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The Old Has Gone, the New Has Come

Last summer I had to have a tall, old spruce tree cut down in my yard. It had dropped needles on my lawn for the previous two years and was quickly dying. I had ground cover growing beneath it in a circle that extended to the drip line. The stump was ground up, but it left a large pile of mulch.



I'd like to convert that circle into a garden with hostas around the outside edge, but hostas don't grow well near evergreens. I need to remove the evergreen mulch, and I am doing it a little at a time. The advice I received about preparing the soil was to leave it alone for a year and to apply a high nitrogen fertilizer first.

This reminds me of the paragraph which includes 2 Corinthians 5:17, *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone; the new is here!*

We are like the mulch that needs to be cleared out and the soil that needs to be treated before we can support new growth. It doesn't always happen overnight.

As I, or any person, would come to Jesus, I need to put aside my favorite sins and allow Jesus to guide me into becoming the new person he designed me to be. The old has to go before the new can come.



As we come together in convention and consider our work in God's harvest fields, we need to know that the ones we want to reach are like that poisoned mulch and soil in my yard. It takes time to let go of the old things we used to do and cling to. We need to rely on Jesus to change us and new Christians into those new creations.

Paul goes on to say in verse 20 that we are ambassadors for Christ. For my garden, I will do what it takes to prepare the soil for the plants I want to plant. Similarly, in God's work, we need to introduce people to Christ and encourage their Christian growth. We can befriend them, listen to them, share the gospel, pray for them, encourage them. Try to be a good example and show them how Jesus has worked in our lives. Remember: Even though we may plant seeds and water and fertilize them, just as God gives the growth to plants, it will be the Holy Spirit who gives new Christians faith in Jesus. See you soon in Napoleon!

Vivian Nelson, President

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Ditch to Grow

Isaiah 55:10 (ESV): *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 bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*



Our theme verse for the 2022 LWML Ohio District Convention gives us a ton of encouragement. God's Word does what it is supposed to do. For individuals who struggle much of the time to know *what* we are supposed to do, let alone *DO* what we are supposed to do, this is exactly the kind of encouragement we need.

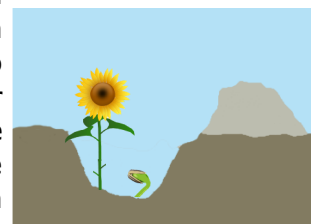
Many have worked hard for years to prepare for the upcoming convention. The ingatherings, service projects, displays, business proceedings, speakers, meals, and more have all been purposes aimed at by women around our district. As the convention comes and goes this summer we will all have specific goals and purposes come and go. Chances are we may not always achieve or fulfill the exact way we want or the way we need.

Perhaps we know this even better outside of the world of LWML. Our roles in our families, in our churches, and in our workplaces and communities, are constantly changing and frequently challenging. We don't always readily rise to the occasion, unequivocally understand our purpose, or faithfully fulfill our roles.

Yet we keep going. Just as the rain and snow come, so

too, our tasks and responsibilities fall into our laps. It can be easy to feel overwhelmed and at the same time it may feel like we are being underutilized when we feel purposeless. No matter which ditch you are in, you may feel like giving up. But in these depths you are there with a seed that has been planted and a seed that grows and flourishes to the glory of the Lord.

Christ has conquered sin, death, and the devil. We hear this so regularly that we fail to realize this good news applies to our purposes in life. We are given new life in Christ, Christ Himself in fact, so that when we live within our purposes (vocations) we are able to rest in His complete success. This comes through confessing our failures and weaknesses and feelings of despair and then hearing what God has done for us.



He doesn't leave us to figure it out on our own. His Word comes to us and does for us exactly what we need in our lives. It gives us a hope and a future. It gives us a joy and a confidence. It gives us the gift that we get to share with the world around us. Continue to find your purpose in Christ. You are a hearer of His Word and a doer of His love. His Word makes every holy purpose you have possible. Love is what His Word is here for and His Word going forth is what we are all about as part of the LWML Ohio District.

May God continue to use us for His purposes which never fail. Peace!

Pastor Kleimola, Jr. Pastoral Counselor

Needed: Retail Therapy! Found!

While at the 2022 LWML Ohio District Concise Convention, please join the Christian Life Committee at the LWML store. It might be a "mini" convention, but the LWML store will still be well stocked. We will have special pricing on some merchandise and will be raffling a few items as well. New clothing items, jewelry, devotional items, witness tools, gifts, and more! Your best shopping time will be on Friday afternoon from 12-5, before the convention officially begins. We will also be open Saturday morning from 7-8 am and possibly other times as the schedule permits. While visiting the LWML store, make time to see the Mission Grant displays in the next room.



Our location may not be in Lexington or Pittsburgh, but as sisters in Christ, our time together will be blessed as we gather for "Lord of The Harvest." *So shall my Word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. The Word is no echo devoid of results. The Word always brings about what God wants done* (Isaiah 55:11).

Take a look at these Bible passages and see how God's Word always brings about what God wants done. Isaiah 45:23, 46:10-11; Psalm 33:9, Jeremiah 1:9-10. Matthew 13:3-8, and Hebrews 4:12.

