

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Boundless Love

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." — Rom. 5:8



Love really is a popular secular theme in February. You send flowers, chocolates and gifts to your loved ones. You take them out for a special meal. People think or feel that their love for their spouse, children, grandchildren or parents is so unfathomable.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as profound as is the love that you have for your loved ones, it is nothing in comparison to the love that God has for you. In the Garden of Eden, our ancestors Adam and Eve sinned and that perfect relationship with God was severed. There would be nothing that you (or anyone) would ever be able to do to repair that relationship because of your sinfulness. So God shows His love for you in that while you were still a sinner, He set in motion a plan to restore, to heal this broken relationship that you and I never could.

In God the Father's plan, He sent His Son from His heavenly throne to become a man. Fully God and fully man. To live a perfect life under the Law and so fulfill all of the Law. The Son willingly takes the sins of the world to that cruel tree that you call the cross. There Jesus, the Christ, was crucified, died and was buried. The wrath that you deserve for your sins is poured out upon Jesus in order that you might be declared righteous, justified from the penalty of your sins. While you were a sinner, Christ died for you.

Saints in Christ, Jesus did not stay in the tomb. No, sin and death could not hold Him. He rose from the dead, and 40 days later ascended back to His heavenly throne. This is the love God has for you. He desires that you trust in Him and His promises so you can celebrate the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb (Christ) and His bride (the Church). The peace of Christ be with you all.

Rev. Donald Klatt
Lakeland Region Pastoral Counselor



The quilting group of Trinity, Carlos, meets twice a month and produces more than 100 quilts a year. They are donated to Lutheran World Relief, Orphan Grain Train, Red Cross, Salvation Army, fire victims and for various fundraisers. From left, Eleanor Yohnke, Eileen Bachmann, Deb Powers, Norma Steidl, Lois Rediehs, Marlyne Klinder, Clara Hammer and Linda Schackel.

Thank you

To St. John's, Red Lake Falls, quilters: Thank you for your generous donation of the six handmade quilts to SONshine



Ministries that will be distributed to the poor in Mexico. This is a perfect gift for a Mexican pastor to take to someone who is sick or is asking for some type of help. I know a lot of hard work and love went into these quilts and you can be assured that a lot of love will be given in the distribution of these same quilts. Thank you again.

Dios te bendiga (God bless you) • Keith and Linda Axvig



The Trinity, Isle, LWML held its Bible study retreat at Camp Onomia in the summer. The annual event focused on God's Word, with Bible studies led by Connie Strandberg, Jennie Detterman, Karen Roeschlein and Laura Determan. Other attendees included Rev. Mark Maunula, Jean Read, Evi Moss, Carol Ann Sander, Laura Frostad, Glenna Zortman, Donna Dobbelaire, Micki Tangen, Maxine Harms, Diane Medema, Debbie Weeda, Sharon Maunula and LeAnn Gregoire.



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