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Fork in the Road

By Jan Wendorf

One day Alice came to a fork in the road and saw a Cheshire cat in a tree. "Which road do I take?" she asked. "Where do you want to go?" was his response. "I don't know," Alice answered. "Then," said the cat, "it doesn't matter." [*Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll]

That quote makes me smile. In our daily lives, we are confronted with "forks in the road" — choices to make. Sometimes, they are easy and sometimes very difficult. In my life, I have stopped, chosen a path, and moved ahead — sometimes, to find a good choice, and sometimes to find that the choice wasn't a wise decision. But in both cases, by God's grace, I learned from each.

In my spiritual journey, I daily encounter two roads. I have the desire to serve my living Lord, but my sinful nature is always present. St. Paul wrote in Romans 7:21: *When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.* It is the realization of sin in my life that makes me come to the cross of Jesus Christ. It is there that I am forgiven and set free to live my life controlled by the Spirit to serve in the Kingdom of God.

As LWML members, we are committed to serving the Lord. One of the Primary Targets for this biennium reads: "In response to our Lord's Great Commission, each woman is compelled to share the Gospel, pray for, and recognize opportunities to do so, and then confidently live and speak her faith." It is a choice — a "fork in the road" — to set aside the road to serving self and to walk boldly on the road to serving God and others.

You and I are on a journey together as Lutheran Women in Mission: We are women who are in the Word, of the Word and walking daily with our Lord. By His power we can make a difference in this world.

Our road of life is filled with choices, but our Lord promises to never leave us or forsake us. He sets the direction and puts us where He wants us to share His saving message of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Have you come to a "fork in the road"? [*The Lord says, I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you* (Ps. 32:8)].

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