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WHERE TWO OR THREE COME TOGETHER...

As your president, one of the things I have been asked to do is to pass along prayer requests. Are there more of them lately, or am I just more aware?

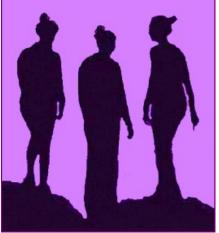
Each of us has our own close and personal network of people. They may be family members, coworkers, church members, neighbors. As individuals experience illness or other issues, the network around them becomes aware. If it's a good network, It might be a listening ear, a hug, advice, a meal, or support begins. transportation and a friend to go along to a doctor's appointment.



As Lutheran Women in Mission we need to remember that our primary source of help is God. Our Heavenly Father, who created us, has the power to heal. His Son, Jesus, shows unconditional and unlimited love for us in spite of all our mistakes and misdeeds. The Holy Spirit renews our faith and keeps us close to both the Father and the Son.

To continually remember to tap into the power and help of God, I encourage you to develop a prayer network. The seed of it might be your Bible study group, where you pray with each other every time you meet. It might be a few women who meet for lunch regularly. Perhaps it's your siblings or your children. It would be awesome if you could get a group of church members together once a month to pray about the issues facing your congregation.

In one small group I participated in, at the end of each session, each person



was given a chance to tell what his or her challenges were going to be over the coming week. After each of us spoke, the first person to pray would say a prayer for the person sitting next to him or her, being sure to pray for his concern. Then that person next prayed for the person on the other side of him. We went around the circle that way. Even those who found it difficult to pray aloud at first were able to learn to say a short prayer.

Bonds of Christian friendship formed in that way are strong and long-lasting. We learned to trust in God, to pray for each other, to be accountable for the goals we set, and to depend on God for his answers. In Matthew

18:20, Jesus told his disciples, "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Invite Him to your next meeting!

Praying that God will bless and keep each of you!

Vivian Nelson, President

LINKING IN

At the bottom of the home page of www.lwmlohio.org you will find a list of links. These are provided to help the site visitor quickly find timely information. Stop by the website and see all the exciting places you can go.

Billie Lelle, Webmaster



OVERCOMING TEMPTATION WITH **JESUS**

We pray, "lead us not into temptation." And God answers our prayer. These days we are tempted to live in fear of death or tempted to live in isolation or tempted to trust in things that cannot save us. None of these temptations are new in the history of the world. Yet



knowing our temptations leads us to stand firm in the one who leads us in the way of life.

Whatever our initial temptations may be, every temptation we face is followed by more temptation. And I am not talking about the constant flow of temptations that come at us, but each and every single temptation is followed by one of two secondary attacks. It is good to know these attacks come and that God quards and guides us in the midst of these as well.

What are these secondary attacks of temptation? Well, let's say you are tempted to break the Third Commandment and skip church or avoid reading your Bible. There are two ways you can respond to such a temptation. You can give in and not receive the Words of eternal life (boo!), or you can withstand the temptation and let the Word of life give you life (yay!).

When you give into temptation, the devil loves to further tempt you to believe that you are now no good for God. In other words, you are tempted to despair of the one who can forgive your weakness and failure. When you give into an initial temptation you are further tempted to believe that your sin is bigger than the power of God's love to overcome that temptation. The devil rejoices when you give into this second temptation because it leaves you apart from the God who loves you and desires to rescue you from the sin you have committed.

Now, when you avoid temptation, the secondary attack that comes is the temptation to selfrighteousness. You are tempted to believe that you are



good by yourself without the power of God who promises to never leave you. This second attack can ultimately lead you to the same sad place as the other secondary attack. You can end up believing your behavior alone saves you from evil. And again the devil rejoices knowing

you are relying on yourself and are not with the God who desires nothing more than to be with you.

