

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Ohio District Edition – ODE



Kindness and Keepers

In my church's Ladies' Bible Study, we have been reading Radical Kindness, by Candace Cameron Bure.



In the first few sessions, we have looked at Dorcas, who provided clothing for the needy (Acts 9), the widow who fed Elijah when he hid from Jezebel (1 Kings 17), and Rahab, the prostitute who hid the Israelite spies from the officials in Jericho (Joshua 2). In each session, as we see biblical examples of kindness, we are inspired to open our eyes to see the people around us who need our kind actions. We are encouraged to name those people, and decide how we will respond.

Last week, I attended a funeral for a relative, a single man who had been ill for some months. His sister drove him to doctor appointments many times. They had time to get to know each other more deeply and share their faith openly. Over the past months, his friends and acquaintances frequently asked about his health. The question eventually occurred to her, "Am I my brother's keeper?" As time passed, the answer became, "Yes, I am." As I write this, I am recovering from knee replacement surgery. I have been privileged to have a few "keepers."

Nieces and nephews volunteered before surgery to prepare my house for my recovery period. My daughter drives me to doctors' appointments and physical therapy, and she takes care of my laundry. A sister takes me to church each week. Friends and colleagues have visited, and we have been out for lunch sometimes. But even so, it is difficult to maintain a positive outlook and remember that God is in control. The hours go by slowly when you can't just get into your car and go whenever and wherever you please.

So, my challenge for you this time is to consider the kindness you can provide. I also want you to consider whether you could become a part-time "keeper" for a friend. Does your church or LWML Ohio District group have a ministry to the homebound in your congregation? Does anyone besides the pastor visit them? Could you call them regularly to see how they are doing and if they need help with anything? If you, yourself, could use a keeper, or even just a good friend, perhaps you can establish a relationship with her or him. You can call each other regularly. Talking to a friend breaks up those long, lonely hours.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity (Colossians 3:12-14).

See you, hopefully, in Canton at our convention in June!

Vivian Nelson, President, LWML Ohio District



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A Glimpse of Heaven

These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes (Revelation 7:14-17).

In this world, the battle rages between those in the kingdom of darkness and those who are in the kingdom of light. And the battle is fierce as the devil and those allied with him seek to destroy the faith of all who hope in Jesus. With his lies and temptations to turn us away from the truth, he seeks to separate us from Christ Jesus and the mercy and forgiveness Jesus won for us when He lived a holy and sinless life in our stead and then went to the cross to pay in full the penalty for the sins of the world.

At times it may appear to us that the battle is lost as we struggle against the forces of evil and are tempted from within and without. We watch as friends and family members fall and turn away from Christ and His Word. Even our own hearts and desires would lead us to eternal ruin. We are spoken against and persecuted for clinging to Jesus and the comfort of His Word.

But the battle is not lost. As the battle rages on here in this world and the Scriptures warn us of the

suffering yet ahead for believers, Jesus shows us a vision and picture of the end. He wants us to know we have victory in Him. Heaven's eternal joys are certain for all who trust in His shed blood.



John writes by inspiration of the Holy Ghost *After this I beheld, and, lo, a great*

multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen (Revelation 7:9-12).

After we are shown God sealing His elect in this world to protect and keep them unto eternal life, we are lifted up into heaven, to the very throne of God, to see a great host beyond number arrayed in white. They are from every nation and kindred and people and language. They, together with the angels, stand before the throne and worship the LORD God and the Lamb of God who has taken away the sin of the world. And who are these arrayed in white? And from where did they come? One of the elders answered John: "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them."

Who is it that we see in heaven around the throne of God? It is you and me and believers of all time who have come out of the great tribulation going on here in this world. They are the ones who "have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." They have placed their faith and hope in Jesus; they have come to the cross of Jesus and had all their sins washed away in His blood which was shed for the sins of the world. They have, by the gracious working of the Holy Ghost, come to believe the Gospel – that the blood of Jesus, their crucified and risen Savior, cleanses them from all sin (cf. 1 John 1:7 – 2:2).

It is with all their sins washed away by the blood of Jesus and clothed in the perfect righteousness of Christ that they stand before the throne of God and before the Lamb and serve God day and night in His temple. It is because they have been cleansed in the blood of Jesus that God dwells among them and removes from them all the troubles of this fallen world.

As the Scripture reveals to us, "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

Though the battle rages on here in this world, we have seen the end. In Jesus and for the sake of His blood shed for us on the cross, we have the victory. He has shown us a glimpse into heaven and the glory that is ours there for Jesus' sake. In Him we trust and rejoice!

O dearest Jesus, holy and precious Lamb of God sacrificed upon the cross for the sins of the world, keep us through the tribulations of this world and preserve us unto the everlasting joys of heaven, for the sake of Your cleansing blood. Amen.

