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Spring is Coming!

Spring is coming! That's one thing we can be certain about for 2021.

Do you plant flower bulbs in the fall? I do. I look forward to the tulips, daffodils, and lilies that will grace my yard after a long winter. If you look at the bulbs as they're planted, there is no way to tell what kind or color they will become (at least I can't tell). You fertilize and water the

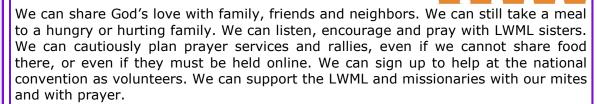
ground as you plant, and the bulbs absorb the nutrients in the soil and the moisture from snow and rain. Even after the spring sunshine comes, all you can see at first are the stem and the leaves. The color finally appears after the bud opens.

Over the past year we have had more than our usual hibernation time. We have curtailed extended family dinners. We have watched church services online. We have stood six feet apart from everyone else at the grocery store. Are we as ready for spring as the flower bulbs are?

We have been sprinkled with the water of baptism. We have been fertilized with the Lord's Supper and the words of scripture from our pastors. We have absorbed the encouragement provided in our personal devotions and talks with Christian sisters.

Paul writes, Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: the old has gone, the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17). He also encourages us this way, And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:17b-19).

Now that we are fully rested, well fed and nourished, it's time to break out of our "bulbs" and grow. It's time to regain a sense of the persons that God designed us to be. With God's love in our hearts, let us show the world what beautiful colors we have become.



See! The winter is past; the rain is over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth, the season of singing has come (Song of Songs 2:11-12a).

Vivian Nelson, President

Where's the Seminarian?

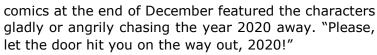
Grant #1–Support for Seminarians: Checks were sent to our seminarians in mid-November and we have received notes from them. Remember "Where's Waldo"? Hunt for the gems of gratitude scattered from our seminarians throughout the *ODE*.

Check each page for a gem, they provide a repeat reminder of the needs of our seminary students, our future pastors. The spirit of these dear, dedicated seminarians and their families whom we support is infectious. Happy hunting!

Mercies and Blessings

I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth I will make known Thy faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 89:1 KJV)

Worldly speaking, if there was a year we'd all like to forget, 2020 would make an excellent candidate. Most



However, we won't be able to forget this past year.



Too many stories. Too many highs and lows. Too many extreme examples of humanity's finest and worst actions. Furthermore, Psalm 89 encourages us to remember and make known all of God's mercies and faithfulness, including over this past year. So how was God kind

and merciful to you last year?

Here are a few of the Lord's mercies in 2020 that are worth recalling:

- In most of our churches, the Lord's gifts in Word and Sacrament were still offered regularly and frequently.
 God blessed our district and congregations' leadership with the necessary wisdom, discretion, love, and courage to press forward!
- We still "sang of the Lord's mercies" together. Not even a pesky piece of cloth nor social distancing can stop our singing of the liturgy and hymns.
- God provided an opportunity and gifts among His people to try new things at church. Many of our churches now offer worship, Bible study, meetings, and giving online.
- Many more phone calls and cards were given and received this year, trying to keep the bonds of love strong when we couldn't be together!
- On a personal level, God has been very good to my family. It's been a tough year regarding my wife's health and employment. Yet, God has still provided for our family, His mercies never come to an end. The LWML has been very good to us, daily and weekly prayers, cards, and words of encouragement, care packages, and at our local group, delivering weekly meals during chemotherapy treatments.

Don't forget how God has been your strength and stay through the dark and dreary days of 2020. Keep

turning to Him, imploring His mercies in 2021! This is extremely important because all of our temptations and struggles didn't just stop once our calendars hit 2021. The broken relationships, broken trust, division, uncertainty, and dangers of spreading a virus are still going to be an issue in 2021. But God's goodness, love, and mercy are going to remain in 2021 for us as well.

When I looked back upon 2020, I noticed a lack of grace in many places. God's freely given kindness in Christ was not freely flowing in politics, nor in our arguments over mask policies and social distancing decisions, nor in protests and counterprotests, nor in cancel culture, nor in our complaints, nor in a virus. But we know where to find it! God's freely given kindness is tied to Jesus—crucified and risen. Grace is freely and abundantly given in our churches, in His Word. And it is found among His faithful people. You know where grace is given and found. Our world really needs grace. Make it known, ladies. Make it known.

