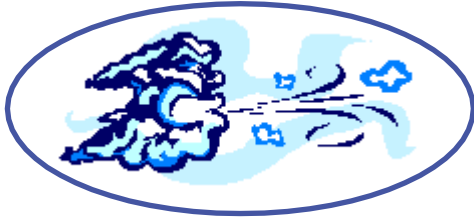


The Nor'easter

Summer Edition 2023



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Billie's Bytes

One of the most inspirational events that takes place at an LWML convention is the procession of flags from over 80 countries in which the Gospel has been preached, many of which the LWML has supported with mission grants throughout its 81 years of funding grants. It truly is a time to "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations".

One of the definitions of "celebrate" in the Oxford dictionary is "to show that a day or an event is important by doing something special on it". Christians throughout the world celebrate the acts of love our Triune God faithfully bestows on them. Lamentations 3:22-24 tells us of God's steadfast love and faithfulness that is new every morning.

During the next LWML biennium, how can you celebrate the Lord of the nations? Here are some ideas.

- ❖ Begin each day, remembering your baptism and praising God that you are part of His worldwide family.
- ❖ Celebrate what God is doing throughout the world through the LWML mission grants. <https://www.lwml.org/mission-grant-resources> offers monthly resources for each grant.
- ❖ Embrace the exciting differences in worship styles, languages, dress and activities used by various cultures as they "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations".
- ❖ Join together regularly with the Body of Christ in Word and Sacrament.
- ❖ Use your time, talents and money to proclaim God's love to those near and far.

Praising God with you and all God's children,

Billie Lelle
LWML Northeast Zone President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Zone Fall Retreat 2023
Environmental Learning
Center/Jordan Creek Park
September 23, 2023
9am-3pm, more information
inside!

Winter 2024 Newsletter Deadline
for Events/Articles:
December 8th, 2023

Free to Serve, Free in Deed

**"Live as people who are
free, not using your
freedom as a cover-up for
evil, but living as servants
of God."**

1 Peter 2:16

Let's get back into our communities! Get those LWML Boots on the ground!



Here's some tips on how to engage your own home church and the community around us:

- ✦ Learn more about the members of your Bible studies, your committee/board members and find what their favorite hobbies are. Could you start a class for your community? Quilting, Cooking, etc.
- ✦ Could you organize a luncheon for your local Civil Servants? Veteran's Clubs?
- ✦ Don't forget to update your Social Media presence as much as you update your own personal one, you'd be surprised how much of an impact you can have on social media!

What are some upcoming events that YOU could get involved in as an LWML leader? Get other LWML members from sister churches involved too, you never know who is willing to help if you never ask!

Northeast Zone Fall Gathering

September 23, 2023 9am-3pm Jordan Creek Park - Lake Metroparks

7250 Alexander Rd., Concord Twp., Ohio
(South of 90 a bit East of 44)

- ❖ \$25.00/person, Includes breakfast, snacks and a light lunch
- ❖ Deadline for registry is Sept. 6th, 2023

Wear comfortable, casual clothing and make sure to BRING:

- ❖ Bible and a willingness to share and grow in Christian life and fellowship.
- ❖ Ingathering - Items for Sub Zero Mission "Stuff the Bus" will be accepting all Ingathering donations
- ❖ Offering for MITES
- ❖ Pick up a Mite box at the LWML Christian Life table

Questions? Contact Jeanne Schimmelmann at 440-943-5497 (jjj3shim@sbcglobal.net) or Ruth Mowery at 440-951-3139 (jrmowery@sbcglobal.net)



**Wanted
Civil War Spy
"Crazy Bet"**

Join us as Ruth Pangrace, a portrayer of Women in History, as she becomes Elizabeth (Crazy Bet) Van Lew right in front of our eyes!

Ruth Pangrace has been an American History portrayer since 1998 and portrays 12 Women in History.