Wanda Snyder, Christian Life





Mission Eyes

How busy everyone is these days! Now that the pandemic has ceased to be the number one news story in the media, many things have changed. Throughout this time, however, many people never stopped experiencing other hardships. Poverty, homelessness, hunger, illness, and unemployment are just a few of the painful challenges people experience.



We, as believers, are on a mission trip throughout our lives. A mission trip is a journey with a purpose. We don't necessarily have to travel far for our personal mission and we know our purpose. In our churches, work places, and communities, we are surrounded by people who have problems or needs that we cannot completely comprehend. Many of these people feel invisible, hopeless, and alone.



We each have many opportunities to see God's grace at work when we reach out to others and show them they are seen by us and by God and are dearly loved. We can develop "mission eyes." Either in one-on-one encounters or in a group, we can establish relationships that tie us together with others by speaking, listening, and helping.

How? The LWML has a long history of helping others through gifts of love such as ingatherings which can be

necessities for health and personal welfare; or useful, helpful items and supplies for practical living, education, and work.

In our churches, the LWML works in groups, which are united with the goal of serving and helping others. Our groups are comprised of individuals who not only know Christ but rely and trust in Him. People who do not know Christ and do not know or think they need a savior, rely on themselves. So, in your LWML group, zone, and our district, keep your eyes open and look for opportunities to share Christ's love and promises.

We not only will find practical ways to help others, but will also show kindness and understanding because we have experienced our own personal trials and traumas. How often have we cried out for help and depended on God for our strength and rescue? Our compassionate, caring God embraces us and gives us peace during trying times. He will do that also for those to whom we witness and share His love. Through our words and actions, we are faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ.

We cannot help but care and help others through our service, our prayers, and our complete reliance on our Lord and Savior. Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance to open our Mission Eyes to see needs, but to also see and meet those who need to be seen and feel significant and hopeful!

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them (Romans 8:28).

Ann Marie Bollas, Human Care

What's Your 80?

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others (Philippians 2:4).

One of the ways LWMLers are meeting the "What's your 80" challenge is reaching out to others in need. Knowing there is a need for blankets, Judy Sonnenberg, 2022 LWML Ohio District Concise Convention Host Committee Chairman, challenged the Host Committee to see if they could gather 80 quilts before convention. To date, we have over 120!

This project involved members from LWML groups in Napoleon, Toledo, and Defiance Zones; and Scraps to Squares quilting club. Karen Maassel, an LWML member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, shared this challenge with her quilting club, Scraps to Squares. The group decided to help with this initiative and made it their yearly charity service project.

A Thrivent Action Team card was used to purchase materials. Women got busy cutting and sewing. Women from the three Host Committee zones delivered completed quilts and quilts ready for tying. Women met on a Saturday morning before a Host Committee planning meeting.

Debbie Wesche, Convention Publicity Chairman





Dear LWML Ohio District,

By God's grace, I graduated from Officer Training School. Thank you for all of your prayers and words of appreciation and encouragement. The next step will be Chaplain School, 4.5 weeks of professional training. And plenty of paperwork!!



I have returned to my family and pastoral duties, including LWML.

Attached is a picture of my roommate, 2nd Lt Phil Lamberson, and I, at our commissioning ceremony where Phil swore in as an officer of the US Air Force and California National Guard. He chose me to help with pinning the "butter bar" on his shoulder. He was a great wingman for me. In Christ,

Pastor Keith Witte



Be a Janice



There is a mistake here!" Not everyone likes to hear those words, but as your webmaster, I am thankful when someone lets me know that something is incorrect or missing on www.lwmlohio.org.

I thought of that when Janice Cisco, former Cleveland South President, went to be with her Savior. Janice was always checking the website. She let me know when updates needed to be made concerning her zone churches, she caught typos or other issues with the site. I was always thankful.



Visit the site, see an error or missing information, let me know. District Board of Directors, zone presidents, convention host committee members, message or email me information or additions for the website.

The more correct information, the better. With a smile of remembrance on my face, I say, "Be a Janice."

Billie Lelle, Webmaster

Toledo Zone Retreat

Submitted by Lillian Keller

On a March Saturday, the women of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), Toledo Zone, met for their annual retreat. It was held in the chapel/conference room of Ohio Living Swan Creek Village in Toledo, Ohio.



LWML Toledo Zone President, Karen Shanahan, opened the retreat with a welcome and devotion. She introduced our retreat leader, the Rev. David DePaoli, LWML Toledo Zone Pastoral Counselor, and pastor at Concordia Lutheran Church, Findlay, Ohio. Rev. DePaoli led us in the retreat program and Bible study, "Balancing Life's Challenges." During the sessions, we looked at examples of four women and discussed their

struggles. Rev. DePaoli led us to look at Scripture as a guide to help us keep our life in balance. We know that His grace through Jesus Christ, enables and empowers us to learn, practice, and change as the Holy Spirit works in our lives

LWML Ohio District President, Vivian Nelson, brought greetings from the LWML Ohio District and shared information on the LWML Ohio District 2022 Concise Convention. The sketch, "The Storms of Life," was well presented by sisters, Andrea Gernheuser, Janice Breitner, and Corrine Sattler. They showed that we are to lay our problems and concerns at the cross. We sang, gave our mites, donated 80-plus boxed and canned donations of comfort foods for two local pantries, had fellowship with women of the zone and enjoyed a delicious continental breakfast and lunch served by the Ohio Living staff.

