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Happy New Year

The new year has begun, and the old year is over. I always get a bit sad as the final days fly by and the year comes to an end. The Christmas tree is down and stored back in its box in the basement. The decorations are all packed away and crammed back into the storage space under the stairs. The outside lights are taken down and hauled back into the garage attic. Everything looks bare, and the house feels empty.

Now begins that time of the year I call the "curse of the five-letter words". This time usually happens when all the festivities and excitement of the holidays are over. The family gatherings and dinners have been enjoyed. The presents have all been opened. The Christmas cookies have been devoured. The hectic pace of December slows down to a crawl of January. And we feel empty.

The first five-letter word that rears its ugly head in the quiet of the new year is **GUILT**. Guilt often follows those happy, busy, exciting, and expensive moments in our lives. Guilt can needle and bother us as we face those bills from the holidays. Guilt can also pressure and nag us if our holiday gatherings did not meet our expectations. When time, people and financial concerns upset our plans, hopes and dreams, the feeling of guilt can rob us of joy.

Next, five-letter demon is **WORRY**. The new year will bring so many unknowns.

"Will I be healthy this year or will I have health issues?"

"Will my job be secure or is unemployment in my future?"

"Will my loved ones have a great year or will problems overtake them?"

"Will I enjoy retirement or have difficulties?"

There are thousands of unanswered questions we cannot control or answer. But worry can take control over our hearts and our minds. Worry will rob us of peace.

DOUBT is the third five-letter fiend that causes trouble. As we begin the new year, we can begin to doubt our worth.

"Am I doing enough to serve others and my Lord?"

"Am I being kind and compassionate every day?"

"Am I using my time, talent, and treasures as God desires?"

"Am I confident enough to share God's message with others?"

When we doubt our abilities, skills, and talents, we may lose the feeling of being loved.

There is one five-letter word that provides the only solution to the "curse of the five -letter words" – that perfect word is **JESUS**. Jesus is the answer to all our guilt, worry, and doubts. Jesus takes all our anxieties and concerns upon Himself. *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made know to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus* (Philippians 4:6-7).

2019 is here. I pray that we will be ready to meet all the delights and challenges the new year will bring. Although we do not know what the future will offer, we do know that our Lord will be with us each and every day. He will guide and lead us to green pasture and still waters. He will calm our storms and our troubles. He will bless us with His comforting five-letter word - **PEACE**.

Jeanne Schimmelmenn, President





Sing His Praises

Our world and lives are inundated with music. It seems as though every store, business, and restaurant you walk into has music playing; and in some cases, blaring. Despite the various genres' claimed by the musical industry in their award shows, it all pretty much seems to sound the same and carry a foundational message of personal fulfillment, glorification of the self, and praising the things of this creation.

Adults, youth, and even children are almost continually "plugged in" to their devices to hear what it is they like to listen to. After hours of immersion and indoctrination with this cultural propaganda, you have to wonder if this little bit of leaven is leavening our entire lives and beliefs; our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Perhaps we should hear and take note from God in the theme verse for the LWML convention in Alabama this summer; *Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations* (1 Chronicles 16:23-24a, ESV).

We spend hours listening to and singing songs of others and about the things of this life. How rewarding would it be to spend our time listening to and singing the hymns of our church? That time would be spent having a devotion with each hymn we read, listen to, or sing. We would be singing and declaring the revelation of God in the Scriptures. Our hymns are Scripture in melody; and God's Word that goes out, never returns void, for it accomplishes all that He has sent it to do.

At our last EC meeting – November 2, 2018 – we sang a short hymn for our opening devotion and again at the closing as we prepared to go to our rooms for the evening. One of the hotel desk clerks commented to a couple of the ladies afterward how touched he was with our singing and proclamation of God. It became an opportunity to speak further of God and His love for mankind in Jesus. All because of a song.

Many of you love to sing; and God has directed us to make a joyful noise unto Him (Psalm 95:2); so we can all sing. By singing our hymns of the mercy and grace of our God, we are telling of His salvation from day to day, declaring His glory to all people. We do it "In Praise to the Lord!"

Rev. Daniel Herb, Sr. Pastoral Counselor

I? Why Not We?

Have you ever been asked "will you?" Did you respond, "I can't do that." Why not think "we?"

Have you ever been asked "will you?" Did you respond, "I don't have the time." Why not think "we?"

