



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Fall 2021
Volume
58.1

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly

Ohio District Edition – ODE



How's Your Race Going?

It was wonderful to see so many of you in Lexington! The hugs, smiles, and words of encouragement made each day spent there a true pleasure.



On Friday and Saturday mornings, Bible Study Leader Heidi Goehmann asked, "How's your race going?" She spoke about the baggage we carry with us and reminded us that Jesus wants us to take off our backpacks and let Him help us with those burdens, even when we put them down and pick them up again so often. With Jesus' help we have endurance, hope, and resilience. God is concerned about us, He gives us an awareness of the hope we have, and He does not leave us to run our race alone.

As the "author and perfecter of our faith," Jesus has designed the race for each of us, built the course, trained us, and shown us how to run it. He finished His race first, cheers us on, and feeds us with Word and sacraments. It is the solid ground on which we run.

As we move forward, let us be aware of the race marked out for us and run together with our eyes focused on Jesus. Serving gladly with you,
Vivian Nelson, President

Singing God's praise with 3000 or so Christian friends gave me a perspective of being a part of something very big. Saturday's procession of the 82 country flags of mission grant recipients gave us an idea about the widespread impact of the mites we offer and the prayers that accompany them.

The humorous interrupters helped us to laugh at ourselves and gave us some insight into how to help our veteran members listen to the younger ones and their ideas. They helped us to see that we are all on the same team.



In the opening service Dr. David P. E. Maier reminded us that we are indeed running a race. *Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us* (Hebrews 12:1). He pointed out that the race is different for each of us. God has different tasks for each person and different people He wants us to touch with our witness and our service. His words made me think about the statement in Ephesians 2:10, *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* God, indeed, has marked out a particular race for each of us.



Rev. Dr. David Maier,
Opening Service Proclaimer

NOTE: If you missed the opening service or either of the Bible studies because you were doing host committee work, or even if you could not attend at all, I encourage you to visit www.lwml.org and watch them on the livestream videos that are available.

Inside the ODE

Page 2

Pastor's Corner
Human Care

Page 3

Public Relations
Christian Life
Zone

Page 4

Gospel Outreach
Mission Grants

Page 5

Mites
Honors, Memorials

Page 6

Nominating
Thank You
Group, Zone

Page 7

Webmaster
Servant Resources

Page 8

Pastor's Message
2022 Convention
2022 Article List

Page 9

Zone
2022 Convention
Committee

Page 10

Zone

Page 11

2021 Convention Photos

Page 12

General Information
Websites
Contacts
Thrivent Choice \$\$
Gifts of Love



Beyond Processions

While I did not attend the LWML convention in Lexington in person, I was able to watch portions of it on the website. I enjoyed watching the processions. In Mobile, I saw the procession of flags and participated in the opening worship procession.



Watching the processions as a recording is not the same as being there in person. However, watching the video brought back some good memories and some further insights.

When I was a younger pastor, I did not see much of a need or desire for processions. They take time and effort. I often remember the times when processions went wrong and forget the times when the processions were fine. Yet there is a time and a place for processions. Jesus took part in a procession—riding on a donkey into Jerusalem as the One who comes in the name of the Lord (Mark 11:9-10). The congregation where I currently serve has processions at high festival days like Reformation, Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost, celebrating major highlights in the life of Christ and in His church.



Similarly, the national LWML convention is a highlight for the life of our Church. For a while, we were wondering if there would even be an in-person convention or how restricted it would be. Many of our sisters and brothers in Christ had been waiting for a large church-wide gathering for two years. It was therefore fitting to celebrate with processions.

During processions, we see a group of people walking down an aisle. But we do not see all the work, the sacrifice, the encouragement, the prayers, and the Lord's support behind those processions.

For example, those pastors who participated in the opening worship procession studied hard, moved away from their jobs and from extended family support to become pastors. A majority of the pastors in that procession were district pastoral counselors. They had served at least one term as zone pastoral counselor as well. They have prayed for the LWML and its leaders, supported them, encouraged them, taught them, and planned events with them at multiple levels.

Or, how about the procession of the flags of various

nations? We see a lineup of flags held by various people with signs walking down the center aisle. But there is a whole lot more beyond what we see! Each flag represents a nation where the LWML mites have supported a mission grant! The Gospel of our Lord Jesus has been shared in these nations, in part, by reviewing applications, disseminating information, voting, prayers, and mites offerings of Lutheran Women in Mission.

