



JULY 2015 DEVOTION

Summertime/Vacation Devotion

Leader: We begin in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

All: *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters (Genesis 1:1-2).*

Leader: Then God made the light and called it day and the darkness He called night. He made the heavens, the land that He called earth, and the waters He called seas. He made the vegetation yielding seeds and fruit trees with their fruit bearing seeds.

All: *And God said, Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years” (Genesis 1:14).*

Leader: And God made the two great lights – one to rule the day and the lesser to rule the night – and the stars. And God made the living creatures in the waters and the birds that flew above the earth. And God brought forth all forms of living creatures – livestock and creeping things, and beasts. And God saw all this was good.

All: *Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness” ... So God created man In his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them (Genesis 1:26a...27).*

Leader: After God blessed them, and saw they were good, He told them to be fruitful and multiply and gave them dominion over all the other animals. On the seventh day He had finished His work and made that day holy.

All: *The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it (Psalm 24:1).*

Leader: May we remember to look for all the beauty we see around us each and every day. Let us thank God for all the blessings He has given us, but especially for sending His Son so that we may have forgiveness for our sins. Help us to show our love to others we meet on our life’s journey.

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for giving us life and the world You’ve made for us. Help us to be open to the opportunities to tell others of Your love for us and for them. Let us show them our love by the way we live our lives. May we remember the 2013-2015 LWML Mission Grants as well as our new 2015-2017 LWML Mission Grants. We continue to pray for them and encourage those involved in the various organizations. To You be all glory and honor, Amen.