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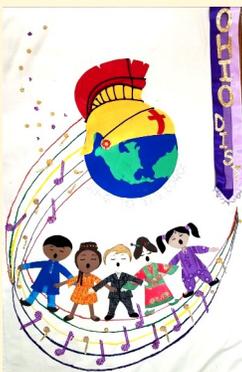
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IN PRAISE OF THE LORD!

The 2019 LWML Convention has ended. This four day celebration featured rejoicing, singing, laughing, crying, hugging, talking, and most importantly, worshipping our Lord. It was a faith-filled, inspiring event that was shared by over 3000 brothers and sisters in Christ. The theme was "In Praise of the Lord" based on the Scripture verse: *Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations* (1 Chronicles 16:23-24a). The convention may be over, but may the theme always live in our hearts.

For several attendees getting to and from the convention was a challenge. Fierce winds and strong storms disrupted flights and caused long delays and changes of flight itineraries. My plane was forced to divert from landing in Mobile and directed to Montgomery, Alabama. Ten wayward travelers had to rent two vans and drive to Mobile, arriving eight hours after our scheduled time. Others had to spend the night in the airport, waiting for any available flight. The devil worked overtime to discourage, upset and demoralize those trying to reach Mobile. Whether you are going to a convention, busy at work, or relaxing at home, the devil continually tests, tempts and threatens you. You must remain continually vigilant against his attacks. Depending on God's strength and power, you can live **In Praise of our Lord.**

Donna Pyle conducted the two-day Bible study based on the convention Scripture verse. She explained that King David was empowered and eager to bring the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem after it had been gone for decades. He was so excited to be able to bring the Holy Presence "home" that he was rejoicing, singing and dancing. Donna then asked if any of us rejoiced as we read God's Word. Do you sing and dance over the opportunity to be with God as you open your Bibles? Or have you become complacent when you worship the Lord? She gently reminded each one of us to be filled with joy and excitement whenever you are with God so your worship can always be **In Praise of the Lord.**

Pastor Dien Taylor was the convention song leader. He led the convention attendees in worshipping the Lord through his amazing music, playing the piano magnificently as he radiated his love of God through his smile, joyful playing, and beautiful voice. His enthusiasm and energy was contagious as we joined in singing with delight. Singing is such an emotional and inspirational way to worship God. As you sing spiritual hymns and songs to glorify God, may your voice proclaim you are **In Praise of the Lord.**

The Mites in Action speakers demonstrated how LWML mission grants have impacted the lives of people around the world. One mission grant gave the resources to move an elderly gentleman living on the streets of Haiti into a comfortable, safe bed. Another mission grant enabled women in Uganda to change their lives by providing sewing machines so they could make clothes to sell in the market. The funds from another grant sent a LCMS Medical Mercy team to Sri Lanka where they saved the life of a six year old child. Each speaker shared a story that transformed a mission grant into an actual, personal, emotional connection with real people. Your mites certainly make a tremendous difference in the lives of God's children. As you place your coins into your Mite Box, you are serving as God has commanded **In Praise of the Lord.**

Each day you're impacted by temptations, challenges, troubles, responsibilities and joys. You can find comfort and relief as you turn to the Lord for His strength, guidance and support. You can share His love with family, neighbors and strangers. You can glorify and honor God through your worship, singing, and praise. You can begin and end every day with thanksgiving as you gratefully live **In Praise of the Lord.**

Jeanne Schimmelmarmann, President



“Don’t Worry About It”

Don't you just hate to hear these words of advice? All of us by nature are control freaks. We want to make sure that all things go as we want them to and as are planned. This is actually nothing less than a god complex. It all came about in the beginning with Satan's temptation of Eve to being like God: *So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate* (Genesis 3:6, ESV). In mankind's effort to be controlling, we are only being controlled by what we desire.