We get to witness "Crazy Bet", an actual Civil War Spy, American abolitionist and philanthropist who built and operated an extensive spy ring for the Union Army during the American Civil War. Feigning lunacy the idea won Van Lew the nickname "Crazy Bet", as she relied on the Victorian custom of female charity to cover her espionage.

Prophecy is another significant genre in the Bible. It includes books such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, which contain narratives of God's people going through struggles and predictions of what the consequences of not trusting and following God will be. These books serve to offer hope, encouragement, and warning to readers, reminding them of the consequences of their actions and the importance of faithfulness to God. They also contain predictions of what the Messiah, Jesus Christ, will do when He comes to earth as the Savior of mankind, all of which Jesus fulfilled.

The Bible also contains a significant amount of law, which includes the Ten Commandments and other regulations governing personal conduct and social behavior. These laws provide a framework for moral and ethical behavior and emphasize the importance of why obedience to God is the key to a functioning society that pleases Him and operates according to His will.

In addition to these main genres, the Bible also contains a range of other literary forms, including letters, parables, sermons (Jesus' sermon on the mount—the gold standard—Peter on Pentecost, Paul in Greece, and the book of Hebrews, to name a few), and apocalyptic literature (Revelation, as well as portions of Ezekiel, Daniel, Jeremiah, and Isaiah).

Jesus used parables to teach us about both the consequences of sin and the mercy of God through illustrations that anyone across the centuries and learn to understand. The letters of Paul and others deal with real doctrinal issues and problems in the church that were happening then and continue to happen today. Apocalyptic literature deals with eschatology—the end times—which began at Jesus' ascension and will continue until His return. These writings are written in a kind of picture language code. They are not to be read literally but figuratively and teach us about life in a broken world and our hope in Christ's return when all will be made new and perfect once more.

Overall, the different types of literature in the Bible serve to provide a rich and complex understanding of God's message to humanity. The Bible offers a complete guide to the Christian life, whether through history, wisdom, prophecy, apocalypse, or doctrine. By exploring the diverse range of genres in the Bible and reading them in their correct context, readers can gain a deeper understanding of the story of our salvation in Jesus Christ and our response to it in thanksgiving by wanting to lead a God-pleasing life that glorifies God and benefits our neighbor through our many diverse vocations to which God has called us.

~Pastor Steve Berndt

SURVEY SAYS!

What are your Church and Family Traditions?

Beth Cristopherson- Structure Officer

Family tradition: *My sister and I are both church musicians (I'm "retired" and serve as a substitute organist at several churches in the zone, she is full-time at our church). MANY years ago, when we were both serving full time, we would be too exhausted after all of the extra Christmas services to plan a Christmas dinner both of our families and our father. So, we celebrated Christmas sometime during the week BETWEEN Christmas and New Year. It's just 3 of us now, but this is still our tradition.*

Sue Matzke, Secretary Officer

Our FAMILY tradition is for a number of years, we've skipped any sort of Black Friday shopping and hiked instead. We love burning off the Thanksgiving "stuffing" and usually find the parks to be fairly desolate. Our CHURCH tradition is our congregation has midday midweek Advent services at 11:30am in addition to evening services. I love pausing midday during such a busy time of year and getting refocused on what the season is all about. An added bonus is the service always includes a sung version of The Magnificat, which is one of my favorite Scripture passages.

Kelly Hines, Public Relations Officer

Family tradition: We will always have Thanksgiving dinner at our house for my In-Laws and then Christmas Eve dinner we have for my parents then head to the latest Candlelight Service at our Church. Church tradition: The annual Hayride is always a great way for everyone to sit back and relax smelling the scents of hay and the fresh scent of Autumn in the air; the annual Cookie exchange I've missed the past few years, but know this was always a favorite of mine I am looking forward to sharing with my two daughters!

**What are some of the traditions you have in your Family or Church you can pass along to others?
Consider your traditions to pass on to the next generation of church members!**
