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Emerging

As I write this, it's the Easter season and many churches are just now beginning to have worship in person. For lots of



people, the return to church will involve re-forming the habit of leaving the house on Sunday mornings. In fact, each of us • volunteer to be our Archivist/Historian (including your president) probably has lots of habits to get back to, including the habits of service in God's kingdom.

A song that's been playing over and over in my head lately is "Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying" (LSB 826). I am especially singing the verse that begins, "Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do," While the multitudes are dying And the Master calls for you."



easy to say, "There is nothing I can do," while we have been in quarantine? We have become disconnected from family members

and friends we normally see quite often. Short text messages have taken the of real conversations. pandemic has given us great excuses for isolating ourselves and ignoring the needs of others.

Paul reminds us in Ephesians 2:10, For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. As we are more and more able to get out among people again, it is time for you (and me) to check in with the Lord each morning and ask, "What do you have for me to do for you today? I am willing! Open my eyes to see what needs to be done, and help me be ready to do it!"

Here is my email address and some things to consider.

vnelsonlwmloh@gmail.com

- The Ohio District has been asked to supply coloring books and packages of 10 washable markers to be placed into school bags to be assembled at the convention. Considering an ingathering at your meeting to collect these items. Let me know how many you have. Please consider to:
- express interest in a gift planning committee
- ask your questions or offer suggestions regarding LWML Ohio District. Serving Him gladly with you,

Vivian Nelson, President

The Web, the Word

If you have visited www.lwmlohio.org, you may have noticed there is a Bible Hasn't it been quite verse on the top right. The verses for "In The Word" are chosen by the webmaster and are new each day. The selected verse may be part of the assigned readings for the church year or it may be a verse that reflects a theme.

> Do you have a verse that is particularly meaningful to you? Would you like to see it placed on the website? Contact the webmaster through the website using



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anv of the "Contact" buttons/links. Include the verse and the date you wish for it to be used. If possible, it will be used on the date you provide. You will receive a message from the webmaster when your verse will be posted.

May you continue to grow in your faith as you remain in the Word, for in HIS WORD you have the words of eternal life.

Billie Lelle, Webmaster

















Icing on the Cake

We are living in an age of great connectivity but it is causing our most necessary connections to fail! Studies and research has shown that people are feeling more and more isolated these days.



"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathaniel asked Philip when Philip had told him that they found "Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth." Nathaniel guickly found out that good could come from Nazareth and the good that came from Nazareth was the good of God for the good of the world. Shortly into Nathaniel's second triennium serving as a disciple of Jesus it was very clear: Satan was crushed; sin was deleted; and death was defeated. You have to wonder if the question ever came back to Nathaniel, how leading it was, how wrong his skepticism turned out to be.

You may wonder along similar lines to Nathaniel, what Good is the LWML? Well, millions of dollars supporting missions all over the world for the last 77 years! Is there more to the good of the LWML than that? Need we say more? You better believe it! I'd like to suggest the numbers are just the icing on the cake and would encourage you to consider the rest of the cake; after all who doesn't love cake?

From the outside it may seem at times the LWML is always and only about gathering mites, but in my time working closely with the LWML I have formed the opinion that mites (appropriately named) are the

smallest blessing the gathering of the LWML provides. Lifting up and propelling the mission funding of the LWML is our God who gives life in the gathering of the women as they come together in worship, relationship and service. And this gathering of women creates connections and brings us essentials that humans need.

In his recently published book "Connected to Christ: Overcoming Isolation through Community," Brian Davies suggests that the practices of worship, relationship and service are essential to Christian community. For over 77 years the women of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod have put a structure to these three basic practices. Through rallies and retreats, meetings and events, God's women within the LCMS have gathered in worship around the gift of God's Word which gives life. This life is then lived through women in relationships with each other and with others of their congregations and communities. Finally, then (not first) comes the service.



The service projects flow from the foundation formed by Christ in Christ. He breathes life into the women of our congregation and that life is shared and in that life we serve. What a blessing the LWML provides, leading women to welcome and encourage one another in their daily

lives ultimately that many would be with the Lord, but along the way that we would serve the world with the love of Jesus. And what is gladness other than the love of Jesus.

How's that for some cake to chew on while we look forward to the LWML 39th Biennial Convention this summer, the district gathering in 2022, and the ultimate unending feast we all look forward to!