Andrea, Janice and Corrine in skit



Pastor DePaoli



Ingathering





MITES, HONORS AND MEMORIALS, 2020 - 2022

	Jan.-Mar. 2022	Biennium Total
Mites Received	\$19,116.20	\$119,416.04
Joyful Response	\$360.00	\$3,575.50
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$837.00	\$3,624.00
Honors/Memorial	\$525.00	\$6,299.96
Quarterly & ODE	\$4,212.20	\$13,668.40
Stamps	\$75.00	\$115.00
Total Mission Income	\$25,125.40	\$147,698.90

**2022
January-March
MEMORIALS**

Janice Cisco
Frank Hall
Anna Mae Polasko
Donna Salminen
Martha Sekki
Judy Starr
June Yoder

YWR, Register by June 1, 2022

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11).



Calling all Young Women! Calling all LWML Women! Calling all Zone Presidents!

Plans are developing and excitement is building for the 2022 LWML Ohio District Concise Convention being held Friday, June 17, and Saturday, June 18. This edition of the ODE is jam packed full of information about the event. If you are between the ages of 22 and 35 (or so) and have not previously attended a convention,

contact your zone president to apply to be a YWR. It is an exceptional opportunity to represent your zone.

The new online digital version of the LWML Young Woman Representative (YWR) application replaces multiple paper forms, consolidating information in one place. Go to www.lwmlohio.org, events, convention forms 2022, ONLINE APPLICATION.

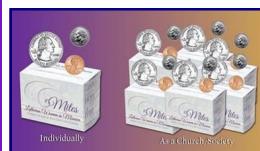
We are still accepting applications! It's brief and easy to complete with a bit of personality along the way. All young women are welcome to apply.

Zone selection committees can submit YWR selections to the Leader Development committee until June 1, 2022 to submit .

There are several engaging activities planned and are looking forward to fellowship with everyone!

Mighty, Magic of Mites

Mites giving has a godly motive. As we raise money for missions, our mission is to share the saving love of Christ Jesus with those who do not yet know Him.



Put money in your Mite Boxes as a prayer of thanksgiving. Pray for the mission grants we support. Being generous with your Mite Box donations is a golden opportunity to "Serve the Lord with Gladness."

LWML Ohio District Zone Calendar of Events

For details and updates of events, contact your Zone President

May 7, 2022	Northeast	Spring Rally
May 7, 2022	Cleveland South-West	Spring Rally
June 17-18, 2022	Ohio District	Concise Convention
July 23, 2022	Toledo	Human Care Workday
Late Summer	Napoleon	Prayer Walk
Mid Fall	Miami Valley	Christian Life Retreat
September 17, 2002	Napoleon and Defiance	Fall Rally
September 24, 2022	Lima-Van Wert	Fall Rally
September 24, 2022	Northeast	Fall Retreat
October 1, 2022	Toledo	Fall Rally
Late October	Napoleon	Christian Workshop



In thanksgiving for 80 years of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, each member, group, zone, or district is encouraged to reflect God's love by blessing others with 80 of something, remembering events from the last 80 years, or sharing legacy concepts for carrying forth the LWML mission. So... What's Your 80?



Trinity Group

Submitted by Sarah Rusche

The LWML Trinity group had the opportunity to show Christ's love to residents of the Luther Home of Mercy in Williston, Ohio. On Saturday, January 16, 2022, members of Trinity, St. Philip, and Good Shepherd of the Deaf made Valentine's Day cards for the residents of Luther Home, a care facility for men and women with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

It was a wonderful day of connection and creativity for the women of Trinity and other congregations. Thirty-eight women and several children assembled 75 cards for the residents and Trinity's homebound members. Thrivent Action Team funds purchased many of the needed supplies in addition to donations from the ladies who participated. We also shared a continental breakfast and coffee to start the day off right.

Megan O'Brien, director of Mission Advancement at Luther Home, and Nadine, a resident, gave a presentation about Luther Home. Megan provided background to the origins of the ministry and Nadine spoke about her personal experience as a resident and the love she receives from her staff every day. The staff become like family to so many residents, especially those like Nadine who have lived at Luther Home for three decades.

With the Thrivent Action Team funds, we were able to purchase Valentine's Day decorations, coloring books, crafts, devotions, and toys which were put together in gift baskets for each of the seven cottages where residents live.

The three Trinity Comfort Dogs visited a few cottages the Friday before Valentine's Day to bring Christ's love and comfort to the residents, along with the Valentine's Day cards and treats. The residents really enjoyed seeing and petting the dogs, as well as visiting with the handlers and seeing their gifts. Each cottage had their own Valentine's Day party over the course of the weekend where they opened Valentine's cards from the women of Trinity and other churches as well as their decorations, crafts, and toys.

Trinity's LWML group was grateful for the opportunity to bring love, joy, and comfort to the residents of Luther Home on Valentine's Day.



