

## Dear God ...

My confirmation verse has been on my mind lately: *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid* (John 14:27).

My family is changing before my eyes ... my youngest started kindergarten, and my oldest is now in middle school. My mom needs knee surgery and may need my help in her recovery. I feel like I am being pulled in so many different directions.

With my children now at school during the day, everyone seems to think I'm supposed to have all this extra time to share with church, school, and the community. The world seems to think I need to start something new.

I love leading my small group Bible study in my church family. I want to volunteer at school and be a part of the school family too. And my family still needs me at home. It's so hard to say "no" when someone asks me to be a part of something. Help me to find that peace that only You can give, and not to be distracted by the demands that surround me.

Love, Your daughter

We are children of the heavenly Father —  
a support system for one another.  
Our worship service is a family reunion.  
We weep with those who weep,  
Rejoice with those who rejoice.  
We pray for one another and for others.  
Burdens are shouldered; blessings shared.

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## Spotlight on Tina

**Tina Bentley's** LWML family is spread over time and distance, beginning as a youngster when she accompanied her mom, **Terri Bentley**, to many LWML events. She later experienced the group's inspiring fellowship while working at Camp Perkins in Idaho. Serving at a church after college, she continued with her LWML involvement. "I was at a congregation with ladies who went out of their way to invite me to events and made sure I felt welcome."



Tina served as a Young Woman Rep from the **Utah-Idaho District** to the Portland convention. She recently accepted a teaching call and moved to **South Wisconsin**. It didn't take long for her to become a part of that district's LWML family. Her new church only had a daytime LWML society, so Tina started her own small group Bible study at a different time. She hopes

that the group may become a second society, one that reaches out to women who can't meet during the day, thus making the LWML family even bigger.

Making connections with more LWML sisters at her new district's convention in June 2010, Tina was asked to join their Young Women's Committee and to chair the 2012 YW Retreat.

"I've had to adjust to moving from one district to another, but I can see God's hand in the move. I can be glad with whatever circumstance I am in because I know God can use me for good."

It's a blessing to see how Tina's LWML family has enlarged. Because of her mom's influence, Tina now serves the Lord through the LWML with sisters in Christ throughout the nation.

See Tina's "LWML Face" on the new tissue box cover, available online at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) or from the *LWML Catalog* (Product #10125).

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