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Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

God blesses us yearly with a beautiful Fall. It is a time of change and we enjoy the cooler temperatures and colorful leaves. We look forward to these changes.

We also have some changes in our roster in this issue. We are thankful to these ladies and blessed by their willingness to help share the Word of Jesus Christ with others in our district and beyond. Each lady was asked personally and she then prayerfully and willingly accepted the challenge and amazing journey that awaits her. Our roster is complete!

Are you having trouble filling your roster? Have you personally invited someone to be a part of the LWML? Someone who is newly retired, a new member of your congregation, a stay-at-home mom. . .all of these are potential members waiting to be asked to "serve the Lord with gladness". Don't be afraid of rejection. Ask God to walk with you, to bless your efforts and to open the hearts of those you approach. In no time you will see new names on your roster, too!

Please use the articles, devotions and resource persons mentioned in this edition to add interest and insight to your meeting. They have prepared all of this with you in mind.

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations" Matt 28:20 (NIV)*

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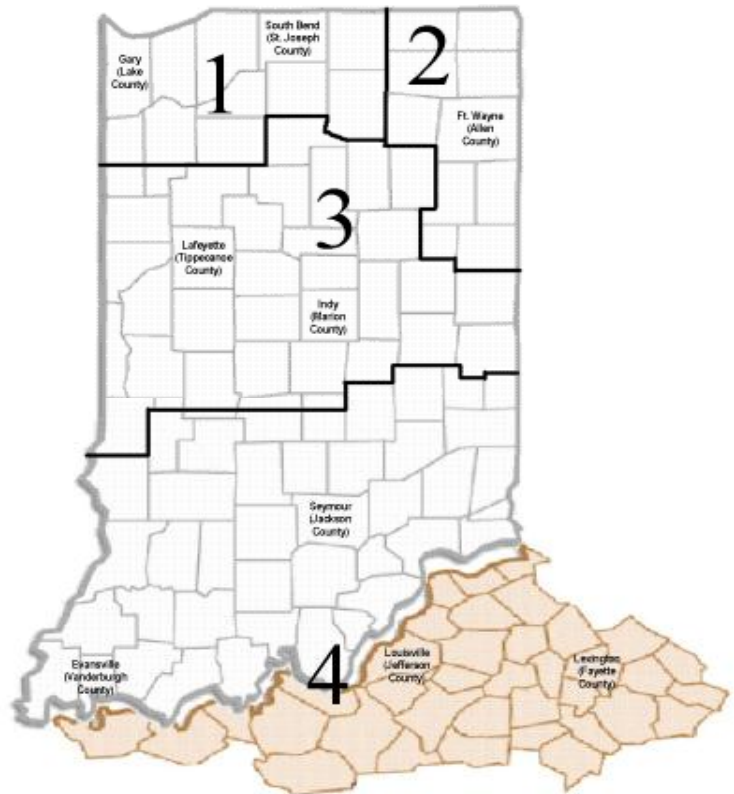
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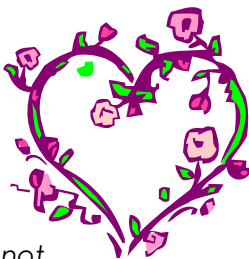
Greetings,

Recently my sister Jackie and I attended our niece's wedding in Kansas City. It was a very special time with all of my brother's family there. Finally we had everyone one together for a happy celebration. What made it special wasn't just the celebration but the love and affection that was shared between the families.

Part of the reading from the wedding that day was from 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not*

*proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."*



How many times have we read this and thought that will only happen in a perfect world. This kind of love doesn't come easily; we have to work at it, even in our own family. When we consider that we are called to love our work family, church family, our neighbors, even the people we come in contact with at supermarkets, malls and utility companies we start thinking, no God, you are asking too much!

We believe that God is expecting too much of us to love our families *and* all the other people. Well, God loves us

*and* all the other people! He loves us no matter how unlovable we have been. If God can love me even though I have been very unchristian at times, I should take a lesson from him and be forgiving and loving to others. I know this won't be easy. I can pray that He will help me look at others with eyes like His and see that all people are loveable. Not just families and bridal couples, but all people. With God's help we can all work at loving the ones we consider to be unlovable. Join me by starting with just one person--then another—then another!

