

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Ohio District Edition – ODE

Fall 2022



Reflections on Lord of the Harvest

Here are a few of my thoughts as I think back on the convention we had in Napoleon:



- ♥ The singing was glorious! Pastor Witte commented to me that I had the best seat in the house to hear your wonderful songs. But I think maybe God had the best seat.
- ♥ I learned from two different speakers that Isaiah chapters 40 to 55 are the "Gospel of the Old Testament."
- ♥ I still don't know what kohlrabi tastes like, but I will smile every time I hear about it! (Ask your delegate about Pastor Witte's message.)
- ♥ Can you imagine planting cacao beans and reaping a harvest of wrapped chocolate bars? Frannie Farmer did it! (So she said!)
- ♥ We were able to greet and hug people from across the state we have not seen in four or more years.
- ♥ I try to imagine how cold it must have felt to be baptized by Dr. Peterson by immersion in Lake Michigan on a Saturday morning in early May!
- ♥ How silly was it that I tried to identify a candidate as 'the one wearing purple!'
- ♥ It was awesome to watch our departing officers leave the stage with a personal blessing.



Here are a few of the things we accomplished:

- ♥ We figured out how to do all the essential business of a convention in a concise format.
- ♥ We elected four new officers, a pastoral counselor and a new nominating committee.
- ♥ We raised our promises to mission grant recipients from \$99,000 to \$116,400 with no negative votes!
- ♥ We gathered and washed eyeglasses and made bracelets for MOST Ministries. We collected: gift cards for the men at Haven of Hope and school supplies for children in Henry County. We helped sort and pack items at the Orphan Grain Train warehouse. We also received \$2,400 for mites; \$2,000 for the House of Ruth.



Here are some things I learned:

- ♥ God says in Isaiah 55:11 that His word *will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*
- ♥ There is no telling which of the seeds that are planted will be the ones that produce the harvest.
- ♥ God wants me to be a worker in His harvest fields by continuing to plant seeds. I need to share His love and His Word with all the people in my life. I tend the seeds by listening and by offering love and encouragement. All this makes me a "worker in His harvest fields." But making faith grow or become stronger is God's work and can only be done by the Holy Spirit. I just get to keep planting!



Plant Generously!
Vivian Nelson, President



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Before All Things

In the closing devotion at the district convention last month, I mentioned that I am headed to Houston for the LCMS Youth Gathering in the middle of July. Around 20,000 individuals are expected to attend and around 300 from the Ohio District will be gathering for a special event during the week. Much like this convention, the Gathering is a great opportunity to be reminded of the great multitude of believers that we are a part of in Christ.



This reminder is a great benefit of participation in the LWML as well. As we gather mites and support missions around the world we are connecting in a very tangible way with brothers and sisters in Christ that we may never even get to meet this side of eternity.



The theme verses for the Gathering this year are Colossians 1:15-20. Verse 17 is particularly helpful for us as we live our lives, it says ***And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.*** Imagine what this really means for you! There is nothing in your life to which Jesus is not connected. Be it a blessing you enjoy, God has given it! If it's a sin you commit, Christ has died for it.

There are many times in our lives when it seems like things are falling apart. Our health decays, friendships

fade, death interrupts, the list goes on, but in all of these things we can be confident that Christ is with us and He is for us.

It's easy to find comfort in that thought when surrounded by so many people in person such as a convention or at a gathering, but the body of Christ is always together in Christ. By slowing down and letting that truth marinate in our brains, we can draw from the strength of Christ and the assurance of the community of believers of which He makes us a part.

And certain of our place with Christ, we can then continue to invest our words and actions in the lives of others around us as Christ provides the opportunities. We get to share the greatest thing ever, the life everlasting. It's something that we live even now as those who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection. Every day is a chance to live that life so that others may receive that life.

My prayer for you is that you find that purpose and that guidance from Jesus once again today and all the days ahead. Your prayerful support, your financial support, and even your encouragement and hands-on work provide the fuel to keep the ministries going forward that bring the world to know that Christ is in all things for them.