Rev. Keith Witte, Senior Pastoral Counselor

Giving

After the challenges of 2020, I am glad to welcome in 2021. I am praying that it will be better for all of us. The words of 1 Peter 5:10 are especially meaningful to me now. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will



himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. Keep up the good work; it's amazing what these coins and dollars can do!

Janet Pauley, Financial Secretary

Mission Grant Thank You

Seminarian Thomas Chamberlain: "I wish to say thank you for such a wonderful and generous gift. I am so blessed to have such a large and kind support backing me and my fellow seminarians.

I am also comforted by the knowledge that you and all members of the LWML keep me lifted in prayer. It truly is a wonderful thing to have my sisters in Christ ever before the Throne of God. I hope all is well with you."



(Photo: Family visiting food co-op)



Flatten the Curve...NEVER!

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we must never, ever work to flatten the curve of the spread of God's love and grace! Since June 2020, the LWML Ohio District has sent the initial mission grant payments to seven, yes seven of our 10 grant recipients.



Grant #2-is designated for the Support of Full-Time Students Preparing for Church Work: We have received notes of gratitude from seven students preparing for work as Deaconesses, Teachers, Directors of Christian Education, Directors of Christian Outreach, Directors of Family Life and Youth Ministry, Parish Workers. All recipients expressed excitement about their current studies and future service opportunities. One letter summed up the sentiments from all of the notes and letters. "I hope and pray that the LWML will continue to support future church workers studying at the Concordia Universities and Seminaries."

Grant #3–Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne, IN, Food (& Clothing) Co-Op: It served 75 families with no-contact/drive-through food pantry service for 12 weeks earlier this year. It is currently reopened for in person shopping, feeding 375 people (students, spouses, and children). This is all at no cost to the students as our mighty mites help with the purchase of goods distributed to them. Students earn credit for food and clothing by volunteering each quarter.

Grant #4-Placing a Missionary Couple to Proclaim Christ to Muslim Immigrants in Central Ohio (partnering with POBLO): Missionaries Joseph Beshai and Heba Mardook and their two sons have been placed at St. John, Dublin, Ohio, and have been making a difference in the lives of many. Food pantries, clothing banks, international cooking classes, and English as a Second Language classes all bring immigrants into the circle of Joseph and Heba, allowing them to share the love of Jesus. By God's grace, in December, an Iraqi Muslim woman was baptized. Soon, her husband and son will also be baptized.

Grant #6-Ohio Division Orphan Grain Train: The grant money will be used for transportation costs. In July 2020 the Ohio Division of Orphan Grain Train made several deliveries of goods to local missions and churches that assist those in need.

Grant #7-Bringing Light to those Living in Darkness (Lutheran Braille Workers LBW): The \$3,000 already received has been a tremendous

blessing for the two Ministry Production Centers we have located in Ohio. The centers purchased the paper, bindings, and boxes required to produce hundreds of volumes of the Bible in Braille. Our two Ministry Production Centers in Ohio produced 1,014 books of the Bible in Braille in English, Spanish, and Kiswahili. which were sent throughout the United States and the world!

Grant #9-Worship Anew Sharing God's Word Through TV (grant money to expand TV markets in the Ohio District): Even through the COVID19 quarantines, Worship Anew continued their 30-minute broadcasts of Lutheran worship in the six Ohio television markets in Cleveland, Lima, Sandusky, Toledo, Van Wert, Youngstown, and in the north western portion of Ohio via the Fort Wayne television

market. Worship Anew is also accessible through their website www.WorshipAnew.org at any time.

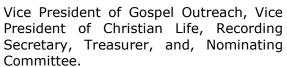
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Please continue to keep all of these projects in your prayers as you drop coins and quiet money into your Mite Boxes. Let's work to increase the curve of the spread of God's Word and the infectious love of Jesus.

Karyl VanMuers-Juergens, Mission Grants Committee

Prayerfully Consider

The search is on! The Nominating Committee for the 2022 LWML Ohio District Concise Convention is working to complete the slate of candidates for these offices:







Please prayerfully consider in which area you could best serve, so when we call, you can say "why yes," I would love to serve as..." If the Holy Spirit is already at

work and you know you're being called to serve, please reach out and volunteer to any member of the committee: Phyllis Bouic, Janice Breitner, Andrea Gernheuser, and Sharon Oberhaus.