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**Where's the STRENGTH** by Fran Conner, Christian Life Committee 2009

5 Characters: Narrator, Lady 1 – Mom, Lady 2 - Corporate Business Woman, Lady 3 – Old woman with Walker or Cane, Lady 4 – teenage/college girl

Lady 1 (MOM enters with dolls hanging all over her & another baby in her arms – looking VERY frustrated distraught – voices in background keep calling from everywhere – “Mom, I’m hungry. Mom, I’m bored. I need money for dance class. Oh, she hit me. Mom, I don’t feel good.) Throwing arms up in the air ... “I’m losing my mind! Where’s the STRENGTH?”

Narrator: *“Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary and young men will stumble and fall but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.” Isaiah 40:28 -30 NIV*

Lady 2 (Corporate Business Woman – carrying brief case & talking on cell phone) (Gasps!) “What do you mean the merger fell through? What? We’re going to close the doors? We can’t! What about all our employees and their families. Times are already tough... hold on! I’m getting another call. What? What? Oh NO, what happened? Hold on ...I’ll be right back. (Going back to 1<sup>st</sup> caller) “I’ll have to call you back ... there’s been an accident in plant 3...” (Lady looks up and throws her arms up) “Where’s the STRENGTH?”

Narrator: *“Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord my God is with you.” 1 Chronicles 28:20 NIV*

Lady 3 – (elderly woman with walker or cane – enters sad and crying) “I just can’t believe my husband is gone. What will I do? He was everything to me. I know death is part of life and you try to be prepared for these times but it’s so hard. I’m so lonely. My children are busy with their own lives and I don’t want to be a burden. Besides, they’re so far from God and I’m so upset by their lifestyle choices, I can hardly stand to be around them. I’ve prayed and prayed for them to return to God but nothing is changing. I don’t know what to do... Where’s the STRENGTH?”

Narrator: God says “Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10 NIV

Lady 4 – high school or college age girl enters with back pack, books, is listening to I-pod & texting on cell phone ... stops & looks out – shaking head) “My life seemed so good...so easy and so carefree. Now my friends just want to get drunk and party all the time. I want to fit in but now my grades are falling. My studies are so hard. And to top it all off, now my boyfriend is pressuring me to have sex ... everyone is doing it. I WANT to follow Jesus... I want to do what is right... but where’s the STRENGTH? “

Narrator: “For when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be strong in character and ready for anything.” James 1:3 – 4 NIV

Narrator: Life is an exercise in problem solving. The question is not will we have problems in life – of course, we know we will. The real question is how we will choose to address those problems. What we see as problems, God sees as opportunities -- opportunities for us to grow, to learn and to lean on Him. The journey towards spiritual maturity last a lifetime. Each day we are faced with choices and decisions. Each day we’ll make countless decisions that can lead us closer to God...or not. When we rely on God and when we live according to the principles contained in God’s Holy Word, the Bible, we’ll enjoy a life filled with spiritual growth and strength and knowledge that comes only from God through Jesus Christ, His son.



“I can do all things through Him (Christ) who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13 NIV

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**ONE  
CONGREGATION-  
MANY CULTURES!**



Our LWML catalog has a wealth of materials available to aid in outreach to the different "cultures" in our congregations and neighborhoods. The Spring SRD gave ideas related to cross-cultural evangelism and Inter-church cross-cultural relationships. Here are ideas

for some other "cultures" in addition to the obvious ethnicity-based cultures in our congregations and neighborhoods:

**Teenagers**

- Pocket Prayers for Teens #50021. Prayers and Bible verses on topics like "Before a Test" or "Gossip".
- Teen LWM Packet #11951. How to start a teen LWML.

**Young Single Women**

- You & I Reach Out to Young Single Women #15410. Small prayer thoughts to share.

