



## Friends Into Serving Him

### Nebraska Teen LWML "Lock-In"



Friends Into Serving Him Nebraska groups from **Golgotha, Wausa, and Immanuel, Laurel**, joined forces for a night of fun and service. The girls and their mentors enjoyed home-made pizzas, Bible study, games, tying a quilt, and making resource rocks for the LWML convention

held in Sioux Falls. This group of 13 youth and four mentors celebrated a back-to-school campout and look forward to more combined activities.

## Our Readers Ask...

### Teen Talk

*Q: My first dance is coming up soon — the Winter Formal! One of the guys at my school asked me and I said, "YES!" Now what?*

*A: First of all, do you dance? If so, great — one thing to check off the list! If not, find someone who is willing to teach you. (Dad is always a good choice!) Next, make sure you have something awesome to wear that is in good taste. (Mom is great for shopping!) Talk to your date about arrangements for transportation to the dance, and check with Mom and Dad about curfews*

and rules. Make a plan for any unexpected situations, like having someone spike the punch, being a part of dirty dancing, or having your date expect more from you than you are willing to give. (Being willing to call Mom or Dad to pick you up shows a sign of maturity, not childishness.) Remember, you are a child of God, and He made you in His image. This doesn't mean you can't have a good time, just do it within His limits. Don't be afraid to say, "No!" and stand up for what you know is right. Remember also to pray before and even during your date. You can be sure your parents will be praying for you.

## Topic: The Right Stuff

**Bible verse:** *Then he [Jesus] said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions"* (Luke 12:15 TNIV).

**Journal Entry:** On our field trip today, we passed a guy who was living in his junker car in the street. Ironically, the bumper sticker on his car said, "He who dies with the most toys wins!" My friend commented, "No, he who dies with the most toys, still dies." That made me think.

I spend so much time wanting things — new clothes, a better cell phone, the newest mp3 player, a car. I act like having the right stuff is the most important thing in the world. Sometimes, I don't put my offering in at church but instead add it to my allowance for the purchase of whatever it is I think I need.

Maybe that guy in the car likes living that way, and there's nothing I can do to help him, but there must be others out there I can help. Our church supports a food pantry and missionaries. The next time I want to spend extra money, I can spend it on ways to help others.

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, You truly are the giver of all good things. Please forgive me when I make things more important than people, more important than You. Help me to change my priorities to use the gifts You gave me. Amen.

**Questions for consideration:** What do you want more than anything in the world? How important is that compared to your health? your family and friends? your salvation? Can you use that thing for God's glory? If not, how can you use the money you would spend on it for God's glory?

### Teen Talk, cont.

*Q: I'm starting to look at colleges to continue my education after high school. Even though I am not considering a professional church worker occupation, should I look into attending one of the Concordia Universities?*

*A:* Any one of the Concordia Universities is an excellent choice for higher education. They offer many top fields of study in addition to professional church work programs. The schools are regulars on the lists of recognized colleges and universities across America. In addition to receiving a top-notch education, each Concordia offers a Christian

environment in which to study, making it much easier to avoid many temptations of secular colleges and universities. The Concordia University System also prepares students to be Christian leaders in all fields and occupations (business, science, technology, etc.). When considering colleges and universities for your future, a Concordia deserves to be at the top of the list!

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