



## Ohio District President's Message - Fall, 2024

**Dear Lutheran Women in Mission,**

Greetings as we begin the 2024-2026 LWML Ohio District 31<sup>st</sup> Biennium! Our adventure of "Serving the Lord with Gladness" (Psalm 100:2) has just begun, and what an exciting journey we are taking. The convention delegates gave us the amazing challenge to fund 10 Mission Grants totaling \$95,000.

One might say "WOW" ... **Can we reach the goal? How is it possible?** Yes we can - through prayer, preparation, participation, and inspiration! Share with your congregations the power and magnitude of the "mite." Embrace your pastors and seek their guidance. TOGETHER as we follow GOD's word, it will be done!

READY TO  
*serve*



Have you checked out the LWML October Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday service, "Ready to Serve" ([www.lwml.org/lwml-sunday?](http://www.lwml.org/lwml-sunday?)) October is the month for the annual LWML Sunday, ask your Pastor if this can be incorporated into an October Sunday worship service. Each Sunday, share different information about LWML with your congregation. Personally invite women in your congregation to participate in LWML. Remember to encourage mite donations.

### SPREAD THE WORD!



There are several member positions yet to fill for the LWML Ohio District in the Leadership and Structure committees.

Leadership works with Young Women Representatives (YWR) but also reaches out to women of LWML to develop leaders. How can we make it less daunting? What ideas do you have to nurture others to become leaders?

Structure handles the Bylaws and Procedures manual. Being detail and computer oriented are desired attributes. The Coordinator for the committee is very knowledgeable, but she cannot do the work alone. Many hands make light work, will you volunteer? As your President, I am asking you to consider volunteering for one of these committees. You can reach me at: [kesjr@att.net](mailto:kesjr@att.net), 419.380.0244, for further information or to volunteer.

**Eph 4:16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.**

### CALENDAR ITEMS:

LWML Ohio District Executive Committee (EC) and Board of Directors (BOD) members upcoming EC and Interdepartmental (ID) meeting dates:

- **Oct 25, 2024 (Fri):** EC meeting, 7:30 p.m. to finish of business, Dublin, OH.
- **Oct 26, 2024 (Sat):** ID meeting: 10:00 am. – 3:00 p.m. (lunch provided) , Dublin, OH
- **Jan 15, 2025: DEADLINE to commit to ride bus to Omaha for convention**
- **Feb 2, 2025: DEADLINE for LOGO Designs for 2026 LWML Ohio District Convention**
- **Feb 2, 2025: DEADLINE for BANNER Designs for 2025 LWML Omaha Convention**
- **Feb 7, 2025 (Fri):** EC meeting, 7:30 p.m. to finish of business, Dublin, OH
- **Feb 8, 2025 (Sat):** BOD meeting, 10:00 am. – 3:00 p.m. (lunch provided), Dublin, OH
- **Jun 26-29, 2025:** LWML 41<sup>ST</sup> Biennial Convention, Omaha, NE
- **Jun 19-20, 2026:** LWML Ohio District 31<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention, Westlake, OH



**DELEGATES:** Zone Presidents, begin thinking about who you will send as the delegate and alternate for your zone to the 2025 convention.

**YWR'S:** Additionally, seek out young women who would be excellent candidates for the YWR program to represent your zone at the 2025 convention. Be on the alert and check with your groups for recommendations. Application forms are at the Ohio District website, [www.lwmlohio.org](http://www.lwmlohio.org).

## CONVENTIONS



**"Growing in God's Grace"** 2 Peter 3:18 *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity Amen.* Consider attending the convention, it will be jam packed with fellowship, friendship, devotions, and inspiration to rejuvenate your soul and to "Serve the Lord with Gladness!" Submit a design for the LWML Ohio District banner (details below).



**"Joyful Always"** 1 Thes 5:16-18: *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* This is a concise 2-day convention taking place at St. Paul Lutheran Church. It is hosted by Cleveland South-West, Lorain-Medina, and Northeast Zones. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Submit your design for the convention Logo based on "Joyful Always" theme (details below).

**2025 BUS TO OMAHA:** Would you like to ride the bus to Omaha? Let us know before mid-January. It's a fun way to share time with others and leave the driving to... the bus driver!

Bus Charter to Omaha, Nebraska, Wed, June 25 – Sun June 29, 2025 quote is \$11,000 for the round trip with 56 passengers (\$196.50), plus providing hotel room for driver (to be added to per person rate). Miller estimate is 15 hours. This includes one trip from hotel to convention center and back each day of convention (Thursday through Saturday).

### ITINERARY

#### Wednesday, June 25, 2025 –

- 7:00 a.m. Leave Columbus, destination Ft. Wayne, IN
- 11:00 a.m. Leave Ft. Wayne
- 11:00 p.m. Arrive Omaha, Nebraska

#### Sunday, June 29, 2025

- 8:00 a.m. Leave Omaha hotel
- 8:00 p.m. Arrive Ft. Wayne, discharge passengers
- 8:00 pm depart Ft. Wayne
- 11:00 p.m. Arrive Columbus



**Let your Zone President know if you would like to go by bus to convention.**

**Deadline for submitting the logo and banner designs is February 2, 2025, to President's Secretary, Melissa Bauer, (melissabauer123@gmail.com). At the February 8 BOD meeting, the Board of Directors vote on the designs to select the winners.**

**Logo Requirements:** Submit your design in color on 8½x11 paper. (1) Provide an explanation of your design; (2) your inspiration for the design; (3) the proposed colors; (4) your name and contact information.

**Banner Requirements:** The banner design (1) should be based on the convention theme "Growing in God's Grace;" (2) do not use the convention logo on the banner; (3) use any color including the convention colors; (4) finished banner size is to be 3'x 5', not including fringe if used; (5) district name must be on front of banner; (6) design creator is responsible for making the banner. Further details will be given to the person whose design is selected.

**For those who love God all things work together for good,  
for those who are called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28 ESV).**

**Your Servant in Christ,  
Karen Shanahan,  
LWML Ohio District President**