**Women recovering from Addictions**

- Carefully Hidden video #69930. Video and Scripture-based discussion guide on the issue of alcoholism and Christian compassion.

**Women transitioning from prison**

- Women's Prison Ministry Packet #11415. Includes outreach information, resources list, and a Bible study, "Afraid? It's Ok!"

**Visually or Hearing impaired**

- Mustard Seeds (Original set)
- Jeans Gems

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☺ Have you ever thought about these as "different cultures"? Women in each of these

groups may have different priorities and values than the active women in your LWML society. It can be a challenge to overcome the differences.

Here are some materials that may help:

**Overcoming Cultural Differences**

- Celebrating Oneness - Diverse Yet One in the Lord #11602. Good for a workshop or retreat.
- LaWiMeLu: A Mission Experience #14993. Great for a retreat to give people a taste of living in another culture and sharing the love of Jesus.
- An American Woman and an African Woman #59950. Short devotion showing how the love of Christ overcomes differences.

**As the women of the many "cultures" of our congregation learn to love, relate to, and work together with each other, we become more effective in communicating Christ's Good News to the many cultures of the world. May the Holy Spirit help us to become "one" in faith and witness.**

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## Privileged To Serve



*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

Two summers ago I went to Guatemala on a mission trip. I had always dreamed of going. God decided this was the time in my life that it would happen. Matthew 28:19-20 was what I had learned when I was a small child. I thought of it often as I grew up. Serving God by witnessing was something I thought I could do. I knew it was for Him!

This mission trip was organized by the Indiana District of LWML. We met many times preparing for this trip. We prayed that God would guide and prepare us for this journey. Little did I know that our lives would change in many ways. God never gives us more than we can handle. He is always with us.

The group of ladies that I traveled with were strangers to me except two long-time friends. We were just ordinary people doing God's work. We all came from different places and stages in life, but had a love of God and a desire to witness to the people of Guatemala. This common bond quickly created a strong friendship and enabled us to share God's Word with each other and with the Guatemalans.

It was not as easy as I thought it was going to be to speak their language. Our group had practiced several songs in Spanish. When we presented the songs to the children, they enjoyed them. God made us aware of His presence as we traveled through the uncertain times of our mission. We had excellent translators with us when we made house visits. Their strong faith was a witness to us in return.

I learned so much about witnessing from my fellow Christians while in Guatemala. The Guatemalans that we visited welcomed us so warmly into their lives and homes. It was a life-altering experience for me to follow Christ's servant model and serve others by washing their hands and giving people at the dump their only food of the day. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, our team experienced great unity in service and witness to others in another land. I thank God for this opportunity to work together with this mission team to bring Christ to others so that they may know Him as their Savior.

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# Leader Development



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## WHEN YOU WALK THROUGH THE DARK

Tonight I put off walking with my dogs, which is most often a daily ritual I have. They usually keep me honest by barking to remind me, but tonight I thought I would just skip the walk. So after sitting too long on the comfy chair, I got up to do a chore outside, realizing that it was well past dusk. As I stepped on the front porch, the dogs greeted me and I began to feel guilty about skipping our walk. So, after completing my chore, I took off on our wooded trail (in the dark) with my two dogs (or so I thought). The first part of the walk was behind the neighbor's house, still close to civilization, but soon I got further into the trail and turned the bend where the wooded trail splits. One side goes into the darker, deeper woods, and the other skirts the edge of the woods. Suddenly, I felt very alone and frightened. Even the dogs had abandoned me! My first impulse was to dart quickly away, but being quite practical and not having on sensible shoes, but flip-flops, I restrained my impulses to run. I then began to call for my loyal companion. I didn't hear her for several paces, but then I heard the jingle of her collar and her rustle through the grass to meet me. I was so relieved!

