



Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Ohio District Edition – ODE



Anticipation and Concern

I want to share with you my anticipation of our upcoming convention in June. Our theme is Psalm 28:7a, *The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped.* My study Bible points out that *strength* represents offensive power, the *shield* represents defensive power, and God blesses all his people as he blessed David.



Our Bible study leader will be Dr. Timothy Saleska, a professor at Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis. He has written a commentary on the Psalms and served two Ohio congregations. One of his former members assured me that, “He was the most effective Bible study leader we have ever had!”

Our keynote speaker will be the Rev. Kristopher Whitby, from the Northern Illinois District. He was an LWML counselor a few years ago. I heard him lead a Bible study one morning at the convention in Milwaukee. You won’t want to miss his presentation!

We have a mission speaker, Rev. Dr. Matthew Heise with the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. LHF received one of our mission grants this past biennium. He is looking forward to thanking us for the support and updating us on the production of the Bible meant for teens.

Rev. Ryan Kleimola, our District Pastoral Counselor, will speak to us at the worship service on Friday evening.

Details: The convention will be June 21-22 at the Holiday Inn in Canton, Ohio. We have kept the registration fee as low as we could. The hotel offers a reduced rate for LWML members who stay on Thursday, Friday and/or Saturday nights. Servant events begin at 10 a.m. on Friday and the convention itself opens at 1:00 p.m.

I have invited excellent speakers, the hotel is a beautiful facility, and the host committee is working hard to ensure all

will run smoothly. Each church in our district can have two voting delegates. So, plan to come with a friend for a wonderful LWML experience!

Reminder

We passed a budget in June, 2022 of \$190,000. As of December 2023, our receipts totaled \$134,842. That leaves us with just over \$55,000 behind. Our fiscal period ends March 31.

It should be noted that our mission grants have all been fully paid. But the shortfall affects publications and meeting expenses.

Most of us know we have fewer group meetings, which is where many contributions originate. So we need to be more intentional about our support. Here are some suggestions:

- ♥ Have a quarterly or monthly mite offering during or after worship services. Remind people of the mission grant recipients.
- ♥ Budget an offering monthly and set up automatic charges to your credit card or withdrawals from your bank account. Financial Secretary Janet Pauley can help. Her contact information is on the back page of this edition.
- ♥ Have a pledge walk for mites at a nearby park to celebrate spring's first day.
- ♥ Plan a bake sale or a pizza sale for a day when there is a big athletic event in your area.

You will have better ideas of your own. But please remind your members of LWML's good work and encourage their support.

Thank you for all you do, for the Lord, and for the LWML. I will close with a Bible verse from a coffee mug I received for Christmas: *“Let all that you do be done in love”* 1 Cor. 16:14.

Looking forward to seeing you in June!

Vivian Nelson, President

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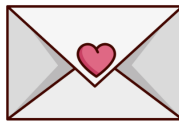




Letters from Christ

Timothy Keller shares an intercontinental exchange from the 1960's that can help us realize God's work in our lives and others' lives. Keller tells of Russian Cosmonaut, Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space in 1961. A few months after Garagin's pioneering space flight, the Premier of the Soviet Union, Nikita Khrushchev, in support of atheism, observed about the flight, "Gagarin flew into space, but didn't see any god there."

To Krushchev, as an atheist this was confirmation of his views, comfort for his misguided conscience, and a healthy dollop of snarky shade thrown at Christian followers. C. S. Lewis was a contemporary of Cosmonaut Gagarin. In response to this quip from Krushchev, C. S. Lewis wrote, "If there is a God who created the world and created us, I could no more 'meet' Him than Hamlet could meet Shakespeare. If Hamlet wants to prove there is Shakespeare, he's not going to be able to do it in a lab, nor is he likely to find Shakespeare by going up to the top of the stage. The only way he will know something about Shakespeare is if Shakespeare writes something about himself into the play."



We have passed Christmas where the joy of the incarnation is brought front and center to our minds. We recall the Word made flesh dwelling among us and this is the good news we have and can share with the world. As we approach warmer days and the rest of the Church year ahead of us, it is monumentally imperative that we continue to meditate on the reality that God reveals Himself to us.

