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Devotion

Equipping Youth to Witness for Life Y4Life- \$25,000

Leader: Have you ever known a woman who had an abortion? Have you known couples who had pre-marital relations? Do you know if these people went to church on a regular basis? Chances are they didn't go to church or weren't brought up in the faith. What did you think at that time? This kind of behavior is all too common among college students and unfortunately high school students also. What does God say about this?

All: *...The body is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? (1 Corinthians 6:13-15).*

Leader: What can we do as Christians when we know people in engaged in this kind of behavior? Maybe we need to talk to them about Jesus. Ask them if they know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. The Holy Spirit is providing us with an occasion to share our faith, to tell them of God's love for them. If we start the conversation, the Holy Spirit will **EQUIP** us with the right words. We just have to start ...

All: *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him (John 3:16-17).*

Leader: We as Lutheran Women in Mission have the power within us to change lives. The Holy Spirit gives us that power; through God's word, through prayer, through worship, through our relationship with Jesus Christ. We have been **EMPOWERED** to lead others to Christ. What an awesome responsibility! But, what a joy!

All: *I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:3-6).*

Leader: The Youth for Life (Y4Life) ministry has been active on college campuses for years but now wants and needs to expand to Lutheran high schools. Since many of the students at Lutheran high schools are not Christian, Y4Life has a unique opportunity to reach out with the love of Jesus to these students. This grant will help fund the process of identifying, training and mentoring student leaders and faculty for this program. We know that this is a scary job - reaching out to others and talking to them about such issues as abortion, pregnancy and God, but because of this grant the training and **ENCOURAGEMENT** to do so will be available.

All: I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing ... This is to my Father's glory that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples (John: 15:5 & 8).

