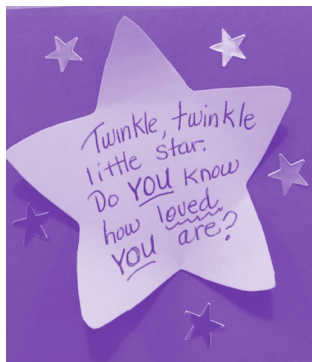


MICHIGAN WOMEN IN MISSION

SOMETHING SIMPLE CAN CREATE JOY

So for a moment, just imagine...You live by yourself. You're elderly. You've outlived most of your friends and family. Many seniors feel lonely and forgotten. Meals-On-Wheels provides nourishing meals for those living in their homes or apartments, but have little or no contact with the person delivering the sustenance. Wouldn't it be wonderful if, once in a while (or once a month), Meals-On-Wheels recipients could receive a tray favor from a friend he or she has never seen before? Lutheran Women in Mission, you can be that friend. Creating tray favors in your group would be a wonderful way to reach out in faith and let someone know that they are not forgotten and alone, but that they are appreciated and loved. Just imagine how these favors will touch the heart and mind of the person who will receive your creation.



element creates interest. Use stickers, chenille stems, fun foam, pre-cut fun foam shapes, rubber stamps, rickrack, yarn, fabric and so forth. Cookie cutters can be traced for shapes or perhaps someone in your group has a Cricket cutting machine. Check out "Pinterest" and craft magazines. Avoid the use of glitter!!

Have fun designing your creations and working together in your groups. Include your group's name and address on the back side of the favor (if mounted on paper or as a table-tent which is free standing) for feedback.

Feel free to contact me for more ideas and suggestions.

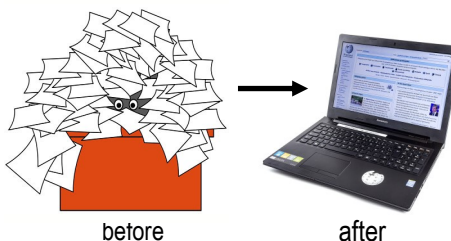
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Include messages of encouragement, poems, sayings, song titles, Bible verses and so forth. Having a dimensional

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all the groups and zones in the district who sent gifts cards for the seminarians at Fort Wayne and St. Louis. A total of \$2,245 in gift cards were sent to the District for distribution. Praise to the Lord for all of the giving hearts throughout our Michigan District.

Gerri Nelson,
 VP of Caring Ministries



HELP!

Nancy Klaus, our Archivist-Historian has begun a scanning project of our District documents for safe storage and using less space. If you have some time to assist with this scanning project, please contact Nancy Klaus at jnklaus40@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events:

► Mar 6 - LWML District Board Mtg

CALLING ALL YWRs

If you are a YWR alumni, please send your contact info to Jamie Agans at j.petting@hotmail.com

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS



Both items would make great Christmas gifts and can be purchased from the District's LWML Store. To order contact Crystal at lwmlmi.store@gmail.com or 810-560-2666. Limited quantities available.

The items can also be purchased at cph.org, but the postage will be less if you purchase from Crystal.

Send your mites to:

Carol Swenson
 Financial Secretary
 PO Box 474
 Fenton, MI 48430

For Information call:

810-714-0405

LEADERSHIP TIPS – ENHANCING YOUR ENTHUSIASM

As a leader here are some tips for developing and enhancing your enthusiasm. A leader also has the ability to develop enthusiasm in other people. It is easy to be enthusiastic when everything is going right, but the individual who can remain enthusiastic is the person who will step ahead and get things started! Here are 8 suggestions to help you:



- Talk to God like you talk to a close friend. Listen to His Voice. This will help you be enthusiastic when everything seems wrong.
- Make up your mind. Things happen when you are decisive!
- Do not save enthusiasm for special occasions – every day is special.
- Keep learning – by reading, using new methods, take courses, exploring, and experimenting. Be on the lookout for new ideas.
- Associate with enthusiastic people.
- Do one thing at a time. Focus your enthusiasm on one thing.
- Do your research ahead of time, so you need not always say, “I don’t know.” Show your enthusiasm.
- Give people sincere appreciation and praise. Be conscious of people and their ideas.

Excerpts Taken from Motivation is Contagious, a Leadership Development resource originally published by LWML in 1993.

DEVOTION

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. Rev. 7:9

People often ask me what is the purpose of the LWML? I think God gives us a stunning image of it in Revelation 7:9, “...every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne...” Every mite that you give, every prayer that you say, every service project you do, every mission grant that you support, helps to bring about this reality.

Our purpose is God’s vision.

Prayer: Lord, help me bring about your vision in any way that I can.
Amen.

Marsha Marshall
VP Christian Growth

TIPS FOR SHARING YOUR FAITH

Sharing your faith is one of the things God asks of us. Here are some tips you might use:

- Find a favorite Bible verse that you have memorized such as Joshua 1:9. “Have I not commanded you to be strong and courageous, do not be frightened, do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Use it when you witness at different events.
- Bring up your faith in the conversation with others when the opportunity arises. When your heart starts to pound and you see that opportunity to do so, do it.
- When you enter church and there appears that there is someone that seems lost, invite them to sit with you. If there are questions about the service, show them where the service is in the Hymnal.
- Mite boxes are a great and useful tool to encourage our LWML sisters and brothers about the importance of the Mite Box collections and explain all the wonderful mission projects that they fund.
- A cross as a necklace can be used to start a conversation or show your proclamation of the Love of God.

Vice President of Mission Outreach
Sheri Comeford

The application deadline of scholarships for female students going into church work is 11/30 - see the updated form on our website.

FAITH

For we walk by faith,
not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7