Jesus instructs us as to the results and effect of obsessing over the things of this life; *And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?* (Matthew 6:27, ESV). Worry and anxiety never fix any problems, they only make them worse; and you get to the point of saying that "I'm just sick with worry." We need to let go and trust God to take care of things; for your Lord has promised you, *Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls* (Matthew 11:28-29, ESV).

How are you and I to do this? It is not easy as it is against our very nature; but as one chosen by the Father, you can completely trust that He will provide for all your needs of body and soul. He sent His Son, Jesus, to make a complete and wholly sufficient payment for all your sins that is evidenced by His resurrection on Easter. Christ has killed death so that it no longer has any power over you – it has lost its sting (1 Corinthians 15:55). You see, He works all things out for the good of His people (Romans 8:28).

Believe Jesus when He says, *do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor*



about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds

them. Are you not of more value than they? For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you (Matthew 6:25-26, 32, ESV).

In those many times when you are tempted to worry and you feel anxiety coming on, remember the words of the hymnist:

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Oh what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

(What a Friend We Have in Jesus, SB 770 compilation)

When you pray "... give us this day our daily bread...", know that the Lord does just that; and more. So, "Don't Worry About It," give it over to God, for He has it all under control!

Rev. Daniel Herb, Sr. Pastoral Counselor



WANTED: 2021 Usherettes!

The 2019 LWML Convention is more than an inspirational memory; it is a tremendous challenge for the Districts of Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan to guarantee the LWML 2021 Convention runs as smoothly both in front and behind the scenes.



Would you like to be an active part of the "running smoothly" action? Diana Schnack, Ushers and Pages Chairman, knows exactly how you can make this happen. Email her at diana.schnack@gmail.com or give her a call at 614-277-9949 or to say you would be more than happy to volunteer as an usher. Details to follow, but your name on paper is what is needed now. Will there be chocolate? How can you doubt that there wouldn't be chocolates!!!!





Kinds of Christians

As many of you, I was born, baptized and raised by loving Christian Lutheran parents. I was very proud of myself at age four when I would open my hymnal on Sunday morning singing and reciting the complete liturgy from memory, and silently thinking that anyone nearby must think this child is quite intelligent to be reading from the hymnal at four years old. Oh, the vanity of a child!

Because I grew up living in a small town, my church was of primary importance to me. I loved my church and still treasure the close lifetime friends of those days. I loved Sunday School class, my teachers, the youth activities, attending my first youth gathering as a teenager, singing in the choir, my crusty old pastor (who shall remain nameless), and so much more. I am so very thankful for all that the church has meant to me, and also for my parents who saw to it that I was raised in our Lutheran church.

My mother instilled in me my love for the LWML. She attended one of the earliest conventions in Cincinnati, Ohio. She was dedicated to the organization all of her 94 years.

I've been a Christian since the day I was born. A perfect Christian... of course not, but, I always ask for forgiveness daily and know that I am forgiven because "The Bible tells me so."

As the years have passed, I've witnessed a few people who have come to the Christian faith later in life. They are euphoric with the newness of the Holy Spirit working within them, along with their dedication to the church and study of the Bible. The light of the Lord nearly causes them to glow! It can almost make one envious.

Then there are others, even some friends and acquaintances, who definitely consider themselves to be Christian, who are kind, loving, doing for others, volunteering, along with other commendable attributes, but who don't consider the church, nor structured worship, a necessity. Some aren't even, as we refer to them, "C" and "E" Christians.

Who would I be to think that I could possibly judge any of them? However, one who is a close friend of mine, asked me, "Do you think I won't get to heaven

because I don't belong to a church and rarely attend a worship service?" I know she prays and calls upon the Lord, but I'll never know why she would ask ME such a question. However, the answer that immediately popped into my head was something I had read not many days before (it may have come from one of my daily printed devotions). I responded, "No, I would NEVER say any such thing. That is between you and your heavenly Father." But I will say, "If you were jumping from an airplane, it sure would be beneficial if you had a parachute."

Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time EACH WILL RECEIVE HIS PRAISE FROM GOD (1 Corinthians 4:5).

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever (2 Peter 3:18).

Barbara Berner, Christian Life

Summertime

And, as the Gershwin brothers said, "the livin' is easy" and busy! Beside the usual routine, there are picnics, graduations, weddings, vacations – the list goes on.

The Structure Committee is also busy, preparing bylaws amendments that will be voted on at the next District Convention.

The Leader Development Committee continues working with Young Women Representatives (YWR): planning events for the next group of YWRs; encouraging the most recent YWRs to keep in contact with their Secret Sisters; developing ways to keep past YWRs active with their local groups.

And what about those local groups? Hopefully, they are taking the "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" to review their bylaws and plan for fall events. Also, I hope they are looking into the newest program from LWML, "Mailbox Members," as a way to reach out to women in their congregations who are not currently active in LWML.

So much to do! May God continue to bless you all as you "serve the Lord with gladness!"

Beth Christopherson, Servant Resources





LWML HONORS OHIO VETS

Meet Frank. Frank, a 94-year-old Italian American, served in World War II and is a resident at the Veteran's home in Sandusky, Ohio.



The purpose of meeting Frank and the other veterans was to personally introduce myself as a representative of LWML Ohio District and to provide them a card of "thanks" for serving our country.

The cards were handwritten by the ladies of the LWML Ohio District servant event in

May. A total of 43 cards were written.

The cards were personally distributed to the men and women who served our country in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf War.

During my two-hour visit, I met many people who wanted to tell me their war stories. There was a 96-year-old WWII vet, who gave me a kiss on the cheek. What an honor and a privilege to meet these incredible individuals who survived to tell their stories.

Please take the time to visit a Veteran's Home and listen to their stories of bravery, survival and how proud they are to serve our great country. They will thank you as much as you thank them.

Julie Gresko, Human Care



IT'S "WE" NOT "ME"

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the following positions.

- ♥ President
- ♥ Human Care, VP
- ♥ Financial Secretary
- ♥ Servant Resources, VP
- ♥ Pastoral Counselor
- ♥ Nominating Committee

They will be voted on at the LWML 2020 Ohio District Convention. Don't wait for a call, contact any Nominating Committee member to volunteer or offer recommendations.

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As Diana Schnack said, in LWML, as a volunteer, you are never alone, it is WE NOT ME!!



MOBILE CONVENTION PHOTOS



LWML Mailbox Member Program

This program is an intentional way to reach out to women of your congregation who may not be currently participating in established LWML activities. This program promotes the value of LWML and encourages participation in ways that fit into their lives and various vocations. The resources of Mailbox Member enables women to:

- ♥ Identify and grow as children of God
- ♥ Understand and support mission giving
- ♥ Participate in short term servant events
- ♥ Find support in Christian fellowship in this secular world

For information and resources go to:

LWML.org/mailbox



Serving Our Community

Submitted by Nancy Emerick

Our St. Paul Parkersburg, West Virginia, LWML society may be small but we have found several ways to reach out to those in need in our community. Just to mention a few, we have been helping a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center provide personal care items to their residents; helping our local women's crisis intervention center by supporting various fund drives; and we have a back to school project that helps our teachers prepare for the new school year.

However, the one project that has become near and dear to our hearts and to our congregation is providing layettes to the nursery of our local hospital. This project was started about three years ago and has grown out of the love and compassion of one of our members, Ruth Gustke. Ruth has been so passionate about making these layettes that the congregation is now looking for items to complete these bundles of love.

The layettes include handmade or purchased receiving blankets, crocheted and knitted hats and booties, (these items are made with much love by several LWML members), as well as diapers, and "onesies." We also include a book for mom to read to the little one and a church brochure with a wonderful gospel message of God's love for them with our church information.

Although we don't have an exact count for the three years, Ruth has delivered over 130 layettes from January through June in 2019 alone. The hospital staff and clients are very grateful. Praises be to our Lord and Savior!

