

You are my Witnesses

Luke 24:44-53

LWML Sunday 2013

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday. The materials contained in this packet have been designed to help with your congregation's worship and celebration of LWML Sunday 2013.

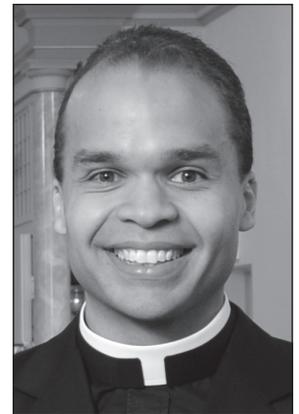
Ideas for Your LWML Sunday Celebration:

- Order Mite Boxes for the members of your church to encourage support for mission grants. These are available through your LWML district;
- You'll want to order LWML Kid's Mite Boxes for the Sunday school/day school;
- Recruit LWML members to serve as greeters and ushers – all decked out in their favorite LWML purple and wearing LWML membership pins;
- Collect a door offering for mites on the day of the celebration to help support the mission of LWML;
- Be sure to order several sets of Mustard Seeds, including *Water of Life*, and Master's Cards, along with LWML circular paper clips to hold the items together;
- Hand out LWML pencils, *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, an invitation to the next LWML event; and
- Ask your pastor to recognize all LWML members, including Friends Into Serving Him® teens.

The packet includes:

- Your Order Form – ready to complete for all your LWML Sunday materials and supplies. A DVD with the 2013-2015 Mission Grants will be sent free with any bulletin purchase.
- A free LWML Sunday CD that includes:
 - PDF of the worship bulletin in two sizes; as well as the service in a **Word** 2010 document;
 - Sermon script;
 - Children's message;
 - Celebration Banner pattern;
 - Lots of clip art, banners, and slides for promotional use on your website, in print and electronic messaging, and worship overhead slides;
 - One new Mustard Seed devotion sheet from *Water of Life*, with devotions, Scriptures and prayers focused on trusting God; and
 - Flyer of New Products and Resources.

The Rev. Dr. Dien Taylor, pastor of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bronx, New York, is the author of the 2013 LWML Sunday materials, designed under the theme, "You Are My Witnesses." The service focuses on the Scripture verses from Luke 24:44-53.



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LWML Leader: Contact your pastor and assist with the order of these materials to make for a special day of celebrating the work of the LWML.

Pastor: Please contact your congregational LWML president or leader. She will be pleased to help you coordinate activities for this celebration Sunday.

All worship and devotional materials have received approval from LCMS Doctrinal Review.