

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

"To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder." —Is. 9:6

"To us a child is born." We just had another grandchild ... what a wonderful reason to rejoice at the miracle of birth that God has granted. How more should you rejoice at the birth of your Savior.

"To us a son is given." You know who gave His Son, you know who this Son is and you know who it is that fulfilled this prophecy — Jesus Christ. This prophecy points to the accession of a new King, a King who would be from the line of David, a King who fulfills all of the promises and brings with Him gifts for His people and a kingdom of peace, not of strife.

"Upon his shoulder." His power sustains His nation.

Martin Luther says this about God's kingdom:

"In the kingdom of Christ there is grace, comfort, forgiveness of sins, joy, peace. He does not deal with the transgressor in sternness, but as a father. The forgiveness of sins is justification, and peace follows justification. This peace is not only peace of mind but also plenty and soundness of mind and good health of the body. Such is the reign of Christ: It is extended by killing; it is fertilized by the blood of the believers; and the more distress there is, the more peace grows in the heart" (AE 16:101).

Thanks be to God, that He sent His Son so that you could be heirs of His kingdom. Through your baptism and trusting in His promises, you inherit His kingdom because of Christ's gift.

Have a blessed Christmastide!

Rev. Donald Klatt
Lakeland Region Pastoral Counselor

Strengthen your pastor

The LWML Minnesota North District can help. We are offering 10 grants of \$1,000 each to help pastors attend the Classic program offered by Doxology: The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel.

This mission grant, voted on at the 2016 LWML district convention, covers over half the congregational cost to register your pastor for Doxology.

These grants are available until 2018 or until all the grants have been awarded.

Applications are available from the LWML Minnesota North Mission Grant Committee. Contact Sue Ziege at missiongrants@lwmlmnn.org or 218-301-0167.

For more information on Doxology visit doxology.us.

Gathered to serve

On Oct. 22, the Crookston Zone Fall Rally was held at Zion, Ada. Attendees were involved in three servant events.

About 50 ladies began working on mats made from plastic bags that will be sent to Orphan Grain Train for distribution. Children's bedtime bags were made and filled with fleece blankets — many of which were cut and tied at the rally — children's books and a stuffed animal. More than 75 bags were completed, ready to be taken to the domestic abuse center. Hygiene kits were also assembled.

Bottom photo, new officers, from left, Danielle Yost, president, and Carol Wagner, treasurer, were installed by the Rev. John Bumgardner.



Help Wanted: Editor

Do you have good computer and communication skills? Do you enjoy copy editing, creating and designing page layouts? Would you like to become more involved in LWML and be an important part of promoting its activities? Then you should prayerfully consider becoming the new LWML Minnesota North District editor.

The editor publishes the quarterly newsletter, *Minnesota Northern Light*, the monthly LWML page in *The Lutheran Witness* supplement, the convention

newsletters and the Prayer and Praise Mite Calendars. This is an appointed position of the Board of Directors.

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