



Oklahoma District Teen LWML

Teen Talk

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"Teens empowered through the Word, reflect Christ's love."



Loving All Year - How About You?

Has anyone ever done something nice for you? Why would they do this? When you do someone a favor, you should expect nothing in return. Jesus says in John 6 "when things are taken away from you, don't try to get them back." This doesn't count for just possessions, it also counts for time. When you do something nice for someone else, you shouldn't expect the time back; you shouldn't expect them to do something nice for you. That wouldn't be a true gift given in love.

Also in John 6, "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' lend to 'sinners,' expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Try as we might, our love and compassion in giving will never be equal to God's gift. He gave Jesus Christ, his Son to suffer and die that we might all be saved. We should love and help others, because Christ loves and helps us. God's love for us is far greater than we could possibly offer Him. We should try to reflect His love not only on Valentine's Day, but every day of the year.

Prayer: O Lord thank You for Your all encompassing love. Help me to even love my enemies. I ask that You will work in my heart to always love others without expecting anything in return. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Submitted by Jennifer Armand, Good Shepherd, Midwest City

Tulsa Teen LWML Groups Gather



On Sunday, February 15, 2009, eight teens and four leaders from Tulsa-area churches gathered to celebrate and share ideas about Teen LWML. The Teen LWML Groups

were from Grace, Our Savior, and Faith Lutheran Church. The girls enjoyed meeting each other and affirming one another's service in the name of LWML. It was a fun-filled day of celebration.

Our teens from the Oklahoma District are extraordinary girls, each one created and molded by the hand of God. What a wonderful experience it is to watch them as they grow and discover what it means to be "empowered through the Word to reflect Christ's love" (LWML Teen Motto). Our teens are faithful, generous, creative, compassionate, and joyful and are finding unique ways to serve the Lord.

Some of the projects our teens from the Tulsa area have been involved with are: gathering Lutheran World Relief items, donating teddy bears for a children's shelter, wrapping books for school children, sewing baby blankets, and helping with a multitude of projects in their churches.



OKC Teen LWML Gathering

Teens from six Oklahoma City area churches gathered at Messiah Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 16th to celebrate Teen LWML. This was

the third year the teens in the OKC area have met to share their experiences with one another about Teen LWML.

The gathering was filled with many educational experiences for the teens. T.J. Smith, the Oklahoma District Young Women Representative Chairperson, shared her experiences as a YWR at the National Convention in Tampa, Florida. Shari Stepanek, the Oklahoma City Zone president, explained how LWML is structured from Districts to Zones and then Societies. Marguerite Christman, and her teen group from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church led the Litany Service and gathering of Mites. The group also educated the gathering about KFUO Radio in St. Louis, Missouri.

The teens also had a lot of fun at the gathering. Karen Ramsey organized a fun ice breaker for the girls. The game titled "Fruit Basket Jumble" was a form of musical chairs that led to laughter and chatter. T.J. Smith had the girls play a team building activity that involved entwining toilet paper through a line of girls without breaking the toilet paper. By the end of the day the girls all left with smiles on their faces.

The Annual Teen LWML Oklahoma District Gatherings are a significant element of Teen LWML. The gatherings introduce the teens to the exciting and productive world of LWML conventions. The gatherings also allow the girls to develop relationships that will last a life time. I encourage the teens of the Oklahoma District to take advantage of these fun gatherings. Teens are now joining the 250,000-strong women in our endeavor to spread the saving news of Jesus Christ.

Submitted by Candice Hansen



LWML's Mighty Mites

"As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." Luke 21:1-4

The teens also expressed how much fun they've been having getting to know the women from their LWML societies. The teens join the ladies in their meetings and help them plan special events and service projects. When it comes to serving the Lord, there is no generation gap.

Praise be to God as he blesses the Oklahoma teens and gives them opportunities to Serve Him with Gladness!

Submitted by Delia Hansen, Teen LWML Coordinator