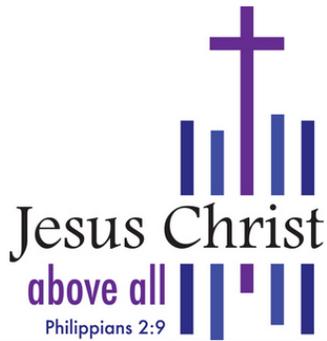




LWML 37th Biennial Convention



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Most Valuable Thing

Where does the time go? How often have you heard that phrase? Right now it is beautiful autumn with its colorful leaves, but soon it will be winter with its wind and snowy weather. Time seems to go faster and faster as we grow older and older.

One of my favorite stories is entitled "*The Most Valuable Thing*." Jack and Mr. Belser were next-door neighbors. Jack was 9 years old and Mr. Belser was well into his 70s. Jack would often go over to Mr. Belser's house to talk. As Jack grew older, their conversations changed from bikes and video games to cars and girls. However, every time Jack visited the house he always saw a small wooden box sitting on Mr. Belser's desk. Jack would ask "what's in the box", and Mr. Belser's standard answer was always, "It's the most valuable thing to me." Jack went away to college, and the time spent with Mr. Belser became a pleasant memory. One day Jack's mother called to tell him that Mr. Belser had died. Jack hurried home to attend the small funeral. After the service, Jack was handed the small wooden box. With tears in his eyes, he started to open the box, knowing that he would finally discover what was so important to Mr. Belser. Inside the box nestled on a layer of cotton, Jack found a beautiful gold pocket watch with these words engraved upon the cover: "Jack, thanks for your time!"

Spending time with one another is vital to any relationship. You need to take the time to develop and nourish that connection. How much time do you spend with your Lord? Do you sit at His feet and listen to His words like Mary? Or do you spend your time being busy, completing tasks like Martha? Time spent with God is truly the most important thing in your life. Take time to be with God today!

Jeanne Schimmelmann, President





A Light For All Seasons

The season of winter has likely set in for you as this new calendar year begins. Accompanying these cold days and nights of winter comes a reduced presence of light from the sun and darkness looms longer. But even in this darkness, we are able to know our way and do the things that we need to get done. In our cars, we follow the radiance that beams from the headlights. In our homes, lamps and ceiling lights give illumination to our path through the house so we don't stumble and fall.



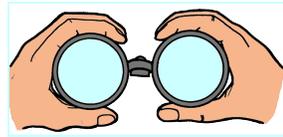
As a Christian, you also walk, not only in the newness of life in Christ, but also by His light of forgiveness and truth; that is a lamp to your feet and light to your path as you journey through life. That light has shown bright from the creation of the world. The Son brightened the shepherds' silent night and led the Magi from the east to worship. Simeon was at peace when his eyes saw the light unto the Gentiles at our Lord's presentation in the Temple. And we have the light of life and truth; that our transgressions are forgiven in the new light of the Easter dawn.

You have been brought by faith out of the darkness of sin into His marvelous light of salvation. Walking in that light, you are able to *preach the word; [to] be ready in season and out of season* (2 Timothy 4:2). No matter the season of the year, you can light up another's life with the light of Christ, so that they can be in heaven where there is no more darkness. **Jesus is the light of the world.**

Rev. Daniel Herb, Jr. Pastoral Counselor

Be On The Lookout!

We are more than four months into the new biennium. The Mission Grants Committee has five enthusiastic members who are ready to serve our Risen Lord in this new capacity. Thanks to *your* generosity, partial payments have been sent to five of our grant recipients. "Be On the Lookout" for periodic updates. Remember to pray for all ten Mission Grant Projects as you continue to fill your Mite Boxes over the coming eighteen months. "Be On The Lookout!" for 2018-2020 Mission Projects applications which will be made available after the February 2017 Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings. This means it is not too early to "Be On the Lookout!" for our next mission projects. Please pray for and "Be On the Lookout!" for your Mission Grants Committee. We are,



- Doreen Inglis, Chairman
- Robin Bartley
- Andrea Gernheuser
- Cathy Jones
- Carol Ketelsen

Karyl VanMeurs-Juergens, VP, Gospel Outreach

Serve? Why Not?