Everett Green, Jr. Pastoral Counselor

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Card Ministry

Writing a card to someone is one of the easiest ways to reach out to them and let them know you care. This summer my mom passed away. During the visitation many people told me how much they appreciated my mom sending them cards for their birthdays or just for encouragement. My mom was not tech savvy and did not have a computer or use the internet. However, what she did use was her handwritten words and cards to reach out to those she cared about. Whether she realized it or not my mom had a card ministry that impacted many people. It is for this reason that

Human Care servant events and gatherings are so important.

Isn't it true for everyone, that we love receiving cards in the mail? It's always so nice to know someone cares about you. Do



you send cards to those around you? You can reach out to a friend, sick person, or someone living through a rough time. You can also write an encouraging note to let a person know you care about them.

Your LWML Ohio District group could have a servant event by writing out cards to nursing home residents, homebound church members, missionaries, seminary students. I am sure there are many more ideas. I recently attended a retreat where we wrote a card to each resident of the Filling Home in Napoleon. One of the workers told me how much the residents would enjoy receiving a card since many did not get much mail.

We can show Jesus' love by reaching out to others with a card, encouraging words and Scripture. It is a great way to connect with others and let them know we care.

Deb Volkman, Human Care Committee Chairman





Wonderful Resources

As I was thinking about what I was going to write, I

brought up the LWML app on my phone. The app has so much information right at our finger tips.

There is a weekly podcast called *LWML on the Go* which is very uplifting. You can also read the daily Mustard Seed devotions on the app. There is also a Prayers tab. The recent Prayer on

the app is for Grant #1 Orphan Grain Train which was just approved at the convention in Milwaukee.

The Mite Report shows that as of August 31, the LWML has received \$524,525.76 in mites. A monthly tab features resources with links that will take you right to the information.

When I'm planning an event for the Central Zone, I always look at the LWML resources that are available. If you haven't looked at the LWML app recently, I would highly recommend bringing it up on your phone or computer. If you don't have it on your device, you can download the app:

- For an Android phone or tablet, go to the Google Play Store and search for LWML.
- If you have an iPhone or iPad, go to the App Store and search for LWML.

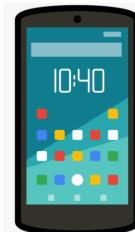




If you were unable to attend the convention in Milwaukee you can go to <u>lwml.org</u> to view the livestream from the convention.

We are very blessed to have all these great resources available to us.

Stephanie Petee, Christian Life Committee Chairman

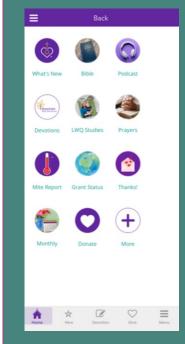


New LWML App

to enhance your experience on the go!

With the Lutheran Women's Missionary League app you'll always be only a tap away from Mustard Seed devotions, LWML Mission Grant updates, and more!

- Daily Mustard Seed Devotions
- t LWML On The Go Podcast
- † The League Pledge and Songs
- † LWML Mite Goal Progress
- † Mission Grant Updates and Thank You's
- † Mission Servants Activities LWML News





Following

Are you on LWML Ohio District Facebook? If not and you have a Facebook account go to <u>LWML Ohio District</u> to join our 170 members! Top five reasons to join:

- See what other groups are doing for Jesus
- Receive encouraging devotions from time to time
- Make new friends
- Keep up to date with LWML Ohio District News
- Keep informed about the 2024 LWML Ohio District Convention June 21-24 in Canton, Ohio!

Follow us on Instagram at **ohiodlw** for minute-byminute information during various events.

If you have an Instagram account, add this to your following. Invite others to this social media platform!

We have 19 Followers!

Spread the news of the 2024 LWML Ohio District Convention, June 21-24,

"The Lord is My Strength and My Shield," based on Psalm 28:7.

Hope Boring, Public Relations Director

Quarterly and ODE Subscriptions

Subscription reductions are due March 1 for the *Quarterly* and *ODE*.

Does your society or church need to reduce the number of copies of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* or the *ODE*? Quantity reductions are processed once a year and must be received by March 1 to take effect with the summer 2024 edition.

Please contact Kim at <u>kimkleinLWML@neo.rr.com</u> to decrease (or increase) the quantity of printed/mailed copies of the *Quarterly* or *ODE*.

A PDF version of the *ODE* is available AT NO COST to you, not just print subscribers. PDFs can be forwarded by email or printed in your church office. If you would like a PDF version, email Kim Klein at <u>kimkleinLWML@neo.rr.com</u> to add your name or your church to the email distribution list.

Kim Klein, Subscription Manager

Volunteers Needed!

The LWML Ohio District Nominating Committee is looking for more leaguers who will put their name in nominations for the 2024 election ballot.