So what do we do in the face of temptation? Look to the One who perfectly overcame temptation. Tempted in the wilderness, Jesus responded to temptation with the Word of God saying, Man doesn't live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4). Tempted by Peter to turn away from His road to the cross, we remember Jesus responded, Get behind me Satan, you are not setting your mind on the things of God but on the things of man (Matthew 16:23). In the Garden of Gethsemane, while praying about His death the next day, Jesus instructed His disciples to watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is indeed willing but the flesh is weak (Matthew 26:41).

We know that the day after Jesus said those Words was the day that the temptor lost all his power. Jesus' death brought the wages of sin to their end. Since we are now buried by baptism into this death, we are now also raised to the newness of life that comes through the resurrection of the Son of God. We are now able to set our new minds on the thing above. The One who is seated at the Right hand of God has perfectly overcome temptation and He is now with us in the midst of this world, never to leave us or forsake us especially in the face of any temptation. As Hebrews 2:18 reminds us, He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted. May we live in and from the help of the One who is able. May He keep us healthy and safe and ready to love the world around us with the love He gives.

Rev. Ryan Kleimola, Jr. Pastoral Counselor

DID YOU KNOW?

As I was preparing for the Central Zone Fall Fellowship I was looking for a skit. I

went to www.lwml.org and found a new skit titled "Ima Mite" under program resources. The skit



has "Ima Might" and "Ima Mite." It talks about a few of the LWML mission grants. This skit would be great for any future LWML events you have planned. We are

so blessed to have www.lwml.org which is a wonderful resource for Bible studies, devotions, and skits.

For he who is mighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his name (Luke 1:49 ESV).

that | Stephanie Petee, Christian Life



ARE YOU A MISSION SERVANT?

What is the purpose and responsibility of the Human Care Committee in the LWML? A brief explanation is to alert members to opportunities and challenges for mission service in the church (inreach), community (outreach), and the world (missions/ outreach). This committee is responsible



to encourage active participation and provide materials and suggestions for mission service programs.

So how do we accomplish these things and where can we find ideas? Let's look at the LWML and ourselves personally. The ladies of the LWML are generous with their time, talents, and treasure as their caring hearts faithfully serve others, not only providing practical assistance or encouragement, but also sharing the love of Christ and His Word in everything they do. Actions definitely do "speak" louder than words.

Recently our church called a new Deaconess-Intern. Meghan is reaching out to church members with home visits, phone calls, and in many other ways that keep her very busy. She recently visited a sewing class at our church school and took the opportunity to explain to the girls about what a deaconess does. One very sweet young lady responded, "Oh, you are like an act of kindness!"

That is a simple response, isn't it? Our purpose is not to draw attention or accolades to ourselves, but to humbly serve and reach out to others with Christ's love using our helping hands, lifting prayers, and in so many other ways. Our actions are a visible sign of our faith and give glory to God. Our service can expose us to be seen as walking acts of kindness.

One of the most helpful aspects of the LWML is providing information, encouragement, and resources to its members. Let's highlight one of those resources for you. Have you ever experienced a time when you needed ideas for servant events or mission projects? Sometimes our creativity and resources are lacking. However, did you know that inspiration and ideas are always available in the LWML? Have you gone online to www.lwml.org to visit that website? It is easy to navigate. So, click on "Service." There you will find a monthly Mission Service Activity that may inspire you to use at your church or in your group.

In September 2021, the activity for that month was "Serving Those with Breast Cancer." This particular project included making Breast Cancer Survival Kits. Do a little research. Is there a breast cancer treatment center in your town or nearby or a support group affiliated with your local hospital? Are there women in

your congregation who have been diagnosed with breast cancer? (You will want to focus on these ladies.) The contents of these Care Kits may include a pretty scarf or hat, knitted prayer shawl, cozy socks, lip balm, travel size hand sanitizer, herbal tea bags, individual wrapped hard candies, women's devotion books, or personal notes of encouragement, to name just a few, and add some of your own ideas. These items can be placed in a zip bag or fabric bag or other creative container. It would be helpful to include a card with your church (or group) name, address, and contact information. Perhaps you can phone a woman you know who would appreciate to spend some time to talk, for us to listen, and to pray for and with her.