These mission grants were catalysts to start missions in a particular place or helping hands to sustain or further the mission work that was already there. Furthermore, many of those servants who carried the signs and the flags were Young Women Representatives and participants in Heart to Heart Sisters. These servants were invited and encouraged to attend by their dear sisters in Christ and by their pastors. And those ladies all said, "Yes!" to the invitation. Who knows how the Lord will bless His church and the LWML through these women in years to come?

So yes, there is much more to a procession than what we see. Rejoice and be filled with thankfulness and awe the next time you get to participate in or witness a procession.

Rev. Keith Witte, Sr. Pastoral Counselor

My Wonderful Grandma Memories

I loved my grandmother very much. When I would stay with her for several days, we would bake cookies, pray together, and read the Bible. I would sit with Grandma and Grandpa during church services when my mother was unable to attend.

After Grandma passed away, my mother and her siblings were going through Grandma's belongings. I was in the same room. When they got to her Bible, I said, "What Bible verse has she marked?" So they handed me her Bible, and I read the verses.



I will lift up my eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help? My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore (Psalms 121:1-2; 7-8, KJV).

Judy Stroeh, Human Care



Harvesting Nickels

One morning, my church's big LWML Mite Box was heavy. Inside was one little Mite Box filled with nickels. I knew immediately that the nickels had been collected for a time with love and prayer. Gathering coins for missions is one of the ways we support "serving the Lord with Gladness" and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. The box of nickels is the beginning of gospel outreach in my town, city, state, country, and around the world.



The LWML 39th Biennial Convention in Lexington, is over and it was a success. We now set our sights on new mission goals and our own district convention in Napoleon, Ohio, on June 17 & 18, 2022. This is the time for

all LWML district members to actively reach out, find, and encourage the next mission grant. Zone presidents, a copy of the mission grant application should be given to each church and their women's group. I will send out a mission project cover letter to each Zone President to distribute applications.

If your church has a Facebook page, put a notice in about completing a mission grant application. Put a notice in your church weekly and monthly newsletters. Talk about it with your church membership. Support the process by offering your help and connecting them with our Gospel Outreach committee. Each one of us is part of the public relations team. Share the mission grant opportunity and support our district convention theme: "Lord of the Harvest" Isaiah 55:10.

Donna Payerle, Director, Public Relations

Cleveland South-West Zone

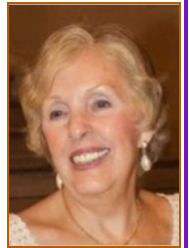
Janice Cisco, President

We gathered for the first time in over a year at Trinity Lutheran for a prayer service on May 1, led by our counselor, Pastor Hoffman. What a JOY to be together again with our sisters in Christ from other churches.

Our fall meeting will be September 18, 2021, at Christ Lutheran with Pastor Kavorous leading us in a devotion. We will start with the "WEAKNESS WORKOUT," an exercise program written by an LWML Sister-in-Christ. Our two delegates will share their experiences of the LWML Convention, Lexington.

To the Love and Glory of God

He has filled them with skill to perform every work of an engraver and of a designer and of an embroiderer, in blue and in purple and in scarlet material, and in fine linen, and of a weaver as of performers of every work and maker of designs (Exodus 35:35, Moses speaking of the people of Israel.)



I was a worker at the 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. One of my working assignments was at the LWML store. As I leisurely canvassed the store the day before my working time, I had the pleasure of perusing all the diverse and artistic items available to our conventioners.



Nearly every item showed the love, guidance, forgiveness, glory, and reminders of our faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. These items help us use His power and strength through prayer and words with all we encounter in our lives, through paper books, audio books, where to search in the Bible for answers, all written by inspired people.

There was jewelry, clothing, pictures, and so much more to remind us that we are the children of God no matter where we are physically or emotionally. I thank the Lord for blessing all the artists who were guided in everything I saw (including children's toys), for these constant reminders that we are God's children in what we do, how we plan and how we build our lives to reflect the Glory of God.

Please avail yourselves of the LWML store online to look at the wonderful items you may order at any time. There is no need to wait until the next convention.

Barbara Berner, Christian Life



Workers



Mission Grants, Exciting Times

This month, then LWML Ohio District will make final payments to grant #1: **Support for Seminarians** (\$7,500), and to grant #2: **Support for Full Time Students Preparing for Church Work** (\$5,000). Please, keep all of the students in your prayers as they begin, or continue, their educations next month.