May God bless us as we continue to serve Him with gladness!

Pastor Kleimola, Sr. Pastoral Counselor



You Are Gifted

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10).



The 2022 LWML Ohio District Concise Convention closed with a positive and joyful adjournment. What inspiration and information we received through our speakers and interest session guests we experienced cannot be adequately explained.

Now we are back home in our own congregations and communities. What are we to do now? Are our eyes still open for opportunities to serve others? How do we do that and how do we find those in need of prayer, encouragement and support?

As the scripture above advises, we are God's workmanship and we are each gifted with abilities, skills, and passions to use. We are members of the "whole body of Christ." Each believer has something

valuable to contribute and to serve. I heard once that we all fit somewhere, but we don't fit everywhere. What a challenge to discover the right jobs for us.

At the convention we had at least 100 women who participated in the servant events. We worked alongside each other preparing and caring for those who will receive those used eyeglasses, witness bracelets, and cards of encouragement and hope.

In this 2022-2024 biennium, pray that the Lord opens each of our eyes to the opportunities to serve others in our congregations and communities—as an LWML group or individually. Serve with the strength and abilities you have been given. But most of all, serve with joy because the Lord has definitely given each of us the gifts to do those good works which HE prepared for us to do TOGETHER in His name!



Ann Marie Bollas, Human Care



Seasons Provided

After the 2018 convention, the LWML Ohio District made the decision to try a concise convention in 2022. Because of its size, St. Paul Lutheran Church and School in Napoleon was chosen for this trial.



To compliment the rural area where the convention would be held, the theme chosen was "The Lord of the Harvest", *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 bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:10-11).*

Our convention theme reminds us that God does provide the seasons for the planting of the seeds, their growth and then the harvest time. We now have the opportunity to take the harvest He has given us to feed those who hunger for the food and refreshment that only He can give.

The Friday evening Communion Worship in the church sanctuary was enhanced by not only the church organ, but a violin, trumpets, a 36 member choir and, of course, all our voices singing out and the presence of many area clergy. Pastor Witte's message reminded us that not all of our plans for a harvest work out as we want, but yet God provides a harvest in His way.

There were three servant events and ingatherings to benefit Orphan Grain Train, Haven of Hope, United Way of Henry County, and, MOST Ministries.

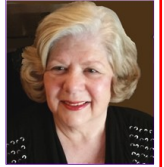
The 2020 Host Committee blessed us with items there were unable to use when the 2020 convention was cancelled. Purple boxes were enhanced and filled with various items, choir pins given to the choir members, and the cross stitched book marks given to volunteers.

The Host Committee approached the tasks with great optimism, knowing God would provide the direction, the help, the volunteers, the inspiration, and fortitude. In moments of doubt, He was our strength. In moments of illness, His grace was abundant. Throughout, there were many prayers.

Many thanks to the staff and helpers of St. Paul Lutheran Church, the Defiance, Napoleon, and Toledo Zone volunteers and members, and the LWML Ohio District Executive Committee. This was a task that "took a village" and all the members and volunteers of our district made it happen.

*Judy Sonnenberg, Host Committee Chairman
Karen Shanahan, Host Committee Vice Chairman*

After seven years as ODE Editor, it is time for a new voice and new ideas to take the reigns. With mixed emotions, after much reflection, it is time to step down.

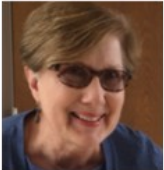


Let the Ohio District President, Vivian Nelson, know if you are interested in volunteering to be the next ODE editor. She will provide the details of the job requirements. I have enjoyed it immeasurably!

Karen Shanahan, ODE Editor

Thirteen Missions

The 2022 LWML Ohio District 29th Biennial Concise Convention in June was quite inspirational!



First, we had thirteen outstanding Lutheran organizations whose grant applications for this next biennium were accepted by the Mission Grants Committee. They were presented on the Mission Grants ballot at the convention. Each one of the applicants has been doing an outstanding job of bringing Christ to many, in addition to providing much needed physical assistance to God's children in need.

