

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

*"[The Lord] is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."* **2 PETER 3:9**

During this Lententide season, as you journey to the cross, the message of the Old Testament prophets and Jesus reminds you of your need "to repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand."

Scripture tells you God is patient. You have a God who is long-suffering. A God who desires that you repent of your sinfulness. For God:

"desires that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim. 2:4).

However God does not just desire you, but that everyone repent of their sins and trust in Christ for their salvation. Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sins, my sins and everyone's sins for all time. Christ has redeemed you, bought you back from sin, death and the power of the devil with His innocent, precious blood.

Humble yourself, confess your sinfulness. Repent!

"But now he commands all people everywhere to repent." (Acts 17:30)

*Luther's Small Catechism* talks about repentance consisting of two parts: contrition and faith. Contrition is godly sorrow for your sin. Faith is trusting in God's promise of the forgiveness of your sins through faith in Christ.

Repentance that leads to faith and salvation is the issue for the Lord. Where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

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## 2016 LWML PRAYER SERVICE

The 2016 LWML *Prayer Service* expands on the themes of "Sow • Nourish • Reap" from the LWML Convention in June in Des Moines, Iowa.

Whether it is in the thousands of acres farmed in Iowa and other states, our own backyard or the field our Heavenly Father allows us to tend and nourish with and through His means of grace, this service offers a time of worship revolving around the various tools needed to bring about a bountiful harvest.



The service offers opportunities for:

- † singing;
- † learning a little bit about farming practices through the ages;
- † Confession and Absolution;
- † very small-group discussion; and
- † prayer.

The 2016 *Prayer Service* may be downloaded from the LWML website, [lwml.org](http://lwml.org).

## WORK NIGHT



The ladies of Zion Evening Guild, Alexandria, put together sewing kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief.



Dori Kutz, left, and Debbie Ziegelmann look over the pieces of fabric for making the kits.

## Fall is in the air!

The LWML Iron Range Zone Fall Rally, "Fall is in the Air!" was hosted by the Ladies Aid at First Lutheran Church, Ely, on Oct. 29. The church's newly installed pastor, Rev. Jonathan Varns gave the opening devotion. The business meeting took place the remainder of the morning, and then everyone enjoyed the noon lunch and fellowship.

Guest speaker Geneva Paulson talked about her son's entrapment and manipulation by a religious cult. She wrote the book *Finding Randy*, which describes the difficult time she and her family had. Rev. Don Stauty, Gloria Dei, Virginia, presided over the installation of officers and gave the closing devotion.



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