



July 2015

Easter came and went. Now that we've mourned Christ's death and celebrated His resurrection, we've put the winter behind us. The plants and trees remind us of our new life in Christ as well. Seeing God's plan for the season changes can draw us closer to Him during anytime of year. Psalm 24:1 says *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."*

Some of us will be busier during the summer months. Moms will be taking children to ballgames, swimming lessons, day camps, and many other activities. Some working women may find they need to work more hours because others are on vacation. Some will be less busy because often our church societies and other organizations take the summer off from their regular schedules. Whatever the circumstance, God is still there with us in everything we do. In addition to seeing God's work in creation (the sky, trees, bushes, flowers, and the like), we can also see His work in the people we meet. Take time to get to know someone you usually

just say "hello" to or give her a friendly smile. Look at the happenings around you with new awareness as though you have never seen them until now.

You may also be among those who look forward to summer because it is vacation time. Have you been making plans for going someplace special you've never been? Is the excitement building as you get closer? Is it similar to how you felt leading up to the LWML Convention in Des Moines, Iowa? Do you schedule out each day's activities or just pick a place to stay for a while and list what places you want to visit? Or are you someone who uses vacation time to visit family who live hours away?

Something extra you may want to take with you on vacation, or add to your quiet time with God, is the prayer cards from the 2015-2017 LWML Mission Grants. These organizations will need your prayers. There are posters available for your church too. See www.lwml.org for more details.

Whatever your summer brings, remember that God is always with you!