Card making day



Convention Important Dates

Registration Deadline:

May 15, 2022 General Attendees

Tentative Key Convention Events (Subject to change)

Friday

Noon—5:00 p.m. LWML Store, Mission Grant Displays

Noon—5:00 p.m. Tour Orphan Grain Train warehouse

2:00—4:00 Servant Events, Interest Sessions

3:30—4:30 Choir Practice, YWR Meet & Greet

4:30-5:30 Teller training

5:00 Sandwiches and Deserts

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

8:30—9:30 President's Reception, Meet the Candidates

Saturday

8:00 a.m. Opening of Convention

9:40 a.m. Mission Grant Presentations

10:10 a.m. Mission Grant Ballot Vote

11:15 a.m. Candidate Introductions

11:30 a.m. Ballot Vote of Officers

11:30—12:50 Lunch Break

1:00—1:30 Interest Sessions

1:40 p.m. Meeting resumes

2:15—2:30 Bylaws Amendments, standing vote

2:45—2:55 Results of Mission Grant Ballots

2:55—3:05 Results of Officers Ballots

4:18—4:25 Installation of Officers

4:30 p.m. Convention closed with prayer



ODE Submissions

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: 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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- District www.lwmlohio.org
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- Concordia Publishing www.cph.org
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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LWML OHIO DISTRICT BYLAWS

If the proposed amendments are adopted at the District convention, then the Structure Committee requests permission to renumber or reletter sections to account for insertions.

Rationale for proposed amendments: to provide a way for members to attend a meeting that they cannot attend in person.

ARTICLE XII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2, subsection d

Proposed Amendment:

Replace current wording with new subsections.

Existing bylaws read:

- d. In case of emergency, action may be taken by mail, telephone, or electronic messaging.

If adopted will read:

- d. The President or Committee Chairman may hold meetings by teleconference or videoconference. Members must be able to see and/or hear each other.
- 1) A quorum shall consist of a majority of the membership.
 - 2) Voting shall be by voice vote, show of hands, or another method that allows for individual votes to be given and counted. Anything requiring a 2/3 vote necessitates a hand count.
- e. The President or Committee Chairman shall provide the agenda and date of the meeting.
- f. When a meeting is via phone, the vote can be taken and then ratified at the next in-person meeting so that discussion can take place if needed.

ARTICLE XIII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 2, subsection a

Proposed Amendment:

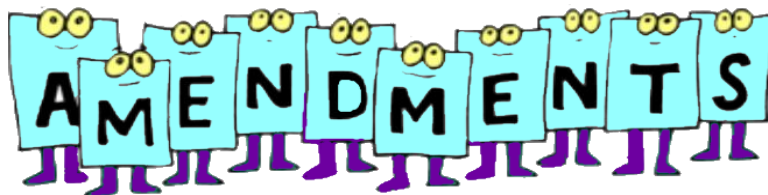
Add additional wording at end of subsection.

Existing bylaws read:

.... In case of an emergency, the Executive Committee may take action by mail, phone, e-mail, or fax.

If adopted will read:

- In case of an emergency, the Executive Committee may take action by mail, phone, e-mail, or fax. The President may hold meetings by teleconference or videoconference. Members must be able to see and/or hear each other.
- 1) A quorum shall consist of a majority of the membership.
 - 2) Voting shall be by voice vote, show of hands, or another method that allows for individual votes to be given and counted. Anything requiring a 2/3 vote necessitates a hand count.
- b. The President or Committee Chairman shall provide the agenda and date of the meeting.
- c. When a meeting is via phone, the vote can be taken and then ratified at the next in-person meeting so that discussion can take place if needed.



LWML Ohio District 2022 Mission Grants Ballot (numbered in order of receipt)