Corrine Sattler, Chairman, Nominating Committee



Only Nine Months Left!

The deadline (lifeline) for submitting LWML Ohio District Mission Grant applications is only nine months away! Have you found a way to spread God's word and His love?



Do you need financial assistance to get started, along with lots of prayer support? Look around with your 2022 mission vision. The 2022 application forms will be available soon from your zone president or on the LWML Ohio District website, www.LWMLOhio.org.

Completely fill out the form, submit it to your zone president for approval, and then on to the Ohio District



Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Sandy Dixon. They must be postmarked by OCTOBER 31, 2021. WOW, that is this year! Happy

searching with your Mission Eyes for ways to share His love.

Sandy Dixon, Vice President, Gospel Outreach

page: Ohio District LWML.

Look them up. The website has registration forms for the 2021 LWML 39th Biennial Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, being held June 24-27, 2021. "Friend" and follow the Facebook page to keep in touch with other zones and share inspirational moments from the mission field. Open your tool box, strengthen your resiliency, and expand your talents against the storms of life.

Donna Payerle, Director, Public Relations

Mission Grant Thank You

Seminarian Eli Shaw: "Greetings in Christ! I just wanted to let you know I got your note. Thank you and everyone involved with Ohio LWML for your support generous and prayers. My family and I appreciate your kindness very much."



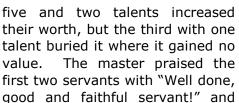
Food Pantry Drive-thru

Talents, Tools, and Resiliency

This past year many of us had to use K our talents in ways we never expected. It brought to mind Jesus' parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30, about the master who gave one servant five talents, another two talents, and



another one talent. The servants with



rewarded them with more talents. The third servant was cast outside into the darkness.

I usually see myself as the servant given two talents. Trying to do my best and sharing my talents, while learning how to be resilient in difficult times like now during a pandemic. Ask yourself, what did I learn last year, how did I use the tools God has given me. This year I've learned to Zoom, Google Meet, FaceTime, order food and clothing without being there in person, and how to use online resources.

The LWML has many online tools available to help us share our talents. The LWML Ohio District has a robust website at: www.lwmlohio.org and an active Facebook



LaVonna Rothache



MITES, HONORS AND MEMORIALS, 2020 - 2022

	Oct-Dec 2020	Biennium Total
Mites Receive		
Joyful Respons	\$19,746.88	\$32,009.40
Thrivent Choice	\$1,004.00	\$1,289.00
Dollars	\$333.00	\$1,276.00
Honors/Memoria	\$993.00	\$1,896.69
Quarterly & OD	\$1,753.29	\$2,481.29
Stamp	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Mission Income	\$23,830.17	\$38,952.38

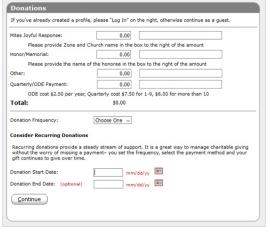
Total needed to meet the goal: \$161,048 Needed monthly to reach Mission Goal: \$10,736



What's New on the Web

Donate Button

There is a new (and easy) way to support the mission work of the LWML Ohio District. Our website, www.lwmlohio.org





button. the button and will you taken to Vanco site. Vanco is a faith -based secure provider online giving

and donations. Through Vanco you are able to make a one-time or an ongoing donation.

At the Vanco site, you are given the opportunity to set up an account or to continue as a guest. donations are listed as "Mites Joyful Response". Honors and Memorials may be made. When listing the person's name, designate if you are giving as an honor or as a

memorial. Quarterly and ODE payments may also be paid. It is important that you list your zone and church.

Once you have listed your donation information, click the continue button. This gives a summary of the information that will be sent to Janet Pauley, the Financial Secretary for the LWML Ohio District. After you have checked the accuracy of your donation, you will be asked to provide the bank routing number of your financial institution and your account number as has a donate shown on the bottom of your check, or you can make a Click payment via credit card. You will click the "I am not a robot" button and then click submit. A receipt will be be provided to you to print for your records. It is as the simple as that!