At the same time we get the opportunity to reveal Him to others. Paul's words in Romans 10 are so often reserved for pastors: *How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?* Perhaps rightly so on some levels as it talks about preaching and sending. However, there is a reality that we all have an opportunity to tell people about Jesus. This is so they can hear how He has become a part of our story. Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 3:2-3 tie this all together in my mind as he says: *You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.*

Each of us carries the peace that passes all understanding in our hearts as we go forth in our lives in the name of Christ. This peace needs to be shared for people to know about. We will never understand it, but we, for the sake of the world around us, can live from it. My prayer for the LWML ladies and for all of our sisters and brothers in Christ is that we would continue to know God has written Christ into our story and he places us into others' lives so we can share that Good News with the world that needs to be

changed by it.

May God bless you as you dwell in Him and bring Him to others. Looking forward to seeing you at the convention!

Pastor Kleimola, Jr. Pastoral Counselor

Remembering Janice Breitner

I am honored to write this article about my sister in Christ, Janice Breitner. Our Lord called Janice to her heavenly home on the 12th of December.

If you knew Janice, you know she loved the Lord with all her heart, soul, and mind as it says in Matthew 22:37. She was a beautiful person inside and out. I will always remember her beautiful smile and positive outlook on life.



Janice was a faithful member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Janice has served in various roles including Toledo Zone President and LWML Ohio District Vice President of Christian Life which she was elected to in 2022. She served as Secretary to President Joy Dougherty.

When I think of Janice, the following Scripture comes to mind, *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing* (2 Timothy 4: 7-8).

Janice, our dear friend, will be missed. May God guide us to continue serving the Lord with Gladness just as she did, in her honor.

Stephanie Petee, Christian Life Committee Chairman

Convention Updates:

The 2024 LWML Ohio District Convention is fast approaching. The committees have been hard at work making plans for a successful convention.

We have started having our monthly meetings to finalize all details. The Akron Youngstown Zone looks forward to welcoming you in June. See you then!

Jeanie Deinhart, District Convention Co-Chair

YOU'RE
invited



Working to Support Missions

For the 2022-2024 biennium, delegates at our June 2022 LWML Ohio District Convention voted to fund 13 different missions grant requests. With your mites, we were able to fully fund all 13 grant requests before the end of 2023. The grant recipients expressed their gratitude through emails and letters. A few quotes from those emails and letters of thanks are:

• "We at the Seminary would like to thank you for your recent contribution. Gifts, such as yours, allow us to provide the finest theological education to the future pastors, deaconesses, and missionaries who will serve The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and our partner churches worldwide. I thank God for you ..."

• "There are no words to convey the gratitude felt by every student and their family for the support provided by the Ohio LWML. These funds provide dairy, fruits and vegetables, pork and beef as well as cereal and other staples for our students and their families."

• "I had the privilege of volunteering with LBW staff at the LWML national convention this past June. We were overwhelmed and heartened by the number of Lutheran organizations that LWML supports to help meet peoples' basic needs and challenges in their lives. In so doing, the love of Christ and the Gospel message are shared. Thank you LWML Ohio District members, blessing us to be a blessing to the blind and visually impaired."

• "We humbly thank you for ... the generous LWML grant. Your ... support has aided our two-part mission within this ministry: 1) the direct care of military veterans ... and their families; and 2) congregational support and training... Your generosity enables us to continue providing them, as well as their families, with free Christ-centered aid and counseling... Thank you"

The LWML Ohio District Mission Grants Committee would like to thank all of you for supporting so many missions this last biennium with your mites!

The grants committee received 22 mission grant requests for the 2024-2026 biennium. With God's guidance, we have been diligently working to choose the grant requests that we will be submitting for your vote at the June 2024 LWML Ohio District Convention. Thank you for your continued support.