When asked to serve on the Structure Committee I thought, "Sure, why not!" I have always enjoyed working at the district level. You get to meet so many neat Christian women and pastors. Also, it is interesting and rewarding to be part of the inner workings of LWML at the district level. I didn't know much about the duties of the Structure Committee but felt I could learn. After all, we passed all of those amendments in June; there might not be too much to do. Well, so far, one thing I have learned is - bylaws always need to be reviewed. It is also our job to be sure the LWML Ohio District bylaws are in line with the national LWML bylaws. So, Ardyth Gearig, Ruth Smith and I are going to find out what the Structure Committee is all about. It is our prayer that with the Lord's help our new-found knowledge of bylaws we will be able to complete the duties required of the LWML Ohio District Structure Committee.



If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen (1Peter 4:2 ESV)

Deborah Wesche, Chairman, Structure Committee



Old, Wrinkled, but not Crotchety

I know I have read it somewhere in scripture: "Even though thou beist old and wrinkled, thou shalt not beist crotchety." Keeping God's words in mind, I have resolved that no longer will I become frustrated as I go from room to room, not remembering why I have gone from room to room; as I find a piece of paper to write a note but cannot remember what the note was suppose to say; as I slide my tongue across my teeth and realize I forgot to brush them. Instead, each time this occurs, I will put coins into my Mite Box. What a fantastic way to end up with a bulging Mite Box and a smile on my face. Oh yes, now I remember the combination of scripture: *A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones* (Proverbs 17:22); and, *God loves a cheerful giver* (2 Corinthians 9:7). I'm anxious to get started, but I forgot where I put my Mite Box. Solution: I'll put Mite Boxes EVERYWHERE, ready to accept donations from my old, wrinkled, but not crotchety self.

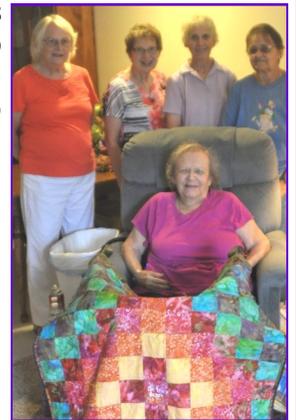


Diana Schnack, VP, Christian Life Committee

Presentation

Phyllis Bouic, Central Zone President

On August 17, 2016, Phyllis Bouic, current Central Zone President, and Jane Stolzenburg, previous Central Zone President, presented Betty Fose with the lap robe carried as Central Zone's banner at the 2016 LWML Ohio District Convention. It was presented to Betty at her assisted living home in Newark, Ohio. Betty was an active LWML member for many years at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Newark. Now she is a member of New Hope Lutheran Church, Licking County. New hope is a younger congregation formed by combining Our Savior, Newark, and Pilgrim, Granville. The lap robe was constructed by Mary Andrews, a member of New Hope, until she moved to northern Ohio. Also attending the day of the presentation was her pastor, Rev. Mark Hartsough, and two ladies from New Hope, Ruth Burdette and Natalie McWilliams. The ladies of New Hope are working to become a unit of LWML. Central Zone is looking forward to having them added to our zone.



Serving Together

The new LWML biennium has begun and everyone involved is busy learning new positions and responsibilities. The Human Care Committee members are new to Human Care. Everyone has served in various roles within the LWML Ohio District in past years, which makes them seasoned to LWML and eager to continue their service.



