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It often seems to be feast or famine when it comes to receiving articles for your magazine, *Tapestry*. The winter issue, which will soon be in the mail to subscribers, drew so many responses to "In the storms of life" that we weren't able to use them all. By contrast, though we have put out several calls for contributions for the spring 2020 issue of the magazine, tomorrow was given as the submission deadline and we have received very little. Perhaps "Nurtured for His Purpose" didn't strike the same sort of chord as life's storms did.

We will, of course, extend the deadline to November 15. Below are the thought-starters provided in the fall issue of *Tapestry* and via this Update service but we add the following that we hope will help.

Think about comparisons between parents

Faith in Christ is a gift from our loving Father, and the Holy Spirit nurtures that faith through Word and Sacrament. There are things we can do to nurture our God-given faith or hurt it. Your editors have come up with a series of questions and comments to get you thinking and then writing. We look forward to hearing from you.

- How does the Word feed our souls? And consider the opposite, spiritual starvation.
- The nurturing of our own personal faith life is important but so is nurturing our children and grandchildren, especially today when many little ones never hear Bible stories nor are taught prayers.
- Is self-care selfish? Consider what Scripture has to say about this.

nurturing children and God nurturing us as His children. Perhaps you grow a garden and nurture it from seedtime to harvest. How might that help us grasp how we are nurtured by the Holy Spirit? Perhaps you began a new business that needed nurturing. For that matter, just what is nurturing?

According to the catechism the Holy Spirit sanctifies us for good works. "In God's sight a good work is everything that a child of God does, speaks, or thinks in faith according to the Ten Commandments, for the glory of God and for the benefit of his or her neighbour." With that in mind as the purpose of our own nurturing or the Holy Spirit nurturing someone else through you, might you have something to share?

It can be short – as little as 300-500 words – or longer – perhaps up to 1,000 words.

Marion Hollinger, Editor-in-Chief

- How have you been, and continue to be, strengthened through the work of Jesus and the Holy Spirit for meeting life's challenges?
- God allows us to make choices in this earthly life. How do the choices you make affect your faith in Christ?
- Have you been mentored? Tell us about it.
- Does your society have a plan for mentoring others?
- How does Jesus nurture our soul so we can help nurture our congregation (and family)?

Or consider a seasonal contribution for this spring issue.

Send your submission to editor-in-chief, Marion Hollinger, at tapestry@lutheranwomen.ca or 223 – 250 Hunter Road, Saskatoon, SK S7T 0Y4.

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