Thanks for being connected to Christ and connecting others to Him.

Rev. Ryan Kleimola, Junior Pastoral Counselor

Spring Cleaning

Do you still do spring cleaning? One of my sisters does. Every spring, she systematically goes through each



cupboard and closet, taking everything out,

washing down the shelves, putting items no longer needed into a box to donate to Goodwill. Then she

washes the windows AND all of the walls, top to bottom. Me? Maybe, I go through the pantry and pitch Beth Christopherson, Chairman, Structure



the stuff that's out of date, but that's usually about it.

The point is, even zone bylaws need a little "spring cleaning," and now may be a good time to consider doing it. Not rewriting the entire document, but checking to see if there are things that you are doing that either aren't covered by your bylaws, or you're doing differently than it says on paper. Or you may need to update meeting protocols because of continuing virus issues. The Structure Committee is here to help you with suggestions if you need them.

















The 2021 LWML Biennial Convention is is a GO! We will all gather June 24-27 in Lexington, Kentucky, so register at www.lwmlohio.org. All LWML districts gather to celebrate and praise the



Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. At convention we remember all God's blessings given to us, we renew our strength, and continue our mission work. For we are Gods' workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10 NIV).

All Mission Grants have been funded. New Mission Grants will be decided upon. There will be fellowship, new information, servant events. Pick-up some new ideas, make new friends, learn about how LWML works. Lexington, Kentucky is beautiful horse country. Please come along, it will be fun.

Donna Payerle, Director, Public Relations

Panicked Lately?

Imagine that you are at your church's LWML meeting, and as the meeting starts, you notice that you are on the agenda as Bible study leader. PANIC!



Or, let's say you have called a small group planning meeting, and you want to open the meeting with a short devotion and prayer. Did you plan ahead for this? PANIC!

No more panic attacks! It's spring in Ohio, and you just downloaded the LWML app from www.lwml.org/app so you can breathe easy.

On this easy-to-use app, among other things are Mustard Seed devotions and LWML Quarterly Bible studies!

What else is there? Check out the "What's New" button. There you will find daily Twitter devotions (you may have to download a different browser if yours is no

longer supported on Twitter) and Facebook posts, such as "Throwback Thursday" or Daily Mustard Seed Devotions.

Click back to the homepage of the app where you will find resources such as weekly podcasts, Mustard Seed Daily Devotions, Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Bible Studies, and a fully searchable Bible! You can even pick your favorite version of the Bible.

So, breathe easy, my beautiful LWML sister! At your fingertips are the resources you need for the next time you are called on to lead a Quarterly study or open a meeting with a short devotion. You're welcome!

Jean Moffitt, Member, Christian Life

Serve One Another

As Christians and Lutheran Women in Mission we are called to serve others. This might mean your LWML group makes lap guilts for a nursing home, puts together blessing bags for the



homeless, or sends cards to shut-ins. These are just a few ideas.

I would like to share my favorite service project our LWML unit does at St. John Lutheran Church in



Stryker, Ohio. Once a year we put together care packages for our college students and active military members. We apply for Thrivent Action Funds to pay for the shipping supplies and postage and we ask our congregation to help us by donating goodies for the care packages. The Sunday school

children make cards of encouragement. We include Bible verses and short devotions for each package and personal notes to each recipient. By getting our whole congregation involved they, too, experience the joy of serving others and they also get to know more about the LWML.

I love to hear back from our young people who receive these packages. Not only do they enjoy the goodies but they tend to share them with their friends and roommates. It provides a way for them to share God's love with others and share their faith.

Now maybe you don't have college students or active military members. You could make a care package for your local police or fire department, your church staff, or a seminary student.

There are many possibilities of ways to serve. Share your ideas with women in your unit and zone. Let's be open to suggestions from others. Using the gifts God blessed us with, we may find great ideas to serve. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Peter 4:10).

One way we can serve our LWML sisters this summer is by signing up to be a volunteer worker at the LWML 2021 LWML 39th Biennial Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, June 24-27. There is a need for workers and it's a great way to connect with ladies in the LWML and show God's love and kindness.

Deb Volkman, Member, Human Care















Not Going?

Maybe going to convention doesn't fit into your budget or your schedule, or maybe you're just not ready to make a trip out of state. If any of these circumstances describe you, then there are some alternatives available. You can participate as little or as much as you like from the comfort of your own home.