Dorene Henschen, VP of Gospel Outreach



LWML Ohio District Convention Banner Instructions

Each zone is encouraged to bring a banner to the convention. It should have a design which illustrates our theme: The Lord is My Strength and My Shield. This is based on Psalm 28:7a, *The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.*

Here are some details:

- † The finished banner size should be 3' x 5'.
- † You may not use the convention logo on your banner, but please try to find a design which reflects our theme.
- † You can use your choice of colors.
- † Please do not use heavy or bulky fabrics, as the banner should be easy to manage when carried.
- † Your zone's name should be on the front of the banner, abbreviated, if necessary. Also indicate your zone name on the lower left corner on the back side of the banner.
- † Attach two ties to the back of the banner. One tie should be at the center of the banner width, about 10"-12" from the top. The other tie should be at the center of the banner width, about 10"-12" from the bottom. These ties should be long enough to tie a bow around a 2" pole. Please stitch the ties to the back, and avoid using Velcro for them, as it has proved ineffective.
- † At the top, attach the banner to a 1" dowel with an eye screw on each end of the dowel. Use a strong 1/4" or larger-diameter cord. Make a small loop at the center for hanging. Secure the cord through each eye screw. Knot the cord on the outside of each screw.

We understand that it is becoming difficult to find people who enjoy making banners. If necessary, you may choose to use a banner your zone has brought to a previous convention, or you may make a banner to represent your zone that you might want to use again in the future, with a general LWML theme. It is also acceptable to have the banner professionally printed on vinyl.

Vivian Nelson, President





Serve the Lord with Gladness

Positions are still available for ladies looking for an opportunity to Serve their Lord with Gladness.

The Nominating Committee has been emailing and calling ladies of the LWML Ohio District to share the leadership opportunities for the LWML Ohio District Executive Committee. At this time there are still openings available for the following offices:

- † *President*
- † *VP of Servant Resources*
- † *Financial Secretary*
- † *Nominating Committee*

Please contact any one of the following Nominating Committee members to inquire about or volunteer for one of the above positions:

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Beth Marth: bmarth@columbus.rr.com

Beth Marth, Nominating Committee



Time Slips By

I'm writing this during the first week of January, but spring will be here before we know it. Do any of you still do spring cleaning? I must admit, that's something that I put off as long as possible, which only makes the job more difficult, but it must be done.

Here in our LWML Ohio District, the approach of spring signals putting the final touches on the convention being held this summer in Canton. And it's also time for zones to hold their spring

rallies, when bylaws amendments are typically voted on by the membership.

Time may feel like it is running short. But, there is still time – time for any zones who are working on amendments to their bylaws to submit them to the Structure Committee for review before we all settle into "convention mode." I would like to thank those zones who have already worked on updating their bylaws and sending those changes to us for review.

The Structure Committee is always available to offer advice on any changes you feel need to be made. It's time!

*Beth Christopherson, Structure
Committee Chairman*

Stay Connected

Who will you invite to the LWML Ohio District Convention this June? Bring a lady friend for a day of blessings and encouragement. If you're able to pay their way, they might come and spend a day with you and God. It's a great way to become closer with your friends.

Don't forget to check or post important Zone happenings/pictures of how God is working in your church/zone on Ohio District LWML Facebook Group Page.

Recently we had some ladies needing prayers and encouragement, ODLWML Facebook has been a place for this. Remember this is your group page. If you're not on Facebook, why not consider this important fellowship ministry. It's a great way to stay connected to each other in between various gatherings. Don't forget to invite your young ladies (Or you) to follow ohiolw on Instagram! See you in Canton this June!

Hope Boring, Public Relations Director



Dates to Remember:

**Registration Deadline
for Delegates/
Alternates:**

April 30, 2024

**Registration Deadline
for All Others:**

May 24, 2024

NO REFUNDS AFTER:

May 24, 2024

***LWML District
Convention***

***Starts:
June 21, 2024
1 p.m.***

***Ends:
June 22, 2024
4:30 p.m.***

† **Servant Events:
Friday 10-12 p.m.**

† **Lunch: Friday
12-12:45 p.m.**

† **Interest Sessions:
Friday Afternoon**

† **Breakfast: Saturday
7-8:30 a.m.**

† **Interest Sessions:
Saturday Afternoon**

† **Pastor Interest
Session: Saturday
Afternoon**



Attention Pastors

The LWML Ohio District extends a heartfelt invitation to all pastors to attend the 2024 LWML Ohio District Concise Convention. Please join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we gather together to praise and glorify our Lord, June 21-22.

The Pastoral Counselors of the LWML Ohio District will be presenting an Interest Session on Saturday which will offer pastors a guided discussion on how clergy can best be a supportive part of the mission of the LWML. Though the interest session is not listed on the registration forms, all pastors are welcome to join the conversations.

