

Friends Into Serving Him



Teens from **Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana**, show **President Jan Wendorf** the painted rocks they made for everyone who attended church on LWML Sunday.



Nebraska South teens and preteens gathered at the **Deschler Zone** rally and learned how they could be *stars for Jesus*.



Our Readers Ask...

Teen Talk

Q: *I don't mean to brag, but I'm pretty good at softball. I play on a great team and have a lot of support from my parents in what I do. The problem is I know I should serve God, but I don't know how to do that in sports. Can I serve God in athletics?*

A: Certainly! Your attitude on the field can show whose child you are. Give God the glory when you make a great play or hit the ball out of the park. You can also show God glory by using your talent to help others. Perhaps you can befriend younger girls and help them perfect their skill.

Q: *There is a new girl at our school this semester. I don't think she has many friends. I want to reach out to her and welcome her, but I'm not sure what to do. Any ideas?*

A: First of all, I commend you for being willing to befriend the "new kid". You may be the link that helps her connect with the other girls you hang out with at school. Be sure to invite her to eat lunch with you. Find common interests: Do you two play the same sport or instrument or share the same hobbies? Make time to do those things together. Maybe start with just the two of you and then help her to meet your friends as well. Also, don't forget to invite her to church and Friends Into Serving Him activities or youth group events!

Topic: Make a Difference....Differently!

Bible verse: *There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work (1 Corinthians 12: 4-6 TNIV).*

Have you ever wished you had as much talent in a certain area as a friend? Perhaps she's the star on your travel team, the soprano in choir who gets the solos more often than anyone else, or maybe it's someone who seems to make friends with everyone she meets. Some people seem to be the best at everything or at least something.

In 1 Corinthians, Paul reminds us that there are many different ways to serve the Lord, just as our bodies have many different parts. Each part has an important job. In the church, each member has a gift with which to serve the Lord. The gifts are different and important. So what is your job? Perhaps you are artistic and can design banners for use in your sanctuary. Maybe you are an



excellent chocolate chip cookie baker and can make treats for single parent families. Or perhaps you have a way with small children and can help out in the nursery during church meetings. These are all ways to serve the Lord.

Questions for consideration: Are you ready to use your gift to make a difference in the lives of those around you? Know that the Lord will go with you as serve Him with gladness.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for giving me gifts that are unique. Help me to use them to Your glory and to be thankful for the opportunities that I have to glorify You and tell others of Your love. Amen.

Teens! We need you!

A teen devotional will be published in Fall 2008, and we need your contributions to fill it: prayers, devotions, pencil drawings, and poems that reflect Christ's love. For more info, visit your teen page at www.lwml.org.

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