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Making Connections

Over the past month I have attended or been made aware of LWML events assuring me that some of us are coming closer to a 'normal' we enjoyed before the pandemic.



For example, a revival of an LWML group is happening at St. Paul, Westlake. In Nancy Spaudie's comments to me about it she wrote, "women need a place to connect and do something."

Her statement is so true. Our convention in June brought together many sisters in Christ who had not seen each other in four or more years. There were dozens of those happy reunions.

Over the past few years in the Toledo Zone, we have held a July human care event where we made quilts, blankets, mission bracelets and other items. Invariably we would decide at the end of the event that we enjoyed the fellowship and the sense of accomplishment so much that we needed to do it again in August.

I also attended the Napoleon/Defiance Zones' Fall Retreat. Fifty-five of us enjoyed seeing each other, learning about a local ministry, and writing cards for its residents.

But this return to fellowship and service is certainly not universal in our churches or our LWML groups. I am aware of many groups and some zones that have not resumed meeting or are struggling to find leaders. There is much work to be done in encouraging one another to take up the cause again and to help our fellow sisters in Christ see that it is worth the time to come away from home and again enjoy fellowship, Bible study, and service.

What does God have to say about this, in Hebrews 10:24-25, *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up*

meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another.

When Paul went to a new city to preach the gospel, he always talked with the faithful Jewish people first. If there was no synagogue there, he knew he would find them gathering near the river on the Sabbath day. Connecting with each other is as important now as it was then. In Paul's times people were tempted by pagan religions and threatened with severe punishment if they did not worship the Roman emperor. Now we face temptations dealing with wealth, gender issues, abortion, and more. When our friends face these issues, we can be there for each other. We need to be praying with and for each other, and doing good deeds for the Lord and his kingdom.

I have TWO challenges for you:

FIRST, find the article in this issue about servant events. It was written by our Human Care Committee Chairman, Deb Volkman. She writes about how you can find ideas for planning servant events on the LWML website. Pray for guidance. Talk about it with the other women in your church. Choose a project that interests the group. Plan the event. In doing the event, I believe your members will remember how much they have enjoyed both the fellowship and the service of the Lord. They will also have a chance, as Paul says, to encourage one another.



SECOND, pick up your phone and call an LWML friend you haven't seen for a while. Catch up with

each other. Plan to meet for lunch or coffee. Invite her back to church. Make the connection!

Vivian Nelson, President

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Martin Luther Pandemic Wisdom

During the height of the pandemic, we were cooped up in this place for far too long, and it started to show.

You abandoned your regular clothing to fit your new surroundings, adapting to the changes forced upon you by the world.

The pattern of the day was disrupted as habits that marked our work and play, time for personal and spiritual growth, shifted. Perhaps worst of all, you were disconnected from friends and colleagues. Writing quick notes to friends made you realize how valuable long conversations over dinner or drinks are for sustaining relationships and lifting your spirits.

This could describe many of us living in the midst of COVID-19 in the 21st century. It could also describe an Augustinian friar trying to survive in 1521.

After his defiant encounter with imperial power at the Diet of Worms, Martin Luther was whisked away to Wartburg Castle. There he was hidden away to protect his life and the reforming movement that was growing out of Wittenberg and spreading throughout the land.

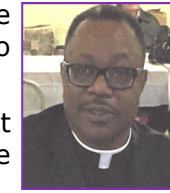
While fortunate to be alive, Luther hardly felt lucky for this time alone. Locked away for his own safety, his body, mind, and soul were constricted as the days in hiding became weeks and months. In his letters from this time, he frequently complains about his plight and longs for a return to normalcy.

Yet, Luther knew in his mind, and felt in his heart, that the dynamic shifts of life can be moments where we can see and share in God's work.

Although the current pandemic is something that is unprecedented in most of our lifetimes, Christians have lived and ministered amid various epidemics throughout world history. One of the best known of these was the Bubonic Plague, or the "Black Death," which decimated around one-third of Europe's population in the Late Middle Ages after its initial outbreak in 1348. Occasional outbreaks of the plague continued throughout the remainder of the Late Middle Ages, and into the

Early Modern Period. This also includes the period of the Reformation during the sixteenth century.