Grant #7, Bringing Christ's Light to Those Living in Darkness Lutheran Braille Workers Ministry Production Centers in Ohio, is scheduled to receive their final installment (\$4,000) in August. Seven grants remain with balances due. We have about ten months to fully fund these remaining grants. Let's keep in mind who we serve as we supply needed monies and prayers for these projects. Remember to feed your Mite Box and keep all of our mission projects in your prayers. When we send our mites to the LWML Ohio District, 75% remains in the district to fund district missions, 25% is sent to help support world wide mission.

The excitement continues to grow and flow. The 39th LWML Biennial Convention delegates selected 28 new mission projects for the 2021-2023 biennium. Totaling \$2,222,176, these projects will literally spread the love of Jesus to the ends of the earth.



From Africa to Canada, Mongolia to North Dakota, India to Idaho, Maine to Belize, Russia to Colorado, Texas to Eastern Europe, St. Louis to California, Ethiopia to New Mexico and beyond. Food, a van, dental and medical care, aircraft upgrades, kitchen upgrades, new facilities, scholarships for deaconesses, seminarians, missionaries, kids going to Christian summer camp, horses to help veterans, Bible stories, classes and worship experiences, radio, TV, internet, books and Bibles in many languages for kids and adults.

ALL of these will be used to glorify God as His Word and love is spread across the globe and His kingdom expanded. All because we, you and I, remember to drop coins into our Mite Boxes. Learn more about the new 2021-2023 Mission Projects at www.lwml.org. Watch this super video presentation! Stay updated about the LWML Ohio District grants at www.lwmlohio.org. Blessings abound, catch the wave of excitement, keep it flowing.

Karyl Van Meurs-Juergens, Mission Grants

Only Three Months to October 31!

OKAY, so what's the big deal about October 31, 2021? It's Reformation and Halloween, and OH, YEAH, the lifeline for grant applications.



The lifeline (deadline) for submitting LWML Ohio District Mission Grant



applications is only three months away! Have you found a way to spread God's Word and His Love on this side of the pandemic? Do you need some financial assistance to get started, along with lots of prayer support?



Look around with your mission vision (2022 vision - much better than 2020). Be the first one on your block to get your LWML Ohio District Mission Grant application forms from the LWML Ohio District website www.lwmlohio.org or your zone president.

All needed information is in the application packet.

- Fill the out the application completely
- Submit to your zone president for approval
- Zone president sends to Ohio District Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Sandy Dixon
- Applications to Vice President of Gospel Outreach **MUST be postmarked by OCTOBER 31, 2021**
- Email and mailing address are in the packet

!wow! That is *very soon!* Use your 2022 Mission Eyes to search for exciting ways to share His love.

Sandy Dixon, Gospel Outreach Vice President

Pastors Rodencal and Moog, Pastoral Counselors





MITES, HONORS AND MEMORIALS 2020 - 2022

	April-June 2021	Biennium Total
Mites Received	\$14,584.96	\$63,925.16
Joyful Response	\$360.00	\$2,495.50
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$313.00	\$2,422.00
Honors/Memorial	\$413.00	\$4,257.81
Quarterly & ODE	\$448.00	\$7,740.70
Stamps	\$0.00	\$40.00
Total Mission Income	\$16,118.96	\$80,881.17

Total needed to meet the goal: \$119,118.83
Monthly amount needed to reach Mission Goal \$13,235

**2021
April—June**

HONORS
Northeast Zone LWML

MEMORIALS

Frances Zachrich
Freda McGirr
Judy Palek
Kim Dailey
Linda Lauderman
Norma Rankin

Fund the Mission Ideas

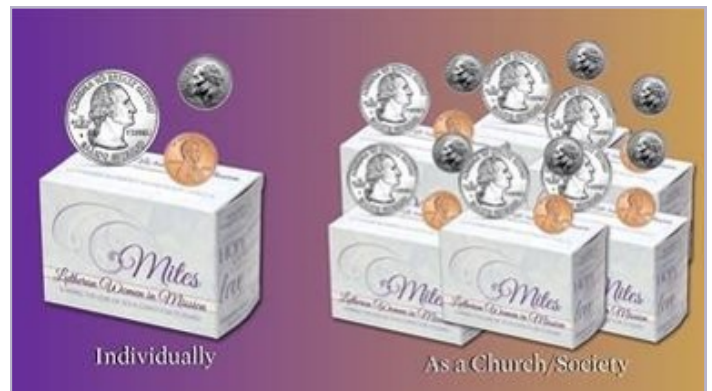
*"That others may see Jesus
in our giving and our living"*

