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What Ever Happened to the 'Worm'?

by H. Armin Moellering
It might sound odd to think of ourselves as "worms." But the word does have a way of expressing what we are apart from Jesus Christ.

The Governor's Journey

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Says Kay Orr, former governor of Nebraska and new Missouri Synod Lutheran: "I don't know what it would have been like to have been governor without beginning to lean on the Lord."

Why Not a Lutheran Hero?

by David Strand

Paul Maier's new novel, A Skeleton in God's Closet, unleashes a crisis that nearly tears Christianity apart. It is left to one man, a Lutheran, to resolve it.

Just a Servant

by Donald L. Deffner

Mary Lou Patterson—expert on the Holy Land, president of the Bible League—was about to get a lesson she never expected.

A People Hungry for Love

by Annette Schroeder

The doors of opportunity into Vietnam are opening now. Maybe *only* now. And Pastor Wynn Nguyen, who fled Vietnam during the war, is going through them.

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