Have you ever been asked "will you?" Did you respond, "I don't know how to do that." Why not think "we?"

Jesus sent his disciples into the world with authority over evil spirits. You can read Mark 6 or Luke 10 with the overwhelming list of their "to dos." Jesus selected these people because he had confidence that through them the job would get done. Jesus also sent them out in twos so they were not alone in their task assignment, task frustration, or task completion.

When the Nominating Committee approaches you about accepting a joy-promised, not job-promised, invitation to serve on the LWML Ohio District Executive Board, (President, VP of Human Care, VP of Servant Resources, Financial Secretary, or Nominating Committee), do you think "I?"

Change your thought pattern. **Think "we."** No one serves alone. A committee is there to encourage, assist, guide, and pray with you. Remember you would not be approached if you had not demonstrated a potential for the position. Jesus knew His disciples just as the Nominating Committee knows its potential candidates. Will you take on the challenge two-by-two? The Nominating Committee prays you will.

Diana Schnack, Nominating Committee



Wonderful Resources

Are you looking for ideas for an upcoming LWML event? The lwml.org website and LWML mobile app have wonderful resources available. There are devotions, Bible studies, litanies/responsive readings, and sketches/dramas available to download for free!

The LWML store also has a set of two LWML posters available to display at your event. I bought the LWML posters and I love them. I can't wait to display them at my next zone event. You can access this information at www.lwml.org/program-helps.

Stephanie Petee, Christian Life



Coming soon to a web near you! (<http://lwmlohio.org>). For almost as long as I can remember, God has used the very ordinary things in life to remind me of Biblical truths. It is like receiving parables along my life journey. The Executive Committee has approved the addition of a page to our website which will include parables (in PDF form) I have written over the last 30 years. Upon review by our district Pastoral Counselors, parables will be added to the site for use by individuals, societies and zones. It is my prayer that you will find these **devotional parables**, written to God's glory, uplifting to you on your life walk. *Billie Lelle, Webmaster*

Light Shines

The hustle and bustle of the Christmas season has come to an end, and the New Year has begun. Families are back to work. Guests have gone home.



Do you still hear it? The baby crying in the manger? Are your eyes still filled with awe, that God sent His Son for you and me?

This year make a point to visit our LWML websites, Zone, District and national (lwmlohio.org/zone tab, lwmlohio.org, and lwml.org).

The devotional ideas, skits, and mite goal updates keep our hearts burning with the need to share the Gospel messages with others.

Let us be lights shining throughout this sinful world.

*Ruth Mowery,
Public Relations*



Save the Date!

Is it a get-together? An opportunity to help? A chance to see friends? YES, YES, and YES!

You are invited to attend the first

District Servant Day!

- ▼ **WHAT:** A day of service, you are being asked to serve
- ▼ **WHEN:** Saturday, May 18, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- ▼ **WHERE:** St. John Lutheran Church, Dublin, Ohio
- ▼ **PROVIDED:** Continental Breakfast (9:30 to 10:00 a.m.) and Lunch

In a world desperately in need of assistance and love, the LWML Ohio District will gather together to fashion, craft and make items for those struggling to survive in this world. In an atmosphere of faith and fellowship, we will serve our Lord by serving others.

The schedule will include an inspirational Bible study, opportunities to complete several servant events as well as an introduction in possibilities to lead others to our Lord. Throughout the day, there will be laughter, joy, and a feeling of love.

Mark May 18th on your calendar. For more information, email President Jeanne at:

jeanne4lwml@yahoo.com, or call her at 440-943-5497



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Does your society or church need to **reduce** the number of copies of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* or the *ODE*? Quantity reductions are processed once a year and must be received by March 1 to take effect with the summer 2019 edition. Please contact Kim Klein at kimkleinLWML@neo.rr.com to decrease or increase the quantity of printed/mailed copies of the *Quarterly* or *ODE*.

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Do You Know Gospel Outreach?



Gospel Outreach is sharing the Lord's message and love with others. An important part of Gospel Outreach is done through our mites. Please continue to send in those mites to support Mission Grants: 75% of those mites support Ohio needs while 25% support national grants. Throughout 2019, the Mission Grants Committee would like to familiarize you with the 2018-2020 Mission Grants your delegates selected at the 2018 District Convention. In this issue, we will introduce two of those grants. If you would like more information about all the grants, please go to the LWML Ohio District website, www.lwmlloh.org.