Suggestions found in the LWML Ohio District website under About Us, District Departments, Gospel Outreach, Ideas to Fund Mission:

- Highlight various Mission Grants throughout the year using a bulletin board display for LWML. Always tie this to the mites offerings. The Mites Grant posters and devotions on the website (www.lwml.org) are really helpful for this.
- "Noisy Collections" for mites. Metal coffee cans, decorated with colorful paper are passed at a designated time in the service. When the coins are tossed in they make lots of noise! The congregation is invited to throw in the coins and shake the container as it is passed. It's lots of fun and they are also encouraged to keep shaking but add some silent bills into the container as well. Children especially enjoy making a "Joyful Noise" for mites.
- During December, have a "Don't Spend a Cent for Christmas" campaign. Congregation members are encouraged NOT to make exact change, but instead put all coins in the Mite Box after a day of shopping.
- Post the posters provided by the Public Relations Department in prominent places to keep the LWML mission present in the minds of congregation members.
- Host an Advent or Lenten Dinner prior to the church service. Members give free will offering for their dinner which goes to mites (Thrivent Funds can be used to offset the cost of ingredients.)



Loreli (Nadine Dlugas' granddaughter) and Kasper (Karen Shanahan's great-grandson) saving their mites. Kasper calls it "church."





Help Wanted

We see signs everywhere with the message, "HELP WANTED." The of the LWML Ohio District Nominating Committee wants to add our sign. The committee is searching for nominees for the next nominating committee to be elected at the 2022 LWML Ohio District Convention.



We are looking for nine LWML members for the ballot, five will be elected. Ideally, the nominees should come from every area of the LWML Ohio District. Please consider placing your name on the ballot.



To volunteer for the nomination or suggest another LWML member, contact the nominating committee Chairman, Corrine Sattler, at cssattler@gmail.com. The Nominating Committee members are: Phyllis Bouic, Janice Breitner, Andrea Gernheuser, and Sharon Oberhaus. Please contact any member with questions or to place your name in nomination.

May God bless every LWML woman from the LWML Ohio District who prayerfully considers this opportunity to "Serve the Lord with Gladness".

Phyllis Bouic, Nominating Committee Member

Thank You

As Lutheran women across the country safely returned home from Lexington, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service gives thanks for your hospitality at the 39th LWML 2021 Biennial Convention. The ministry of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service focuses on welcoming the stranger (Matthew 25:35). It was clear in our interactions with volunteers from your district that hospitality and welcome are gifts of the LWML Ohio District ministry, too!

Thank you for all the hard work, hours of prayer and planning, and joyful service offered by host committee volunteers. Any questions we had were quickly answered, any help we needed was kindly offered, and every greeting was given with a smile. The love of Christ shone through your district's volunteers and our time in Lexington was blessed by their presence.

Over the next biennium, we will continue to serve the Lord and look forward to ways we can support one another in ministries of welcome. See you in Milwaukee! In God's peace,

*Chelsey Johnson, Network Organizer,
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service*

Toledo Trinity Group

Lillian Keller, Treasurer



To include the members of Trinity Lutheran Church and School of Toledo, Ohio, who were not able to attend the convention in Lexington, Trinity's LWML group selected three activities for people to be involved in.

These included asking the children of Trinity Lutheran School to prepare Cards of Hope to be sent to Phil's Friends, a volunteer organization that provides practical, emotional, and spiritual support through care packages, and sending cards of encouragement to cancer patients. The students of Trinity responded by completing 156 cards. The cards were taken to the convention.

The ARCH Books for Kids project received financial donations from the members of Trinity Lutheran members. Six Hundred and Eight Christian books were purchased through Concordia Publishing House's special discount program. They were delivered to the convention and will assist in the ministry to families by

The Assurance of Life Ministry, Lexington, Kentucky.

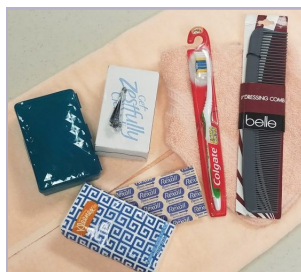


Thirteen individuals plus Anna, Trinity's Comfort Dog, participated in the Virtual Photo Finish Mission Walk. The walk was held immediately after church services on a very hot Sunday. Two LWML'ers manned the registration and refreshment table. A total of \$184.80 was pledged for the mission walk.