Positions up for nomination are:

- † President
- † VP of Human Care
- † VP of Servant Resources
- † Financial Secretary
- † Nominating Committee

At the time of this writing, some of these positions have a person committed. We are in need of filling all positions with at least two nominees and the Nominating Committee will need nine volunteers.

The Nominating Committee is eager to hear from you.

Contact any one of the following to ask about an office or to volunteer:

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Doreen Inglis <u>lwmldoreen@yahoo.com</u>

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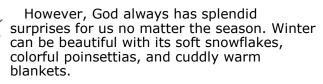
Lisa Rhonemus IIrhonmus2012@gmail.com

Prayers for those who wish to consider this service to our LWML Ohio District. This can be done by asking another to serve or volunteering your name for office.

Doreen Inglis, Nominating Committee

<u>Missions, Mites, and Winter</u> <u>Delights</u>

Can it really be winter already? It seems we enjoyed those warm days and crisp nights of autumn, and now they are behind us.

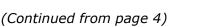






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The cookies, special meals, and favorite Christmas carols enliven our lives and delight our stomachs. But winter also reminds us time moves quickly, and the year is rapidly approaching its end. The months left to meet the 2022 – 2024 mission goal are becoming fewer and fewer. Please continue to send your mites to support those mission grants that still need to be funded.

One of those grants that needs your support is the **Ecumenical Shelter Network of Lake County**. It is also known as Project Hope for the Homeless. It remains the only homeless shelter in the county. The \$10,000 grant awarded to Project Hope for the Homeless is being used to help support expanded hours for the shelter as well as offering care and guidance to the families and children that are served during weekends and on those special days when schools are closed. The extra guidance to these families is being provided by a newly hired weekend Family Services Specialist.



Payment for the grant for Project

Hope for the Homeless was requested to be paid on January 1, 2023, April 30, 2023, and December 31, 2023. Mites are still needed to complete the funding for this grant.

The **Lutheran Braille Worker Center in Ohio** was also awarded a \$10,000 grant. God be praised that this grant was fully paid on June 1, 2023. This grant provided needed funds to purchase paper and other supplies for Braille production within Ohio. Braille resources include large print books and audio Bibles at the Production Centers in Fairlawn and Cincinnati. The Word of God is reproduced one dot at a time at these Lutheran Braille Centers.

As we prepare our hearts and homes for the holiday season, remember all glory, honor and praise belong to our Lord as we collect the funds needed to meet our mission goal. He is the true source of all our blessings and our example to follow as we serve others. May we continue to serve our Lord with gladness.

Jeanne Schimmelmann, Mission Grants Committee

29th Biennial LWML Ohio District Convention

When: June 21-22, 2024

Where: The Holiday Inn Canton –

4520 Everhard Road Northwest, Canton, OH

Join your sisters in Christ for this exciting and inspiring event! LWML local groups can send two delegates and designate two alternates. All convention business, including bylaw amendments, mission grants, and officer elections, will be voted on by these women. Don't forget to begin planning your zone banner. A detailed description of the banner parameters will be provided by your Zone President in the near future.

You can serve as a delegate or even an alternate from your church.

It's time to get excited! Don't miss out!

Theme Verse: The LORD is my strength and my shield (Psalm 28:7a); in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

Logo: With God's love, the figure has the strength needed to bear the weight of life. Our value to the Lord is manifested through the gold shield of His protection. The white cross is our Lord, which is as pure as His promise. We each bear the purple heart of prayer when we petition God's forgiveness, His love strengthens and shields us.



salm 28:7a

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LWML Ohio District 2024







Defiance/Napoleon Zone

The Defiance and Napoleon Zone Fall Retreat took place on Saturday, September 16 at St. John Lutheran in Stryker, Ohio. The theme was "Serve the Lord with Gladness" based on Psalm 100:2a. We started our day with a church service with Reverend Jacob Stuenkel and Reverend Eric Moquin.

This year for the retreat the women could participate in four different servant events. The



women at the retreat put together 64 baby layettes for Lutheran World Relief, 96 hygiene kits for Orphan Grain Train, 29 bath kits for House of Ruth and they wrote out 149 cards to the residents of the

Filling Home. After the servant events the women

participated in a prayer walk. We enjoyed a fabulous lunch. We ended the day with a devotion and prayers from Reverand Moquin. It was truly a day of service, reflection, fellowship, and fun.



Deb Volkman, Napoleon Zone President



The 30th Annual LWML Northeast Ohio Fall Retreat was held on September 23rd at the Environmental Learning Center Lake Metropark in Concord. The theme was Free to Serve – Free In Deed based



on 1 Peter 2:16. Members were welcomed by the Sub Zero Mission Bus as their church and personal donations were given as the Ingathering collection.

The bus was near full when it drove away an hour later filled with coats, boots, sleeping bags, small tents, hats and gloves for the homeless. Monetary donations in the amount of \$205 was also given.



