



THE SALT SHAKER
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The Crystal Ball

"I wish I had a crystal ball." That is a saying that I have heard countless times from many people. These are indeed extraordinary times, full of fear, confusion and stress. The unknown of what will take place has so many of us worrying and wondering, wishing we could look into that crystal ball. For some, the question has been why? Why is this pandemic happening? Why would God create this? Why doesn't he stop it? It is difficult to try to figure this all out there is no doubt about that, but should we really spend this time trying to figure it out? Do we really want to look into that crystal ball? I don't. Yes, these are trying times and very difficult to understand but perhaps we shouldn't spend all our time trying to understand it. Instead of worrying, let's try to focus on things we have and should be grateful for. For myself, I am grateful for my family, my home, my health, and opening my door every morning to the fresh crisp air this season brings. I am grateful to have supper with my family, have a warm bath, and even make school lunches for my children. Things that seem mundane or trivial to some but now more than ever are so important because of simplicity they bring. These moments remind me that there is some normalcy in life. Where does our happiness truly lie? For me, the simple things that I cherish that may seem silly to some are very important to me.

I am grateful for my faith and to have a wonderful church whose doors are always open and will accept me to hear God's Word. It is very empowering when you leave the Divine worship you know your sins are forgiven in Christ, you have been blessed by God, God loves you and is with you always. Jesus loves us no matter what and for some that is very hard to accept. The question has been asked numerous times. "Well, if Jesus loves us why did He allow this or that to happen?" I am sure we have all heard this at one point in time. I have recently. Maybe God created this pandemic to teach us all something about our society? Maybe we should all be doing better and look at how sinful of a world we have become, but that doesn't mean He doesn't love us or turn his back on us. Maybe He wants all of us to step back and take a look at everything we should be grateful for and come together to help one another.

"I wish I had a crystal ball" to see what will happen tomorrow, in a week, a month etc. Not me! I don't want that ball. Part of living is the excitement each new day brings. It is the knowledge of sins forgiven in Christ, life and salvation as a free gift that gives life meaning with the privilege to share God's love in Jesus with others, even during a pandemic.

Always remember, that the Lord is more powerful than a pandemic and He can comfort you and give you courage and strength to get through these times. You don't need a crystal ball to know that.

Christian Growth, Writing Member Donna Biloski

Do they say of us - **“See how they love one another?”**

Every time you show God’s love in Christ to another, you are used by God to help to heal their pain and suffering. During Covid-19 times, our LWMLC communication is more vital than ever!! Join in the online Bible studies, webinars and discussions if you are able.

No computer? No problem. We do have at our fingertips two simple ways of communicating that still work perfectly for all of us: sending a handwritten letter or making a phone call. During this pandemic, isolation from congregation members and our LWMLC sisters has been hard on everyone, especially those living alone.

Is there someone you have been thinking about, someone you have not seen in a while? Uplift one another. Write a short note, send a card or make that call to see how they are doing. Let them know you care and remind them of Jesus’ love.

“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up”.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-11 ESV

Blessings, Arletta Wood

VP Member Development Central District



This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: Not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4: 9-11 NIV

**Next Central District Webinar
will be on Saturday,
March 13th.
Mark your calendars and watch
for more information to come as
details are made available.**

Many thanks to everyone for sending in their mites. Especially during these difficult times and when your society may not be meeting regularly. We truly appreciate you making the effort and remembering how important your mite offerings are to the District. We are just over half way through our triennium and we've paid a little over two-thirds of our mission grants! We have just over \$15,000 to go. We encourage you to remember the special Mite Challenges that our District Christian Mission Committee publish in our District newsletters. Thank you for being good stewards in meeting our Mission Grant commitment!

Download on Demand Resources - Just a reminder that previous webinars are available at no charge, if you were unable to attend it live but would still like to listen to it. To order webinars or other Bible Study/Devotion resources, send request to dod@lutheranwomen.ca. Resource catalogue available on the website.

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