



Quarterly cover women **Ruth Koch** (left, Summer 2010) and **Raquel Rojas** (center, Fall 2011) congratulate **Dr. Jean Garton** (right, Fall 2007) at ceremonies held last fall in New York City, where Dr. Garton received the Witness in the Public Square award. Founder and former president of Lutherans for Life, Dr. Garton, a Brooklyn native who currently lives in Bryant, Arkansas, served for 12 years on the LCMS Board of Directors and is an author and lecturer on issues related to education, the family, life concerns, and the Christian life.

While many may consider sewing to be a lost art, **Emma Page**, a fifth grade student at **St. Paul's Lutheran School, Des Peres, Missouri**, took to it with ease with the help of her grandmother, **Carol Page**, who visits from Washington each summer to spend two months with her grandchildren. Emma and her mother, **Beth Page**, researched St. Louis Children's Hospital's website and discovered they accepted pillowcases. Along with Carol, they worked assembly-line style all summer long, producing 15 pillowcases for the hospital.



When asked why she wanted to learn to sew, Emma replied, "I liked the idea of taking something and transforming it into something else." She also made pajamas for herself and for an exchange student who lives with them. Her mom credits this dedication to giving and service to her school's encouragement and the example set by the LWML women of the congregation.

The **Happy Quilters of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Willmar, Minnesota**, make many beautiful quilts for people in need and for various organizations around the world. Redeemer members **Larry and Bev Wessels** not only delivered three of these quilts to the Children's Haven International in Reynosa, Mexico, they also sponsor "Jonny" the young boy in the middle.



The ladies of **Christ the King (Cristo Rey) Lutheran Church in East Moline, Illinois**, brought their first mite offering to the Rock Island Zone Fall Rally in Kewanee, Illinois, on September 24, 2013. They are shown here presenting the mites to

the Zone Secretary/Treasurer, **Mary Donegan** (right). The ladies of Cristo Rey do not have an official LWML society as yet, but are hoping to organize soon. Cristo Rey is an official Hispanic Mission Outreach of the LCMS Central Illinois District. The outreach has been in existence 11 years under the leadership of Missionary-at-Large, **Rev. Pablo G. Dominguez**, pictured behind the ladies. Bringing this over-sized jar of mites to the rally was an exciting experience both for the ladies who brought it and for the LWML zone.

## Fall 2014 theme: Living Forgiven

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### Bringing Christ's Love to Thailand

Roberta Hilgendorf and her husband, Bill, went to the city of Nan, in northern Thailand, for ten days in March 2013, with a group of eight from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. The team's first goal was to do painting, install fans, and purchase bunk beds for a dormitory for Hmong teenage girls that Redeemer has been funding for the past ten years. The LWML group at Redeemer has taken a special interest in supporting the girls, over the years, by purchasing a refrigerator, an expanded roof on their property (to hang their clothes under during the rainy season), and now the fans for each room. All this has come from twice-yearly silent auctions of needlework and quilting projects.

They found God had many other activities and goals there. Through the Thailand Concordia Lutheran Church (TCLC), the team got to know a young evangelist named Preecha who has been going once a month to teach the girls about Jesus. With Redeemer's support and the backing of the TCLC, it is hoped that someday the Lord may use Preecha and this house as a Christian outreach into this very Buddhist City.

*Below: The group also took VBS materials to two Hmong villages and shared them with the children.*



*Pictured at the top are the team members, Xiong, the house parent, his family, and many of the students who have lived at the house while they attended high school. Roberta painted the cross in the large meeting room. The Thai words say "Jesus loves you."*

The women at **St. Paul Lutheran Church in North Tonawanda, New York**, had a lot to smile about as they celebrated their 110th anniversary of the church having a women's society. It was founded on May 18, 1903. Formerly, the group was called Lady's Aid and was changed to Women of St. Paul in 2006. That same year, member Bea Hapeman wrote a poem to celebrate the name change. She again revised the poem to celebrate the group's 110th anniversary:

In nineteen hundred and three,  
A group of ladies met for tea:  
"A society we must make  
In which all women may partake."

They spent many, many days  
To think of many, many ways

In which to serve the Lord  
So they wouldn't be bored.

Furnished the kitchen head to toe  
So all the dinners could go go go.

Banquets are held for daughters and mothers,  
Fathers and sons, plus many others.

Busy with projects for church and preschool,  
We're to St Paul a useful tool.