Ruth Pangrace

Ruth and Hannah Mowery welcomed 37 registrants. A light continental breakfast

was enjoyed. Zone President Billie Lelle welcomed all to the retreat. We were shocked at the entrance of our guest speaker, Ruth Pangrace in full Civil War attire as she portrayed Elizabeth Van Lew, "Crazy Bet.". Ruth dazzled us all with her portrayal of a woman who infiltrated a civil war P.O.W. camp, using her own codes to get messages to the Union generals. She was a woman who walked with God each day of her life and stayed true to her Lord, His ways and teachings, while keeping a keen eye on her enemies and sense of humor in creating the persona of "Crazy Bet".

Our ears and hearts were lifted in song with Erin Cardina and Deb Hoffman throughout the retreat. Bible study and devotions were led by Pastor Steve Berndt. Skits were presented by members of the retreat committee. Retreat Chairman Ruth Mowery and her daughter stumped us all with a Bible trivia game as Billie Lelle led a walk in the woods, "God's plans for you-No code needed, just God's Word." We enjoyed two games led by Ann Marie Bollas. The retreat committee also provided a delicious lunch. Mites offerings collected at the retreat will be given as an Honorarium in the amount of \$563.71.

Kelly Hines, Northeast Zone



Our LWML Ohio District group at St. Paul Parkersburg remains very active for such a small group. In March we held a RADA Cutlery sale and raised \$250 for mites.

In June we held our annual yard sale. This is a donation-only sale and the proceeds go to local charities. We donated to Latrobe Street Mission (serving the homeless) and the layette project for our local hospital WVUP Camden Clark. Thanks to a



tremendous amount of hard work and many volunteers, a \$250 donation from Thrivent, and our wonderful community, friends, and families we were able to present Latrobe with a check for \$2,500 and our layette project received \$500. During July, we began a back to school project for three teachers here at St. Paul. They gave us a wish list and with generous donations we were able to fill their lists and present them each with \$200 in gift cards.

We support an ongoing mission called "Soles for Souls," which collects shoes and refurbishes them and sends them everywhere in our country as well as all over the world. In August, our members and congregation collected and delivered 80 pairs of shoes to Cobbler John's in Marietta, Ohio to be refurbished.

They have received 27,200 pairs of shoes since they began in 2016.

We continue to praise God and are thankful for so many ways to serve Him with gladness.

Jo Lea Frye, Central Zone



Ohio District Edition



Lima-Van Wert Zone

Lima-Van Wert's fall rally was held on

September 23 at Immanuel Lima. The group collected personal care items for Phil's Friends. Phil's Friends is a Christ-centered organization that brings hope and support to those affected by cancer.



and personalized cards and tied/tucked fleece blankets for Phil's Friends.

Beth King, Lima-Van Wert

The ladies also colored







Our estates are full of God's gifts. One of the greatest joys of life God gives us is to give away His gifts and to be able to see the joyful response of those receiving them.

Returning God's Blessings

Through it all, we aim to share Jesus with the families we love and the ministries we support. Putting a plan to-

gether to bless both family and ministry is an honor. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started.

Contact Linda Gage at: Linda.Gage@lfnd.org Phone: 800-741-4138 Website: <u>lwmlgiftplan.org</u>



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Why do I want it and how do I get it?

An eBlast is an occasional email message that is sent from <u>lwmlohio.org</u> to members of the LWML Ohio District who have requested to receive them. It is a quick way for important or time sensitive information to be distributed.

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Billie Lelle, Webmaster

MITES, HONORS AND MEMORIALS

2022-2024 MITES, HONORS AND MEMORIALS, 2022 - 2024 July-Sept. Bienniun. 2023 Total Mites Received \$9,693.33 \$93,816.98 Jovful Response \$495.00 \$2,395.00 Thrivent Choice Dollars \$42.00 \$2,407.00 Honors/Memorial \$1,024.56 \$3,276.51 Quarterly & ODE \$215.50 \$5,986.50 Stamps \$0.00 \$935.00 **Total Mission Income** \$108,816.99 \$11,470.39

> Total needed to meet the goal: \$98,583.01 Monthly amount needed to reach Mission Goal \$16,430

HONORS July-September All of the LWML women who serve the Lord with gladness LWML ladies everywhere

July-September Larry Holers Lorna Von Deylen Howard James Behlmer, Jr. Kathy Badenhop Keith Dixon Eileen Fitzenreiter Kim Dailey Dorothy Landskroener

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ODE Submissions

approval to:

Submit news, pictures, and articles for

Zones: Zone President

District: District President & Sr. Pastoral Counselor

Deadlines for article submissions:

Quarter	Month/Day	
Spring	January 5th	
Summer	April 5th	
Fall	July 5th	
Winter	October 5th	

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