Lima-VanWert Zone

Beth King, Secretary

At the recent Spring Rally, members of the Lima-VanWert Zone donated hygiene kits for Orphan Grain Train. Each kit contained a toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, soap, and bandages. These items were wrapped in a washcloth and bath towel. The zone also welcomed Pastor Michael Saylor as their new counselor.





Webmaster Requests

First: We have all heard the saying, "What happens in Vegas...." Well, I think it is very important that "What happened in Lexington **DOESN'T** stay in Lexington." *Race over* to our district website www.lwmlohio.org for updates concerning the exciting June 24-27 LWML Convention, "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus." There are photos (thanks to Hope Boring) of daily events, election results, grant recipient information, and so much more. Share the news, share the site and share the excitement! Don't let what happened in Lexington, stay in Lexington!



Second: News, I need news! Now that zones are beginning to host events again, I look forward to hearing from zone presidents or PR representatives concerning zone past and future events. Each of our 12 district zones has a designated area on the district website under the "Our Zones" tab. Please check the information listed under your zone. Email corrections or additions to bllelle@roadrunner.com. We can all benefit and be inspired by reading about the events taking place in other zones.

Our Zones

- Akron Youngstown
- Central
- Cincinnati
- Cleveland East
- Cleveland South West
- Defiance
- Lima-Van Wert
- Lorain-Medina
- Miami Valley
- Napoleon
- Northeast
- Toledo

District Departments

- Christian Life Department
 - Christian Life Committee
- Gospel Outreach Depart...
- Ideas to fund the Mission
- Mission Grants Committee
- Human Care Department
 - Human Care Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Public Relations Commi...
- Servant Resources Depa...
 - Leader Development Com...
 - Structure Committee

Third: Each district department has a designated area on the website under the "About Us" tab. Committee chairmen, check your department page and email corrections or additions to bllelle@roadrunner.com. The website is a great way to get information from your committee dispersed in a timely manner.

If a committee chairman or district officer requests, I can also post an "eBlast" to individuals registered to receive email.

Finally: When emailing information to the webmaster, put LWML in the subject line, include your name and position in the body of the email.

Thank you for taking the time to stop by our website.

Billie Lelle, Webmaster

Protection Against Vishing

The fraudulent act of 'vishing' is a real threat to you, to those you love and to those most vulnerable in our communities. Vishing is a social engineering tactic used to convince victims to reveal sensitive information through a phone call or voice message by impersonating a reputable company or trusted source. The term is a combination of "voice" and "phishing." How to protect yourself from vishing? Follow these simple rules to avoid the threat.

If you don't know the caller, it may be a scam.

If you believe you know the caller, but are asked to provide personal information, it may be a scam.



If you believe it is a relative (son, daughter, grandchild etc.) asking you to urgently send money, it may be a scam. Hang up and call your relative using the number you always use to call them.

Don't give into scare tactics. Scammers will try to tap into your sense of fear, using threats to get the information they need. If you get one of these phone calls, remain calm and never give out the information requested.

Hang up! The moment you suspect it's a vishing phone call, don't feel obliged to carry on a polite conversation. Simply hang up! Alert your family and friends to be aware of the activity.

Nicole Dowdell, Servant Resources Coordinator

LWML 2022

It is coming... faster than can be imagined! What, you ask? The 2022 LWML Ohio District Concise Convention. The committee has been hard at work in the background filling positions, deciding how to best use the venue, and working with Napoleon vendors. Napoleon vendors... needless to say, they have been supportive and are very excited to host the LWML convention.



We expect at least 300 to attend and will need helping hands to make this a memorable event. Immediate need, the Food Services Chairman. The wonderful women of St. Paul, Napoleon, have offered to prepare the food except the Saturday luncheon. A chairman would coordinate food and arrange a luncheon caterer. Contact Judy Sonnenberg, mbc46@bright.net; or Karen Shanahan, kesjr@att.net, to volunteer.



Sin Isn't a Problem

In my house we have a serious running gag. Whenever something goes wrong and we ask a question even vaguely similar to, "why do *bad* things happen?" such as "why can't I find my keys?" or "why are all the kids edgy today?" we answer, "sin." It's helped us in our life as we then remember things aren't as they're supposed to be and we know the One who can take care of the problem.

I had a conversation with a friend last week about the barriers people have to faith and he said he's often heard people struggle with the concept of sin being something real. There seems to be an idea pervading our culture today that there's no such thing as sin. Imagine how strange it would be to need a relationship with or anything from God if sin wasn't a problem!