#1 Support for Seminary Students	\$15,000
<u>Ohio District LCMS Student Financial Aid Committee</u> To assist the Ohio District Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod (LCMS) Seminary students who are training for pastoral ministry in the LCMS with tuition, books, and other educational costs.	
#2 Support for Church Worker	\$15,000
<u>Ohio District LCMS Student Financial Aid Committee</u> To assist the Ohio Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) full time, residential students preparing for full-time LCMS church work, with tuition, books, and other costs of their education.	
#3 Producing God's Word One Dot at a Time	\$10,000
<u>Lutheran Braille Workers Ministry Production Centers in Ohio</u> To be used by the Lutheran Braille Workers' Ministry to increase production of Braille, specialized large print, and audio Bibles.	
#4 Logos Bible Software: A Digital Exegetical Tool	\$3,500
<u>Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri</u> To assist with costs for students to purchase the Bible Software required by classes.	
#5 God's Word for Teenagers Around the World	\$8,500
<u>The Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Macomb, Michigan</u> To provide funding for the printing of 1,700 copies of the book <u>God's Word for You</u> , a 300-page Bible book, in a variety of languages here in the U.S. and around the world.	
#6 Outreach Coordinator for Prince of Peace Lutheran Church	\$10,000
<u>Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, Ohio</u> To provide funding which would be used to subsidize the cost of hiring a part-time, one year Outreach Coordinator in this small inner-city LCMS church seeking to expand its ministry.	
#7 POBLO- Cross Cultural Outreach Ministry IFC's Support Project in Greater Columbus Area	\$15,000
<u>Beautiful Savior, Power; Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus; St. John, Dublin</u> To expand outreach ministries in ethnic communities of Muslims, Somalis, Indians, Afghanis, Pakistanis, and others in central Ohio by opening more International Friendship Centers.	
#8 Restoring Hope, Renewing Lives	\$10,000
<u>Ecumenical Shelter Network of Lake County, dba Project Hope for the Homeless</u> To fund the salary of a weekend Family Services Specialist, who would provide intake services.	
#9 Food and Clothing Co-op	\$10,000
<u>Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana</u> To purchase perishable food to be distributed to seminary students and their families.	
#10 Military Veterans & Family Members Counseling and Care	\$10,000
<u>Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries, Ft. Wayne, Indiana</u> To enable and extend outreach, care and counseling for veterans and their family members regardless of their religion and expand training programs within the Ohio District.	
#11 Monitor for Sanctuary	\$1,400
<u>Good Shepherd of the Deaf Lutheran Church (GSOTDLC), Toledo, Ohio</u> To enable the purchase of equipment to enhance the worship experience for the deaf community in person and through the internet.	
#12 Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families	\$3,000
<u>Ministry to the Armed Forces, LCMS Office of International Mission</u> To cover travel costs for military chaplain's spouses and children attending wellness centers.	
#13 Expanding Christ's Love with the Aging and Unchurched in Ohio	\$5,000
<u>Lutheran Media Ministries, Ft. Wayne, Indiana</u> To expand the reach of the 30-minute weekly television program, Worship Anew, into new broadcast television markets throughout Ohio.	

2022 LWML Ohio District Convention Details:

Interest Sessions

Coming to the convention? Are you feeling like you ought to be a better missionary than you are? Choose one of these interest sessions to help get an idea about how God could use you in his harvest field. They will be offered on Saturday at 1 p.m.

- **Together Serving an Awesome God!** will be presented by Lisa Hall, from Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Learn how this organization is partnering with the LCMS to grow God's kingdom and how you can be one of their partners. While you are listening, you can decorate a cheerful greeting card that will be given to a resident of a nursing home or a men's shelter.
- **Gifts of Love** is a session where you can discover how your estate plans can both share your faith and make a lasting impact on the ministries you care about. Beth Marth is the presenter.
- **Offering Comfort and Hope to Grieving Parents** will be led by Kelly Gerken of Sufficient Grace Ministries. Kelly will share the heart and the mission behind the organization she established in 2004. This ministry offers support and resources for families facing the loss of a baby.
- **Out of My Comfort Zone and Into a Homeless Shelter** is the topic for Billie Lelle. Few people choose to be homeless. Homelessness effects all ages, races and creeds. In this session, Billie will share her experiences and what she has learned since she stepped out of her comfort zone.
- **Pastors and the LWML** Pastor Ryan Kleimola will offer pastors a guided discussion on how clergy can best be a supportive part of the mission of the LWML. Pastors will be given priority in registration, but others may attend this session as space allows.
- **POBLO Ministries, The Field is Here** will be presented by Joseph and Heba Beshai. God brought them from Egypt to Ohio and he is using them to point Muslim people and other immigrants to Jesus in the Dublin/Columbus area. They would like to share with you the ways in which the Holy Spirit is already at work.
- **The Harvest is the Lord's** will be presented by Eileen Wilson of Building Hope in the City. The harvest is the Lord's. He calls workers to it. He is calling all those who name themselves as believers to obey that call and to rise up because the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.



Servant Events:

- MOST Ministries: Collect and clean eyeglasses. The eyeglasses and eyeglass soft cases can be used. No hard glass cases, please. Since the eyeglasses will be washed as part of the pre-convention on Friday afternoon, please try to send these with someone who is coming to participate in the pre-convention.
- Phil's Friends: Coloring cards and writing comfort notes for cancer patients.
- MOST Ministries: Bracelets for Witnessing

Ingatherings:

- Orphan Grain Train: Infants new socks and diapers and children's new socks and underwear.
- Haven of Hope: Gift cards of \$25 or less from Walmart, McDonald's and similar cards are welcome.
- United Way of Henry County: School supplies to include pencils, pens, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, crayons, scissors, glue or glue sticks, and erasers.

2022 Nominees

Ohio District Nominees for 2022–2024 (6 pages)

Pastoral Counselor Nominees

Everette Greene



Church: Immanuel Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, OH

Zone: Cincinnati, Pastoral Counselor

Employment: I serve as Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Family: Daughter, Paige; and Grandson, Everette

Jacob Stuenkel



Church: St. Paul, Flatrock Lutheran Church and St. Peter, Florida Lutheran Church, Napoleon, OH

Zone: Napoleon, Pastoral Counselor

District: In 2018 and 2019, I attended LWML zone meetings as pastoral counselor for Napoleon Zone and former church in Wisconsin, I participated in many rallies for LWML during my tenure at all locations, I attended the last LWML District convention in Ohio.

Employment: I am currently working for a Dual Parish of St. Peter, Florida and St. Paul, Flatrock.

Family: Wife, Dana

Vice President Christian Life Nominees

Barbara Berner



Church: Christ Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, OH

Strengths: I am a happy, positive person. I have faith, I'm timely, and thorough.

