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2022 Post Spring Rally

Hope this newsletter reaches you with joy and blessings.

Last May, St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Brunswick, hosted the 2022 LWML Cleveland South-West Zone Spring Rally. May was "**National Military Appreciation Month**", which was the theme of our Spring Rally.

The ladies of St. Marks put together a breakfast buffet filled with homemade breads, muffins, pastries, and sweet treats. The ingathering gifts were newborn diapers that were donated to The Oaks.

Once our tummies were full and enjoying a cup of coffee, Pastor Girard started the event by talking about

his service in the Marines and how he found God. Pastor Girard talked about how LWML was a huge help when he was at the seminary.

After hearing God's word on "faith" the ladies from St. Marks, Trinity, St. Thomas, and St. James participated in an Ice Breaker - *Miraculous Happenings* where the question was asked; "what if you could be part of any miraculous or other happening in the Bible, what would it be and why"? Open discussion based on answers like Moses parting the Red Sea, Jesus turning water into wine, witnessing Jesus leaving the tomb and other events in the Bible.

After our interesting discussions we wrote encouraging and spiritual words to our active military men and women. Three (3) LCMS chaplains that are currently deployed also received cards of encouragement, along with a Bible verse.

Wrote 80 cards to commemorate 80 years of LWML Ohio District! Event ended with lunch and everyone had an enjoyable time.

Please feel free to reach out to anyone of your CSWZ representatives!

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**LWML Spring Rally 2022 at
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Pastor Girard conducting Bible study.



Ingathering of newborn diapers.



Sisters in Christ



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In case you missed it, here are some picture highlights from the LWML Ohio District Convention. Thank you to Nancy Spaudie and the women of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Westlake for creating a beautiful quilt banner for the Cleveland South-West Zone. The banner was displayed at the convention and the design went by the convention theme “Lord of the Harvest” Isaiah 55:10.



A “shout out” to our Delegates at the convention: Mary Regan and Joanne Birth from Trinity Lutheran in Cleveland who are not shown here. Thank you, Mary and Joanne! For more highlights mission grant information, and resources please visit the website at www.lwmlohio.org

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5th Annual Lutheran Oktoberfest

Sponsored by Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Lakewood, the **5th Annual Lutheran Oktoberfest** will be held on **Saturday, September 10th from Noon – 10:00 p.m.** at the **Cleveland Metroparks Brooklyn Memphis Picnic Area!**

Tickets can be purchased in advance or day of the event. Volunteers are needed. Sign up at

<https://www.lutheranoktoberfest.com/volunteer.html>.

LWML Fall Gathering

Did you know that October is Pastor Appreciation month? Now that you know, please come to show your appreciation, on **Sunday, October 23rd at 1:00 p.m. as St. Thomas** will be hosting this special event.



Prior to this event, we are asking each of the churches in our zone to collect \$10.00 gift cards (example: gas cards, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, Walmart, etc.) as we will be inserting them in the thank you cards. Yes, we will be writing thank you notes in the blank cards to send them to our seminarians from Ohio!

Please join us as we share in devotions, fellowship, stewardship, and fun! All are welcome!



Bethlehem Church Picnic

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Parma is having a church picnic on **Sunday, September 11th at noon**. Bring a dish or desert to share! Favorite outdoor game! Lawn Chairs! Food, snacks, and drinks are provided. Please contact Kathy Green at (440) 785-3802. All are welcome and bring a friend!

COMING IN OCTOBER IS LWML SUNDAY! CHECK OUT
WWW.LWML.COM FOR INFORMATION AND RESOURCES.
EVERY MITE DONATION HELPS MISSIONS!