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LWML OHIO DISTRICT – NORTHEAST ZONE NEWSLETTER

Zone Officers:

President- Billie Lelle
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Upcoming Events

Prayer Service
February 26
(snow date 3/5)
Grace Lutheran, Thompson
Registration 9:30 a.m.
Service at 10:00 a.m.
Contact Mariann Van Pelt
(440)668-0004 with your
Society's number by 2/21

Spring Rally
May 7
Zion Lutheran, Painesville
Time/Theme TBA

Fall Retreat
September 24
Holy Cross, Madison
Theme TBA

Billie's Bytes

It is no secret that I am a "snow-a-holic." I just love the white stuff. So for this winter edition, I would like to share a SNOW devotional thought. I suggest you have a Bible handy to look up the listed passages.

You might want to begin by writing the word SNOW in big bold red (or black) letters on a piece of paper (or imagine the word). Starting with the letter S – think about sin – Our sin condemns us, and we all fall short of what God expects of us (Romans 3:23). Now glue white cotton balls (or imagine doing that) on the letter S. God the Father sent His one and only Son to forgive our sins ("If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 ESV) He really does wash us and make us whiter than snow (Psalm 51:7). With the sin removed, we are left with the word NOW! We are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17), and NOW is the time to live our new life in Christ.

N – Nurture your faith. By the power of the Holy Spirit, grow in faith as you read God's Word, for we know "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16 ESV). Feed your faith and as you partake of God's WORD at Holy Communion – "This IS my body, this IS my blood" (Matthew 26:26-28).

O – Open your mouths to proclaim what God has done for you. Like the man whom Jesus healed in Luke 8, we are reminded to "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." (v. 39 NIV). By word and action, "Go and make disciples..." (Matthew 28: 19). By the power of the Holy Spirit, lead others to the wide-open door that Jesus offers.

W – Walk in the newness of life and in His light! Having been rescued from eternal damnation, we walk in the new life we have been given (Psalm 56:13). As we walk in **the Light**, we now have fellowship with one another (1 John 1:7). Now, we are able to follow Jesus as we love one another (John 13:34-35), as we are kind and forgiving (Ephesians 4:32), as we care for our church family (Galatians 6:10) and as we do good to others in need – Serve the Lord in gladness, by serving others.

My prayer (even if you don't like the winter snow) is that when the white stuff flies, you will be reminded that you are wearing a white robe of righteousness and that you have an exciting life NOW and into eternity.

In His Redeeming Love,
Billie



It's coming – LWML Ohio District Concise Convention

2022 LWML Ohio District Concise Convention

Hosting Zones:
Defiance, Napoleon and Toledo

**Friday evening, June 17
and Saturday, June 18, 2022**

Venue:

**St. Paul Lutheran Church
1075 Glenwood Ave
Napoleon, Ohio**

Theme:

"Lord of the Harvest"

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 to the eater. (Isaiah 55:10)

NOW is the time to begin considering the following:

1. Each unit may have up to 2 delegates at the convention. An alternate will also be needed. Unit contacts will receive further information on this in a timely fashion.
2. Do you know a young women (ages 18-35) who could represent our zone as a Young Woman Representative? Information concerning this opportunity will be passed on to units as it is received. (Note: The zone pays the expenses of our YWR(s))
3. We will need a banner at this convention using the above theme "Lord of the Harvest" (but not the logo). It can be a baby blanket, lap pad/robe, banner or quilt not to exceed 36"X50". The zone will pay up to \$50 for the creation of the banner. If you have a banner design idea and are willing to create the banner, please send the design to Billie Lelle (blelle@roadrunner.com) by January 15, 2022. Following the convention, you may give the finished item to a charity or individual as you see fit. (Complete instructions can be sent to you if you need more information)
4. Learn more about the convention at <http://lwmlohio.org> under the events tab.

"Mitey" Mites

The biennium ends in 3 months. We have collected \$67,250 of our \$95,000 mission grant goal. We have collected \$103,682.60 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

A Short Explanation of the Lectionary

The word *lectionary* means "a gathering of readings." When used in the context of the Divine Service, however, lectionary means a collection of the words of God. Because faith comes by hearing, the congregation gathers in the Divine Service to listen to the words of God read communally and publicly for their benefit, namely Law, which shows us our sin, and Gospel which shows our Savior, who is the solution to sin.

The reading of Scripture in the gathered assembly of the people of God was mandated by God Himself (see Ex. 21:1; 24:7; Deut. 4:14; 6:1). The complete Torah (the five books of Moses: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy) was read to the people at certain key events (see Deut. 31:9-13; Josh. 8:34-35; 2 Kings 22:8-11; 23:1-3). The New Testament also is full of examples of Scripture being read in public worship in the synagogue and later in the first Christian house church gatherings.