Changes occurred  
But have not blurred

Our same goal:  
To keep the church whole.

We have a name,  
Not for fame:

WOMEN OF ST PAUL  
Here to serve the Lord and all.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League

We are a part,  
We give our mites from the heart.

May we always spread God's Word,  
Also to those who yet have not heard.

We still hold monthly meetings  
To get our work done,  
Have a summer picnic and also  
A Christmas party for some fun.

Also remember the bazaar in November!

Now one hundred and ten years have passed,  
What we've done for Christ will last!

MAY WE GO! GLOW! GROW!



For 30-plus years, the **Our Savior Lutheran Church** quilters in **Eagle River, Wisconsin**, have been contributing handmade quilts to the Lutheran World Relief (LWR). In 2013 they assembled and sent 170 quilts. In addition, they collected and assembled 20 baby layettes and sewed 50 school book bags, which were filled with school supplies to be mailed with the quilts. LWR distributes the quilts, layettes, and book bags to refugees and others in need.

*Top: Pictured, left to right, are Loise Pietz, Cheri Generotzke, Donna Liedke, and Joanne Abens. Missing from the picture are Pat Hasenberg, Eunice Ball, Carolyn Gleisner, and Nancy Atwater. Bottom: Standing in front of the assembled baby layettes are Jessica and Naomi Kadlec. The can between them contained over \$400 in loose change received for the LWML mite project.*

### Correction

The Women's Leadership Institute (WLI) biennial conference, "Christ-Centered Women," featuring speakers past LWML President Ida Mall, Monique Nunes, and Sharla Fritz, will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on March (not May) 14–16, 2014; the WLI's Schools for Speakers and Writers will precede the conference on March 12–14. For more information visit the WLI website at [www.acui.org/wli/](http://www.acui.org/wli/).

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An equally memorable day for Sasha was his Baptism by his father, at Trinity, on Thanksgiving Day. His grandfather, Rev. Otto Brillinger, translated everything into Russian for Sasha, who was baptized Alexander Simeon Carr. It was a very moving service for all who attended — a real celebration!"

"Sasha's Baptismal certificate is his other important document," declared Pastor Carr. "It, too, is framed and hangs on his bedroom wall. He calls both of them his 'documents,' and they are big, important things to him."

"Sasha never says 'I don't want to go to church,'" declared Pastor Carr. "He knows and prays the Lord's Prayer every night, and we are working on the Ten Commandments. He says the Aaronic blessing (Numbers 6:24–26) with his mom and dad and also hums portions of the liturgy. I'm a liturgical kind of guy, so I am very proud that he is doing all of this."

Some unexpected news came a few months later: In the spring of 2013, Pastor Carr was diagnosed with stage three rectal cancer. He was told he would need to begin chemotherapy and radiation, followed by surgery, because the cancer had spread to the liver. Although he is currently undergoing more chemotherapy, he still conducts services at Trinity, preach-

es his wonderful sermons, and gives members of the congregations his famous hugs — sometimes while wearing a surgical mask. Sasha is always by his father's side, as he greets his parishioners or is running around the narthex, giving hugs to others.

Pastor Carr says, "His level of faith, for one who had no Christian faith before he came to the United States, is astounding. When we were in Walmart one day, he suddenly looked up at me and said, 'Dad, don't worry if you die because then you'll be with Jesus.' I said, 'You know, you're right. I'm not going to worry.'"

"It has been a life-changing experience for us," says Catherine, "a time of growth and change for our whole family, while adapting to raising an energetic ten-year-old child who is both a blessing and a challenge in so many ways at the same time."

Our prayer at Trinity is that our loving Lord will continue to watch over, guide, and bless this wonderful family and give them the strength and courage to face whatever lies ahead for them.

**Update:** On Christmas Eve 2014, while preaching the Good News of Christ's birth during the Candlelight Service, Pastor Carr told us his good news — his cancer is in remission! The entire congregation that filled the nave to capacity applauded loudly and thankfully. **Q**

*Pastor Tim and Catherine Carr have been active in LWML for many years in Indiana, Texas, Iowa, and now in Ohio. Pastor Carr, the Bible study leader for LWML Ohio District 2012 Convention and the pastoral counselor for the Toledo Zone, promotes and gives the LWML at Trinity, Toledo, his full support!*



*Extended family, including maternal grandfather, Rev. Otto Brillinger, and maternal grandmother gather for Sasha's Baptism in November 2012*