Second, for the first time, grant applicants were invited to exhibit their programs at the convention, and seven accepted the invitation. All seven were quite impressed with the number of LWML ladies who came to the library on Friday to see their exhibits and hear about their programs. Our LWML ladies were equally impressed with the work these organizations were doing. It gave them the opportunity to ask questions and evaluate each program before the Saturday vote. Each delegate could only vote for five of the thirteen on their ballots, which was quite difficult.

Third, the ballots were counted and only the first nine of the thirteen could be awarded a grant before we exhausted the budgeted \$95,000.

Then, something very exciting happened. Jeanne Schimmelman made a motion to fund the unfunded mission grants that were on the ballot from the Unrestricted Net Assets fund of \$104,430.02. While the thirteen grants total \$116,400, we have collected additional mites since March, and we will be collecting more during the upcoming biennium.

Rather than having money in our accounts unused, the motion was unanimously approved by the delegates to use that money to support all thirteen of the missions on the ballot. We will need to keep bringing in our mites this biennium to support all thirteen grant recipients. Thank you!

Dorene Henschen, Gospel Outreach Vice President



Overwhelmed

As the Chairman of the Registration Committee, I enjoyed getting to meet many of the attendees at the 2022 LWML Ohio District Convention in Napoleon, Ohio. Since I was also a member of the Human Care Committee, I volunteered along with the registration committee to help collect the ingatherings that the attendees so graciously and generously donated.

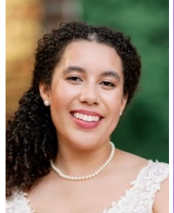


I had the privilege of bringing the gift card ingathering to the Haven of Hope Men's Homeless Shelter in Van Wert, Ohio. I met with Jamie Ramos, who is currently on the Board of Directors for Haven of Hope and presented \$1,275 of different types of gift cards. She was overwhelmed with the donation and commented on how generous the ladies of the LWML are. She had tears in her eyes and gave me a hug. Jamie wanted me to thank all of you for the donation.

Deb Volkman, Human Care

Inspired

Sarah Rusche, Toledo Zone YWR



I was privileged to attend the LWML Ohio District Concise Convention as the Young Woman Representative (YWR) for the LWML Toledo Zone. This was my first LWML convention and this was my first real introduction to the LWML on such a large scale, and I was very happy to attend and get to know the mission of the LWML more intimately.

The opening worship service was a wonderful experience to be a part of; I sang in the choir and was very inspired by Pastor Witte's proclamation of God's love and sacrifice in Jesus Christ for His harvest and how we tend to God's harvest today.



I was very impressed by the love and care of all the ladies for each other and for the organizations they were serving financially. I knew of the fundraising efforts of the LWML in general, but I was amazed to see how intentional the district is in allocating funds for each applicant's cause. I really appreciated seeing the motion after the vote to donate funds to all of the applicants after the selection vote. Generosity is something that is really important to me, and it was so wonderful to see women making such a difference in communities, providing much-needed assistance to organizations doing God's work in the district.

One of my favorite parts of the convention experience was meeting and getting to know the other YWRs in our district. It was fun to meet a few women in a similar life stage to me while also taking advantage of the learning opportunities found by spending time with women of various ages.

All in all, the time I spent at the convention inspired me to invest more of my time and money into my local LWML group, and I look forward to a potential opportunity to be a District YWR for the LWML National Convention in Milwaukee next year.

Time for an Update?

By the time you read this, the 2022 convention will be a memory. One of the items of business at the convention was a vote on amendments to our bylaws. These amendments are intended to clarify how business is to be conducted when we can't meet face-to-face, such as during the shutdown caused by the pandemic.



Have you checked your bylaws recently? Do your bylaws contain ways to smoothly run a meeting via Zoom, or over the phone? If this information is not in your bylaws, is it in the standing rules? The Structure Committee is standing by to help with any questions you may have.

