

LWML CNH CHRISTIAN LIFE LINE NOVEMBER 2023

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Welcome to a new Christian Lifeline. I hope you are enjoying reading these as much as I enjoy writing them. If you are a group president or know ladies who do not receive the Life Lines, please be sure to share your copy. A member of my congregation who is no longer LWML active read one article in our church newsletter and has not stopped talking to me about it since. She was really tickled!

Change

Cold, crisp nights; windy, cloudy days; there is no shortage of ways to see that summer has passed, fall is here, and winter is on the way. We have celebrated Reformation Day (and Halloween) and All Saints' Day will be celebrated this month. November is here and the 'holiday season' will soon follow. Thanksgiving will give way to Advent, Advent will become Christmas, then New Year's Day and Epiphany.

Change is predictable in nature and throughout the various celebrations. We also see changes in our friendships, families, responsibilities, and even our own bodies and abilities. It has been said that change is inevitable. Often the changes bring sadness, sorrow, unwanted responsibilities, even the inability to do the things we love to do. We may not like it, but we must accommodate our lives to constant change.

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After Adam sinned, God chose to send His only Son, Jesus, to redeem mankind from eternal death by His death on the cross. Jesus brought the sinful world the Good News of God's everlasting love, forgiveness, mercy, and grace. Jesus loves us no matter what we have done and always stands before God to intervene for us when we repent of our sins.

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No matter what the issue or change may be, no matter how hard or long it lasts, be it spiritual, physical, or emotional, Jesus is always at the ready, imparting His Gospel of hope and forgiveness every day in all circumstances.

My prayer for you, my LWML sister, is that God will bless you and move you to accept changes and embrace the next adventure! Please take a moment to reflect on the LWML Mission Statement and apply it to your life today. The mission statement says:

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

My love to all of you, Cathey