



A Farewell

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No one was more shocked than I when President Linda Reiser asked me to accept the position as *Quarterly* Editor-in-Chief in 2005. The editor job was never on my radar. She said it was a two-year appointment, and I fully believed that would be all.

What an absolute joy to have served on the *LWQ* staff these past 14 years, and to have heard from and met with many of our faithful readers along the way. I want to thank each of you for praying for the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. Your commitment to prayer made you a partner in this work for His kingdom.

Your prayers meant a lot to me when life's deep and painful challenges came my way. While serving as your editor-in-chief, I fought the complications of chronic and active Lyme disease. Losing both of my parents within seven months of each other, followed a few years later by the sudden death of my husband after a brief illness, forced me to find strength and go forward, trusting in our heavenly Father to provide for my needs — and He did! *Jehovah Jireh* — God provides!

God provided, too, for the *Quarterly* staff. We asked the Holy Spirit to guide our work and supply what was needed. We prayed from the start of each issue to its printing and distribution.

My thanks to Beth, Adrienne, Shari, Miriam, Peggy, Diane, Cheryl, Carolyn, Sharon, Linda, Joy, Sheila, Pam, Cheri, Becky, Loey and Amy. Pastors Gnewuch, Mattil, Witby, Heckmann, Roegner, Mundahl, Wendorf.

Along the way, I had the privilege of working with a pair of brilliant and innovative graphic designers, Lois Hudak (6 years) and Amy Gill (8 years). Another two steadfast staff partners served the longest, Beth Foreman (10 years) and Sharon Rapp (8 years), standing beside me through thick and thin and doctrinal review.

With the election of each new LWML President, new staff members are appointed and others go. This is as it should be. Each time those changes bring new blood and fresh vision to the magazine.

So with this new biennium comes yet another change. News Editor Linda Guteres and I will not be returning. I'm excited to see what lies ahead.

Soli Deo Gloria. To God be the glory for all He has accomplished. May we continue to serve Him, while we have breath, sharing the Good News of the love, mercy, and forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

With gratitude,
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If you want a glimpse of your new Editor-in-Chief, turn the page. You've been reading her column for years.