We thank God for His mercy and that while taking vaccines to protect us from COVID-19 may become a new way of life, we can listen to Luther who gives Christians some very practical advice as to how to remain faithful in the face of such a disease, and its ongoing effect.



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Helping Others in Need

Serve the Lord with Gladness (Psalm 100:2) is the theme verse for the LWML. Some of the ways we are called to serve others is with our mites, ingatherings, and servant events. Sometimes it's difficult to come up with an idea for a servant event for your group or zone.



As Lutheran Women in Mission we have a wonderful resource at our fingertips. What is this wonderful resource? Why it's the LWML website of course! First go to www.lwml.org, then to the "Service" tab across the top of the page, finally, from the drop down menu to "Mission Service

Mission Service Activity of the Month

October 2022: Make a Pumpkin Floral Centerpiece for a Shut-in



Activities." Once there, you will see the service project of the month. The LWML puts a new project there every month with tips on how to implement the project, instructions and more. If you scroll down that page, you

will see the highlighted words "View more Activities." Click on those words to find several years of servant event ideas. Each project has a suggested devotion and prayer for you to use with the activity.

Now what if you don't have a computer and don't know how to use one? I suggest you find a woman in your church who knows about computers and ask her for help. By working together you might spark her interest in the LWML.

Deb Volkman, Human Care

WANTED! ODE Editor

Do you enjoy working on the computer, organizing information, working with the ladies of the LWML?

As ODE Editor, each quarter you receive the articles from the district, zone, and groups, and assemble them to create the ODE. Add some graphics, and other enhancements and you have the latest edition.

Please pray on this volunteer position. If the Spirit moves you, contact the LWML Ohio District President, Vivian Nelson, for more information. vnelsonlwml@gmail.com





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The driving principle of Luther's advice is that during an epidemic, a Christian never stops serving Christ. A Christian serves Christ by loving his/her neighbor as him/herself. He states this idea within the larger context of how Christians should view epidemics in relation to God's providence: "Now if a deadly epidemic strikes, we should stay where we are, make our preparations, and take courage in the fact that we are mutually bound together, so that we cannot desert one another or flee from one another. First, we can be sure that God's punishment has come upon us, not only chastise us for our sins but also to test our faith and love, our faith in that we may see and experience how we should act toward God: our love in that we may recognize how we should act toward our neighbor."

In short, an epidemic is the general result of the world's fallen condition, which God uses as discipline in the lives of His people in order to test and strengthen their faith. At the same time this severe testing of faith affords it the opportunity to express itself in love towards one's neighbor.

This need to express a tested faith through love to one's neighbor is further based on the fact that as Christians we are mutually bound together. We are joined together by virtue of our union with Christ. Furthermore, as Christians, we exhibit this faith through love to all our neighbors at this time as we are able. An essential aspect of this is taking the proper precautions to protect oneself so that he/she may be of maximum service to our neighbor.

As Christians living during a pandemic in 2022, the counsel we can take from this advice given by a pastor who lived with a plague, this important thought: during this time, let's all of us as Christians use this time in which our faith is being tested to show that faith in loving others as we intentionally seek opportunities to serve them while observing those guidelines that protect them and ourselves.

This advice is at the very heart of what the women of LWML are all about! At the heart of the ministry, the service of LWML is our Lord's command to love your neighbor. That command to love your neighbor is equal to the greatest commandment to love God. What you do or fail to do for your neighbor means doing the same to God.

Luther said you ought to think this way: "Very well, by God's decree the enemy has sent us poison and deadly offal. Therefore I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine, and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance infect and

pollute others, and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me, however, I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely, as stated above."

God bless you as you continue to follow in the steps of Martin Luther and serve God's saints with the love of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Rev. Everette E. Greene, Junior Pastoral Counselor

One Call



I had the honor of speaking about the LWML to my society in September. I was able to share my LWML journey which started with one phone call in 2012 when I was asked to attend the 2012 LWML Ohio District convention as a delegate for my church. I didn't know much about the LWML. After thinking and praying about it I decided to attend the convention and had no idea what I was getting into, but God did.