Lutheran Military Veterans and Families, Inc. (lmvfm.org): LMVFM's home office is in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This agency receives no federal funding and is supported by donations. LMVFM is committed to providing direct care and support programs to the military, veterans, military contractors, and family members. They face many challenges as they offer support since the suicide rate and cases of PTSD are very high among the military. One of the most successful support programs is Paws and Effect with trained dogs Stanley Tucker and Lily-Bell offering help in the counseling sessions. As a ministry that provides free care and service, LMVFM needs financial help to bring God's unconditional love, healing, and comfort to our military and families. **They requested \$10,000 which has been disbursed to them.**

Worship Anew (WorshipAnew.org): You may have recognized this ministry on your television as Worship for Shut-ins. It is a new name, but the same program. The television ministry of Worship Anew is blessed to begin another year of sharing God's love. The LWML Ohio District Mission Grant enables Christ's love to be shared in local communities and throughout the world. I took part in these services when I was unable to attend church. The services are extremely inspiring and uplifting. **They requested \$8,000, \$4,000 has been disbursed to them.**

Dear Lord,

As a New Year begins, bring hope to all your children, raise their spirits, bring them cheer. Remind us we are not alone, no matter what we do, for You brought us Baby Jesus to connect our hearts to You, and you have moved us again into a new year.

Amen

Sandy Dixon, Gospel Outreach



Returning God's Blessings

Taking inventory helps clarify estate and financial decisions that should be made. Cataloging assets according to their titles helps informed advisors relate relevant succession implications. Charitable planners can give an inspirational viewpoint. To learn more, contact Beth Marth, Gifts of Love Gift Planning Advocate, at bethmarth@columbus.rr.com, or Pat Bilow, Senior Gift Planning Counselor, at pat.bilow@lfnd.org or call 800-741-4138, ext. 2.

Spiritual Makeover*



A Spiritual Makeover, just like putting on makeup helps to remember that Jesus paid the price for all of us. All we need to do is enjoy the benefits.

1 John 4:10

First we need to be cleansed, remove the dirt and the grime not only on the outside but the inside too. Our Spiritual Life relies on the cleansing blood of Jesus.

Psalms 51:10

Next, a moisturizer of compassion and a meek spirit to keep our hearts from hardening.

Colossians 3:12

Then a foundation, covers our blemishes as Jesus blood covers all our sins. **Ephesians 5:26-27**. Also, the word of God is the foundation of our Spiritual life.

Psalms 18:30

Spiritually, it's important to watch what we put in our eyes, just like with eye makeup. **Psalms 119:37**

Wearing lip color reminds us to say sweet and pleasant words to everyone. **Proverbs 16:24**

Blush helps us to look happy and joyful.

1 Thessalonians 5:16

Last our feet. Prepare our feet for the important work God gives to do. We need rejuvenation and recharging from God for both our bodies and souls.

Isaiah 52:7

Be sure to tell your friends, because Jesus said to them. *Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation* (**Mark 16:15**).

*taken from the skit by Christy Kunze and Angela Erickson from Greeley, Colorado.

Heidi Day, Human Care Committee



In Order

But all things should be done decently and in order (1 Corinthians 14:40). In searching for a Bible verse I found 1 Corinthians 14:40. It provides ideas about having order and being prepared. What I found interesting was the commentary for verse 40. The Lutheran Study Bible quotes Luther on this verse. Luther's quote, "Because this life in the body cannot be completely without ceremonies and ritual, since there must be some sort of discipline, the Gospel permits ordinances to be established in the church... especially for the sake of children so that they can be taught more easily."



Luther's comments about the verse are definitely applicable and helpful to God's people here in the LWML. The structure and order of our organization enables us to successfully serve our Lord. At the district level we work with our bylaws to be sure they are aligned with national LWML, for the best interests of our LWML Ohio District. The Structure Committee reminds you to check your zone bylaws. After all, it is the beginning of 2019 and things do change. Form a committee to review your zone bylaws to be sure they are in order and meeting the needs of your zone. If you have questions, contact us, we are here to help you.

Deborah Wesche, Structure Committee

New! New! New!