Yet, scripture is clear and an unbiased assessment of the world, past and present, leads even the staunchest atheist and the most pious Christian to agree that the world is not as good as it should be. There are problems! From abuse to apathy, depression to disasters, starvation to stealing, the list can go on. We know everything leading up to and including death is a sign something is wrong.

For us believers these raw realities drive us to prayer and deeper reliance on the One who makes all things new, because when you know the One who has defeated sin, sin is no problem. Jesus came to conquer sin, death, and the devil. As we believe in



Him we know nothing, no matter how big the problem is, NOTHING can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus or keep us from the joys of perfect paradise that await

us. But for an unbeliever, the weights of the world become something for humans to fix. And we can see how those efforts have gone.

The theme verse for the LWML Convention this summer says, *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God* (Hebrews 12:1-2).

What a great verse to encourage and remind us that the full weight of our problems and sin itself is not something for us to deal with. We only need to set it aside (confess it) and look to Jesus who has found us and perfects us (forgives us). As we think about the big work the LWML carries out with the little "mighty mites" around the world we can often forget the importance of the race we run each day in our corner of the world. May we not forget to run to the cross for ourselves and for all the ones God places in our path. And as we go, may we be swift to say to those facing any problem, I know the answer you need, and He loves to help!

Rev. Ryan Kleimola, Jr. Pastoral Counselor



God is the creator of all that we have; he gives us all that we need. God gave his only Son, Jesus, who died on the **cross**, saving all from our sins. **Green** represents the new growth appearing from the **hills** (Proverbs 27:25). **Wheat fields** become golden/white when ready to be

harvested. The **bag of wheat** represents the harvest. The **wheat and grains of wheat** symbolize the people in the church. This is also a sign of advanced love and charity. The **spike of wheat** is also seen as a symbol for those who believe in Christ.

My knowledge of the farming fields of Napoleon and NW Ohio is close to my heart, giving me inspiration as I drew this logo design.

Ann R. Keller-Presley, Logo Designer.

2022 LWML Ohio District Concise Convention "Lord of the Harvest" June 17, 18, 2022

Venue: St. Paul Lutheran Church
1075 Glenwood Ave, Napoleon, Ohio

*For as the rain and the snow
come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and to the eater.
(Isaiah 55:10)*

Updates at website www.lwmlohio.org
Chairman: Judy Sonnenberg
Hosting Zones: Defiance, Napoleon, and Toledo



Napoleon Zone

Deb Volkman, President

On April 24th thirty five ladies and two pastors met for the LWML Napoleon Zone Spring Rally at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Wauseon, Ohio.

Among the ladies present were three guests, LWML Ohio District President, Vivian Nelson, Lillian Keller, Toledo Zone, and Madalyn Short, guest speaker.



Pastor Geske Rubik's Cube Devotion

Pastor Steven Geske gave an opening devotion on Romans 5:8. Using a Rubik's Cube, Pastor Geske illustrated how we

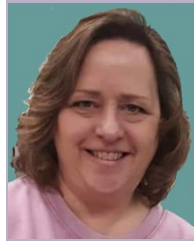
like to plan our lives but God may have a different path according to his will for us. We need to rely on God and be in His word so that we can trust him and follow his plans.

We elected new and returning officers including, Deb Volkman, President, Debbie Wesche, Vice President, Donna Frank, Treasurer, and Pastor Stuenkel as Pastoral Counselor. Pastor Aaron Bueltmann installed the newly elected officers.

LWML Ohio District President Vivian Nelson brought greetings from the Ohio District. She had information about the LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, and passed out booklets about places to see while in Lexington. She also spoke about the 2022 LWML Ohio District Convention which will be hosted by Defiance, Napoleon, and Toledo Zones at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio.

Our program began with a fun skit from Leona Huner and Marilyn Dachenhaus called Butterfly and Cocoon. Our program continued with a presentation from Madalyn Short. She is the Director of Family Life Ministry at Living Word Lutheran Church in Galena, Ohio. She spoke on how she became involved in the Family Life Ministry and what her job duties are like at Living Word Lutheran Church.

Pastor Bueltmann gave a closing devotion on the many references to snow in the Bible. Pastor used the scripture references of Exodus 4:6, Numbers 12:1, Psalm 51:7, Psalm 148:8, Isaiah 55:10-11, Isaiah 1:18 and Matthew 28:1-7.