Beth Christopherson, Structure Chairman

Are You a New Treasurer?

As groups elect new treasurers and seek to have new people sign their bank checks, many are running into legal questions they are unprepared to answer. Bank regulations have changed and groups are being required to provide documentation they did not need before. If you are experiencing these issues, contact president, Vivian Nelson, vnelsonlwmloh@gmail.com. She can provide the documentation you need.



YWRs and Leader, Mimi Schum



MITES, HONORS AND MEMORIALS 2022 - 2024

Item	April-June 2022	Biennium Total
Mites Received	\$15,361.89	\$15,361.89
Joyful Response	\$360.00	\$360.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$719.00	\$719.00
Honors/Memorial	\$956.95	\$956.95
Quarterly & ODE	\$410.00	\$410.00
Stamps	\$875.00	\$875.00
Total Mission Income	\$18,682.84	\$18,682.84

Total needed to meet the goal: \$171,317.16
 Monthly amount needed to reach Mission Goal \$8,158

HONORS

April-June

Barry & Grace Harris
 (50th Wedding Anniversary)



MEMORIALS

April-June

Claudia Sandor
 Doris Weaver
 Dorothy Kroggel
 Gayle Earl
 Gertrude Losely
 Janice Cisco
 Kim Dailey
 Nancy Weitzel
 Velma Schope

Convention Offerings

The offering of \$2,436.26 received during our opening worship service benefits the Ohio District Mission Goal to help pay the 2022-2024 mission grants. Twenty-five percent is sent to the LWML in support of the grants chosen at the Lexington convention last year.

The offering of \$2,068.18 received during the Saturday meeting benefits the House of Ruth. It is a shelter for victims of domestic violence serving the Defiance, Henry, Williams, Paulding, and Fulton counties in northwest Ohio. According to Director Kevin Boulis, their goal is to help people achieve independence away from violence. (A \$20 check made directly to the House of Ruth was also received.)



Note:

NEW

**Mailing Address for Jane Pauley
 1535 Bahia Drive,
 Marysville, OH
 43040**

Convention Photos

Thank you, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon, for a wonderful concise convention! It was wonderful to offer live streaming for those who could not attend the convention, to be able to be a part of it from their home. Enjoy convention photos on LWML Ohio District Facebook or by the links below.



Apple Users: <https://lightroom.adobe.com/shares/9292fcb323424fe585039b747cf2a820>

Google/PC Users <https://photos.app.goo.gl/9MqVtGVHkEfvEh5a6>

Photo links have been emailed to zone presidents to pass on to their group chapters. I worked with Debbie Wesche on emailing photos from my cell phone throughout the convention for the convention press release; technology is wonderful! To receive more photo information or help, email Hope at:

shboring@aol.com.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,
 Hope Boring, Public Relations Director



\$250 Thrivent Financial Funding

Is your group or zone seeking funds to help with a rally, retreat, work day, or ingathering?

Would it be beneficial to have funds to cover the cost of food for the volunteers, or supplies for activities, or to buy items for the ingathering or other needs?

Thrivent Action Team funding seed money up to \$250 per event activity is available.

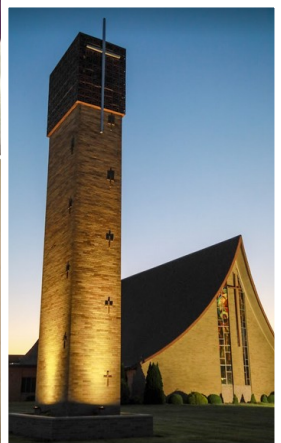
For more information on how to request funding, contact a Thrivent representative.



Thrivent Action Team



2022





Lost and Found
Say that Again!?

A hearing aid was found at St Paul, Napoleon on the day after our convention. If it is yours, please call the St. Paul Office (419.592.3535). They will be happy to send it to you!