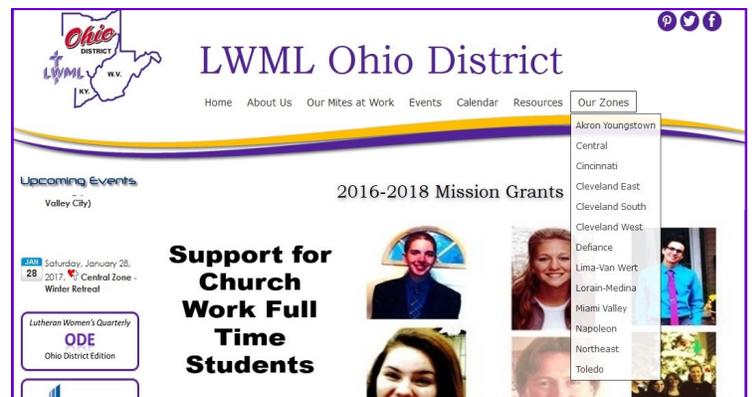
Sandy Dixon, Tallmadge Lutheran, Tallmadge, part of the Akron-Youngstown Zone. Cathryn Nihiser, Immanuel Lutheran, Lima; and Anita Gentry, St. Thomas Lutheran, Ohio City; are from the Lima-Van Wert Zone. They are serving as zone president and vice president, respectively. Charlotte Blumenschein, St. John's Lutheran, Marysville, is in the Central Zone. She is secretary for the 2018 LWML Ohio District Convention Committee.

The Human Care Committee will meet in November at the Interdepartmental meeting. The members will begin planning how to reach out to others through prayer and actions for the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of themselves and others.

*Charlotte Blumenschein
Chairman, Human Care Committee*

Looking for Zone Information?

Billie Lelle, Webmaster, reminds the LWML Ohio District members to visit the district website. Check out the special section on Zones for information, photos, articles and coming events. Submit your zone items to Billie to include in the site. A great resource for all: <http://lwmlohio.org> — blelle@roadrunner.com





Retreat Follow-up

Lisa Rhonemus, Cincinnati Zone

"Hope, Faith, and Love" with Julie Mitchell

"Absolutely fantastic!" was a remark from an LWML member who attended the 58th Annual at Cincinnati Zone Retreat on Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24, at Potter's Ranch in Union, Kentucky.

Julie Walker Mitchell, author of *365 Days of Hope and Praying through the Psalms*, was guest speaker. She used her personal story as well as many Bible passages to help us connect with each other and with God through prayer and the Word. She was inspirational and down to earth.



Empowering Women

Peggy Kelm, Cincinnati Zone

Beth Underhill will share her inspirational story and lead a faith-based discussion about empowering women on Saturday December 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., St. Mark's Lutheran, 5849 Buckwheat Rd, Milford, Ohio. Beverly Clayton, Immanuel Cincinnati Lutheran is planning this event

Beth is a breast cancer survivor, as well as a successful entrepreneur. She owns Bella Forza Fitness (which means "beautiful strength"). Her efforts are focused on helping women advance their goals, and build self-esteem, as well as gain physical and mental strength. Her own strength is from her faith, and she works to build up other women in strength of faith and body.



Plans call for a light potluck. Guests are asked to bring an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert to share. Fried chicken is the main course. Plan to attend, and bring a friend!

Work Days

Lillian Keller, Toledo Zone



The women of the LWML Toledo Zone met in July and August to work on several service projects. Fleece fabric, batting and other supplies were purchased to make fleece blankets and quilts. Thank you to Thrivent for the Action Team funds. Thirty plus women met the two days to work on these projects. The 66 fleece blankets were given to Ronald McDonald House in Toledo. It was a joy to meet women who work at the home and a mother and her small child who were resident guests.



The women completed five quilts to be given to Orphan Grain Train and 350 witness bracelets for MOST ministries, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Seventy-five mission dolls will be sent with a mission team to Haiti.

The women enjoyed the fellowship and being able to provide comfort and warmth for those in needs.

Gifts of Love

Will Bequests and Living Trust Distributions give property to people we consider "family." Does the Lord's work fit within your concept of "family?" Learn how you can bless your family and respond to God's blessings through a charitable estate plan.



Contact Pat Bilow, LWML's Gifts of Love Gift Planning Counselor for guidance. Patbilow.lwml@gmail.com or call 800-741-4138, ext. 2.