Pastor Kleimola, Jr Pastoral Counselor

A BIG Thank You!

I want to thank Kim Klein for all her dedication on being our Subscription Manager and ODE Proofreader for so many years! She has superb spelling smarts, finesse with fixing my formatting fumbles, and a great grasp at grammar! She will be missed massively!

These are big shoes to fill but we have faith that one of you ladies is up for the task. If you are detail-oriented, can use Excel and Email and believe you would be a good fit, reach out to President Vivian and Kim Klein for more details.

Starshine Graziadei, ODE Editor

Akron Youngstown Zone

The Akron Youngstown Zone met October 21 for our Fall retreat. As always, we met at the Birch Hill Cabin which is in Mill Creek Park in Youngstown. The day was rainy but we enjoyed our time together with a warm fire in the fireplace.

Our theme for the day was God Will be With You Wherever You Go. Our Bible verse was Joshua 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go".

We started our day with registration, a continental breakfast and singing led by Susan Weiss. Doreen Inglis arranged our speaker, Patty Sommers from the Youngstown Blue Coats. YBC is an organization that assists people in need with having adequate winter clothing. Patty told our group how need in the area has skyrocketed since Covid hit. The most moving story was about a young woman who overcame her circumstances and now is self-employed by making

"survival suits" which are utilized by YBC. These suits are made out of mylar to be worn as a jacket, used as a sleeping bag or tent. She now employs other people who were in her situation to be full time employees sewing these survival suits. Patty and YBC serve over 11 counties in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

At the end of our day we helped paint a project for the Decoration Committee for the Convention. We closed with a mite collection and prayers.

Jeanie Dinehart, Zone President - Akron Youngstown

Cincinnati Zone

On Saturday, November 11, women from several Cincinnati Zone churches gathered together at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Florence, Kentucky, to count their blessings. As the women signed in, they offered mites and wrote some of their blessings on the poster provided. Pastor Poynter led us with a devotion and a prayer. The women shared one of their blessings in a round table manner. Some were typical things like family and friends, others were surprising difficulties that became a blessing in disguise.



Karyl Van Meurs-Juergens shared a story about a pot of beans and rice sitting on the serving table. The beans and rice meal is the one and only daily meal for many Haitian people, but particularly for the children and elderly who live at the Center of Refuge Orphanage and Senior Living Facility in Jacmel, Haiti. This has been a recipient of several LWML Ohio District Mission Grants as well as a (national) LWML Grant recipient. She invited us to try their meal before the abundant brunch options were provided by the women of Good Shepherd. Everyone enjoyed the blessing of the food and fellowship.

Liz Underwood explained the supplies available for painting and decorating crosses. While the paint dried, Marlis Norton spoke about the Lutheran Bible Translators and their ministry. Marie Schaffer played piano leading us in some Christmas caroling as women began decorating their crosses.

Karyl created a skit about blessings that was shared with Liz Underwood and Lisa Schock as willing cast members. What a wonderful, productive morning! The artistic variety of crosses was outstanding! The crosses would become an opportunity to visit a shut-in and gift them a choice of finished crosses from the women of the LWML.

We closed with zone announcements and a beautiful photo of the group with their crosses. It was an amazing event!

Liz Underwood, Vice President of Christian Life

Cleveland South-West Zone

Last November, St. Paul Lutheran church in Westlake hosted another wonderful Donna Snow Bible Study event.



Brothers and Sisters in Christ came together to listen to Donna Snow talk about her latest book: *Meant for Good: A Study of Joseph*, where we uncovered how Joseph's struggles showcase our need to let God's love and forgiveness lead our lives.

Our music leader, Ken Daniel, raised us up with songs of praise and thanksgiving.



Our special guest, Rosie the Comfort Dog, was taking it all in. Meeting other women in our zone for these special events really opens up to fellowship with other Lutheran women.



Many thanks to the ladies of St. Paul Lutheran church, especially to Nancy Spaudie who lead the LWML women of St. Paul to host this special event.

Julie Gresko, Zone President - Cleveland South-West

Napoleon Zone

Napoleon Zone LWML Christian Life Workshop was held Saturday, November 11th at St. Paul Liberty Center.