Group: Women's Guild: I have served at Christ Lutheran Church (2005-present) (1983-2004) at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, and (1964-1983) at Zion Lutheran Church.

Zone: I have served on various offices, committees for my Cincinnati Zone over the years.

District: I have served as Human Care Committee member for two terms, Christian Life Committee for two terms, and as a Delegate several times to conventions.

Employment: Retired from the University of Cincinnati, prior to that I was a bank teller in Willard, OH.

Family: Husband, Rev. Milton Berner, I have five children, seven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Janice Breitner



Church: Good Shepherd of the Deaf Lutheran Church, Toledo, OH

Strengths: I love my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Organized, honest, trustworthy, enthusiastic, people person. I am a cancer survivor!

Group: Good Shepherd of the Deaf Lutheran Church various activities, Sunday School Teacher at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church from 1984-2019.

Zone: Toledo Zone President 2016-2020, Secretary to the Toledo Zone President for four years (2004 - 2008). Public Relations 1998 - 2004, attend rallies and retreats, and workdays.

District: Secretary to the Ohio Dist. President for 4 years (2008-2012), Nominating Committee 2020-2022, I have attended various conventions.

National: Delegate for the San Jose, CA (2001) and Albuquerque, NM (2017) National conventions.

Community: Volunteer at MOST Ministries

Employment: Mobile Notary Signing Agent/Owner

Family: Married to husband, Craig for 18 years, I have two adult stepdaughters; Amy and Juli, and my sweet, Shi-Chon Teddy Bear little dog, Maggie Mae.

2022 Nominees

Vice President Gospel Outreach Nominees

Doreen Henschen



Church: Atonement Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

Strengths: I am organized which was helpful during my 45-year teaching career, I am enthusiastic, caring, and have spent many hours volunteering with charities. I have been blessed with mathematical skills and the ability to help others understand math.

Zone: Atonement Lutheran Missouri Synod LWML member and the liaison chairperson of the Atonement Community Service Board through which funds missions.

District: Human Care Committee Chairperson

National: Mission Grants Committee Chairperson

Community: For 20 years, I was owner of Heartland Country Resort. During these years, I also worked full time as a teacher; was adviser of a 4-H club; and, president of DKG Gamma Chapter.

Employment: I currently tutor mathematics, making math fun and challenging for gifted students and make math understandable for struggling students in grades one through eight.

Family: I grew up in a Lutheran family on a farm outside Pemberville, OH. My husband is deceased, and we were never blessed with children, so I have used my love for children and my God-given gifts to teach children and guide them with their 4-H projects after school. Also, I started Heartland Country Resort to share my love of nature and animals with others, so they might gain a new understanding of the beautiful world God has provided for us.

Karyl VanMeurs-Juergens



Church: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Florence, KY

Strengths: A heart for missions and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Moderate organizational skills.

Group: Organizer 1997, Representative to Zone EC 1990's, Contact to Cincinnati Zone 1997-2014.

Zone: Recording Secretary 1993-1995 & 2019-2020, Fall Retreats Co-Chairman 1997 and Chairman 1998, Properties Committee Chairman 1998 LWML Ohio District Convention.

District: Christian Growth Committee member 2000-2002, Vice President of Christian Growth 2002-2006, Mission Grants Committee Member 2012-2014 & 2019-2022, Vice President of Gospel Outreach 2014-2018, Nominating Committee Member 2018-2020.

National: Volunteer Usher at 1991 Convention in Cleveland, OH, Volunteer Greeter, etc. at 2021 Convention in Lexington, KY, Delegate to 2011 Convention in Peoria, IL.

Employment: Occupational Therapist for 36 years.

Family: Married to Keith O. Juergens for 33+ years.



Mark your calendars today for the inspiration LWML 40th Biennial Convention. Convention Goal: "As His children, we celebrate the Lord of the nations."

Celebrate the Lord of the Nations
Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Date: June 22-25, 2023

Scripture Verse: *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man (Psalm 33:12-13).*

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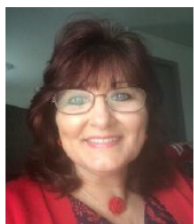
BUT BY HOW MUCH OF ME
THERE IS IN IT.

A.W. TOZER

2022 Nominees

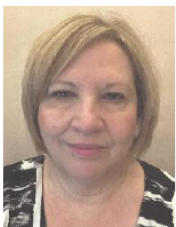
Treasurer Nominees

Andrea Gernheuser



- Church:** Good Shepherd of the Deaf Lutheran Church, Toledo, OH
- Strengths:** I am an artist. I have intergrity, honesty, trustworthiness, computer skills, promptness, and organizational skills.
- Group:** Gloria Dei (now closed) was Council Recording Secretary (several terms), Sunday School Teacher for 12 years, Coordinator for church events, Altar set-up (ongoing), Create and make church banners (ongoing), Fellowship Volunteer (ongoing).
- Zone:** Treasurer – 2 terms, attend BOD meetings, made several zone banners, attend rallies and retreats, workdays, make items for mission outreach.
- District:** Attended several conventions, presently chairperson for the Decorations Committee for the 2022 LWML Ohio District Convention, presently serving on the Nominating Committee 2020-2022.
- National:** I have made five Ohio District Banners for conventions, volunteered for registration and blood drive at the Lexington, KY convention in 2021.
- Community:** Volunteer at MOST Ministries
- Employment:** At Gloria Dei (now closed) I was Office Manager for six years.
- Family:** Husband, Joe of 35 years. Joe was a carpenter but is now retired. My son, Joey is 26 years old, he is firefighter-paramedic at the Perrysburg Twp. Fire Department, soon to be married to Angela in May of 2022.