Our ingathering was donations of diapers, onesies, sleepers, and wipes to the Wauseon CPC and Women's Health Resources. It was such a joy to get together with our sisters in Christ and spend the morning in God's word.



Lillian Keller (*seated*), Donna Frank and Madalyn Short (*Donna's granddaughter and Lillian's great niece*)

Butterfly and Cocoon Skit



2022 LWML Ohio District Concise Convention Roster

Position	Name
Executive Committee	Jeanne Schimmelmenn
Executive Committee	Beth Christopherson
Executive Committee	Susan Weiss
Executive Committee	Judy Sonnenberg
Executive Committee	Pastor Keith Witte
Dist. President	Vivian Nelson
Chairman Conv	Judy Sonnenberg
Vice-chair Conv	Karen Shanahan
Secretary	Kay Heilman
Treasurer	Lillian Keller
Conv Counselor	Rev. Aaron Bueltmann
Music Chair	Eileen Stough
Page/Usher Chair	Lois Rosebrock
Properties Chair	Connie Mussel
Publicity Chair	Debbie Wesche
Registration Chair	Deb Volkman
Decorations Chair	Andrea Gernhouser
Tote Bags Chair	Karen Shanahan
Cost analyst	Jean Cohrs
Worship Service Chair	Linda Ludeman
President, Napoleon	Deb Wesche
President, Defiance	Cheryl Shuman
President, Toledo	Karen Shanahan



Northeast Zone Numbers

Billie Lelle, President

I, II, III, IV –The Cleveland area was once made up of four zones, Cleveland I, II, III and IV. For geographical reasons, during the mid-1980's, the zones were re-aligned and renamed. Portions of Cleveland II became the Northeast (NE) Zone. The other Cleveland zones were renamed Cleveland East, Cleveland South and Cleveland West.

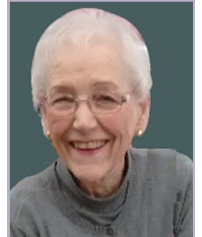


based on Matthew 11:28, *Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

Innumerable: The blessings God has showered on the NE Zone. (Many thanks to Nancy Milanich and Char LePere for their assistance in writing this article).

Toledo Zone

Lillian Keller, Secretary



The women of the LWML Toledo Zone held their in-person Spring Rally at Concordia Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio. The rally theme was "Passing on Jesus' Teaching" based on Psalm 78:4. The Rev. Ryan Kleimola, Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio, and LWML Ohio District Junior Pastoral Counselor, gave the opening devotion based on Psalm 36. This Psalm describes the human condition and tells us God is the fountain of life. We have refuge under the shadow of His wings. His love is steadfast and we are to rejoice in Him.



Our speaker, the Rev. Dr. Carl Rockrohr, currently serves at Zion Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners, Ohio, and has served as a missionary in Africa. He shared that there are more Christians in Africa today than in any other continent, 2018 being the turning point.

While serving in Ethiopia, he served as a teacher of theology at Mekane Yesus Seminary and was the Dean of Theology. Pastor

Rockrohr plans to make another trip to Ghana to visit and teach for three weeks in August 2021. He said that ministry is always changing and Christians are to "Proclaim Christ to the next generation." He asked for our prayers and to look to God's mercies.

LWML Ohio District President, Vivian Nelson, presented a mission grant check of \$2,500 to Orphan Grain Train representative, Diann Meyer Greiser. Orphan Grain Train is a grant recipient for the 2020-2022 LWML Ohio District biennium.

President Karen Shanahan presided at the meeting where new officers were elected. They are Corrine Sattler, Vice President, and Becky Brown, Treasurer. They were installed at the close of the meeting by LWML Toledo Zone Pastoral Counselor, the Rev. David DePaoli.



152: The number of miles one would need to drive to visit the 15 LWML groups of the NE Zone in one day. Starting in the east at Lighted Cross, Ashtabula, there would be stops at six churches while traveling west to Shore Haven, Euclid. On the way to the southern most church, Hope, Aurora, two more churches would be visited. Then meandering along country roads, one visits four more churches. Finally, you arrive back in Ashtabula. Whew, that would be some day trip!

1: The number of hours it took me to figure out the mileage between the 15 units. I am thankful I am not president of the Central Zone!

10: The number of NE Zone members representing five NE Zone churches who attended the LWML convention in Lexington. For three, it was their first national convention.

