowship night (inviting all the ladies of the congregation) and an annual girls night out. One society does a "Moms Morning Out" twice a month while caring for the preschoolers.

Societies have had a young women event in their zone or have adopted a seminary student. Other activities include programs, Bible studies and birthday parties at the local nursing home. Some have had a program and brunch for high school and college graduates.

To encourage other women to participate in events, societies have used bulletin notes, internet posts and put up posters.

Perhaps the best way to get more women involved in LWML is with a personal invitation.

Societies have given Bibles to third graders of the congregation and have been prayer friends with confirmation students. Others pay mileage for drivers to rallies or give gifts for first time attendees (and the person who brought them).

We can all speak positively and with enthusiasm about LWML events. We can pray for the women who are unable to attend or follow up with a note saying "we missed you" and give highlights of the meeting or event they missed.

Your society may already be using these ideas. If not, I invite you to try one or two of these ideas.

*Mary Kuhnau  
Christian Life Chairman*



## Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch

The speaker for the 2013 Little Falls Zone Spring Rally was Noah Fischer from the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. The ranch exists to help at-risk children and their families succeed in the name of Christ. Children coming to the ranch experience emotional and behavioral challenges and some struggle with learning challenges. They care for these children in residential treatment facilities across the state of North Dakota. To make a donation, request a speaker for your event or for more information, go to [www.dakotaranch.org](http://www.dakotaranch.org).