 **LWML Gifts of Love Ministry**

**December Newsletter Article**

When something is present simply because of tradition its value is diminished. Take for example the advent wreath, found in our churches and even many of our homes. The circle reminds us of eternity. The green reminds us of the life Jesus has given us. The four candles around the outside remind us of hope, peace, joy and love. The middle candle reminds us of Jesus. Do you think about all this every time you walk past an advent wreath?

In that same thinking, what is the purpose of your estate plans? Certainly, there are directions for legal matters that need to be in place for the day you die. But your plan is for so much more than just dying. Your estate plan contains a gift plan, through which you will give gifts to the family or friends you love and the ministries you care about. Your estate plan is not about dying. It is about using God’s gifts well, to continue the reflection of Jesus and His gift to us, long after the Lord has called you to your rest in Him. Don’t let fear of death get in the way of planning for the giving of God’s gifts of life. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact…

**December Bulletin Sentences**

**December 6, 2020**

December is a month of giving. Your estate plan is a way for you to plan gifts, too. Your estate plans can leave the gift of **hope** to those who survive here on earth after you. Your **hope** is Jesus and the eternal life He has given you. Integrate that **hope** into the words of all your estate documents. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact…

**December 13, 2020**

December is a month of giving. Your estate plan is a way for you to plan gifts, too. Planning those estate gifts can provide opportunity to give the gift of **peace**, reconciling with family or friends with whom you have become estranged. Planning a gift for them can point to the greatest gift, the gift of God’s Son, Jesus Christ. Get started on your “**peace gifting**” today. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact…

**December 20, 2020**

December is a month of giving. Your estate plan is a way for you to plan gifts, too. When we mark our days on earth, we are often very linear, thinking of a beginning and an end. However, in Jesus, whose birth into our flesh we celebrate this week, there is no end. That gives us the ability to think of our days with **joy** and to pass on that **joy** through our estate plans. The gifts you plan for family and ministry will certainly warm many hearts with joy. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact…

**December 27, 2020**

December is a month of giving. Your estate plan is a way for you to plan gifts, too. All gifts, given by faith, are acts of **love**, expressing our life in Jesus Christ. Why would your estate contain both gifts to family and gifts for ministry? It is because you **love** people and want them to know the true life of Jesus. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact…

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