The women from St. Paul Liberty Center provided a scrumptious continental breakfast. Twenty-two women and two pastors from the LWML Napoleon Zone enjoyed the morning. There was time for fellowship, a devotion by Rev. Kramer from St. Paul Liberty Center and an inspiring Bible Study, "Bought with a Price - Given a Purpose," by Rev. Jacob Stuenkel, Napoleon LWML Zone Counselor. Marge Spencer gave her report on being a delegate for the Napoleon Zone at the LWML Milwaukee Convention. She encouraged everyone to attend a



convention. There was also a fun skit by Debbie Wesche and Deb Volkman contrasting LWML Ima Mite and Ima Might. The ingathering was diapers for the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Napoleon.

Deb Volkman, Napoleon Zone President

Toledo Zone

Our group hosted a brunch to honor our Veterans on Wednesday, November 8, 2023. The brunch followed a program presented by the children of Trinity School who sang and played patriotic songs, and made special gifts for the veterans. During the brunch, many of the 30 veterans who attended shared some of the memories of their years in service. A Veterans certificate and pin was given to each attendee, compliments of LCMS Armed Forces website.

The LWML "Circle of Light" program was presented to ladies of Trinity during the annual Advent Gathering on Sunday, November 28, 2023. It was very moving as we sang Christmas carols throughout the readings. We were entertained by men of the church who formed a trio and sang to the accompaniment of our church music director. Following delicious pie, tea, and coffee that was served to the delight of us all, we closed by singing "Silent Night" by candlelight. (Funding received from Thrivent Action Team)



The annual Trinity Group sponsored Concordia Seminary (Fort Wayne) Donation day gift card collection request was held during October 2023. Special donation envelopes were included with the bulletin for several weeks which closed on November 6. We were blessed with over \$1,700 which was used to purchase gift cards for the seminarians.



Piano: Garrett Anderson
Trio: Pastor Rusche, Pastor Love, Jim Hawke

The annual Hat and Mitten Giving Trees were set up for congregants to hang up their gifts of hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks over the Christmas holiday weeks. On January 5, all the gifts were collected from the trees and donated to Salem Lutheran Church in Toledo who will use them to benefit the families they serve.

The Trinity Toledo Group sponsors these and many other events throughout the year and are blessed to have a congregation of generous, giving, caring members who graciously give to benefit so many in need.

Karen Shanahan, Toledo Zone

Uplifted and Updated

I hope you take time to visit our website at lwmlohio.org. Why?

- ♥ Start your day by being uplifted by a Bible verse found at the top of the web page. Verses are chosen to correspond with the lectionary readings for the week, the church season or a reminder of God's faithfulness and He gives us love, joy, peace and hope.
- ♥ Find information concerning events within our district and zones.
- ♥ Find links to specific pages on lwml.org.
- ♥ Find needed documents: registrations forms, Mites Remittance Form, the ODE, the bylaws and much more.
- ♥ Be updated on our mite giving and our mission grants.
- ♥ Learn about our various district departments and the work that is being done by each.
- ♥ Use the "Contact Us" link (under resources) to send a message to department chairmen, your zone president or district officer.
- ♥ As you visit the site, pray for the members of the LWML Ohio District leadership and its mission-minded work.

Enjoy **YOUR** website!

Billie Lelle, Webmaster



Mites Updates	Oct.-Dec. 2023	Biennium Total
Mites Received	\$23,937.29	\$117,754.27
Joyful Response	\$480.00	\$2,875.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$51.00	\$2,458.00
Honors/Memorial	\$395.00	\$3,671.51
Quarterly & ODE	\$1,101.50	\$7,088.00
Stamps	\$60.00	\$995.00
Total Mission Income	\$26,024.79	\$134,841.78

Total needed to meet the goal: \$72,558.22
Monthly amount needed to reach Mission Goal \$24,186



Gifts of Love

Returning God's Blessings

Bringing order and simplicity is a goal of all estate planning. Do you have a list of all your assets in an organized fashion? Most people have a generalized idea, but not a specific one.

It is hard to plan what to do with God's things when you don't really know what those things are. The Gift Planning process begins with organizing. Then you get the privilege of directing where God's things will go, to family and ministry, when He calls you home. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help.