Pictured below are Ruth Gustke on the left and Doris Dexter on the right. They are assembling the layettes. Ruth is the member who has inspired us all to keep this project going and Doris is one of several members who makes the hats.



"Fish Don't Know They Are Wet!"

Peggy Kelm, Publicity Chairman

We have warm fuzzy feelings remembering the laughter Diana Schnack generated at our Missions in Motion on April 28. Diana answered the question the title poses: Fish don't know they're wet *because they've never been told!* And it is like that for our faith; people don't know Jesus if they have never been told about him. So, it is our mission, our journey with shoes, our motion, to travel to others to tell others (or fish for men!). The shoe boxes, the train (complete with whistle), the fishy signs all helped illustrate Diana's message!



The journey started with a liturgical dance from the women at Immanuel Lutheran in Cincinnati. After Jeanne Schimmelmann, LWML Ohio District President, was introduced, Nicole Dowdell kept our business meeting focused and officers were elected (secretary and treasurer) and installed for the coming year: Nicole Dowdell, President, Karyl VanMeurs Juergens, Secretary, and Pastor Greene, Pastoral Counselor. Thanks were given to all those who attended (a crowd!) bringing lots of healthy snacks and easy to eat foods for the children at Saturday Kids Church at Immanuel Lutheran. Thanks also to Grace Lutheran, including Sherri Thompson and her committee, and Pastor Enterline, for hosting this event, and to Vice President Arlene Brown who planned the event and created a booklet with all the Cincinnati Zone reports for this past year.



Changing of the "Spider on the Web"

The LWML Ohio District has had a website since 2005 or 2006 (You would think I would know for sure, but I don't). It began as a Lutherans On Line site and later moved to Simply To Serve. It will be moving to a new hosting site later this year, but will continue to use the domain name lwmlohio.org. Mike Herbstreit, who has generously provided free website hosting (Simply To Serve) will be moving the software needed to the new host site (which will be a paid site) and will continue to provide assistance with our website as needed including any redesigns or new features.

After the convention in 2020, the new president will be appointing a new webmaster, as it is time for me to give up a job I have absolutely loved doing since the website's inception and even before the position became an appointed position.

Here are some qualifications I feel are important for the next webmaster to have:

- ♥ A desire to use one's technical talents to God's glory for the benefit of the district
- ♥ A desktop or laptop computer
- ♥ A willingness to learn the editing program that is provided by the site (trust me – this is an easy software program and Mike will be there to offer assistance)*
- ♥ An understanding of the importance of keeping a website updated. Some time periods may be busier than others.
- ♥ Be able to use various WORD programs.

*NOTE: If you already know a lot about website design – you can change to your desired software after being appointed.

If you think being the webmaster for the district is something you would like to know more about, please contact me at bllelle@roadrunner.com.

Billie Lelle, Webmaster

2018-2020 Mission Goal		\$192,000.00
Mission Grants		\$85,000.00
Description	June 2019	Biennium Total
Mites Received	\$2,967.49	\$89,881.56
Stamps for Missions	\$0.00	\$21.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$11.00	\$4,618.00
Quarterlies & ODEs	\$208.00	\$9,519.05
Honors/Memorials	\$70.00	\$4,617.25
Joyful Response	\$95.00	\$1,535.00
Total Mission Income	\$3,351.49	\$110,191.86
Total \$\$ Needed to reach Goal		\$81,808.14
\$\$ NEEDED	MONTHLY	\$9,089.79

Will we make it to the end... with enough?



Returning God's Blessings

Fear and anxiety cause many to tightly clench their fists during life. Despite promises for provision, some won't believe. For all, leaving a portion to honor God confesses saving faith in a planned response of gratitude. To learn more, contact Gifts of Love Gift Planning Advocate, Beth Marth, bmarth@columbus.rr.com, or Senior Gift Planning Counselor, Pat Bilow, pat.bilow@lfnd.org or call (800) 741-4138, ext. 2.



