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The Cross & Empty Tomb Mean Everything

We don't know what the future holds, but we know Who holds the future! I've heard my brother Allan say this many times, most recently after my brother-in-law Frank died very suddenly.

The unexpected death of a loved one leaves us feeling numb, shocked and even devastated. As Christians, even with this overwhelming grief, we know that believing in Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life provides for us absolute peace found nowhere else! I often wonder how unbelievers

get through such tragedies.

In a fall rally Bible study, Pastor Dan Gifford asked, "What difference has the cross and the empty tomb made in your life?" This is something to really think about. To me, the cross and the empty tomb mean everything, absolutely everything, and have made all the difference in my life. Unfortunately, many in the world do not know or care Who holds their future. Some may not even care that they have a future, an eternity, somewhere!

In my last ECHO article I shared about Peoria Convention and how we are to be intentional and take every opportunity to share Christ's love with the world. With the Christmas season upon us, I think of the shepherds going everywhere telling everyone about the Christ Child. That is a great example for us to follow! How else can we tell others about the Good News of Jesus? If we don't normally get too far away from home, how can we share Jesus with the whole world? We can share the Gospel message by supporting our district and national mission grants with our prayers and mite offerings! God answers our prayers and puts our mite gifts to work. He brings hope and peace in Jesus Christ around the world. By the power of the Holy Spirit, others will know what a difference the cross and empty tomb make in their lives, and how we can be confident, knowing Who holds our future, living eternally with Christ in heaven.

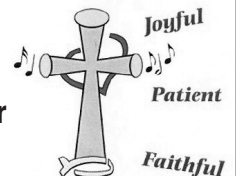
Please save Sept. 14-15, 2012 for the upcoming convention so you won't miss out! Let's work together to invite all women to attend as it will be an excellent opportunity to hear God's Word, learn more about the LWML and the mission field, and be in fellowship with your sisters in Christ.

It's a great time to be a Lutheran woman in mission and it's always a perfect time to tell everyone about our amazing Lord and Savior!

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They realized that they had been with Jesus. "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." - Acts 4:13b, 20 (NKJV)

2012 District Convention
Sept. 14-15, 2012
Sandhills Convention Center
North Platte, NE



Keynote speaker – Ruth Koch
Music leader – Karen Reynolds
Servant Events, Workshops,
Bible Study, Fellowship

***"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12.***