How often I feel this way when asked to lead. Leadership can be lonely and frightening at times. And just like my impulse to bolt quickly away, we often reject challenges and opportunities that are unknown. I think: "Perhaps it will take up too much time". "Maybe people won't like the decisions I make". "What if I fail?" "It might be too hard to learn a new responsibility." We have all felt this way before. But what does God tell us? "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare

and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope". Jer. 29:11 (RSV) A future and a hope - what comfort is contained in these words! God will be with me along the path I travel, no matter how dark, frightening, or alone I feel. He will not forsake me ever! I often go back to my confirmation verse, Joshua 1:9: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (RSV)



As I start this leadership responsibility, I ask for all your prayers and I will continue to seek refuge

in God's word and fellowship with other Christian women and men. I have quite a legacy to perpetuate from all the wonderful examples of previous leaders within our organization. This will inspire and push me to do my best and work hard to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to others through our efforts within the LWML. I look forward with eagerness to follow this path.

*"Where can I go from thy Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say 'Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,' even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you." Ps. 139: 7-12*

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# A LESSON ON SERVANT LEADER DEVELOPMENT— MADE SIMPLE

Decisions concerning leadership development were seldom popular in the B.C. era. Spending focused time on developing leaders was a priority to Jesus. Following in his footsteps can be challenging.

As zone and society leaders, we commit ourselves to investing in developing future leaders. Following Jesus' example, we can also learn by examining his training methods. Unfortunately, He offered no classes, gave no lectures, and conferred no degrees *in leader development*.

He knew the most effective leadership training involves people learning by doing. Jesus used a five-step "Show How" training process.

1. I do, you watch
2. I do, you help
3. You do, I help
4. You do, I watch
5. You do, someone else watches

Jesus used this method because He knew people learn best by example, followed by hands on experience.

We can begin by praying to God about who we should invest in as future leaders.

We must understand:

- What skills can we effectively model ourselves?
- What entry-level leadership opportunities can we provide?
- What are our servant leader skills?

A common definition of leadership might begin with a statement such as that made by popular writer John Maxwell, "Look around and see if someone is following? If they are, then you are a leader."

Leadership is about responsibility...and to a Christian leader it is an awesome responsibility. God's word tells us: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you." Psalm 32:8



God bless you as you lead and serve.

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Leader Development Fall 2010

(Recommended Book: A Leadership Paradox: Influencing Others by Defining Yourself. Greg Robinson with Mark Rose, Authorhouse Publishing.)

# Human Care

Demonstrating God's love and concern by extending a helping hand to all in need.

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## The "WORD" on Human Care

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth ... And God said ..." (Gen. 1:1 & 3).

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). The Word, our God. He spoke. He is the origin of all words. He set our main form of communication with words – spoken, written, gestured and signed. What would we do without words?

What do the Word and words have to do with Human Care? See what the scriptures say:

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth" (1 John 3:16-18).

"And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love" (2 John 1:6).

"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him if you have helped his people and continue to help them" (Heb. 6:10).

"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Eph. 5:1-2).

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). He is the very special gift to us, washing us in His blood and wrapping us in His love, our Savior Jesus Christ. **LOVE IS THE TIE THAT BINDS THE WORD AND OUR WORDS TO HUMAN CARE!**

Do you give any conscious thought about the words that come from your mouth? Do you analyze the mechanics of your mouth, tongue, lips, and teeth as they work together to assist in the pronunciation of each word? Do you think about the process of thinking and how your brain recognizes and understands the words you hear, read, utter? Have you ever pondered about what a blessing it is for the deaf and the blind to be able to communicate because of the work and research of the people who developed signing and Braille? If you're like most folks, you haven't given these things any thought at all. God has made the use of words an automatic process that we don't have to think about, and therein lies the dilemma. "Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers this should not be" (James 3:10).

Our words are frequently used for thoughtful and positive purposes in a variety of ways. However, our words are also sometimes used negatively. We may have all the gadgets in the world to make our communication with words faster and

faster, but the bottom line is that we still have the responsibility to think about *what* we say, *how* we say it and even *when* said or written! Use wisdom to choose words carefully and examine your intent and motives. Be mindful of the words you use and how they may be received or interpreted.

In 2 Timothy 3:16-17, we are told: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Human care is showing love to others with care and compassion. Words and actions are the means by which we communicate that love. "If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being like-minded in spirit and purpose" (Phil. 1:1-2). The Word — our words — human care — it's a simple model, and we are empowered by our loving God!!