Submitted by Janet Guda, Lorain-Medina Zone

The Lorain-Medina Zone has a new look! Newly elected zone officers include:

- ♥ Pastor David Woolsey, Zone Counselor, Faith, Avon
- ♥ Sharon Trich, Secretary, Valley City
- ♥ Kathie Henning, Treasurer, Faith, Avon

We are excitedly looking forward to spring and our annual Christian Growth Workshop on April 6, starting at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul, Valley City, Ohio, Pastor Woolsey will lead a Bible study around our Zone theme: *I will praise your name forever and ever* (Psalm 145:1 NIV).



Guest Speaker, Diana Schnack, will offer her presentation on hands based on the verse, *For we are God's handiwork created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do* (Ephesians 2:10 NIV). The workshop

title, "We are God's Handiwork" will be interactive, with humorous, thought-filled moments and a short Bible study. We will collect Bibles for New Orleans' Hungry, Homeless and Hurting. A lunch and a hymn sing will complete the day. For information, contact Ethel Schiemann, 440-212-5440; or Diane Johnson, 330-416-5114. Registration fee is \$5.00

Honors - Memorials

October - December 2019

In Memory of:
 Cindy Corder
 Phyllis Germann
 Susan Irons
 Lois Oldenburg
 Ruth Samlow
 Miriam Smithorst

In Honor of:
 LWML 75th Anniversary

Mite Goal, 2018 - 2020		
1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	
\$30,003	\$31,145	\$212,000
Total thru Dec. 2018:		\$61,147

2018-2020 Mission Goal		\$212,000.00
Mission Grants		\$85,000.00
Description	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.
Biennium Total		
Mites Received	\$24,961.33	\$27,168.50
Stamps for Missions	\$0.00	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$876.00	\$744.00
Quarterlies & ODEs	\$2,328.92	\$1,431.53
Honors/Memorials	\$1,836.43	\$1,800.50
Total Mission Income	\$30,002.68	\$31,144.53
\$\$ per month to equal Mission Goal:		\$8,380.71
Average given per month		\$10,191.20



Submitted by Nicole Leslie Dowdell, Cincinnati Zone

I had the amazing opportunity to attend the LWML Assembly of Leaders training in St. Louis, Missouri, November 7 - 10, 2018. The theme focused on "Follow the Leader", Philippians 4:9. Jesus will be our focus and we will follow His lead, learning from Him how to share His message of salvation with all those around us.



As this was my first time attending such a wonderful event, I wasn't sure what to expect. The sessions were created to train leaders who, in turn, will train other leaders throughout their districts; equipping and encouraging women to confidently share the love of Jesus and His message of salvation. The first session of the event was filled with fellowship, singing and an inspirational message from the Past LWML President Linda Reiser (2003-2007). Thursday and Friday contained Bible study and multiple training break-out sessions: Essential Technology Today, S.A.L.T. (Sharing Active Leadership Techniques), Resources: We've Got Them!, Mission Grant Selection & Distribution, Engage & Retain Volunteers, Reaching Different Cultures & Generations, Taking it to the Streets! (Mission Service), and Basic Protocol & Structure. A few that I attended and enjoyed:

- ♥ Engaging and Retaining Volunteers – engaging dialogue and interactions across generations and ethnicities
- ♥ Reaching Different Cultures and Generations – sharing the gospel with the world and embracing our different languages, foods and histories
- ♥ Basic Protocol and Structure – a reminder that the legacy of LWML is strong and requires that everything is accomplished in decency and in order

My favorite part of the session was a time of prayer with a surprise prayer partner. By selecting a small square from a basket, you found your prayer partner. The square had a picture on it and there were only two of the same squares in the basket. Imagine trying to find your match among over 300 people! It took some time and was fun searching. I was blessed to be connected with Pastor Keith Beasley from the Roanoke District. We prayed extensively for each other, I cried (as always) as his prayers connected with my heart. Thank you, Pastor Keith Beasley, and to all our pastors for your labor of love.

At the end of the training, President Jeanne led us through an initial plan of action of how best to share and distribute this training within our district. I'm excited to be involved and able to share the knowledge gained from the training. We sealed our commitment to share all that we learned with a commissioning service and then LWML President Patti Ross shared her thoughts on the future of LWML. Now the fun begins. It's our turn to present training sessions throughout the district, equipping and encouraging other women. Here's to the LWML and our Ohio District; may we follow our leader, the Lord Jesus Christ, sharing His message of salvation with all those around us!