Use the resources that the LWML freely provides and see how the Lord can and will work through you to be a blessing to those to whom you reach out and touch with the Lord's love and

Scripture. What a privilege and joy it is to "Serve the Lord with Gladness!"

Ann Marie Bollas, Human Care

PLEASE VOLUNTEER

The LWML Ohio District Nominating Committee has been working hard to fill all the slots on the LWML Ohio District Ballot for the 2022 Convention. The Lord has blessed our work, we only need two more ladies on the ballot for Nominating Committee. This is just a two year commitment as the Nominating Committee only serves for one convention.

All the officer ballot positions presently have two candidates. The Chairman, Corrine Sattler, is preparing to send paperwork to all candidates. It includes asking for biographic information to help our LWML Ohio District delegates make their voting decisions at the 2022 convention.

As the present committee would like to have LWML members on the ballot for Nominating Committee from many parts of the Ohio District, the committee is looking for members from the following zones: Akron-Youngstown, Cincinnati, Cleveland East, Defiance, Lima-VanWert, Lorain-Medina, and Napoleon. If interested in being on the ballot, may contact any member of our committee. They are Corrine Sattler, Chairman, Phyllis Bouic, Janice Breitner, Andrea Gernheuser, and Sharon Oberhaus. Corrine's email address is cssattler@gmail.com. May we continue to serve the Lord with gladness,

Phyllis Bouic, Nominating Committee Member



OHIO DISTRICT MISSION GRANTS

This is a "new school year" and classes are in full swing. Three of our Mission Grants are focused on students:

Grant #1: Support for Seminarians. Currently there are ten men from Ohio District who are studying at Concordia Seminaries in St. Louis, MO and Fort Wayne, IN.



Grant #2: (FULLY FUNDED): Support for Full Time Students Preparing for Church Work – this year brings 10 full time students from the Ohio District to Concordia Universities.

Grant #3: (FULLY FUNDED): Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne, IN Food Co-Op is currently caring for 375 students, spouses and children, meeting their needs for food and clothing. Please, keep all of the students and families in your prayers as they begin, or continue, their educations.

Grant # 6: Orphan Grain Train, Ohio Division has also been FULLY FUNDED, praise God! They use our mites to purchase fuel for trucks delivering donated furniture and household items, clothing, medical equipment, bicycles, flood buckets, and hygiene kits to 13 entities within the LWML Ohio District and across the United States. In their final report they stated, "We are so blessed and encouraged by the Ohio District LWML and thankful for the proceeds from these gifts. We thank you not only for your monetary support, we know that the prayers are what keeps our organization on track to do the work that the Lord would have us do."

Please 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 our district missions and 25% is sent on to help fund our national mission. We have about seven months to fully fund our remaining grants. Let's keep in mind who we serve as we supply needed monies and prayers for these projects



We really are making a difference in people's lives, because you and I drop coins into our Mite Box and get them sent off to the LWML Ohio District Financial Secretary for distribution to grant recipients. You can stay updated about all the

LWML Ohio District Grants at www.lwmlohio.org. Learn more about the 2021-2023 Mission Projects at www.lwml.org. Blessings abound – catch the wave of excitement and keep the love flowing.

Karyl Van Meurs-Juergens, Mission Grants

YOU'RE INVITED

As this article is being written, farmers across our district are beginning their fall harvest. In Northwest Ohio you can see combines in the fields harvesting the crops and wagons and trucks on the roads delivering their produce to grain elevators.







Women from Defiance, Napoleon, and Toledo Zones are busy with a different type of harvest as they prepare for the LWML Ohio District 2022 Convention. "Lord of the Harvest" based on Isaiah 55:10 is the theme. Plan on attending June 17 – 18, 2022 for the first ever "concise convention." It will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon, Ohio.