Convention Memories





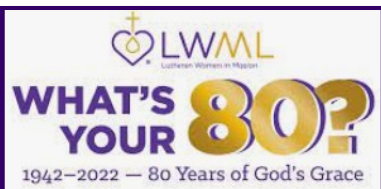
What's Your 80?

1942-2022 80 years of God's Grace

At the recent 2022 LWML Ohio District Concise Convention, there was a board on display asking the ladies in attendance, "What's your 80?" As it is the eightieth anniversary of the LWML, our members were asked to consider blessing others with 80 something. Of course, we responded in a big way. These were ideas shared at convention and we know there are so many more ideas to come!



- ♥ Knotted and made blankets for Orphan Grain Train for the last 10 years-Marge B.
- ♥ 80 Christmas stockings for our children's hospital- Redeemer Ladies in Service and Redeemer youth group-Doreen Inglis
- ♥ 80 quilts-St. Paul, Napoleon Zone
- ♥ 80 +clothing, diapers, socks, money for Birthright-St. Paul's, Painesville
- ♥ 80 years old and blessed to reach 81, 82, 83...Smile, thank you Father
- ♥ \$80 directly to LWML-Stephanie Petee
- ♥ 80 daily exercises: 50 sit ups +30 push-ups, readiness for chaplaincy-Chaplain Keith Witte
- ♥ 80 table decorations and more made for 2022 convention-Decorations committee
- ♥ 80 armed forces appreciation cards! Hurrah!
- ♥ 80 crochet granny squares to be given out Just because!-Cathy Albea-Beautiful Savior
- ♥ 80 +necklace crosses made from our new stained window glass remnants-St. John Freedom township
- ♥ 80 plus cloth diapers-Vivian Nelson and Nadine Dlugas
- ♥ 80 Lutheran Hour Ministries booklets to 80 kids-Karyl
- ♥ 80 Mini prayer shawls-Karen Shanahan
- ♥ 80 packages of socks-St. John Lutheran
- ♥ 80 witness bracelets



Thank you, ladies, for sharing your ideas with all of us, special thanks for those who provided pictures and examples of the real items. Be prepared to share even more at the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee. For additional ideas on "What's Your 80?", please visit www.lwml.org.

Wanda Snyder, Host Committee

A Couple "80's"

Miami Valley Zone Group

Susan C. Saunders, Publicity

The Busy Bees of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fairborn, Ohio, answered the LWML challenge of "What's Your 80?" by making 80 comfort pillows for distribution to nursing homes, hospice and hospitals in the Miami Valley area.



Shown are (left to right): Louise Hellickson, Louise Durrenberg, Pauline Barnhard, Gladys Zink and Terri Holmgren with a sampling of their pillows. Not pictured are Jean Carroll and Edna England.

Cleveland South-West Zone

Julie Gresko, President



Last May, St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Brunswick hosted the 2022 LWML Cleveland South-West Zone Spring Rally. May was "National Military Appreciation Month," and was the theme of our Spring Rally. The ladies took pen at hand and wrote 80 encouraging and spiritual words to our active military men and women as well as our LCMS chaplains that are currently deployed.

We also donated more than 80 diapers to The Oaks Family Care Center (www.oaks-family-care.org). For more pictures and information, go to the LWML Ohio District website under "Zones" and select "Cleveland South-West Zone".





Northeast Zone

Billie Lelle, President

A few comments from some of the delegates of the Northeast Zone concerning the 2022 LWML Ohio District Concise Convention:

Kim V - One thing that I was in awe of, having never been to a convention such as this, was the singing of the hymns. It was literally music to my ears and something I have never experienced before. There were times I stopped singing just to take it all in!

Susan S - My highlight of the convention would be the beautiful service Friday and the choir and all the singing throughout the two days. It gave me goose bumps. Also, the funding of **ALL** the grants was a great highlight.

Jan S - I was thrilled to see that all grants will be funded!

Sue M - When I am at district conventions, **ALL** the work done throughout the district never ceases to amaze. It is all done as a loving service to our Savior.

