

Dear God ...

"Life is so daily!"

I read these words during my daily devotion time a few weeks ago, and I can't seem to get them out of my head. Everything I do is so routine. I trudge through my daily tasks like a robot. But ever since reading this phrase, I have been trying to see You in the "daily." Please help me complete my tasks, errands, and chores with a smile on my face and praise in my heart! Help me see that each day You give me is a gift, a reason to continue on with the "daily."

Love, Your daughter

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24).

YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN

By Amy Bartels

The other day, as I was rushing around making my mental "to do" list, I raced out of the house on my way to my daughter's school. Noticing that it was a bit chilly, I threw on my LWML jacket. I knew I needed to stop at the post office on the way, so to save time, I decided to drive to the one on the way to school — a post office I do not usually frequent.

With my package in tow, I went through the lobby door, plopped my box on the counter without even looking up, and began to let the clerk know that I was in need of packing tape for the box because, in my haste to leave home, I forgot to tape the box shut.

Precisely at that moment, she asked me what church I attended. A bit preoccupied, I replied that it was a church in the next town several miles away. She then very calmly stated that she was new to the area and was a Missouri Synod Lutheran and an LWML member. She pointed to my jacket logo.

Suddenly, the words former LWML President Ida Mall spoke at the past Assembly of Leaders came rushing back to me, "Be ready." She had talked about sharing your story, wearing Gospel merchandise, and smiling. So I quickly put on my best smile, pulled a card out of my purse, and gave her our church times, Sunday School information, and my phone number. I also let her know about the new LWML circle that we are starting for young women in our society and invited her to Bible study.

Be willing. Be open. Be ready! God will use you for His purpose and plan! *But always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15b).*



Spotlight on Jenifer Robert

The oldest of three sisters — all Information Technology professionals — Jen lives in Michigan with her husband, Siva, and son, Ethan, and works as a software professional for a financial institution. She has earned bachelor degrees in Zoology and Information Technology, and currently serves the national LWML on the IT Committee, thanks to the encouragement of Melissa Salomón, Heart to Heart Sister Task Force Chairman. A member of

Faith Lutheran Tamil Church in Troy, Michigan, Jen has been actively involved with children's ministry, choir, and her LWML society. With her parents and one sister living in India, and her other sister living in Los Angeles, she admits, "Family is one thing we really miss." Jen's desire is to introduce Jesus to as many people as possible. She holds fast to the words found in Philippians 4:13 (NKJV): *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

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