



## Counselor's Corner

*"And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner ... brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment" (Luke 7:37-38).*

In Lent, we observe a season of repentance. We look toward the events observed in Holy Week that remind us how Jesus died for our sins and paid the full price of our redemption.

If we fully comprehended the darkness of our own sinful hearts, we also should want to kneel at Jesus' feet, wetting them with our tears and wiping them with our hair. An anonymous quote goes: "He washed my eyes with tears that I might see." Yes, our sins should bring us to tears.

Yet, like the woman, our tears should also be mixed with the gratitude of faith, the joys of a transformed life and the heartfelt trust in His promise of our own resurrection. Mixed emotions are part and parcel of this fallen world. But one day, we will know joy without alloy.

No more tears. Our Savior reigns!

*Rev. Ron Hobbie  
Lakeland Region Counselor*



## 2012-14 mission goal — \$135,000

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of the LCMS in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

One way that each of us can carry on this mission is through our mite giving.

- Encourage mite giving within your society.
- Post your *Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar* in your home where you can follow it daily.
- Remember that those \$5 bills

with the purple marking fit nicely inside your Mite Box.

- Consider increasing your mite donation by at least \$5 a month to help meet our mite goal.

- Participate in the Joyful Response® electronic giving program. The enrollment form and information is available at [www.lwmlmnn.org/resources.html](http://www.lwmlmnn.org/resources.html). Scroll down to "Financial Secretary – Helps and Resources."

Mites should be mailed by March 15 to the financial secretary to be included in the 2012-14 biennium goal.

**For all mite contributions, memorials and honorariums, make your check payable to "LWML MN North District" and mail to: Financial Secretary Marilyn Hiltel  
6850 Golden Spike Road  
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379-9715**

## Scholarship grants available

Since our first district convention in 1964, more than \$800,000 has been awarded in scholarship grants to students preparing for full-time careers in church work.



The LWML Minnesota North District is offering scholarship grants to men entering programs leading to ordination into the office of ministry.

We also offer scholarship grants to men and women seeking to become teachers, directors of Christian education (DCE), directors of Christian outreach (DCO) and deaconesses in the LCMS.

To qualify for a scholarship, the applicant must be enrolled in one of our LCMS affiliated universities or seminaries, be a member of an LCMS congregation in the Minnesota North District and submit an application and references by May 15. The application and references need to be submitted each year the student is attending the university or seminary. The application can be found on our website at [www.lwmlmnn.org/resources.html](http://www.lwmlmnn.org/resources.html).

We are currently assisting three seminarians and seven university students with grants for their education.

These funds are made possible by the generous giving of mites by the many LWML members in the Minnesota North District. It is just one of the many ways that we reach out to others with the love of Christ as we serve the Lord with gladness — blessed by His name.

*Linda Jeske  
Scholarships Chairman*