



FROM PRESIDENT DEBBIE

We Walk by Faith, Not by Sight

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we often give, serve, pray, and share Jesus' love, and never see the results of our endeavors. Our Lord provides opportunities and asks us to trust that the Holy Spirit will work through our service and giving. We walk by faith, not by sight.

The lights went out and panic set in. That's how I felt, riding with my adult son during a snowy midnight trip to my parents some years ago. If you've driven in a heavy snowfall, you know it's very difficult to see, especially in the dark. Traveling at 60 mph, my son wondered if he'd be better able to see without headlights, so he switched them off without warning. Panic hit, and I am quite sure I screamed. "Calm down, Mom. I just want to see if the visibility is better without lights." The lights were switched back on. He looked over at me and smiled. "I know what I'm doing, Mom," he said. My heart began to beat again ... for I'm quite sure it had stopped. It was a good reminder of how much we rely on the light.

The theme of this *Quarterly* is Vision 20/20, and so my mind goes to a few of the Bible passages about light.

For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness
(2 Samuel 22:29).

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 4:6).

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Truly, Jesus is the light of the world, and He has given us His light, not to hide but to share with others — all to His glory. Together, you and I will continue to give, serve, pray, and share Christ. The women and men of the LWML will glorify His name in all the earth! We will walk by faith, not by sight.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.
(2 Corinthians 5:6-7).

Walking by faith,
surrounded by HIS grace.
Debbie Larson

Photos from the President's Assembly in St. Louis, Missouri, January 22-25, 2020: President Debbie prays with LWML Pastoral Counselors, Rev. Schuessler and Rev. Noack, and helps pack Gifts from the Heart with Brianne Stahlecker, Nominating Committee Chairman.

You are the light of the world. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:14a, 16