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To receive important district news and information in your inbox sign up for eBlast at www.lwmlohio.com. The



sign up link on the home page under resources or on the left column.

Billie Lelle, Webmaster

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

If your church or society needs to reduce the number of copies of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly or the ODE, now is the time to do it. Quantity reductions are processed once a year

and must be received by March 1 to take effect with the Summer 2021 edition.

Please contact Kim Klein at kimkleinLWML@neo.rr.com 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 everyone, not just print subscribers. PDFs can be forwarded by email or printed in your church office. If you want a PDF version, email Kim Klein at kimkleinLWML@neo.rr.com to add your name or your church to the email distribution list. The PDF is also available on line at www.lwmlohio.org.

Kim Klein, Subscription Manager

Mission Grant Thank You

Seminarian James Haugen and wife, Michaela: "This quarter flew by and I cannot believe I am so close to my vicarage year. My wife and I are so thankful for all that you have done for us during this time at the Seminary.

Hopefully, in the future, my wife and I can meet all of you who have graciously contributed to our lives at the Seminary. May God continue to bless you and the gifts you have given to the Seminary! God is always good."



The EASY BUTTON



W Donate

How many of you remember the Staples ad campaign using the Easy Button? There were many humorous instances when all you had to do was



press the Easy Button and your office was transformed!

When I was first told about how easy it was to donate online by clicking on the donate button, my skeptical side thought about the Easy Button.

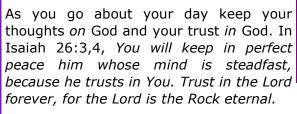
Would it be that easy?

I went to the www.lwmlohio.org website, easily found the "Donate" heading at the top. When I clicked on the button, it took me straight to a donation screen. All I had to do was fill in: how much I would like to give; to what organization. Is it a recurring donation? If so, note the frequency of donation, and start/stop dates.

Click the continue button and the next screen is for filling out the billing information. The final click is "Process" and you have donated to the LWML! Try it!

Cathy Fernandez, Vice President, Christian Life

Trust





Trusting in and focusing on Jesus will open up new ideas to show love and caring to others. An encouraging note, a gesture of goodies, or a little respite you offer would lighten and brighten their day.

Sleep In Heavenly Peace is an organization that makes bunk beds that are donated to kids who have no bed. Volunteers and donations are always needed by these dedicated people who run the chapters.

Recipients of the beds receive the bed, mattress, pillow, and all the bedding. My congregation made kits for the kids containing a towel, a wash cloth, soap, comb, brush, toothpaste, toothbrush, and shampoo, a Bible or Bible story book and a note of love.

The beds are made of wood and the day of a "build" volunteers cut, sand, drill, stain, brand with the SHP logo on the headboard, and partially assemble the bed with completed assembly in the recipient's home.



What a rewarding opportunity to show Jesus' love in action. Kids are in need all over our country. Sleep in Heavenly Peace website: www.shpbeds.org.

"Bed Build" at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Austintown, Ohio. Doreen

Inglis and Karen.)

Doreen Inglis, Member, Human Care

Mission Grant Thank You

Maguel Gonzalez and wife, Rachel: "Dear Ohio LWML, thank you so very much for supporting us. We are so grateful for your generosity. We can't believe how quickly this final year of study is going but are looking forward to receiving God's call soon. Our prayers are with you all!"

Toledo Zone

Submitted by Grace Harris, Group President

Seminary Gift Cards

The LWML of Trinity Lutheran, Toledo, continued their annual mission service project of gift cards for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. The cards are distributed through the seminary's Food and Clothing Coop to all students at CTS prior to Christmas. This year, because of the virus, the process was



handled differently. We utilized Trinity Lutheran School's Scrip program and all gift card purchases were handled by the school secretary rather than having the cards purchased at local stores by individuals.

A special envelope was inserted into Trinity's bulletin during the first two weeks of November. Using the designated envelopes, our members contributed \$2,445 for gift cards! What a wonderful outpouring of love given to the families of our future pastors and deaconesses!

LWML Christmas Card Project



Christmas cards arriving in our homes remind us of the love of others for our family. Each Trinity LWML volunteer adopted several Trinity homebound or shut -in members and sent them Christmas cards They were also encouraged to continue sending cards throughout the

year. Serving the Lord with Gladness, we shared that love with others!