4: The number of district presidents who came from the NE Zone. They were: Marlis Schmidt (1988-1992); Nancy Milanich (1996-2000); Ann Marie Bollas (2012-2016), and Jeanne Schimmelman (2016-2020).

4: The number of pastors who have served as District Pastoral Counselors from the NE Zone. They were Pastors Ron LePere (1992-1996); Mark Matzke (2004-2006); Donald Beaumont (2010-2014) and Jimmy Riley (2014-2018).

27: The number of past Fall retreats held by the NE Zone. Number 28 will be held September 25, 2021, with the theme "Carpenter Hands...Christ's Hands...our Hands" based on Isaiah 49:16, *Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.* Our first retreat (1993), "Let the Rescued Retreat ... with R and R's" was



We sing Doxology	The offering brings in \$50,000	Jesus lives you're space	Someone talks about the 100th Anniversary
The offering brought in over \$100,000 last minute	The Purple Rose Store is mentioned	We sing in Christ alone	We sing Holy, Holy, Holy
The LWML logo is mentioned	LWML addresses the convention	Grant awarded to Mary Queen of Heaven Lutheran Campus	Someone mentions St. Louis
The offering brought in over \$15,000	A former national president speaks	Grant awarded to Lutheran International Mission	Someone mentions YWR
There is a discussion about bylaws changes	We sing 10,000 Reasons	Grant awarded to Lutheran World Service for Africa Child	We recite the LWML pledge
			We sing The Lamb

myfreebingocards.com

63 YWRs attended; , Nadine Dlugas' granddaughter, Mia, upcoming YWR; YWR Bingo



Comfort Dogs, Abraham & Amos



Perfect Nails, Perfect Convention
Thursday Worship Service



Hope Boring
Janet, Cathy Ohio District, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Powell, Ohio



Ruth Thomas, Host Committee Chairman
Kayla Miller, Dayton, Ohio District YWR



Ohio District Members Attending





ODE Submissions

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: To direct funds to LWML Ohio District, select:

- LWML Ohio District,
- Olmsted Twp, Ohio
- Cuyahoga Co

Joyful Response® to Mites: To donate mites directly from your checking account each month contact **Janet Pauley**, Financial Secretary. She will send you a Joyful Response® form.

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

Financial Secretary, Janet Pauley
7719 Kelvinway Dr., Worthington, OH 43085
614-746-9855, jpauley7719@gmail.com



Websites:

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

God puts gifts into our lives in order that we might use them, to honor Him and spread the name of Jesus. As you consider building a legacy or leaving a legacy gift, are you more focused on being remembered, or blessing with God's gifts? The real joy comes in using God's blessings. Your LWML Gift



Planning Counselor can help you plan for gifts to family and gifts to ministry. For help or more information contact your LWML Gift Planning Counselor Linda Gage at: Linda.Gage@lfnd.org, Phone: 800-741-4138, website www.lwmlgiftplan.org.

Quarterly and ODE Subscriptions

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

Annual Subscription Costs (effective Summer 2020)

ODE	All quantities	\$2.50/each
Quarterly	1-9 Copies	\$7.50/each
Quarterly	10+ Copies	\$6.00/each

Payments for the *Quarterly* and *ODE* are due by January 31 each year. If sufficient payment is not received, subscriptions will be reduced to one copy each effective with the summer edition for that year. Payments should be sent with the Mites Remittance Form to Janet Pauley, Financial Secretary.

Contact Information

Ohio District President

Vivian Nelson

4805 Bowen Road, Toledo, OH 43613

419-260-7769, vnelsonlwml@gmail.com

Contributions & Donations for:

- ♥ Mites, Memorials, Honors
- ♥ Joyful Response® to Mites
- ♥ *Quarterly* & *ODE*

Janet Pauley, Financial Secretary

7719 Kelvinway Drive, Worthington, OH 43085

614-746-9855, jpauley7719@gmail.com

Subscription Changes for *Quarterly* & *ODE*

Kim Klein, Subscription Manager

348 Greenbriar Dr., Ravenna, OH 44266

kimkleinlwml@neo.rr.com

Information & Articles for *ODE*

Karen Shanahan, *ODE* Editor

3633 Denise Dr., Toledo, OH 43614

419-380-0244

kesjr@att.net

Mite Boxes

Order direct from Concordia Publishing House

www.cph.org, on Home page, click LWML

Website Calendar Items, Pictures, etc.

Billie Lelle, Webmaster

bllele@roadrunner.com

