 **LWML Gifts of Love Ministry**

**October Newsletter Article**

“If I plan my estate or end of life decisions, it means that I accept that I will die, and I don’t want to talk about such things.”

That was Susan’s response to a Gift Planning Counselor of the LCMS Foundation. That counselor pointed her to the words of Jesus in John 11 when He said, *“I am the resurrection and life…whoever lives and believes in me will by no means die, forever.”* Their conversation centered around the truth that because of Jesus and His death and resurrection, “*death no longer has mastery over us.”* (Romans 6)

Whether here on earth or with the Lord in heaven, life continues. *“For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.”* (2 Corinthians 5)

Having this conversation gave Susan a sense of peace. She put her Lifetime Plan for GivingTM together with her Gift Planning Counselor. She was thankful that this process had finally enabled her to get beyond the fear of death and dying that had haunted her throughout her life.

Is it time for you to do the same? Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact…

**October Bulletin Sentences**

**October 4, 2020**

What are your desires for your family after the Lord calls you home to be with Him? As Christians, our primary desire is that our family and friends will continue in their own faith in Jesus Christ. Writing down your confession of faith and sharing it with family is something with which your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact…

**October 11, 2020**

When your earthly life is complete and the Lord has called you home, someone will need to manage the affairs of your estate, either a personal representative for your will or a trustee for your trust. But who should that be? Your attorney will provide guidance regarding legal considerations for that choice. But your choice also includes consideration of someone who will respect your faith and the attitude about Christian stewardship that lives within you today. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help you think through and pray through your list of choices. Contact…

**October 18, 2020**

A focus on wills is focusing on what happens to you after the Lord has called you home. But Power of Attorney documents or even a Revocable Trust can lay out your wishes for what happens to you while still alive on earth if you become incapable of making your own decisions. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help you to start thinking about those wishes, preparing you for working with your attorney. Contact…

**October 25, 2020**

You may have been asked at a hospital if you have a “Living Will.” A living will expresses your desires about how aggressive efforts by health care workers should be on your behalf. Short of an easy decision, many practical, ethical and faith decisions are linked to this document. Your careful deliberation gives you a chance to confess your faith in Jesus. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can connect you with reading resources to inform your decision. Contact…

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