

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

"But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." Gal. 6:14

Why would Paul boast in nothing except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ? The cross is a symbol of Roman oppression. It was a painful, appalling and humiliating death reserved for slave and criminals alike, of which Jesus was considered. Paul could boast in the cross, because

in the cross of Christ is the powerful message of salvation through His death. And he states a little later, that Jesus was crucified "to me," in other words, for you!

Like Paul, you still struggle with your old Adam, your sinful nature. The things of the world, the desires of the flesh are a constant struggle in this earthly life. Even though you are a Christian, you still have sinful desires. You know that it is wrong. You still fail, even though you try your hardest to not sin.

This, my baptized friends in Christ, is why Paul can boast. He knows that he, like you and me, need someone to save him from his sins, just as you need someone to save you from your sins. In that cruel death on the cross, Jesus paid the penalty of all sins, Paul's sins, your sins and my sins. For death could not hold Jesus, and He was raised and ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father, where He now fills all things. He sends the Spirit through His Means of Grace, to strengthen your faith in Christ and know that your sins are forgiven, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Let us boast in nothing, nothing except Christ crucified for our sins.

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LWML Sunday 2016

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday, but it may be celebrated at any time. The materials, available for download from the LWML website (lwml.org/lwml-sunday), have been designed to help with your congregation's worship and celebration of LWML Sunday 2016.

The LWML thanks Dr. Leopoldo A. Sánchez M. for writing this year's materials. Dr. Sánchez is the Werner R. H. and Elizabeth R. Krause Professor of Hispanic Ministries at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. A Concordia faculty member since 2004.

Based on Psalm 66:5 and John 1:35-51, the theme chosen for the 2016 LWML Sunday celebration is "Come and See!"



New leaders



At the 2016 LWML district convention, these six officers were elected to serve on the Board of Directors: from left, Kathleen Brandt, leader development; Marlys Wollschlager, corresponding secretary; Lois Sather, treasurer; Susan Zeige, mission grants; Ruby Prochnow, public relations; Marilyn Hittel, LWML district president. Not pictured is the Rev. Bruce Timm, Arrowhead Region pastoral counselor. At right is the Rev. Don Stauty, who officiated the installation during the closing service.

Gathered in prayer

On March 19, women of Good Shepherd LWML, Alexandria, hosted a brunch and conducted the LWML Prayer Service, "Wanted: Workers in God's Harvest Field." A large display depicted the different aspects of harvesting — both physically and spiritually. Ladies of the Alexandria Zone were invited to the event.



From left, Marlys Olson, Ann Smith, Evelyn Beulke, LaVonne Schimmelpennig, Nancy Schmidt and Betty Kuelbs.

2016 fall rallies

Join your sisters in Christ as they gather for zone rallies in October and November. Dates, times and information can be found at lwmlmnn.org/rallies.html. Come share in the harvest of friendship and fellowship.



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