Emly B - My Pastor husband and I enjoyed the convention, it sure was jam packed. When my husband reported to his congregations on the Sunday after convention, the members were especially thrilled to hear about all the mission grants that were funded.

Jeanne S - My highlight of the 2022 LWML Ohio District Convention was the Friday evening worship service. As I stepped into St. Paul sanctuary, I felt the community of my brothers and sisters in Christ surround me. Over 200 fellow Christians had gathered together to worship our Lord. As the organ began to play, accompanied by the sound of a trumpet, and everyone began to sing, I felt that this was the sound of heaven here on earth. What a joyous, emotional, experience to be enfolded by such love as we glorified and praised our God. ...The 2022 LWML Ohio District Convention was an inspiring, joy-filled experience. However, I did learn more about kohlrabi than I ever wanted to know!

Akron Youngstown Zone

Jeanie Dinehart, President

We met at St John Lutheran Church in Akron on Saturday, April 23rd. Our day started with registration and a continental breakfast provided by the ladies of St. John's. Our group welcomed Pastor Andy Alberts to our zone as our zone Pastor. He led us in a Bible study that was enjoyed by all.



For our human care project, we made bracelet kits to be used at the June convention. Our ingathering was decaf coffee for Haven of Rest, the homeless shelter in Akron, .

A delicious lunch was provided by women of St. John. We had our annual business meeting which included election of Vice President and Treasurer. We ended our day with collection of mites and prayers.

Our Fall Rally will be held on October 29th at Birch Cabin in Mill Creek Metropark.

Convention Memories



Many thanks to Joshua Miesner of St. Paul, Napoleon, for supplying tech support throughout the 2022 convention. The portions of the convention that were live streamed (Friday worship service and Saturday meetings) are archived and can still be viewed at:

www.youtube.com/c/Stpaulnapoleon/videos

The LWML Ohio District website lwmlohio.org is being updated on a regular basis as information is received. A new "slide show" on the home page features the 13 grants which will be funded during the 2022-2024 biennium. To see more post-convention updates, stop by the site and click the tab marked "Events."

Billie Lelle, Webmaster



LWML 40th Biennial Convention

Date: June 22-25, 2023

Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Theme: Celebrate the Lord of the Nations

Scripture Verse: *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!*

The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man (Psalm 33:12-13).

Goal Statement:

As His children, we celebrate the Lord of the nations.



Cincinnati Zone

Peggy Kelm, LWML Representative

This Mission in Motions Spring Rally zoom event was held on Sunday, May 24. The speaker, Pastor John Suguitan, Prince of Peace Lutheran, gave a detailed overview of the services provided by his church for the people experiencing homelessness.

The Wednesday night meal with devotions been offered for over 50 years. Also offered this year was a winter homeless shelter from December 15 to March 31. Having to deal with many Covid-19 restrictions, Prince of Peace Lutheran combined with The Talbert House to use a hotel in Norwood instead of the undercroft of the church to provide the overnight shelter. Meals, personal care items, and transportation were offered at the hotel.

The Bridge Ministry is now open after Covid-19, with many services available: counseling, computers, educational classes, and training (i.e., how to write a resume). All this increases the need for volunteers to help in multiple ways: transportation, van drivers, food pickup and delivery. Pastor John was excited that the sit-down breakfast on Sunday mornings would be starting up again this June.



The LWML ingathering collection was for personal care items in travel-sized containers. It was completed on May 8. Thought it was not as great as hoped due to the increased cost of such items, it helped the Prince of Peace outreach to the homeless population.

Did you know: YWR is Young Woman Representative, plural is Young Woman Representatives (YWRs)

Toledo Zone

Lillian Keller, Secretary



The women of Good Shepherd of the Deaf Lutheran Church, Toledo, hosted the LWML Toledo Zone Spring Rally. The Rev. Sherril Petzoldt, pastor at Good Shepherd of the Deaf, led the opening devotion, signing with dramatic portrayls. Pastor Petzoldt reminded us to remember whose we are. In Romans 8 we read that we are in Christ by Baptism.