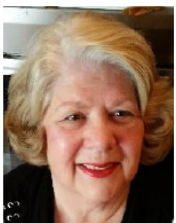
Debra Kneram



- Church:** Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
- Strengths:** Computer skills, good communication skills, organized
- Group:** Chairperson, Recording Secretary
- Zone:** Recording Secretary
- District:** Grants Committee
- Employment:** I am a Speech-Language Pathologist at the Cleveland Clinic.
- Family:** My husband, Richard, and I have been married for 44 years. We have two sons, and five grandchildren.

Recording Secretary Nominees

Karen Shanahan



- Church:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Toledo, OH
- Strengths:** Organized, desire to be helpful; advanced MS applications knowledge (Word, Excel, and Power Point), willingness to take on challenges, strong belief in LWML mission, creative and enjoy helping find solutions.
- Group:** As Publicity Chairman, prepared posters, bulletins, and programs for events. Also, helped with events: organize, setup, and cleanup.
- Zone:** Currently the Zone President, previously, Public Relations Chairman.
- District:** Convention Vice-Chairman, ODE Editor for seven years, 2016 and 2018 convention logo creator.
- National:** 2021 Biennial Convention Host Committee Public Relations Chairman, Newsletter Editor, Newspaper Roving Reporter, Inventory Management; creator of 2019 convention banner.
- Church:** Council recording secretary, Sunday School superintendent and teacher VBS Chairman and teacher, choir member, church council member.
- Employment:** Retired in 2018 (30 years) working in transportation management.
- Family:** Husband, Herbert Rex, Jr. for 57 years, Daughter, Jennifer (Tony) they have a son, Henrik age 24, Henrik's child, our great grandson, Kasper is two and a half years old and our son, Herbert (Chrystal), grandsons Eoghan, age 12; Liam, age 7. Our little girl dog, Lola.



2022 Nominees

Recording Secretary Nominees (Cont'd.)

Sandra Turner



- Church:** St. Paul Lutheran Church, Valley City, OH
- Strengths:** Leadership skills, I enjoy being involved in activities, helped with separating the pews during the pandemic.
- Group:** I have held President and Recording Secretary multiple times.
- Zone:** Lorain/Medina
- District:** I have been a delegate to numerous zone conventions. Was on the planning committee for the convention in Independence, OH. I attended the 39th Biennial Convention in Kentucky, June 2021 as a delegate.
- Community:** I have been a 4-H organizational leader for 38 years. I have been a Beta Sigma Phi member for 45 years; have held every office multiple times, and, am currently Vice President of my local chapter.
- Employment:** Retired Radiology Technologist with last 8 years in Mammography.
- Family:** Widowed after 46 years of marriage. I have three daughters, five grandsons, and seven granddaughters.

Nominating Committee Nominees

Sandy Dixon



- Church:** Tallmadge Lutheran Church, Tallmadge, OH
- Strengths:** I have always loved Missions since I was a small child, even when my mother was in LWML many years ago. I have worked with many people from being with the District LWML as Vice President of Gospel Outreach these last four years and have enjoyed each and every year by meeting new Grant Recipients. I have also worked with many wonderful people on my committee.
- Group:** Akron-Youngstown Zone
- Zone:** LWML Representative for my church.
- District:** Vice President of Gospel Outreach (2018-2022), I was on the Grants Committee of Missions back in 2004.
- Employment:** Retired
- Family:** Widow and I have a loving son, Andrew (who just had a birthday) and his girlfriend, Ally.

Doreen Inglis



- Church:** Redeemer Lutheran Church, Youngstown, OH
- Strengths:** I have been involved with LWML since 1976.
- Group:** President of Human Care
- Zone:** President of Human Care
- District:** Vice President of Human Care, Human Care committee member, Mission Grants Committee member.
- National:** I worked on two national conventions in Cleveland, OH and Lexington, KY.
- Employment:** Retired, self-employed.
- Family:** Husband, Russell, four children; Steve, Dawn, Dan (Cara), Christopher (Michele), seven grandchildren; Ed (Brittney), Kyle, Miamee, Danny, Ella, Claire, Madelyn, three great grandchildren; Coraline, Dahlia, and Bradyn.



Can you spare a couple hours on Thursday, June 16, 2022, to help set up for the 2022

LWML Ohio District Concise Convention at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio. We will be busy bees setting up tables, chairs, decorations, food preparation, stuffing tote bags, among many other tasks. Many hands make short work... and it would be great to see you!

If you have time, email Karen Shanahan, kesjr@att.net and she will forward your name to the committee.