You can hear and see the mission speakers, the opening service, the Bible studies, the banner procession, and the business sessions by means of the live streaming service. The access link will be available on the LWML website, www.lwml.org.

You are encouraged to plan your own virtual Photo Finish Mission Walk, recruiting sponsors and raising funds for mites. LWML would like to include pictures and results of your walk when they broadcast results of the one in Lexington (deadline is June 4.) Details about sharing this will also be

found on the LWML website.

One of the planned servant activities is to make Cards of Hope for Phil's Friends, an organization that provides support, hope and encouragement to cancer patients. To make the cards at home or with a group of friends, www.philsfriends.org/cards-of-hope provides a

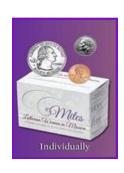


ARDS of HOPE selection of templates for cards with suggested verses. Print them double -sided on standard paper, color with colored pencils and when finished, mail unfolded cards to: Sue Frischie, 507 N. Ada St., Kentland, IN 47951

You can also send them with someone from your zone who is attending the convention. The cards need to be taken to the Servant Activities hall on Thursday morning and afternoon.

Watching this convention from home may be jwhat you need to decide that you want to go to the 2023 LWML 40th Biennial Convention, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin!





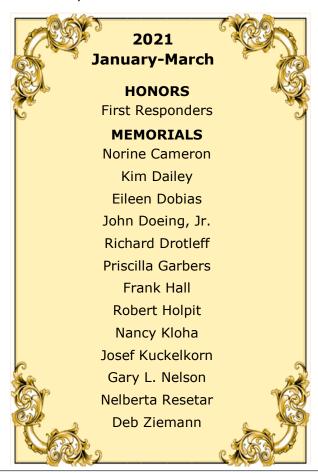
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2021 convention LWML Ohio District banner designer and creator: Andrea Gernheuser

2021 LWML 39th Biennial Convention allows you the opportunity to:

Join the dedication of Grace Place Chapel Be renewed at the Communion Service Be a volunteer worker, you are needed Be a servant at the Servant Activities Be informed at an Info Gathering Be walker or helper at he Photo Finish Mission Walk Be a participant or a sponsor at the golf outing Be a tourist, go on a convention tour Be a blood donor

Be there if you are able



MITES, HONORS AND MEMORIALS, 2020 - 2022

	JanMarch 2021	Biennium Total
Mites Received	\$17,340.80	\$49,350.20
Joyful Response	\$821.50	\$2,110.50
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$833.00	\$2,109.00
Honors/Memorial	\$1,948.12	\$3,844.81
Quarterly & ODE	\$4,801.41	\$7,282.70
Stamps	\$40.00	\$40.00
Total Mission Income	\$25,784.83	\$64,737.21

Total needed to meet the goal \$135,262.79 Monthly amount needed to reach Mission Goal \$11,272

















Christ is Risen...He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!! As Lutheran Women in Mission, we must always work to raise the curve of the spread of God's love and grace! Our mites are mighty gifts contributing



to the spread of God's Word to people across the globe. Sharing God's Word boldly is a true vaccination against the evil foe. Since the December 2020, LWML Ohio District has sent (or will soon send) the initial mission grant payments to three of our 10 grant recipients. Let's look at what our mites are doing.

Grant #5 Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries (LMVFM) submitted by Chaplain Leslie Haines, Major retired MA: Due to the pandemic, everyone has suffered in myriad ways. LMVFM, considered an essential organization, was open for those in need.

COVID-19 precautions prevented Ron, a 92 year old Korean veteran, from picking up his hearing aids from the VA Hospital. An LMVFM supporter picked up and delivered the hearing aids to Ron.

Counseling is helping John, a combat veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, to recognize triggers of his post traumatic stress. He



Pete, a VietNam combat vet, his wife, and 12 family members (some with special needs) had to shelter in place. When the plumbing broke, so did their

is learning strategies to control his

budget. LMVFM located a reliable, reasonable plumber who expedited the needed repairs.