The rally theme, "Many Members, One Body," was based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-13. Our speaker was Sarah Rusche, a deaconess intern placed at Trinity Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio, and assigned to Luther Home of Mercy, Williston, Ohio, until May of 2022. She served the residents by doing devotions, chapel, funerals, re-introducing prayer, doing visitations, planning events, field trips, etc., helping to enrich the lives of those who have different disabilities. Sarah was accompanied by Megan O'Brien, Public Relations at Luther Home of Mercy. Sarah is the wife of Trinity Lutheran Church's Associate Pastor, the Rev. Jonathon Rusche.

Sarah asked us, "What is the role of the body of Christ?" All parts of our body have different purposes, all have different functions. The stronger parts support the weaker parts. We have different gifts/talents and can become team members for a mutual purpose. All of us have limitations and need Christ to bring us into the one body with Christ as the head. As one body we

serve together, we fall short, we suffer, and we rejoice. Having unity in the body of Christ means we work together and support a goal. We experience this in our churches and communities. Look at all the pennies that have supported missions through the LWML!

Following the program, we participated in an interactive activity designed by Sarah. We helped make the convention banner based on the theme, "Many Members, One Body."

Breakfast was served by the women of Good Shepherd of the Deaf. LWML Toledo Zone President Karen Shanahan presided over the business meeting, and there was an ingathering of art supplies to benefit residents of Luther Home of Mercy. We are thankful to Thrivent for the Action Team card that helped us purchase additional items. LWML Toledo Zone Pastoral Counselor, Rev. David DePaoli, led us in the closing prayers.





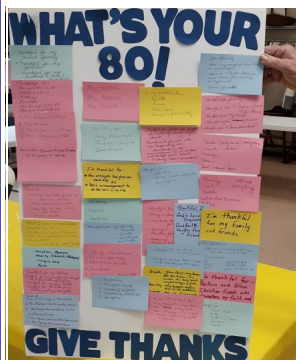
Napoleon Zone

Deb Volkman, President

The Spring Rally was held Saturday, April 30, at St. James, Burlington. The theme verse for the rally was from Psalm 119:105, *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.* Two pastors and 31 ladies attended the rally.



Pastor Strawn of St. James gave the opening devotion on Lenten sorrow and Easter joy. The speaker was Judy Kaufmann who gave a presentation of her trip to Israel. Her photos were beautiful and informative. The narrative was very interesting and the places were identified by references in Scripture.



Elections were held for Vice-President, Secretary and Historian. Marge Spencer was elected Vice-President and Debbie Wesche was elected Secretary for the Napoleon Zone.

No one volunteered to run for Historian.

The ladies participated in a "What's your 80" activity. They were asked to write down all of the things they were thankful for on an index card and the cards were hung up on a poster. The ladies were asked to bring in packages of diapers for the Community Pregnancy Center as an ingathering. There were so many packages of diapers donated that it was decided to split them between the pregnancy centers in Wauseon, Bryan and Napoleon.



Pastor Stuenkel, Napoleon Zone Counselor, gave the closing devotion on the book of Revelation. It was a wonderful day of devotions, presentations and fellowship.

On a District Committee? Me?

Your president is working on filling positions on the standing committees and appointed officers. I am looking for women to serve on the Leader Development Committee, the Human Care Committee, the Structure Committee and to be our Archivist/Historian.

Here are a few questions to focus your ideas:



Are you inspired to help when you observe a need? Do you enjoy working on servant events? (Human Care)

Do you have a gift for expressing rules and the ability to know when your bylaws need to be updated? (Structure)

Are you thinking, "how do we get groups up and

running again after Covid-19?" Would encouraging our Young Woman Representatives be of interest? (Leader Development)

Do you have library skills? Are you interested in where the LWML has been over the years? This year there is a workshop for historians that will enable you to build your skills in this area. (Archivist/Historian)

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