Toledo Zone Fall Rally

Lillian Keller, Toledo Zone

The LWML Toledo Zone Fall Rally was held at Concordia Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio. Our theme was "Missions in Our Backyard" and Psalm 96:3 was our scripture verse. In the opening devotion, Rev. Fred Hearn, Concordia's pastor, shared the story of Joseph and how he lived in the lower story, as we do also. God lives in the upper story! It is when we understand the upper story we react as Joseph did, and are trained to live with God's strength. Jesus came down from the upper story, lived among us in



the lower story. He died and rose from the dead so that we might live with HIM in the upper story.

Rev. Peter Burfeind, a domestic missionary of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), is serving in Toledo, Ohio. He told us that America is the third largest mission field. Domestic missionaries is a pilot program of the LCMS. Pastor Burfeind's mission field in Toledo is the inner-city community known as Junction Community and on the campus of the University of Toledo (UT). At UT, he holds weekly worship services and a weekly Bible study. Several students who attend worship and Bible study have formed a group called Engineers for Christ. They are doing service projects in the inner-city neighborhood. Pastor Burfeind also works with the ROTC and veterans attending UT.

God is working with them in the Junction Community. An abandoned house has been gifted to the ministry; they have received some grants and demolition on the inside has begun. Work will soon progress to make this a "mission house." Pastor Burfeind said

neighbors have noticed and are curious. Some have stopped by and some have become involved with the work on the house. There are non-Lutheran churches in the area and people are asking, "What is Lutheran?" Doors have been opened and Christ's love and care is shared. Pray that God will bless this ministry.

Toledo Zone President, Janice Breitner, chaired her first rally business meeting since being elected. Karen Shanahan gave the district greetings from President Jeanne Schimmelman. Mites were collected for mission grants. A love offering of \$346 was given to Pastor Burfeind for the ministry. Thrivent Action Team funds provided money to purchase several items for the ministry, such as: communion wine, coffee carafes, chalk paint, markers, etc. The ladies of Concordia served a delicious soup and salad lunch after which several ladies stayed to finish the mission dolls begun at our work days this summer.



A **logo** is needed for the 2018 LWML Ohio District Convention based on 1 John 1:7 ESV. This logo will appear on the convention materials and be the focus of the convention banner.

Please submit your design on an 8½x11 sheet of paper to any of the following:

President, Jeanne Schimmelman
jeanne4LWMLoh@yahoo.com
536 Ezmor Lane, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092

President's Secretary, Char LePere
fatherlepere@sbcglobal.net
8032 Brentwood Road, Mentor, Ohio 44060

Your Zone President

Provide an explanation of your design, the proposed colors, and your name and contact information.

Deadline for submission is **January 15, 2017**. The Board of Directors will select the winning design at the February meeting.



Event Calendar

- Nov 5 Redeemer LC**
 LMVFM Workshop
 Redeemer LC Austintown, OH
- Nov 12 Lorain-Medina Zone**
 Business Meeting
 St. Paul LC Valley City, OH
- Dec 3 Cincinnati Zone**
 "Empowering Women through Faith"
 St. Marks LC
- Jan 21 Cincinnati Zone**
 Executive Board Meeting
 St. Paul LC
- Mar 18 Cincinnati Zone**
 Executive Board Meeting
 St. Paul LC
- Apr 30 Cincinnati Zone**
 Spring Rally, Comfort Dog Ministry
 St. Marks LC
- Jun 22-25** LWML 37th Biennial Convention,
 "Jesus Christ Above All," in Albuquerque, NM

Honors - Memorials July—September 2016

In HONOR of:

Christian Life Committee
 Diana Schnack

In MEMORY of:

Joy Dougherty
 Ken and Betty Hoffman
 Paula Koenemann
 Gertrude Kurtz
 Catherine Parker Rippin
 Eunice Springstubb
 Rhea Zarn

	August	September	YTD
Mission Goal for 2016-2018 biennium:			\$ 205,000.00
Amount needed to meet this goal:			\$ 196,527.95
Needed per month for remaining 18 months			\$ 10,918.22
Mites Received	\$ 5,001.89	\$ 1,859.38	\$ 6,861.27
Stamps		\$ 87.03	\$ 87.03
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 678.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 701.00
<i>Quarterly and ODE</i>	\$ 142.75		\$ 142.75
Honors/Memorials	\$ 665.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 680.00
Total	\$ 6,487.64	\$ 1,984.41	\$ 8,472.05

Mite Box Song:
TUNE: "I'm A Little Teapot"
 I'm a little mite box
 Here's my slot.
 Money goes in, a grant comes out.
 With a little prayer, it's in God's sight
 And He will bless your every mite!