In Bible class, pastor commented on the harvesting he had witnessed this past week. It reminded him of the Lord's Harvest. His harvest brings people together to encourage, strengthen, and prepare them to serve Him. In June we will be focusing on the different ways LWML serves our Lord and the many blessings we in turn receive.

Debra Wesche, Publicity

OCTOBER 31, 2021 IS PAST!! EIGHT MONTHS TO CONVENTION!

OKAY, so October 31, 2021, the Lifeline (deadline) for submitting LWML Ohio District Mission Grant applications is past. Now the work begins for the LWML Ohio District Mission Grants

Committee.



Please keep this group in your prayers as we review and consider all of the Mission Grant applications that have been received. We will be discussing them early next year to determine

which ones will be included on the Mission Grants ballot for the 2022 LWML Ohio District Concise Convention, June 17-18 in Napoleon, Ohio. Only eight months away...WOW! That is *very soon*!

Sandy Dixon, Gospel Outreach



MITES, HONORS AND MEMORIALS, 2020 - 2022

	July-Sept. 2021	Biennium Total
Mites Received	\$11,134.60	\$75,059.76
Joyful Response	\$360.00	\$2,855.50
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$20.00	\$2,442.00
Honors/Memorial	\$545.00	\$4,802.81
Quarterly & ODE	\$350.00	\$8,090.70
Stamps	\$0.00	\$40.00
Total Mission Income	\$12,409.60	\$93,290.77

Total needed to meet the goal: \$106,709.23 Monthly amount needed to reach Mission Goal \$17,785





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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

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Lorain-Medina Zone

Submitted by Ethel Schiemann, President

Our zone met with a bonfire on Sunday evening, October 3, 2021, at St Paul, Valley City. We were led by Pastor Woolsey, Faith, Avon, our zone counselor, and entertained with beautiful guitar playing by Julian High, also from Faith, Avon.

Akron-Youngstown Zone

Submitted by Jeanie Dinehart, President

The Akron Youngstown Zone held our Spring Rally on May 15th at Faith Lutheran Church in Kent. This was the first time our zone has met in over a year. Needless to say, all who attended was happy to be back together.

We started our day with a continental breakfast and some much-needed fellowship time to catch up with people we have not seen. Pastor Alberts, Tallmadge Lutheran Church, joined us for the day and led our group in a Bible study.

We collected markers and coloring books for the national LWML convention in Kentucky. Our human care project was making quilts for the charity, Sleep in Heavenly Peace in Youngstown. They make beds for children who do not have one. Our zone has been making quilts for the last couple of years.

Our Fall Retreat is scheduled for October 9th which will be held in Youngstown at Mill Creek Metroparks.



YOU are cordially invited to attend the LWML Ohio District Concise Convention "Lord of the Harvest"

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June 17, 18, 2021 St. Paul Lutheran Church 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.)

Join our Sisters in Christ from LWML groups in Ohio, northern Kentucky and western West Virginia. Each LWML group can send two delegates and two alternates. Delegates vote for convention business such as bylaws amendments, mission grants, and election of officers.

Start planning your zone banner. Be a delegate or an alternate from your church.

Get INSPIRED! Be excited, motivated, Christ centered!!
See YOU there!

Updates will be posted on the LWML Ohio District website: www.lwmlohio.org

2022 LWML Ohio District Convention		
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Northeast Zone

Submitted by Billie Lelle, President

Our zone held its annual fall retreat on September 25, 2021, at Zion Lutheran Church in Painesville, Ohio. There were 48 registrants (representing 10 of our units) who enjoyed the day's event. The theme was **Carpenter Hands ... Christ's Hands ... Our Hands** using the theme verse: *Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me* (Isaiah 49:16).

