



Mille Lacs Lake  
Watershed Management Group

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**Topic of the Month - September 2017**

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of America's (ELCA)  
GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS – Sunday September 10, 2017**



Photos by Mike & Barbara Macioch.

The project of the Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo, (Isle) MN, was again picking up Carlsons Beach to Reddy Creek on the North side of Lake Mille Lacs, Hwy 18 Mile Marker 34. The "pickers" were: Dean & Cheryl Malotky, Dianne Jones, Sue Samuelson, Dave & Joanne Stueven.

It was a beautiful autumn day. The group spread out and 6 bags were picked up. Findings of interest were a Baggie containing a tin of Copenhagen and a packet of Listerine; fish remains, many wrappers and cigarette butts/filters, a few broken glass shards, 3 disposable baby diapers, two fishing treasures and one Monarch Butterfly caterpillar which was brought home to care for.



Also sharing the beach were the wind surfers who said they had picked up the area the day before and took their gatherings home to dispose of. They were curious about our little group and we explained we were members of Bethesda Lutheran Church in



Malmo and this was our project of the ELCA's God's Work, Our Hands Day. We both thanked each other for our efforts in caring for the lake. They were hoping for more wind!

Information shared by Barbara Macioch