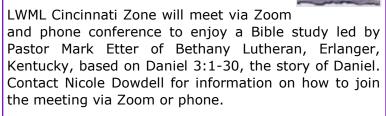


Cincinnati Zone

Submitted by Peggy Kelm

Winter Bible Study, February 6, 2021

"Godly Living in a Pagan World - It's Not All About Us"



A service project helping the homeless has been selected to accompany the February 6 Bible study. It will benefit 65 homeless individuals and others assisted by Prince of Peace Lutheran and Talbert House. Items needed: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap, conditioner, feminine products, underwear, hoodies, sweatshirts, thermal tops and bottoms (L to XXX), razors, gloves, socks, deodorant, hats.

Each participating LCMS church in the Cincinnati Zone should complete the drive by February 6, 2020. For information on delivering the items to Prince of Peace, contact Peggy Kelm or Carole Leslie. Thrivent grants may be used, especially for some of the larger items.

LWML 2021 39th Biennial Convention



Facilities Management Department is need of volunteers to serve in the following positions:

Main Floor Ushers Director. Guides guests to seating area, collect

offerings, direct quests during communion distribution, and answer questions.

Communications & Inventory Control Director. Label and palletize supplies in warehouse. Returns borrowed and rented supplies after convention. Retrieves needed supplies during convention.

Exhibitors/Signage Support Director. Delivers signs to airport and hotels before convention starts. Be aware of necessary signage requests and needs for properties.

Great benefits are offered to anyone who volunteers. For information and to volunteer to serve in one of these Host Committee positions, please contact Ruth Thomas at 812-764-5816 or laruthomas@yahoo.com.

Napoleon Zone

Deborah Wesche, President

2020 has been an interesting year in many ways. Zone activities and church activities were canceled due to the pandemic. When life became somewhat normal again, many precautions had to



be put into place before activities could be reinstated.

Amid the limited activities, Napoleon Zone decided to have their Christian Life Workshop in November. Precautions were put in place, and those of us in attendance enjoyed being together again in worship, Bible study, and fellowship. We had several skits, one of them was to encourage attendance at the 2021 LWML 39th Biennial Convention. Some thoughts from our November Workshop:

- Remember God's message of Hope.
- Grace is free and undeserved.
- Prayer is the go between panic and peace.
- Rather than worry, seek Christ.

Are we spending time worrying rather than caring? We don't have to be worried, we have Christ. We need to share His love. When we start worrying, we need to focus on prayer.

Good in today's world means okay. In the Bible good is the best or perfect example. Jesus the Good Shepherd died for us so we could have eternal life. We pray 2021 will be more normal and we will be able to gather again for the Spring Rally which will be held in April.

2022 LWML Ohio District Concise Convention

Hosting Zones: Defiance, Napoleon and Toledo

Save the Dates: Friday, June 17

and Saturday, June 18, 2022

Venue:

St. Paul Lutheran Church 1075 Glenwood Ave Napoleon, Ohio

"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 to the eater.

(Isaiah 55:10)

Watch the website www.lwmlohio.org for updates! Co-chairmen:

Judy Sonnenberg and Karen Shanahan



ODE Submissions

Deadlines for article submissions:

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



Submit news, pictures, and articles for approval for

Zones: to the Zone President District: to the District President

Mighty Mites

Directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to mites: To direct funds to LWML Ohio District, select:

> LWML Ohio District, Olmsted Twp, Ohio Cuyahoga Co

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

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you care about.

Putting an estate plan together is a somewhat complex task. There are multiple documents you may Jits need. Yet the most significant part of that estate plan is the gift plan you create, giving gifts to family you love and the ministries

Entitlement would dictate that gifts to family, Godchildren or friends all need to be equal. Grace would indicate that God has provided gifts to you to meet needs in people's lives, whether family or ministry. It is not boiler plate. You need to pray through a plan. For help or more information contact your LWML Gift Planning Counselor Linda Gage at: Linda.Gage@lfnd.org, Phone: 800-741-4138, website www.lwmlgiftplan.org.

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If payment is not received by January 31, only one ODE and Quarterly will be sent effective with the Summer 2021 editions. Reductions can only be processed once a year - effective with the summer edition for that year. The next reductions take effect with the Summer 2021 editions.

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