

The LWMLC ENCOURAGER



HELPING YOU DISCOVER MISSION OPPORTUNITIES AND PUT THEM INTO ACTION

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ACTS OF FAITH

Showing service to women



Our LWMLC mission is to
EQUIP, MOTIVATE AND
ENCOURAGE WOMEN to
GROW in God's Word,
SERVE God's people and
SHARE God's Son

How can we thank and encourage the women who impact our lives as they walk in their Christian faith? Here are some suggestions for *Acts of Faith* in serving women.

1. Call or send a card to a woman and let her know what a great job she did at (you fill in the blank with specifics).
2. Give a book (borrowed, used, small) to someone who needs a break or a little seclusion, add the bag of a special tea. It might be a mom, healthcare worker or a teacher so someone else you know.
3. Make a meal for a busy mother, a single mother, working mother, a stay-at-home mother. Write a note or card to let them know how special they are.
4. When you bake cookies, put a few in a zip-lock bag, take to a senior and have a visit with her.
5. Give encouragement to a mom having a hard time. Let her know she's doing a great job, that the great job she is doing in difficult circumstances is noticed and it'll get easier.
6. Print out the LWMLC devotion each month and give it to a someone who is new to LWMLC or to the congregation. Invite her to Bible study. Let her know she's valued.
7. Go for a walk with a new mom at church. Pray as you walk. Invite them to go again.
8. Give a mom a break from making dinner. Tell her she's out of the kitchen for this meal. Plan it, look for ingredients (don't ask her to do that), prep and cook the meal and do whatever is necessary. Clean up all the dirty dishes, dry and them put away.
9. Thank your mom for cooking all the time and tell her (on a day other than Mother's Day) that you appreciate it. Surprise her with your appreciation.
10. Call or send a card to a woman who has made an impact in your life. Tell her how you have taken her example, teaching, witness, and how it's made an impact in your life.
11. Pass along the Word of God in a card or note to a younger woman whom God has put on your heart.

Mites in Action

JACKFISH LUTHERAN CAMP – ROBLIN, MANITOBA

Jackfish Lutheran Bible Camp – ALIVE IN CHRIST

by Al Marshall

Jesus often did His ministry as He wandered the countryside, going from city to city and walking the shoreline of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus preached the Beatitudes from a mountainside, He often spoke from a boat in the waters to the crowds that gathered. Fishermen heeded Jesus' call, "Follow me!" to become disciples of Jesus. Many of the parables told by Jesus revolved around nature revealing the many mysteries of God.

The Word of God is still being taught while wandering the countryside and walking the shorelines of a lake. Jackfish Lutheran Camp in Roblin, Man., one of LWMLC mission grants, nurtures the budding faith of many young people.



In 1959 the Lutheran Layman's League (LLL) proposed a youth camp for this area and the first Jackfish Camp was held in July 1961. The churches in the Assiniboine Circuit undertook to support and run the camp.

Rev. A.O. Borchardt was serving as pastor in Langenburg from 1928, his son Rev. Paul Borchardt was in Roblin from 1956, and his son Rev. Alvin Borchardt served MacNutt and Landestreu from 1964 to 1973. All were instrumental in getting the camp up and running. Eventually it went to five weeks from early July to mid August. Another son, Carl Borchardt, was a camp counsellor and later went on to be a pastor serving at Birch River in 1965 and then at The Pas. All the Borchardt's were actively involved in Jackfish Camp.

Eventually the LLL explored the option of incorporating the camp with an executive, directors and congregational members. This

organizational change has served the camp and the congregations very well.

In 2011 the waters of Jackfish Lake rose so high that our well was surrounded by lake water. The Manitoba Ministry of Health declared our water unfit for human consumption and we were forced to cancel camp for that year. A new well was professionally installed with a new filter system. The year 2011 was our 50th anniversary but, due to the flooding it was decided we would have our 50 + 1 anniversary in 2012.

We also went to a half-week of staff training and four weeks of camp. Vicars were normally called to be camp directors and at other times we had other qualified individuals run the camp. We tried to have two counsellors for girls and two counsellors boys and often we had junior counsellors as well. We had a cook and a cook's helper. Pastors volunteered to have prayers and Bible studies which were based on the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments.

In 2020 COVID-19 struck. The Manitoba Government went into lock downs and we were unable to get Health Department clearance to hold camps. This continued into 2021. In April 2022 we did get notice that we could hold camps, however, we are still not sure if we can get staff and campers in time to do so.

The Encourager is provided by your LWMLC cheerleaders, the Member Development Committee.

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Our schedule for 2022 is for staff training from July 6 to 9. The following camps are scheduled:

- Junior Week - Ages 8 to 10 - July 10-15
- Intermediate - Ages 11-14 - July 17-22
- Mixed Week - Ages 9 -14 - July 24-29

A week of camp costs \$140 per child with discounts applied for family members or multiple weeks.

The following honourariums are paid to staff per week:

- Camp Director - \$500
- Counsellors - \$400
 - Cook - \$400
- Cook's Helper - \$300
- Maintenance - \$300

We average between 30 to 40 campers per week, so to break even the local Lutheran churches

make up the other 50%. Most children attending camp are non-churched, so Jackfish Camp is really a mission outreach.

Our facilities include a kitchen and dining room, with a girls' dorm on one side and boys' dorm on the other. The dorms have separate showers and washrooms at one end and bunks at the other. We have a chapel that shares the entrance as a craft room. We have a separate home for the camp director, a cabin for the pastors which is divided for the cooks as well. We have a staff washroom and staff showers. We also have a canteen and a spare cabin.

We are on the shore of Jackfish Lake—east and north of Roblin, Man.—which is ideal for canoeing, kayaking, boating and

fishing. We have a floating dock that is very popular during the hot summers. Other activities include baseball, soccer, archery and various games. We also have Bible studies every afternoon and evening.

Our motto is Alive In Christ! We try to live up to our motto by teaching the campers about our Lord and Saviour, and by sharing the natural surroundings which show the Lord's creation. We need your prayers that the Lord will continue to provide staff and campers and give us the opportunity to continue sharing the Gospel and salvation.

NURTURING THE FAITH

Al Marshall shared lots of information concerning congregational members contributing to the founding of Jackfish Lutheran Bible Camp, too many to mention. An interesting observation: members contributed gifts the Lord blessed them with whether it was land, fresh produce, trade skills (electrician, carpentry, cooking, etc.). The giving or sharing did not stop with the immediate needs of the camp; the mission of Jackfish Lutheran Bible Camp continues to the next generation as the first campers in 1961 send their children, contribute their God-given gifts, become counsellors, and even pastors.

How can we nurture those young in the faith? Where can

they discover the mysteries of God and discuss those mysteries in a non-threatening situation? Where can friendships be made with those of the same faith? What opportunities can we share to grow our children's faith? BIBLE CAMP!

Looking for a birthday gift for your grandchild? Send them to camp.

Concerned your grandchild will be homesick? Volunteer as camp cook during their week of camp.

A congregation might host a barbeque fund-raiser to cover the costs of sending youth to camp.

Young teens could be camp counsellors, strengthening their own faith and encouraging others in their faith. What a great way to



spend the summer—swimming, fishing, canoeing, and other outdoor activities.

Most camps are seeking volunteers to do spring cleanup and maintenance before camps begin.

Donations of groceries or home-baked items may be appreciated.

Contact your local Bible camp to see where you may be of service.