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Quantity changes and address changes should be submitted to **Kim Klein**, Subscription Manager

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Reductions are processed once a year and requests must be received by **March 1** to take effect with the Summer edition of the *ODE* or the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. Make the request to **Kim Klein**.

Did you know?

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Donations toward the cost of the *Quarterly* and *ODE* should be included with your Mites Remittance Form and mailed to **Judy Sonnenberg**, Financial Secretary.

Directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to Mites: Direct to LWML Ohio District select Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Mentor, Ohio (not Toledo).

Joyful Response® to Mites: To donate mites directly from your checking account each month contact **Judy Sonnenberg**, she will send you a Joyful Response® form. It can be set it up quickly.

Contributions: Mites, Memorials, Honors: Mites Remittance Forms are available on the district website or from **Judy Sonnenberg**, Financial Secretary. Make checks payable to "LWML Ohio District" and send with completed forms to Judy.

ODE Information

Deadlines for article submissions:

Spring	January 5
Summer	April 5
Fall	July 5
Winter	October 5

Send news, pictures and articles to **Karen Shanahan**
Websites:

- <http://lwmlohio.org>
- www.lwml.org
- www.robertsrules.org

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Contact Kim Klein, 330-839-8112, or kimkleinLWML@neo.rr.com to increase or decrease the quantity of printed/mailed copies the *Quarterly* or *ODE*.

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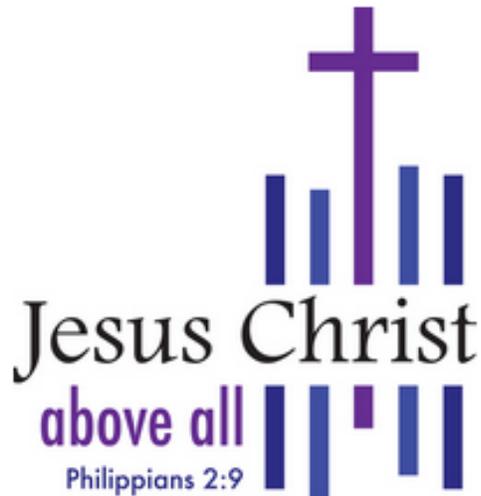
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LWML 37th Biennial Convention



Date: June 22-25, 2017

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Theme: "Jesus Christ Above All"

Scripture Verse: *Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name (Philippians 2:9).*

President: Patti Ross

Convention Goal Statement: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, through Word and Sacrament, I will proclaim Jesus Christ above all.

BANNER QUEST

Are you creative? Enjoy making things? You or someone you know could have the honor of designing and creating the LWML Ohio District banner for the 2017 LWML Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Please draw your design on an 8½x11 sheet of paper with a brief explanation of the design and intended colors to use. The winning designer is responsible for making the banner, which must be ready for shipment by May 25, 2017.

The banner design should be based on the convention theme "*Jesus Christ above all*" which comes from Philippians 2:9. You may **not** use the convention logo on the banner, but you may use the convention colors or any other colors you wish.

Submit banner designs no later than **January 15, 2017** to any of the following:

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Your Zone President

Banner specifications include:

- * Finished banner size is to be 3'x 5'. Added fringe can be longer.
- * District name **must** be on front of banner (it may be abbreviated). Use any size letters you wish.
- * Name and contact information of person submitting banner design must be included with design.
- * The Board of Directors will vote to select winning design in February, 2017.
- * The winner will be notified after the votes are tallied.
- * Other instructions for finishing the banner for display will be provided to the selected designer.
- * Additional Questions? Contact President Jeanne at the above email or by phone at 440-943-5497.