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## Human Care Ideas

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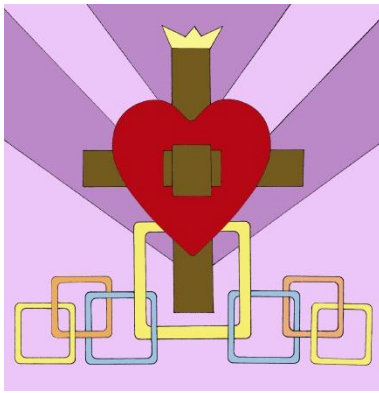
- Attend a Bible Study.
- Lead a Bible Study.
- Use a Bible Study from the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* for a society or zone meeting.
- Visit the sick, the homebound or a nursing home.
- Establish a daily walking routine with a friend and listen to the *Walking With the Lord* CD. LWML President Jan Wendorf narrates verses from the Psalms, with meditation and prayer prompts. LWML Catalog #20765
- Share *Jean's Gems* with the girls from your congregation's Youth Group or Confirmation Classes. LWML Catalog #49000
- *Caring and Sharing Study Guide and Caring and Sharing Leader Guide* – Christians share with and care for one another. LWML Catalog #20400 & #20410
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### Our Words:

- Record the singing at song time in the preschool or elementary school Sunday School class and send those tapes or CDs to the homebound or others of any age who may be sick.
- For a personal or group project, send cards to the homebound to encourage them and let them know that you haven't forgotten them. Perhaps enclose a Healing Scriptures bookmark. LWML Catalog #16545
- If you know of someone's special birthday or anniversary, have everyone you know send a card — they'll love the quantity of cards they receive!



- If your church doesn't have a library, assist in setting one up.
- Visit a new mom and offer to watch the baby for an hour or two to allow her to take a nap or to shop. Take time to sing to the child, if the opportunity arises.
- Recycle your Christian books or music CDs by lending them or giving them away.
- Work with your Pastor to make sure that large print bulletins or hymnals are available for the elderly or sight impaired.
- Write and send letters or notes of thanks and/or encouragement to college students, new moms, new members of the congregation, your Bible Study leader, Pastors, Elders, organist, and other leaders.
- If your church doesn't have a ministry that records the service for the homebound, assist the Pastor or leaders of your congregation to start one.
- Assist the church secretary or Pastor with the preparation or folding of bulletins and/or church newsletters.
- Write and send letters or notes of encouragement to missionaries. Visit [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org) to find missionaries serving in the field.
- Don't forget to support and encourage our Chaplains and those serving in the armed forces. They love to receive notes of encouragement and care packages. Visit [www.lcms.org/LCMS](http://www.lcms.org/LCMS) [World Mission/Armed Forces Ministry](http://www.lcms.org/LCMS).
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- Order the video Bible Study, *Prepare to Care*. LWML Catalog #64000
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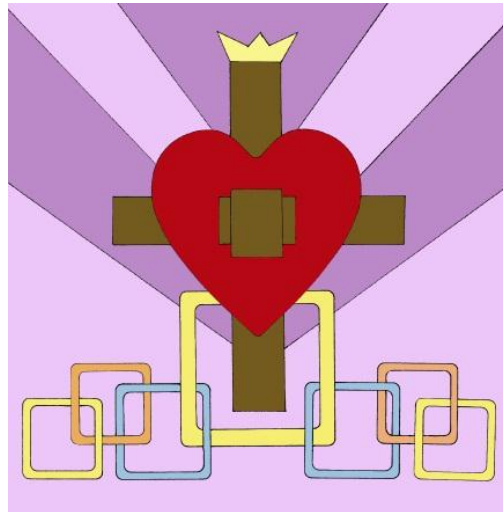
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Registration Fee (\$50) includes meals and retreat. Make lodging reservations by calling The Farmstead Inn at 260-768-4595. Ask for the LWML rate by giving our account number 33077. Room reservations must be made by March 29, 2011.

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