Contact Linda.Gage@lfnd.org

Phone: 800-741-4138

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HONORS AND MEMORIALS October - December



Honors:

Alma Gross' 100th Birthday



Memorials:

Corrine "Davie" Esau	Leo Gross
Berdene Richards	John Gross
Bernie Markgraf	Janice Breitner
Laura Penning	Elsa F. Miller
Rose M. Bryan	



ODE Submissions

Submit news, pictures, and articles for approval to:

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

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.

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LWML Ohio District 2024 Convention Registration Form
1:00 PM June 21- 4:30 PM June 22, 2024
Holiday Inn Canton, 4520 Everhard Road NW, Canton, OH 44718

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

LWML Zone _____

Church _____ Church City _____

Check Appropriate Category:

- A Delegate
- B Alternate
- C YWR
- D Executive Committee Member
- E Zone Counselor
- F Voting Board Member
- G Pastor
- H Guest (non-voting attendee)

Please list any special needs (diet, allergies, hearing, walking, etc.)

First Time Attendee	Yes	No	
Friday Communion	Yes	No	
I will participate in the Choir	Soprano	Soprano II	Alto
Mandatory Choir Practice Friday from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.			

For Servant Events and Interest Sessions:

Choices are listed on the following page. Please make your choices and return the sheet along with your registration and medical forms.

2024 Registration Deadline for Delegates/Alternates – APRIL 30, 2024
Registration Deadline for All Others – MAY 24, 2024
ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 24, 2024!

Convention Registration - \$55	\$
Friday Lunch - \$25 (Not included as part of the Meal Package below)	\$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Friday Lunch (Please Circle Your Choice) (12:00 PM-12:45 PM) o Your Choice of: Veggie Wrap, Chicken & Bacon, Chicken Caesar Wrap o Friday Lunch comes with chips, fresh fruit, cookie, and bottled water 	
Friday Dinner – THIS MEAL IS ON YOUR OWN	XXXXXXXXXX
Meal Package* - \$45 *Includes the following:	\$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Saturday Breakfast – Plated Breakfast (Scrambled eggs, sausage, home fries with peppers and onions, biscuits, coffee, hot/iced tea, juices) (7:00 – 8:30 AM) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Saturday Lunch (Please Circle Your Choice) o Your Choice of: Veggie Wrap, Ham & Cheese, Chicken Caesar Wrap o Saturday Lunch comes with chips, fresh fruit, cookie, and bottled water 	
PAYMENT TOTAL:	\$

MAIL MEDICAL AND REGISTRATION FORMS WITH PAYMENT TO:
Beth Dinehart - LWML Ohio District Convention – 911 E Crain Avenue, Kent, Ohio 44240
 Contact Information: badinehart@gmail.com, 330-221-9194
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: LWML Ohio District Convention

****You are responsible for making your own hotel reservation – See housing information page****

• Please list any roommates: _____

**Your cancelled check is your receipt. **

Keep a copy of this completed form. Forms will be shredded upon conclusion of the convention.

LWML Ohio District 2024 Convention Servant Events and Interest Sessions

Name: _____ Please mail this sheet with your Registration Form

Phone No./Email: _____ be sure to make a copy for your records.

DIRECTIONS: Please CIRCLE your preferences by indicating your first choice as 1, followed by 2 and 3.

Servant Events held Friday morning: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

1 2 3	Lutheran Braille Workers	Help LBW assemble braille and large print devotionals, bible studies or something similar.
1 2 3	Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank	Help assemble feminine hygiene period kits for this organization to distribute to the needy.
1 2 3	Cards to seminary and deaconess students	Write words of encouragement to seminary and deaconess students.

Interest Sessions held Friday afternoon:

1 2 3	Beth Marth LWML Gift Planning Advocate	The LWML Gifts of Love program provides FREE benefits, including estate planning and updating estate documents. Participants will receive a guidebook, <i>Passing On Your Faith~Wishes~Instructions</i> , which walks one through key information the family will need when the Lord calls us home. They will also receive a sample Christian Preamble and Family Blessing.
1 2 3	Deaconess Janet Nicol Phone Counselor Word of Hope – A ministry of Lutherans for Life	This vital ministry helps hurting souls learn and receive the LORD as their help and shield. Word of Hope provides spiritual care to men, women, and children experiencing overwhelming guilt, regret, grief, and conflict regarding a life issue decision, through the use of a hotline.
1 2 3	Human Care Committee	An additional servant event opportunity. Write words of encouragement to Ohio District pastors. The cards will be provided.