Now that the country is starting to open, our team will start scheduling workshops and training in the Ohio District. We could not offer the services and programs for free to our veterans without your partnership. All the funds received fund services such as counseling, anyone who needs assistance, encourage them to contact our office at 260-755-2239. Services are free of charge to anyone who served one or more days in service, regardless of discharge status, and includes their family members. We truly appreciate your continued prayers and support for this ministry. ()

Grant #8 Ministry In Mission Jacmel, Haiti, submitted by Jackie Rychel: We traveled to Jacmel in December 2020, and spent time at the Eldercare Home and Center of Refuge Orphanage. Among the problems

in Haiti, COVID-19 is not one. Inflation, starvation and



other illness is still a major problem. Highly contagious, scables is running through the now. Inflation country intolerable, the average person has no recourse. When rioting

occurs, schools close and the children suffer.

Now the good news:



*The banks are still operating. *Food is plentiful as it is grown locally but there is a lack of money to purchase it.

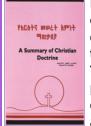
**The better news: elders in our care are untouched by

the trauma as they get daily meals and medical care because of the grants and donations of Ministry in Mission.

***The best news: the Word of our Risen Lord is shared with these dear people. Pray fervently for peace in the country

Grant #10 Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF):

In the book of Acts, an Ethiopian eunuch reading from the book of Isaiah was confused. Philip ran to him and asked, Do you understand what you are reading? And he said, How can I, unless someone guides me? (Acts 8:26-31.) The LWML Ohio District mission grant provided funds for LHF to translate Scripture from a Lutheran perspective: A Summary of Christian Doctrine into the Amharic language.



LHF has used the funds to print 1,000 copies of this book, which will be distributed Lutheran churches to throughout Ethiopia including the Mekane Yesus church body, whom the LCMS has to assist with theological pledged education. New Ethiopian believers still ask, "What does this mean?" This resource

workshops, training and other services. If you have helps them better understand and opens doors to talk about who Jesus is as it explains what the Bible teaches about the Triune God, Holy Scripture, angels, sin, grace, the Sacraments among others things.

> Clear, exciting evidence of the contagious love of God spreading across our district, country and the world. Please continue to keep all 10 of our projects in your prayers as you drop coins and quiet money into your Mite Boxes. Let's keep raising the curve.

Karyl Van Meurs-Juergens, Member, Mission Grants















Toledo Zone

Submitted by Lillian Keller

JINGLING MITES: Each month at Trinity Lutheran, Toledo, Ohio, their Lutheran Women's Missionary League designates the third Sunday of the



month as LWML Mite Sunday. To encourage participation from the congregation, the third Sunday of March was JINGLING MITES SUNDAY. PURPLE BUCKETS were placed on tables in the narthex of the sanctuary for the traditional services and also inside gymnasium at the contemporary service. Announcements were made previous Sundays to alert the congregational members to save their coins for this special collection. A total of \$772.92 was received to help fund the mission grants of the LWML.

PRAYER SERVICE: On March 30, the LWML Toledo



Zone held a Prayer Service at Trinity Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio. Reverend David DePaoli, Concordia Lutheran Church, Findlay, Ohio, was leader and currently serves as LWML Toledo Zone Pastoral Counselor. The service chosen, "Joyful, Joyful" was written by Rev. Larry A. Miller as the 2013 Prayer Service which follows

A.C.T.S.: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. It uses devotional readings from the Mustard Seed packet "Joyful, Joyful" written by Rev. Miller and his wife, Shari Miller, both active in serving in the LWML on zone, district and national positions.

During the service, the women had opportunities for adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication with hymns and intercessory prayers for the joys and needs of God's people. Twenty-two women attended the in-person service. The service was also livestreamed and approximately 10 more women were able to also participate. The comments were favorable.





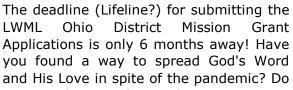
Jingling Mites, Grace Harris, Lillian Keller, Purple Bucket

Lima-Van Wert Zone

Submitted by Cathryn Nihiser, President

Our zone held the fall rally on September 26, 2020, at Immanuel of Lima, Ohio, beginning with a continental breakfast, served by ladies of Immanuel. Many school items were brought and packed for Orphan Grain Train and later taken to Napoleon. Pastor Jeff Patterson, zone counselor, led the Bible study titled "Weathering the Storm," based on Mark 4:35-41.

Six More Months





you need some financial assistance to get started, along with lots of prayer support?