REGISTER TODAY FOR THE CONVENTION

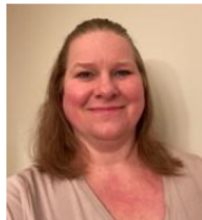
It will be awesome.



2022 Nominees

Nominating Committee Nominees (Cont'd.)

Cyndi Lako



Church: Concordia Lutheran Church, Findlay, OH

Strengths: I am an outgoing person, I enjoy getting to know people.

Group: Zone Vice President

Zone: I participate in rallies and servant events.

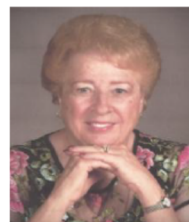
District: I have served on several committees, Leadership Development Committee, both as a member and a Co-Chairman. I served several years on the Human Care Committee, both as a member and a Co-Chairman.

National: I have attended a few National Conventions.

Employment: I work full time as a general manager in food service. Currently, while I wait for my account in Findlay to re-open, I manage a small cafeteria in a factory in Toledo .

Family: Husband, Chad. We have been married for 28 years and have three children, with the youngest in the middle of her first year of college.

Pat Malas



Church: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Kettering, OH

Strengths: Leadership ability and organizational skills.

Group: President and Zone Representative

Zone: President

District: Co-Chair of the 2020 convention, Vice President of Human Care, Vice President of Nominating Committee.

Employment: Retired, Homemaker.

Family: Husband, Dave; Daughter, Kathy (Kevin) have six children; Son, Daryl (RoxeAn) have three children. So in total, we have nine great grandchildren.

Beth Marth



Church: St. John Lutheran Church, Dublin, OH

Strengths: Organized, prompt, efficient, like to serve others.

Group: Treasurer 2008-2014, President 2014-present

Zone: Secretary 2016-2018

District: Leader Development Committee 2004-2006, Treasurer 2010-2014 & 2018-2022, 2018 Convention Host Committee Treasurer.

National: Gifts of Love Advocate 2018 to present, 2021 Convention Host Committee Tour Director.

Employment: Full-time Accountant.

Family: I have two sons, a lovely daughter-in-law and two grandchildren.

Janet Nicol



Church: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Milford Center, OH

Strengths: My willingness to serve, ability to speak to people with ease.

Group: St. Paul Ladies' Aid

Zone: I have participated in Central Zone retreats and have attended conventions.

Employment: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Chuckery, Milford Center Deaconess.

Family: Husband, Larry of 37 years, four grown children, and three grandchildren.



Relief for Human Need Worldwide

If you come early Friday to the convention in Napoleon, Orphan Grain Train workers invite you to visit their warehouse in Napoleon. They will be available from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. to show you the warehouse and to let you know all the different kinds of household items they supply to distressed areas of our country. The tour takes about 45 minutes to an hour, including drive time to and from the warehouse.

2022 Nominees

Nominating Committee Nominees (Cont'd.)

Stephanie Petee



Church: St. Johns Lutheran Church, Marysville, OH

Strengths: I have dedication, enthusiasm, organizational skills, and am detail oriented.

Group: LWML Representative (2012 – present)

Zone: Christian Life Committee Chairman (2016-present)

District: Leader Development Committee (2012-2014), Leader Development Committee Chairman (2014-2016), Housing Chairman 2018 convention, Host Committee, Christian Life Committee (2018-2020), Christian Life Committee Chairman (2020-present).

National: I was a Young Woman Representative in 2013.

Employment: I am an Account Manager at Express Scripts.

Family: My parents, John & Rebecca; brother, Eric; sister-in-law, Sara, and niece, Amelia.

Lisa Rhonemus



Church: St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Milford, OH

Strengths: God has blessed me with many gifts, skills, and talents with which to serve. They include: energy and enthusiasm; leadership, technological knowledge, patience. My greatest gift are my supportive sisters in Christ with whom I serve.

Group: Member

Zone: Former Fall Retreat Co-Chair

District: Leadership Development Chairman for four years, Host Committee – Properties Chairman in 2016.

National: Young Woman Representative at the 2017 convention, 2021 Host Committee – Properties Chairman.

Employment: Lutheran School Teacher at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Milford, OH.

Family: I am single but have been blessed to serve with my mom, Diane Rhonemus and follow her example as well as those of my aunts and grandmother who is with our Savior.

Jackie Rychel



Church: St. Mark Lutheran Church, Chesterland, OH

Strengths: Leadership skills, organized, and creative.

Group: St. Mark Women's League

Zone: Active member, grant recipient

District: I have created décor (floral design) for the convention in 2016.

National: Convention Enhancement Committee member – created centerpieces and stage décor in 2021.

Employment: Retired

Family: Married to Mark for 47 years. We have three children and six grandchildren.



Trinity is privileged to serve the Toledo community and beyond through our Comfort Dog Ministry. Trinity has Anna and Claudia and serves as the deployment site for Ezra Comfort Dog. Their handlers are in the community with Anna, Claudia and Ezra almost daily visiting schools, hospitals, nursing homes, courtrooms, and beyond. The LWML has generously supported the LCC Comfort Dog ministries. If you would like to learn more about the Comfort Dog program, visit Lutheran Church Charities website at www.lutheranchurchcharities.org/