Since attending my first LWML Ohio District convention in 2012, I have served on two district committees, Leader Development and Christian Life; and attended five LWML national conventions. I am grateful every day for being a part of the LWML.

The Christian Life Committee is here for you and is available to speak at your society or zone event. Our members are Barbara Berner, Corrine Sattler, Wanda Snyder, Vice Chairman Janice Breitner and Chairman Stephanie. I am grateful for this committee and look forward to the 2024 LWML Ohio District Convention!

"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 NIV).

Stephanie Petee, Christian Life

With Just a Click...



You can find information about the LWML Ohio District and its zones at:

www.lwmlohio.org

You have a multitude of resources available at: www.lwml.org

Visit both of these sites, look around, see what you have been missing, then bookmark them so you can access with just a click.

Billie Lelle, Webmaster.



Restart or Start an LWML Group



Dear Lucy Leader: The church I recently joined has not had an active LWML for years. A few of us are trying to revive it. Any tips for us? Renee

Dear Renee, It is very exciting that you want to revive the LWML in your church and that you have two women who are already on board. Your very first step is to go to the Lord in prayer. He will guide your steps along the way.

The LWML has helpful resources on their website. The "LWML New Group Welcome Packet" (www.lwml.org/welcome) has information to get you started. Check with your LWML district president to see if your church already has a charter. She can also let you know about zone and district events. She will walk by your side.

Personally invite women to your first meeting. Start that meeting with a Bible study. Don't conduct too much business. Let the women get to know each other by doing a servant activity together. You can find ideas for service projects here:

www.lwml.org/mission-service-activities

The LWML has resources to help let women know what it is all about. One great explanation on the basics of the LWML is at:

www.lwml.org/posts/free-resources/lwml-101

The LWML is a wonderful place for women to to grow closer to the Lord, come together, and to "serve the Lord with gladness." May God bless you as you bring the joy of the LWML to the others! Lucy Leader

Time for a Clean-up?

We are under our first frost advisory of the season as I write this. It's time to finish fall clean-up outdoors: finish raking leaves, pull the last of the weeds, finally plant the daffodil and tulip bulbs for next spring.



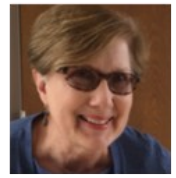
It's also time for a "clean-up" of bylaws. As the Structure Chairman for my local society and zone, as well as our district, this is my time to look at the standing rules and officer descriptions of several sets of bylaws to see if anything needs to be updated.

Will you join me in a "clean-up" of your bylaws? The district Structure Committee is always available to offer advice on any changes you feel need to be made.

Beth Christopherson, Structure Committee



Grants Being Paid Joyfully



It has been a privilege and an immense pleasure to make so many grant payments this fall quarter. Check out our website www.lwmlohio.org to read about the missions we are funding. From the menu bar at the top of the page, choose "Our Mites at Work" and under it select "LWML Ohio District Grants Update." There you will find what we have paid so far.

The first grant paid in full was to Good Shepherd of the Deaf Lutheran Church in Toledo, Ohio. It was a small request of \$1,400 for a new monitor in their sanctuary. President Vivian personally presented the check for the monitor to their pastor. A video of that presentation is posted on our LWML Ohio District website.

We sent checks to four Concordia colleges to provide scholarships in the amount of \$625 each to twelve different church worker students, and those checks totaled \$7,500. Another \$7,500 was given for scholarships to seven seminarians. Each of those seminarians received a personal letter from President Vivian Nelson with a check for \$1,071.40 enclosed with it. It is a joy to help these students and seminarians who will serve our LCMS churches in the future.