Look around with your mission vision (2022 vision is much better than 2020). Get your LWML Ohio District Mission Grant Application forms (available now!) from the website www.lwmlohio.org or Zone President. Fill it out completely, submit it to your zone president for approval and then on to me, the Ohio District Vice President of Gospel

Outreach.

Applications must be postmarked or in my hands by October 31, 2021. WOW! That is fast approaching. Happy searching with your 2022 Mission Eyes for ways to share His love.

Sandy Dixon, Vice President, Gospel Outreach

2022 LWML Ohio District **Concise Convention**

Hosting Zones: Defiance, Napoleon and Toledo Friday and Saturday June 17 and 18, 2022

Venue: St. Paul Lutheran Church 1075 Glenwood Ave. Napoleon, Ohio "Lord of the Harvest" Isaiah 55:10

Updates at: www.lwmlohio.org Co-chairmen:

Judy Sonnenberg and Karen Shanahan











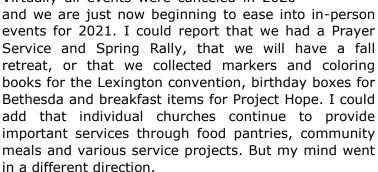




Northeast Zone

Submitted by Billie Lelle, President

When ODE editor, Karen Shanahan, put out the call for articles from the zones for the Summer 2021 *ODE*, I began to wonder just what to write about the Northeast Zone. Virtually all events were canceled in 2020





During the height of the pandemic, we often heard the phrase, "Our heroes wear scrubs." We came to appreciate the work done by medical personnel, first responders, workers. We essential hunkered down wearing sweat pants more and makeup less. Meeting together as brothers and sisters in Christ came in a new way

as church services were "live streamed" and Bible Study took place via Zoom. Pastors made phone calls to check on their congregants. It was during this challenging time I realized that MY HEROES WEAR CLERICAL COLLARS!

Some of those collar wearing heroes are our district and zone pastoral counselors. As difficult decisions needed to be made on the district level, our counselors (Pastors Herb, Witte, and Kleimola) were there to provide prayerful guidance and encouragement. When in-person meetings were impossible, they "zoomed" in with Bible studies and leadership. We praise God for our district pastoral counselors!

Here in the Northeast Zone, Rev. Dr. Kevin Guynn assumed the position of zone counselor in 2016 when the current counselor took a call to another state. Having completed that term, he has now served an additional four years. In those years, caped in God's grace, he has been a hero to our zone board by providing meaningful Bible studies at our board meetings and zone events. His "techie" skills have enabled us to live stream events and to preserve them on YouTube. He has reached out to other pastors in our zone sharing LWML information. He cares about the women of our zone and on more than one occasion, he has taken a "fretting" zone president and prayed for her. I praise God for our zone counselor! He truly is a hero in a clerical collar.

Right this Way, Follow Me Please



The Usher Committee for the LWML 2021 Biennial Convention has practiced the above lines so well that not even a required mask could hold in the brilliance of welcoming smile. Dorene Henschen, Judy Carroll, Cathy Fernandez, Kari

Waters, and Diana Schnack are prepared to meet, greet, and direct. Are you as excited about convention as they?

We had an Usher Committee eat-and-meet get together on Saturday, April 17. Due to COVID-19, new procedures and guidelines to be observed were outlined.

All 60 usher volunteers are looking forward to serving in the best way possible to guarantee you experience a memorable convention. They will be running the race and looking to Jesus side-by-side with you. See you in Lexington!

Diana Schnack, Chairman, Usher Committee



2021 LWML

39th Biennial Convention Thursday - Sunday, June 24-27, 2021 Rupp Arena, Lexington, Kentucky Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus



Badge for 2021 convention, designers, Janice Breitner and Andrea Gernheuser. Request badges by emailing Andrea Gernheuser jnagern@gmail.com















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.

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

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Why do I need an estate plan? Even as we Information & Articles for ODE celebrate the resurrection of Jesus today, we also know that His victory is so sweet because it gives eternal life even as our Returning God's Blessings present lives here on earth are finite.

An estate plan, and the gift plan that designs how God's gifts will be distributed to the family you love and the ministries you care about, begins with a faceto-face confrontation with end-of-life issues. Yet end of life is not really accurate for the child of God. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and life...whoever lives and believes in me will by no means die, forever." 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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