



President Jan Wendorf was pleased to meet Paige and her mom, Marcy, in Brentwood, Missouri. Paige has been attending LWML meetings for years with her mom and has a heart for missions. Last year she participated in a short-term mission trip with Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S. to teach Vacation Bible School to Cree native people in Canada. "We praise God that Paige is 'into serving Him!'" shares President Jan.

Teen Talk

Q: Summer is coming and I would like to get a summer job to make some extra cash ... and have some extra fun! I'm not sure how to decide where to apply. I'm not sure what I want to do.

A. If you spend any time with an LWMLer, you will probably hear the words: *Serve the Lord with gladness* (Psalm 100:2). It is great that you are ready for the responsibility of a summer job, and it would certainly be ideal to find a job that you truly feel "glad" to go to each day. Here a few things to remember:

- ✘ A summer job is not a lifetime career decision. This is an opportunity to "try on" a career and see if it fits.
 - ✘ Be sure to keep some time for friends, family, and church.
 - ✘ Work out a personal plan for saving and spending your income. Decide on the portion you will give to the Lord.
 - ✘ Remember that you are not only working for a paycheck. As you work, serve the Lord.
- God gives us work to do. *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do* (Ephesians 2:10). What an honor to be given a job to do for God!

Dive In!

"I'll meet you down there," Kyle said. I shut my eyes for a second and he was gone — he had descended into the dark waters below me. I knew it was my turn now, so I let the air out of my BCD and slowly started to descend into my first ocean dive. Instead of enjoying the wonders around me, I was stiff and nervous, worried that something would go wrong and my regulator would fail to provide me with air to breathe. Once I started trusting my regulator, however, I began to see the amazing undersea world.

Moments in our life can be like my first ocean dive: We can get so wrapped up in worrying about our life and fail to see the beauty and joy in God's world. God's Word tells us: *Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life ... But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own* (Matthew 6:25-34).

With daily practice, we can make a habit of living with God's Word as our guide, allowing the Holy Spirit to work a positive change in our lives. The Psalmist reminds us: *Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you* (Psalm 9:10). Our hearts rejoice: God, the Maker of the Universe, will never leave us to fight our troubles alone. Not now. Not ever.

So put in your regulator, open your eyes, and dive into trusting your Abba in Heaven!

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for always being there for me! Help me to trust in You and not worry about the future. Please especially help me not to worry about _____. I pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Samantha from California



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