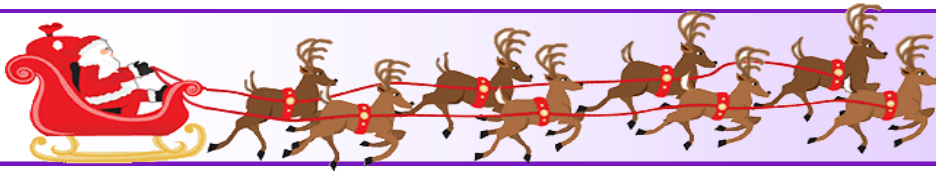
Other grant payments made this fall were:

- (1) The first of three payments, \$3,333.34, was sent to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, to hire a part-time Outreach Coordinator;
- (2) The first of three payments, \$1,250, was sent to Concordia Seminary in St. Louis to purchase Logos Bible software for their new seminary students;
- (3) The first of three payments, \$5,000, was sent to POBLO, People of the Book Lutheran Outreach, to support their missionaries in central Ohio;
- (4) The first of two payments, \$5,000, was sent to Concordia Theological Seminary Food Co-op for the purchase of perishable food;
- (5) The first of two payments, \$5,000, was sent to the Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries for the production of training materials.

Your mites are working hard to carry out the work of these colleges and missions. Thank you!

Dorene Henschen, Gospel Outreach





What's Your 80 + ?

Karen Shanahan

In celebration of the LWML 80th birthday, a service project was organized by the LWML Trinity Toledo Group. Over the past weeks, the congregation and school children donated items of need to Bethany House in Toledo. Their mission statement, "Providing shelter, protection, and supportive services to domestic violence victims and their children" is the focus of Bethany House. We serve as advocates for families residing in our facility and reach out to underserved domestic violence victims in local homeless shelters."



To help Bethany House plan future birthday parties, we delivered to them:

- ♥ 103 cake mixes and a variety of frostings and 2 boxes of miscellaneous party supplies
- ♥ 125 assorted items, i.e.; birthday candles, birthday napkins and plates, balloons, crepe paper rolls, a birthday banner, cupcake baking cups

Other items donated:

- ♥ 120 toothbrushes
- ♥ 6 cartons of toothpaste
- ♥ 357 food items (canned goods, pasta products, dry baking items, cooking oil, peanut butter)
- ♥ 103 snack items (multi-pack packages)
- ♥ 70 packages of napkins, paper plates, & paper towels
- ♥ 132 cleaning supplies
- ♥ 14 bars of body soap
- ♥ 65 hotel size body soaps, lotions, and shampoo.



As some items were already boxed, we estimate a total of 1130 donated items including items purchased with the Thrivent Action Team funds. This gives you a general idea of the overwhelming generosity of our church and school families. For everything that was given, whether it was "birthday party" items, grocery items, or cleaning supplies, the women of the LWML extend a huge and grateful "THANK YOU!"

Friday, October 14, Diane delivered all the items and wrote that they couldn't have been more appreciative. The organization of the items was appreciated. The Bethany House volunteer who organizes donations really, really appreciated it and couldn't stop talking

about how organized this was for her! They told us they were out of canned goods so this couldn't have come at a better time.

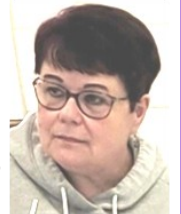


Many thanks, also, to Thrivent Financial Services for funds that helped make this project a huge success!



2024 LWML Ohio District Convention

The planning for the 2024 convention has begun. The dates are June 21-22. Our theme is from Psalm 28:7a, The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped.



We are working on our venue and hope to have this decided fairly soon. The Akron Youngstown Zone looks forward to seeing you at the convention.

Jeanie Dinehart, 2024 Convention Host Committee

2024 Convention Logo Design

A logo is needed for the 2024 LWML Ohio District Convention. The theme of the convention is "**The Lord is My Strength and My Shield**" Psalm 28:7a.

This logo will appear on all convention materials and will be the focus of the convention banner.

Please submit your logo design to Ohio District President, Vivian Nelson at:

vnelsonlwmlloh@gmail.com

Submit design in color on 8½x11 sheet of paper

Include:

- ◆ An explanation of your design
- ◆ The inspiration for your design
- ◆ The color pallet you will use
- ◆ Your name and contact information.

Deadline for submission is January 15, 2023. The Board of Directors (BOD) will select the winning design at the February 2023, BOD meeting. Winning designer will be notified following the meeting.