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Liturgical dance by the women at Immanuel Lutheran



Pastor Greene, Pastoral Counselor; Nicole Dowdell, President; Karyl VanMeurs Juergens, Secretary



“Go! Teach! Baptize! All Nations”

Submitted by Lillian Keller

The women of St. Philip Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio, hosted the Toledo Zone Spring Rally with the theme “Go! Teach! Baptize! All Nations” based on Matthew 28:19. Zone President, Janice Breitner called the meeting to order and the Rev. Ryan Kleimola, Zone Counselor, gave the opening devotion on Psalm 112. “God says, “I can see you.” He remembers us forever and His Word is powerful and effective. District Greetings from President Jeanne Schimmelman, were shared highlighting coming events.

The program speakers were the Rev. Dr. Farrukh Kahn and Sara (Nora) Christian. Dr. Kahn has served with POBLO for 20 years. POBLO’s new ministries begin with English as a Second Language classes. He introduced Sara Christian, who grew up in a large family of practicing Muslims in Saudi Arabia.

When she was seven, she began questioning the practices of the Islam faith but was not satisfied with the answers she was given. While using social media to find a fix for a Facebook problem, she began communicating with a young man in Michigan who talked to her about Jesus. She decided she would do a good deed and convert him to Islam!

Their conversations continued and he suggested that she open the Bible and compare it to the Koran. Confused, she prayed and after waking one morning, she felt that Jesus was with her. She continued to correspond with the young man and tried to figure out how to escape from her home. Her problem was that male members of a family in Saudi Arabia have control over the women in the family. She could be beheaded if they found out she was considering becoming a Christian. Because of a medical condition from birth,

her father gave permission for her to travel to Kuwait accompanied by one of her brothers. While waiting at the doctor’s office, she secretly made her escape. She went to Qatar and then to Lebanon where people in the Christian church helped hide her for 1½ years. She finally was able to fly to the United States and is now working with POBLO, using social media to share Jesus.

Dr. Kahn then showed POBLO’s video “Unequally Yoked.” This video portrays a young Christian woman who became involved with a young Muslim man. Some relationships result in marriage. The Muslim men/families have techniques to make the Christian person feel comfortable. A Muslim man becomes very controlling and it is difficult for the young woman to leave the relationship. Dr. Kahn counsels young people to help them free themselves from these relationships and urged us to educate our children and grandchildren regarding their associations with Muslims. He said that God is there like a pilot light—turn the knob, it becomes a flame.

The Rev. Richard Habrecht installed newly elected Treasurer, Vivian Nelson and Becky Brown who was re-elected Vice President. He led the closing devotion with a meditation on Psalm 96:1-3. We find the Glory of God around us and on the cross. Jesus is the Glory of God on the cross.

The women of St. Philip served a breakfast buffet. A collection was received for mites and the ingathering of copy paper, paper towels, paper plates, etc. for POBLO, filled the trunk of Dr. Kahn’s car.

Thank you Thrivent Financial for helping fund the purchase of ingathering items and assisting with the purchase of breakfast items.



2019 Spring Rally-Thrivent Action Team



President Janice, Sara, Dr. Kahn



ODE Submission

Deadlines for article submissions:

- Spring January 5
- 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:

Direct to LWML Ohio District by selecting **LWML Ohio District, Olmsted Twp, Ohio Cuyahoga Co**

Joyful Response® to Mites: To donate mites directly from your checking account each month contact **Judy Sonnenberg**. She will send you a Joyful Response® form. It can be set it up quickly.

Contributions to Mites, Memorials, Honors: Mites Remittance Forms are available on the district website or from **Judy Sonnenberg**, Financial Secretary. Make checks payable to "LWML Ohio District" and send with completed form to Judy.

Websites:

- District www.lwmlohio.org
- National www.lwml.org
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