



Craft Idea

Are you always trying to rack your brain to find something new and fun for your group? Maybe a new craft or a service activity? Did you know the LWML has its own Pinterest account? Here's an activity you could do any time of the year. Provide each person with a container (a pail or a mason jar), tongue depressors, and a permanent marker. Ask the women to write down people or situations on their prayer list. Include the names of mission grant recipients. With these simple reminders, women can pray throughout the day until the container is empty. This is a different way to remember to pray!



Spotlight on a Young Woman



Meet Lydia Landes. This Young Woman Representative from the 2017 Albuquerque LWML Convention hails from the Gulf States District. Lydia and her husband, Logan, live in Florida, where she is the music director at their church (Grace Lutheran Church, Destin), owns a music studio, and teaches music. Her favorite Bible verse is Joshua 1:9: *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*

Lydia has been involved in the LWML for as long as she can remember. Her mother would bring her to meetings as a child, and the other women would welcome her. It wasn't until attending the convention in Albuquerque, however, that Lydia became passionately involved. When asked how LWML has blessed her life, Lydia said, "The LWML has given me the opportunity to form relationships that have lasted and, I hope, will continue to last a lifetime. From my adoptive church-grandmas to my new church family, LWML is something that brings together women of all ages who really have a desire to be in the Word and to serve the people in their community and around the world."

Lydia's advice to other young women: "Don't be afraid to get involved. Try new things. Form relationships with the women in your congregations (especially those with more life experience than you); they are worth more than their weight in gold. And invest in some purple ... it may come in handy!"

I am showered with blessings each time I come to the Benediction in our worship. Psalm 67:1 (ESV) says: *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us.* In the uncertainty of my daily life, this sure blessing comes to me as I begin my week in the worship of our Lord. His face shining on me gives me blessing and deliverance from the sinful life I lead. May I be reminded each day of that forgiveness, and reach out to bless others as I have been blessed.

