

District Greetings

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I bring you greetings from your elected officers and leaders of the LWML Ohio District. We pray that you continue to be in the Word and in prayer for yourselves, for each other, and for the kingdom of our Lord.

I heartily extend an invitation to you to attend our convention this summer. Our theme is **The Lord is My Strength and My Shield**, which is based on Psalm 28:7a. *The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him and he helps me.* The convention will be in Canton, Ohio from June 21 to 22, hosted by your sisters in the Akron-Youngstown Zone. Lots of details are available on our website www.lwmlohio.org. Be sure to let your Zone President know who your church's two delegates are.

Our Bible study leader, Rev. Timothy Saleska, has written a commentary on the Psalms, so he should bring lots of ideas into our exploration of that verse. Our Keynote speaker, Rev. Kris Whitby, is also an author. He has been a counselor for LWML at the national level and was the humorous interrupter at our district convention in 2016. You won't want to miss either of them. The Mission speaker, Rev. Matthew Heise, is with the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, which supplies published Lutheran materials in many languages to people all over the world. Our District Senior Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Ryan Kleimola, will be our proclaimer at the worship service on Friday evening.

For our ingatherings, the Human Care Committee has selected three recipients. We will collect diapers of all sizes and feminine hygiene period products. For a food bank we will collect boxed cereals, canned tuna, beef stew and peanut butter. For a pregnancy center we will collect Similac and Gerber baby formulas, baby shampoo and baby lotions.

From 10 – 12 in the morning on Friday, women will help Lutheran Braille Workers assemble Braille materials, assemble feminine hygiene kits to be distributed to those in need, and write cards of encouragement to our future pastors and deaconesses.

As usual, we will be electing new officers and selecting Mission Grants for the upcoming biennium. We will also take the necessary action to establish an endowment fund. Bequests will be deposited into it to provide extra funds for mission grants in the future.

There will also be interest sessions to choose and a store with lots of LWML materials to purchase.

Other issues for our district now include the need for two or three volunteers. We need an **Archivist/Historian**. The ideal person for this position would enjoy the history of our organization and perhaps have library experience with handling documents and preserving them. LWML offers occasional boot-camps for women who are new to the historian positions. We also need someone who is detail-oriented and computer savvy to take care of **subscriptions for the ODE and the Quarterly**. Kim Klein, who has performed this task for several years, also proof-reads the ODE. It would be conceivable to have one person to **proof-read the ODE** and another to take care of the subscriptions. If you or someone you know is qualified and interested, please share her name with me (your district president) or your zone president, who will be happy to pass the information along.

Materials for LWML Sunday are already available on line, and there is a new Mite Box design, too.

May God bless you as you continue to Serve Him with Gladness.

Vivian Nelson