From the beginning of the Christian church, the presentation of the readings in the Divine Service was of great concern. The books of the Gospels and of the Epistles were often highly and expensively decorated and printed. The dignity of the contents required a dignified vessel, no less than the costly appointments for handling the body and blood of our Lord in the Holy Supper.

As the church year coalesced into its present form of a "festival half" running from the first Sunday in Advent through Trinity Sunday and the "Time of the Church" or the Sundays after Pentecost (three-year lectionary) and Sundays after Trinity (one-year lectionary) it became practical to collect all the readings for an appointed Sunday together for easy public reading, and subsequently collect those readings into a single volume for the church year.

The traditional one-year lectionary in one form or another goes back to the fourth century and has several advantages: The form of this lectionary has remained nearly unchanged for centuries, with only minor revisions. The repetition of hearing the same readings every year aids the memory of the congregation, who would come to be able to repeat those stories, almost by heart, to their children. Today, the use of the one-year lectionary opens up the use of countless sermons, commentaries, and resources for the pastor to prepare his sermons, including the sermons of Martin Luther, which seldom correspond to readings in the three-year lectionary.

The three-year lectionary had its origin in the 1960s, particularly the Roman Catholic Second Council of the Vatican (*Vatican II*), which mainstream Protestantism gradually adopted. Lutherans, too, adopted this lectionary, although readings from the Apocrypha were omitted. The advantages of this system are Exposure of the congregation to nearly three times more Scripture, covering almost the entirety of the New Testament. Also, each "series" focuses on a different Gospel. For example, we are currently following "Year B," which takes the majority of its Gospel readings from Mark. Matthew in Year A and Luke in Year C. John's Gospel is divided up and read extensively in the Easter season of all three years, and also with greater frequency in Year B. The three-year series also allows for an Epistle to be read continuously over a period of Sundays, often completing nearly the entire book. These three series have undergone extensive revisions since their inception by various church bodies. Still, the overall form is very similar between denominations and had now been stable for many years.

--by Rev. S. Berndt

Want to see more pictures.

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Found under the Zone tab on the
Ohio District LWML site

Operation Christmas Child a Success

Two things of which I am sure - God is good all of the time and St. Mark members and their friends are generous!

October 24 concluded our 2021 collection of OCC shoeboxes. In total, with the help of Hope Lutheran, Aurora we collected 250 filled shoeboxes -- some of which required two or three thick rubber bands and some tricky repacking to stay closed! Praise the Lord, this is an increase from last year.

In addition to the boxes, there were bags of donated items which we ran out of time to pack at our packing party. So, we are passing them on to another church in our area that supports the OCC mission. These boxes will count toward our "area" total and, more importantly, bless children around the world.

But, that's not all. We also have a slew of stuffed animals that were donated to us that we pulled aside for our 2022 Easter basket collection. And, we are also able to donate all of our leftover dresses and hygiene items to Ministry in Mission for them to distribute to our brothers and sisters in Christ in Haiti.

I want to thank everyone who was part of this ministry effort – donating, packing, folding, encouraging, and getting the word out.
- submitted by Debbie Turk, St. Mark Lutheran, Chesterland

NOW is the time!

Each of us have been given gifts with which to serve God. Now is the time to consider how you can use your gifts to serve God in the LWML.

1. Within your unit – has God enabled you to hold a leadership role, to lead Bible studies, to organize servant events, to faithfully give to mites, to welcome newcomers (the list goes on)? Prayerfully seek God's guidance.
2. Within the Northeast Zone – has God enabled you to hold a leadership role? We will be voting for a president and treasurer at the Spring Rally. Billie Lelle is not eligible for reelection and nominations are being sought for the office of president. Gayle Hunt has consented to being on the ballot and is eligible for reelection. If you have questions concerning these positions please feel free to contact Billie (blelle@roadrunner.com) Do you have ideas about servant event projects, guest speakers or rally/retreat events? Please make these known to one of the members of the Executive Board.
3. Within the LWML Ohio District – the nominating committee of the district is seeking candidates for the 2022 ballot for recording secretary and the nomination committee. If you would like to learn more about these positions contact: Corrine Sattler Chair, LWML Ohio District Nominating Committee
 Cell # 419-699-7724 E-mail: cssattler@gmail.com

Yes, NOW is the time to serve Him who first served us

Several people asked for the recipe for the **Cauliflower/Broccoli Salad**, served at the fall retreat.

Chop: 1 head broccoli	Mix together: 1 cup mayonnaise
1 head cauliflower	1 cup sour cream (8 oz container)
	1/2 cup sugar
	1/2 teaspoon salt

Stir together the veggies and the sauce and add:
 1/2 pound bacon, fried and crumbled
 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Some helpful hints – fry up the bacon the night before. When making for a large crowd (like the retreat count of 50), Giant Eagle sells 2 pound bags of prewashed and cut broccoli and cauliflower (it still has to be

chopped smaller but at the least you just have the flowerets). For the retreat I used about 1 ½ bags of each and basically tripled everything in the recipe.

-- Billie Lelle