



Church Workers in Mission

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“How have you been held by God’s Word?”

That is the question I posed to three church workers who are in different stages in their lives.

I interviewed a Director of Christian Education (DCE) with a year of experience, a pastor with 15+ years of service, and a retired church worker.

The DCE said that Scripture consistently reminds her of God’s promises of forgiveness and His passion for His people. She is reminded that it is not about her or her work in ministry. Rather, it is about Him, His promises, His love, and His pursuit of our hearts.

The pastor shared that his daily, personal devotions ground him in the promises of God. He is especially held by God’s Word in the proclamation of His word during the Divine Service and His tight grip on him in the Sacrament of the Altar, where he is assured of God’s gracious forgiveness and continual loving presence.

After serving more than 43 years, the retired church worker’s first words were that God’s Word continues to give purpose to his life. Throughout his service, God’s Word sustained him during challenging times. Both professional and lay people reminded him to serve Christ first and glorify Him in everything.

How are our Young Women Held by His Word?

“My LWML-loving Granny Bea, modeled morning devotions and never skipped a day — no matter what. A few years back, I started reading *Portals of Prayer*. This year, I started doing the Bible readings as well. I’ve enjoyed cracking my Bible open on a more regular basis and have seen the many blessings the Lord has given me by doing so. His Word and the devotions have provided strength and comfort, peace, and joy.”

Joy Anderson, LWML Minnesota South

“I take time in the morning to read my LWML daily devotional and have my coffee. Sometimes I get the opportunity to pray with a client that’s having a difficult day, upcoming surgery, or family issues.”

Shanna, LWML Northern Illinois

“First, morning devotions with the kids on our 20-minute drive to school. We use *Portals of Prayer for Kids*. Then, we listen to the week’s catechism memory work on the CD “Sing the Faith.” ... My 8th grader has assigned Bible readings for the week. She and I listen to it together on Sunday evenings using an audio Bible app while we follow along with our Bibles. Finally, to feed my own personal Bible study need, I listen to *Issues, Etc.* podcasts.”

Mary Kay, LWML Minnesota South



Heart to Heart Sisters Serve the Lord with Gladness!

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This picture is of the Heart to Heart Sisters who were trained at the 2019 LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama.

We learn from His Word that we are part of the body of Christ and it takes each one of us to make it complete. Each of us using our gifts and doing our part to be inclusive will make the “body” whole and, in doing so, will spread the mission of the LWML. (Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12)

The Heart to Heart Sisters (H2H) district program is an intentional effort to welcome and encourage multicultural women to participate in the life and work of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League.

As Heart to Heart Sisters, we know we are held by His Word; and as Heart to Heart Sisters, we hope that by connecting with multicultural women we have left an LWML legacy!