



Nor'easter

LWML OHIO DISTRICT – NORTHEAST ZONE NEWSLETTER

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**Next DEADLINE is
October 15th.**

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Billie's Bytes

The women's Bible study group at my church has been using the studies found in the LWML Quarterly for many years. The Spring 2021 Quarterly studies (as well as most of the articles) centered around JOY and rejoicing. When we came to the final study, "Rejoice, Always", one member commented, "We sure have been talking a lot about joy!"

And it's true, we had looked at many Bible verses (sometimes, the same verse in different studies) and by the power of the Holy Spirit we were able to leave each session with "Joy, Joy, Joy – down in our hearts".

There is a huge difference between being happy and having joy. Happiness is an emotion that is dependent on situations that are always changing – happiness (or lack thereof) shows on your face and in your actions "If you're happy and you know it clap your hands..." kind of stuff. JOY on the other hand, is a gift of the Spirit. It is the smile that lives in your heart no matter what the circumstance. (You might want to read the book of Philippians to see what Paul has to say about rejoicing!) Joy is having the "peace that passes understanding" and the "love of Jesus, love of Jesus" down in your heart. Joy is present, even when the tears are flowing.

Recently I came across a Wizard of Id (by Park and Hart) comic in which the wizard begins his day with a sunrise and throughout the day there are storms and troubles – he sits staring at his computer during the havoc of the day and in the last frame he calls out, "I have seen the future and it's amazing!" Nothing is going to ruin his future! Satan wants nothing more than to steal our joy. He attacks us as he throws his arrows of poisonous lies meant to reach us in our most vulnerable state. He will use hardship, guilt, idolatry, doubt – you name it, he uses it to try to steal our joy. That is why we want to stay focused on God's Word, so that we can shout out with all surety "I have seen the future and it is amazing." Joy is living in the pure Hope that we are marked for eternity by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Joy is knowing that Christ, Who for joy (Hebrews 12:2) endured the cross, has conquered sin, death and the power of the devil. He did that so that His joy would make our joy complete (John 15:11). Rejoice! YOU ARE LOVED.

Billie Lelle
LWML Ohio District Northeast Zone President

Yearly donations

(\$75 is suggested, but any amount is gladly accepted) to the Northeast Zone.

Checks payable to LWML Northeast Zone may be sent to Zone Treasurer: Gayle Hunt 8295 Dewey RD Thompson, OH 44086

These funds allow our zone to send delegates to the LWML conventions and LWML Ohio District conventions as well as pay for expenses incurred by the zone (Guest speakers, Postage, Retreat expenses etc.)

Planning ahead

Northeast Zone Prayer Service – February 26, 2022 – Grace, Thompson

Northeast Zone Spring Rally – Date TBA – Zion, Painesville

Want to see more pictures.

Go to the website



**LWML Northeast Zone Retreat
Carpenter Hands, Christ Hands, Our Hands**

September 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
At Zion Lutheran Church in Painesville, OH

Join us for this inspirational, relaxing day. Enjoy Bible study, crafts, visiting, and food.

Cost is just \$25. Registration forms are available at your church or on the LWML Ohio District website.

Registrations must be postmarked by September 15th.

An ingathering will be taken for Project Hope (hand warmers & hand lotion) and SubZero (gloves)

You are invited to attend the next: Convention

When: Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18, 2022

Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1075 Glenwood Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio
<http://www.stpaulnapoleon.org>

Hosts: Defiance, Napoleon and Toledo Zones

Theme: “Lord of the Harvest”

Isaiah 55:10 “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...”

See our website on LWML Ohio District for Registration and Convention News www.lwmlohio.org

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Found under the Zone tab on the Ohio District LWML site

LWML Ohio District

“Mitey” Mites

We are half way through the biennium. We have collected \$80,831.17 of our \$200,000 mite goal. Are you looking for a new way to donate mites?

There is now a donate button on <http://lwmlohio.org>.

One time or recurring donations may be made.

Simply follow the directions, but do remember to include your church name and our zone name (Northeast).



Donate

2019–2021 LWML
Mission Goal: \$2,100,000

“Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”
The Mission Goal has been exceeded. We collected 2,204,724.55

LWML Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

Core Values

- **Christian Women** — We live as redeemed children of the Triune God.
- **In God’s Word** — We live in joyful response to the Holy Scriptures.
- **Mission-Focused** — We answer God’s call to share His Gospel at home and abroad.
- **Embrace Diversity** — We are sisters in Christ who value and benefit from each other.
- **Servant Leaders** — We are called and equipped by God to serve others.

(Approved by Board of Directors - October, 2020)

LWML Convention News

What Happened in Lexington Will NOT Stay in Lexington

Ten members of the Northeast Zone along with 2,787 registered guests were blessed to be present at the 39th Biennial Convention of the LWML, held in Lexington, KY June 24-27. They represented ten of our churches. Delegates Carol Vought (Peace, Chardon) and Zone President, Billie Lelle (St. Paul's, Painesville) were given the privilege of representing the zone as we voted on Mission Grants, Amendments and Officers. Lois Cox (Grace, Thompson); Jan Swetel and Marilyn Kent (Zion, Painesville); and Jackie Rychel and Sue Matzke (St. Mark, Chesterland) were volunteers throughout the convention. Ann Marie Bollas (Zion) served as Communications Coordinator and Jeanne Schimmelmann (Bethel, Willowick) served as Guest Services Coordinator throughout the convention and spent many hours prior to the convention in preparation. Carolyn Lindenmuth (Secretary at Zion but presently a member at a PA church), went as a guest but volunteered whenever needed throughout the convention.

Delegate Carol will share her convention experience at the 2022 Spring Rally which will be held at Zion, Painesville. You will find many pictures and various links at <http://lwmlohio.org>. (Look under the Events tab for LWML Convention 2021) The sessions that were live-streamed have been archived, so you are able to watch the various events. You will find the information about the 28 grants that were approved and will be funded during the 2021-2023 biennium. A mission goal of \$2,150,000 was adopted. You will learn about newly elected officers; mite collections from offerings, the mission walk and "tee up" 4 mites; gifts of the heart collection and so much more by checking <http://lwml.org> under "News and Events" Convention Central.

Spread the word, let people know how God used the workings of this event to spread the Gospel. Don't let what happened in Lexington stay in Lexington!