The Northeast Zone Fall Retreat

Kelly Hines

We met at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Madison, Ohio, on September 24th, 2022, for the 29th annual Fall Retreat. "To Gather... Together" was the theme for us to spend with sisters in Christ. The theme verse was, *And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles (Acts 14:27 ESV).*



While enjoying the light breakfast hosted by our Planning Committee, the women were encouraged to tie a knot on the Prayer Quilt and lift up others in prayer. The donated handmade quilt was made by Kristi McConnell, and was given to Holy Cross Church as a thank you for hosting our event.

Our morning was filled with inspiration from our guest speakers, Dr. Tenisha Grant-Watson, Building Hope in the City, and Dr. Barbara McEachern, President of the Board of Directors for Jordan House, Cleveland, Ohio. They challenged us to live an intentional life with Christ and to ask the important question, "What can YOU do?" to walk into brokenness and come out with hopefulness of Christ in our hearts and in others.

Erin Cardina, Billie Lelle and Deb Hoffman led us in some of our favorite songs including an original song, "Gathered Together," written and performed by Erin Cardina. Opening Devotions, "Gather Together around

the Word and Sacrament," were offered by Pastor Steve Berndt, Zone Pastoral Counselor and Holy Cross Pastor.

Charlotte Le Pere and Ruth Mowery performed a touching skit, followed by a heartwarming story by Jeanne Schimmelmann which reminded us that even the smallest act of kindness could change the life and heart of a person. Our mites offering was \$426.98 and our special ingathering offering designated for Jordan Community Resource Center was \$367.50



The Retreat Committee prepared lunch. The ladies could choose to make a Trinity craft led by Ruth Mowery, take a "Walk Down Memory Lane" with Billie Lelle, or enjoy some free time.

A hilarious skit reminded us that we need to get out of our "cocoon" and into the community to share the Love and Word of Christ with everyone. In the afternoon, the Bible study led by Pastor Berndt again themed "Gathered Together to Gather" from the book of Hebrews and Acts 14:27.

We finished the day with a game directed by Ann Marie Bollas, in "The Life of a Mom" leaving us all a little dizzy and in stitches! A fantastic day was completed with door prizes donated by Daughters Florist, Madison, Ohio.

Defiance and Napoleon Zones Fall Retreat

Deb Volkmann

The ladies met September 17 for their annual Fall Retreat. This year's theme was "You are Wonderfully Made" based on Psalm 139:14. Fifty-five ladies and two pastors attended. We started our day with a church service with Reverend Jacob Stencil and Reverend Eric Mequon. President Vivian Nelson updated us on district news. Our guest speaker was Jean Cores from the Filling Home in Napoleon, Ohio. She shared with us the history of the Filling Home along with the present-day events at their facilities. We also had the chaplain from Filling Home, Reverend Dr. Denise Brown, and Sean, a resident of the Filling Home, talk to us. The Reverend Brown showed us how she shares the love of Jesus with the residents and the different ways she communicates to them. The program was very informative. We enjoyed a delicious brunch. Pastor

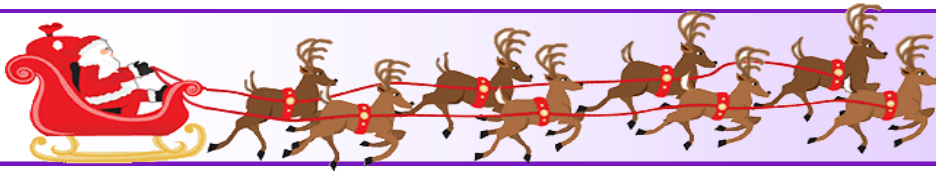


Mequon led us in a bible study about the words from Psalm 139:14. He had us look at what it meant to be "fearfully and wonderfully made." For a servant event, the ladies wrote cards to the residents of the Filling Home. We had the names of all of the residents so each would receive a card. The ingathering collection of items was for the Filling Home.



It was a wonderful day of Bible study, fellowship and fun.





Cincinnati Zone

Peggy Kelm

Fall Retreat!

Just being together was a great accomplishment! Post COVID-19 and wasn't it GREAT to see so many without masks and without social distancing in a single room! The Retreat was held Saturday, October 1, at Messiah Lutheran Church from 9:45 to 2:00 with just over 30 women attending. We appreciate Pastor Greene, our Pastoral Counselor, along with the officers who worked so hard to keep us connected during COVID-19. (In June Pastor Green was elected as our Ohio District Junior Pastor Counselor!)