GOD'S HANDIWORK

Submitted by Lillian Keller, Toledo Zone

In October, the Toledo Zone Fall Rally was held at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Perrysburg, Ohio. A buffet breakfast was served during registration. The Rev. Ryan Kleimola, Zone Pastoral Counselor, gave the opening devotion based on the theme scripture verse, *For we are his workmanship (handiwork), created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them* (Ephesians 2:10). God is always in control, preparing His people for the work He wants us to do.

Program speaker, Diana Schnack, spoke about the many things our hands and fingers do. They protect us from loud noises, from what we don't want to see or hear and they quiet us in communication. We say hi, good-bye, give approval and disapproval with our hands. They can entertain and be used in measurement. Fingers read with Braille and fingers and hands are used in sign language.

In a skit, members wore different hats to demonstrate that each of us wears many hats. When we try wearing all these hats, we have difficulty lifting the cross of Christ, trying to do so by ourselves. But with God's hand on us He provides a way for us to do His work. Diana closed by reading the hymn, "Take My Hand Precious Lord." An ingathering was received for Lutheran Social Services of Northwest Ohio, and we had collections of Mites for Missions and the Toledo Zone Treasury. (see page 7 for photos)



Now Available

LWML PRAYER SERVICE 2019
GOD CARES FOR YOU!



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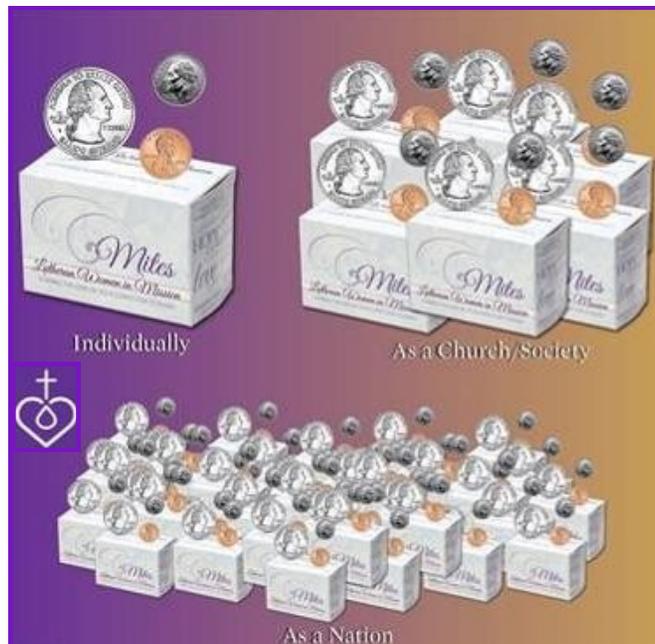
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The LWML 2019 Prayer Service is now available!

Download the free resources [here](#).

Contact lwml@lwml.org with any questions.

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Visit the LWML website for numerous sketches about Mite Box giving, there are fourteen skirts available.

lwml.org/program-helps-sketches

Calendar of Events

2019	Zone / Event	Location
Monthly	Toledo	MOST Ministries
3rd Tues	Volunteer Day	Ann Arbor, MI
Feb. 9	Northeast Prayer Service	St. Mark Chesterland, Ohio
Mar. 23	Toledo Retreat	Ohio Living Toledo, Ohio
Apr. 6	Central Spring Rally	Prince of Peace Columbus, Ohio
Apr. 6	Lorain-Medina Workshop	St. Paul Valley City, Ohio
Apr. 28	Cincinnati Spring Rally	TBA
May 4	Toledo Spring Rally	TBA
May 4	Northeast Spring Rally	Shore Haven Euclid, Ohio
Jun. 20- Jun. 23	2019 LWML Convention	Mobile Convention Center Mobile, Alabama

Photos from **God's Handiwork**
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Diana, wearing many hats.



Diana Schnack with Toledo Zone President, Janice Breitner



Ingathering



ODE Submission

Deadlines for article submissions:

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



Submit news, pictures, and articles for approval for
Zones: to the Zone President
District: to the District President

Mighty Mites

Directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to mites: Direct to LWML Ohio District by selecting 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 up quickly.

Contributions to 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 form to Judy.

Websites:

- District www.lwmlohio.org
- National www.lwml.org
- Concordia Publishing www.cph.org
- Roberts Rules www.robertsrules.org

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