Interest Sessions held Saturday afternoon:

1 2 3	Heba Beshai and Dorene Henschen Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations LWML Ohio District Leaders	Learn about this program and its importance to LWML. Hear about cultures in different parts of the world and how embracing that diversity will bring us closer to each other. A simulation of how our perception is tinted by our own culture will conclude the session.
1 2 3	Kathy Pavelock LWML VP of Communication	Mission Adventure – Sharing God’s Love. Each participant will consider several aspects of her own faith history and how to turn that into a way to share her faith with a friend or loved one who needs to hear about how much God loves them.
1 2 3	Lutheran Braille Workers	LBW Ministry Production Center, located in Fairlawn at Fairlawn Lutheran Church in the Akron-Youngstown Zone, will speak about their organization, the clients they serve, and how women of the LWML can get involved in this worthwhile organization.



LWML Ohio District 2024 Convention MEDICAL NOTIFICATION FORM

June 21-22, 2024 – Holiday Inn Canton
4520 Everhard Road NW, Canton, Ohio 44718

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name

Date of Birth

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone Number

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Please list two persons with different addresses and phone numbers who are *not* at the LWML Convention and who are able to provide your medical information to a healthcare professional in the event of a medical emergency.

Name

Phone Number (Work / Cell Phone)

Address

Relationship

Name

Phone Number (Work / Cell Phone)

Address

Relationship

In the event of a medical emergency, I request that the organizers of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League contact the above-noted persons immediately. The above-noted people know of and are aware of any medical conditions I have as well as medications I currently take. These same persons have my permission to provide this information to medical professionals in the event of a medical emergency.

Your Signature/Date _____

Please return this FORM along with the REGISTRATION FORM to:

Beth Dinehart LWML Ohio District Convention
911 E Crain Avenue, Kent, Ohio 44240
330-221-9194 or badinehart@gmail.com

Forms will be shredded at the conclusion of the event.



LWML Ohio District 2024 Concise Convention HOUSING INFORMATION June 21-22, 2024

Holiday Inn Belden Village, 4520 Everhard Road NW, Canton, 44718
www.IHG.com/CantonOH

Attendees of the LWML Ohio District 2024 Concise Convention will be responsible for making their own hotel reservations.

The entire convention, including the worship service on Friday, will be at the Holiday Inn, Canton. Reservations can be made by calling **(330) 494-2770**. Please make sure to mention you are with LWML to get the special rate. The hotel requires one credit card on file per room. Please remember to give the names of your roommate/s to the hotel and on your Convention Registration Form. If roommates are unknown or change after the reservation has been made, notify the hotel and Housing Chairman.

You and your roommates will decide how to share the cost. No incidentals can be purchased through the room reservation.

Check-in is 3:00 p.m.
Check-out is 11:00 a.m.

Deadline to make reservations is May 24th at 12:00 p.m.
Otherwise, rate and availability is not guaranteed.
Rooms are booked on a first come first serve basis.

Choice of rooms:

Standard Room – 1 king bed or 2 queen beds - Cost - \$129. + applicable taxes

Studio Suite – 1 king bed or 2 queen beds, plus 1 pull-out sofa (full size) - Cost \$149. + applicable taxes

There is free parking on site. All rooms have walk-in showers with grab rails, small refrigerator, microwave, and coffee maker. If you have special needs (as need for a roll in shower), please inform the hotel at the time of registration. The handicap rooms are on a first come first serve basis and are limited in number.

If you choose to stay an extra day to explore the area, please let the hotel know as soon as you decide (before the deadline), and they will give you the same LWML rate.

The hotel does not offer early check-ins. Luggage can be tagged and kept behind the front desk if your room is not ready before check-in time, if needed.

The hotel will give a full refund if your reservation is cancelled 24 hours before your check-in date. No refund will be given if reservation is cancelled on check-in date.

****Please also note the deadline for cancellation from your Registration Form****

Direct housing questions and roommate changes to Claudia Allen
ckallen@zoominternet.net, 330-793-4910

****At the time of printing this form, masks are not mandated in Canton. Wearing one is a personal choice. Please be prepared to respect the request of someone near you if they ask you to wear one.**