Pastor Stuckwisch's Bible study was based on the love expressed by Jesus in 1 Corinthians; it was grounding and detailed yet warming to our souls. We were engaged with several activities and unanswerable questions. Response to the Bible study was positive, it was inspiring to participants. We started our servant project counting, sorting, and, bagging the school supplies so Nicole Dowdell could take them to the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati for distribution to students and teachers.

We enjoyed brunch provided by the ladies of Messiah, delicious and satisfying at the beginning of the day. We enjoyed the tradition of a skit and gave generous thanks to all who made this event special.

1. Pastor Greene, 2. Packing donations, 3. Listening to Pastor Stuckwisch



Just for Fun! A Pottery Event!

Now we need to have the fun of being together and inviting our friends all over again. That's the purpose of the next event, to enhance our friendships within the LWML and to create more awareness of the women involved.

On Saturday, November 5, from 12 noon to 3, come



to Christ Lutheran Church in Cincinnati to paint pottery, just for fun! A creative outlet for our pent-up emotions organized by Liz Underwood

and Peggy Kelm and everyone is invited. This is a wonderful way to get inspired to be helpful to others. We will paint and chat the entire time; there is no agenda!

The Pottery Lady, Ann Flynn, will bring a selection of her greenware pottery which we will paint! Ann will bring her paints and brushes and expertise to share. The greenware pieces are offered at less than \$25 each. Ann will fire the pieces in her kiln and return them to us within two weeks.

We start with a "bring your own sandwich" lunch, extras provided. Of course, there will be a Mites Box for donations! Please RSVP to Liz Underwood via email or phone: lunderwood1@cinci.rr.com, 513-307-2035.

Ohio District and Zone Calendar of Events

Contact your zone for further details

2022

November

- 5 9:30 - 2:30 LWML Ohio District ID Meeting St. John, 6135 Rings Rd., Dublin Ohio
- 5 12:00 - 3:00 Cincinnati Zone Just for Fun Pottery Event, Christ LC, 3301 Compton Rd. Cincinnati, Ohio
- 6 2:00 a.m. Fall Back! Daylight Saving Time Ends!
- 27 2:00 Lorain-Medina Christmas Tea St. Paul, 1377 Lester Road, Valley City, Ohio

2023

January

- 7 10:00 Cincinnati Zone Board Meeting
- 29 Milwaukee Banner designs due

February

- TBA Ohio District Board of Directors Meeting
- Vote on Banner designs

April

- 30 2:00 Cincinnati Zone "Missions in Motion"

June 22-25 The LWML 40th Biennial Convention



MITES, HONORS AND MEMORIALS, 2022 - 2024

| | July-Sept. 2022 | Biennium Total |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mites Received | \$13,114.54 | \$28,476.43 |
| Joyful Response | \$380.00 | \$740.00 |
| Thrivent Choice Dollars | \$16.00 | \$735.00 |
| Honors/Memorial Quarterly & ODE | \$330.00 | \$1,286.95 |
| Stamps | \$399.00 | \$809.00 |
| | \$0.00 | \$875.00 |
| Total Mission Income | \$14,239.59 | \$32,922.38 |



Most Christians don't have a charitable plan for when the Lord calls them to heaven and may be unsure where to start.

LWML's Gift Planning Counselors, Linda Gage and Carol von Soosten, are ready to help you put your wishes on paper to care for your family and impact ministry. LWML offers this free, professional assistance you can trust. You will have joy and peace of mind knowing your instructions will be carried out. Contact... LWML Gift Planning Counselor Linda Gage at:

Linda.Gage@lfnd.org,

Phone: 800-741-4138,

Website: www.lwmlgiftplan.org



HONORS

July-September

Bill & Lisa Miralia-40th
Wedding Anniversary

MEMORIALS

July-September

Nancy Weitzel Doris Weaver
Belinda Hitchcock June Licht
Marvin Upchurch Carol Schultz

Total needed to meet the goal: \$174,477.62
Monthly amount needed to reach Mission Goal \$9,693

Toledo Zone Fall Rally

Lillian Keller

The LWML Fall Rally at King of Glory Lutheran Church, Sylvania, Ohio, was October 1. Rev. Paul Schmidlin's devotion was based on Matthew 6:25-34, telling us to move out of worry into trust. Rev. Schmidlin installed Wanda Snyder as Toledo Zone Secretary, she was elected at the 2022 Spring Rally.

