



# The Union



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### Special interest:

- A thank-you to all secretaries
- We're so excited!
- Reviews
- New items of general interest

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## Thank you for all your help & support!

A hearty thank-you to the secretaries of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin for all the work you do in your own congregations, plus the many new things you are being thrust into, sometimes before you know it!

The Resource Center came into existence because of a desire to create a place that would be of help and service to pastors, secretaries, lay leaders, anyone needing help to work with the people of God.

The very first group to be told about the dream of a Resource Center was the Soul Support group (secretaries/bookkeepers) that met in Duluth in 1999. The Committee working with the RC plans felt that secretaries would be the logical place to start because of their knowledge of their church's resources, and their capability to help and direct others. Who else in the

congregation, outside of the pastor, would be the most grateful for this kind of help in planning, information and assistance but the secretary?

It has worked! We have received a number of calls from secretaries looking for help. For instance: A call came saying, "Do you have any information on Luther's Rose?" I said, "I'm sure we have a segment in a video that explains the parts of it. How soon do you need it?" She said quietly, "Don't you have something you could fax me? I have someone here who said they will not leave until I come up with it!" I told her I would look and fax materials as soon as possible, if I had anything. I quickly went to the open files and found just the thing she needed complete with the write-up from Luther, written in 1530, explaining the parts of the seal and why he put it together. It was part of a program a women's group had put on about it,

and a little quiz to be taken before the program to see what people knew about the seal – then the program was presented to explain it. I'm sure that secretary was more than grateful to see that fax come through!

There have been numerous other times when secretaries have made use of the RC or directed inquirers to call, stop by or e-mail. You exemplify "The Union" between church and Resource Center. Thank you for using the RC directly or indirectly. We are here to make your job in the congregation a little easier.

Sincerely,  
Bonnie, Diane and Kathy