We were blessed with an inspirational devotion led by our zone counselor, Pastor Steven Berndt. Pastor Berndt and Pastor Jonathan Schroeder also enriched our retreat with Bible studies. Pastor Kevin Guynn gave each participant a 29 piece cross to assemble while talking about Jesus, the Carpenter. The cross

pieces were sent home to be completed.



Ann Marie Bollas helped participants make Christmas ornaments to be distributed to various local groups. Billie Lelle took a few brave participants (rain was in the forecast, but didn't materialize) on a Bible study walk. There fellowship, games, songs, and of course great food. Mites were collected in the amount of \$575.50. A variety of items were collected for Sub Zero Mission and Project Hope for the

Homeless as well as monetary gifts. The fellowship of being together was enjoyed by all!



Convention Bookmark

A bookmark for you. Designed by Debra Wesche Cut it out Make copies on card stock
Cut out and share with others.



Toledo Zone

Both Articles submitted by Lillian Keller, Secretary

FALL RALLY: On a beautiful Saturday in October, the women of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Toledo, hosted the LWML Toledo Zone Fall Rally. Rev. Bradford Scott, pastor at Good Shepherd, led the opening devotion, using the rally theme verse, II Corinthians 1: 3-7. He told us that we are comfort seekers from birth and God gave each of us a mother for comfort. God brings many agents through our lives to bring comfort in different situations. We receive comfort through Jesus Christ and God's strength and love which allows us to comfort others.

"Comfort" was the theme of the rally, based on the II Corinthians verses. The Comfort Dog team from Trinity, Toledo, presented the program, led by Top Dog, Nancy Borders, assisted by her husband Mack and several Comfort Dog handlers. Trinity recently commissioned their third Comfort Dog, Claudia, who



joined Anna and Ezra. All Comfort Dogs are Golden Retrievers. The Comfort Dog Ministry mission is to "Share the Mercy, Compassion, Presence and the Proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering and in need."

Trinity's Comfort Dogs have deployed to many areas to bring comfort. Examples are: Sandy Hook; a disaster in Minnesota; Orlando and Parkland, Florida; Las Vegas; Baton Rouge; Dayton; in classrooms when there was a death, an accident, or suicide; and many more. They regularly visit schools, hospitals, first responders, and nursing homes. Ezra is also assigned to the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office to give comfort to victims of assault and abuse. Two of Ezra's handlers are veterans and that qualifies him to

be a part of the K-9 Kare and Military Ministry.

Brunch was served by the women of



Good Shepherd. Toledo Zone President Karen Shanahan presided over the business meeting. LWML Ohio District President Vivian Nelson brought news from the district. We had a collection for mites and an ingathering of spices, condiments, and dressings for Concordia Theological Seminary's Food Co-op. We

are thankful to Thrivent for the Action Team card that helped us purchase additional items. Toledo Zone Pastoral Counselor Rev. David DePaoli led us in the closing prayers.

WORK DAY: On August 14, 2021, Toledo Zone held their annual Human Care Work Day at Good Shepherd of the Deaf Lutheran Church of Toledo, Ohio. Five LWML Toledo Zone churches were represented by 28 women, three men, and several teens. With willing hands and joyful hearts, they fellowshipped and enjoyed their time together. Some had never helped at a work day and are interested in coming again.

The 16 fleece pillows, 18 fleece blankets, numerous hygiene and food pantry items from our ingathering, were donated to the Food and Clothing Pantry at a local Lutheran Church for their ministry to the needy





of our area. The 32 Tshirt diapers will go to Orphan Grain Train to impoverished send to countries and disaster areas. The 150 witness bracelets for MOST Ministries of Ann Arbor, Michigan, will be used by their mission teams. A local mission team will take the 120 mission dolls to Central America. Both the bracelets and the dolls will help these teams share Jesus with children who do not know Him.

Thank you to Thrivent Financial for providing funding for project supplies, additional

ingathering items, and lunch. It was a fun day to "Serve the Lord with Gladness."







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



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