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Counselor's Corner

"So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth." 1 Cor. 3:7 (ESV)

This is the time of year that the thought of fresh produce begins to consume our thoughts. We have prepared the garden and planted the seeds, but we cannot make the plants grow. We wait and tend them, and pray they will produce.

During this Pentecost season, we also focus on the growth of God's Church. Paul reminds us that it is God's work that grows the church, though we may plant and water. For the Holy Spirit works through Word and Sacraments to create faith in Christ and cause that faith to grow. For faith come when we hear God's word (Romans 10:17), and *"God saved us... by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit"* (Titus 3:5 ESV.) Truly and thankfully, salvation is all God's work.

And God works through us. As we fulfill our many vocations, we come into contact with many people, and share our faith in Christ with them. For we are to give an answer to those who ask about the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:15). We also invite people to come to church with us, that there they may be brought to the Sacraments of God. Above all, we pray for them, that God would give them spiritual growth.

God is faithful to His promises, and works faith through His Word by His grace. Thanks be to God!

Rev. Anthony Cloose
Park Region Pastoral Counselor



"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

ANATOMY
of a **CHRISTIAN**
1 Cor. 6:19-20

We will be touring the Christ Serve Ranch which will be dedicated the weekend of August 28-30, 2015. Singing and fellowship around a fire, praying and meditating in a serene setting, walking through the woods...all parts of a fun, relaxing and enjoyable experience as we learn about ourselves, our Savior, our Christian life.

2015 LWML Retreat August 7-9, 2015 Lutheran Island Camp

Join us as we explore the parts of our "spiritual bodies," in Bible study, discussion, song; our physical bodies in exercises and good food.

Rev. Anthony Cloose will lead us in Bible study. Parish Nurse Kathy Schultz will be our guest speaker.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Salvhus at: christianlife@lwmlmnn.org or call (218) 784-2475. Updates about the retreat and a map to LIC can be found on the District website: **www.lwmlmnn.org**

ITEMS TO BRING: Bible, Flashlight, Clothes for Sun or Rain, Insect Repellent, Towel & Washcloth, Toiletries, Pillow, Bedding or Sleeping Bag, Snacks for health(y) appetites



Bring a "Retreat First Timer" and you both will receive 25% off the registration price.
Young women ages 12-17 receive a 25% discount.

Name : _____ Special Needs : _____

Address : _____

Phone : _____ Roommates : _____

Email : _____

Registration Deadline: August 1, 2015

(There will be an additional \$10 fee for late registration. No refunds after August 7.)

✓ Check Before Aug. 1st After Aug. 1st

<input type="checkbox"/> Friday-Sunday	\$120	\$130
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday-Saturday	\$70	\$80
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Only	\$50	\$60

Choose your housing preference: ☐ Cabin ☐ Retreat Center

Make check payable to: **LWML MN North District**

Send registration to: Lori Salvhus, 102 Thorpe W, Ada, MN 56510