Our theme was "For we Walk by Faith, not by Sight," (II Corinthians 5:7 KJV). Our program speaker was Tim Tegge, Development Coordinator, The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio. Tim's relationship with the Sight Center began as a low vision client nearly 30 years ago. Tim has lived most of his life with an eye disorder called Stargardt's Disease, an early onset of Macular Degeneration, a genetic eye disease.

He explained some of the services and programs that can help people of all ages work, learn, play and live independently with permanent vision loss. He demonstrated various items available to those with vision loss including technology capable of converting a picture of written words into a spoken message. What an inspiration! We take our sight for granted.



A brunch was served by the women of King of Glory, during which we had an interactive activity and made encouragement cards for Phil's Friends.



The business meeting followed with President Karen Shanahan presiding.

President Vivian Nelson brought District Greetings and encouraged us "to participate more fully in our church groups, in our zones, at district and even at the national level."



Mites offerings and donations for the zone's treasury were collected. A generous ingathering of cleaning and paper supplies was received for The Sight Center.

Our closing was a Vesper Devotion, At the End of the Day, written by Vivian Nelson and available at:

www.lwml.org.

The Lutheran Women in Mission of the
**North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and South
Wisconsin Districts**
Invite you to the
LWML 40th Biennial Convention
in beautiful Milwaukee, Wisconsin



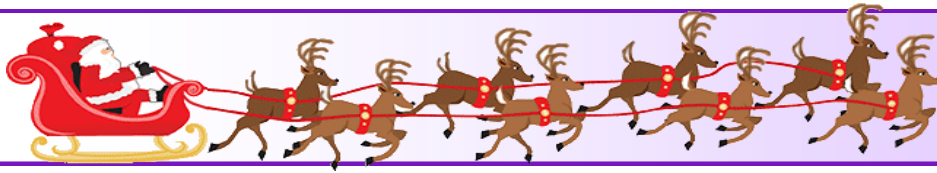
Celebrate the
Lord of the Nations
Psalm 33:12-13

*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).*



June 22-25, 2023



Wanted: 2023 Banner Designer

Seeking a creative person to design and create the LWML Ohio District banner for the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The winning designer is responsible for making the banner

- ♥ Submit design on 8-1/2 x 11 sheet of paper
- ♥ Include an explanation of the design
- ♥ Color pallet you will be using
- ♥ You may use the convention colors
- ♥ DO NOT use convention logo on the banner

Submit banner designs by the end of January 2023 to Ohio District President, Vivian Nelson at:

vnelson4805@gmail.com

Banner Specifications include:

Finished banner size: 3'x5'

Added fringe can be longer.

District name **must be on front** of banner

District name can be abbreviated

Any size letters you wish.

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Let the words and spirit of the 2023 convention inspire your amazing design.

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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Lima—Van Wert Zone

Beth King

The ladies of the zone met on September 24 at St. Thomas, Ohio City. Over 80 items were gathered for the seminary food co-op. They also began a project of making books for shut-ins and nursing home residents. The goal is to complete 80 books.



Linda Sheppard, Eunice Medford, and Cindy Burke cut and paste pictures and messages from greeting cards.

Did you know?

For your daily dose of God's encouragement, the LWML On the Go podcast is available on Amazon; Spotify and the LWML App.



Look for LWML Ohio District to be on Instagram at the end of 2022-2023! Stay connected to each other between conventions through the Ohio District LWML Facebook group! Post Bible verses, pictures, upcoming zone events. This is a great way to meet new LWML sisters! Most of all, invite your church teen and youth group ladies to visit this Facebook Group page:

Ohio District LWML | Facebook

Blessings! See you on Ohio District Facebook!

Hope Boring, Public Relations

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