



# The Nor'easter

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Billie's Byte

*Dear Sisters in Christ,*

More than once I have been told, "Remember this isn't about you!". Yet, I continue to fall into the trap of relying on my own strength, my own understanding when faced with responsibilities as I serve as your Zone President. Surely, I can figure this out on my own, even as I am reminded to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5). I enlist "my hands to work for Him, my feet to go on His errands, my voice to sing His praises, my lips to proclaim His redeeming love, my silver and my gold" while being sure that I can do it all. Oh, how foolish of me, for God doesn't take delight "in the strength of the horse, nor pleasure in the legs of a man, BUT the lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love." (Psalm 147:10-11)

By the power of the Holy Spirit, the 2024 district convention theme verse: "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped" (Psalm 28:7a) has taken on a special meaning for me as I have seen my faithful Triune God take the reins from my hands and work all things to His glory and yes – I am helped! His strength is evident in my weakness (2 Corinthians 12:10b) as he continues to protect me from the foolishness of my ways. Letting go of self (it isn't about me at all) and giving it to God has been a learning curve for me and I daily pray that my trust in the truly trustworthy One would grow so that "my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him." (Psalm 28b – the rest of the story).

Rejoicing in His Strength,

*Billie Lelle*

LWML Northeast Zone President



**Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**

**Hebrews 4:16**

## Upcoming Events more details of each event inside

❖ **February 24th, 2024**

**Prayer Service: Peace Lutheran  
Chardon**

❖ **April 27th, 2024**

**Spring Rally: St. Paul's  
Painesville**

❖ **June 21-22, 2024**

**2024 LWML Ohio District Convention:  
Canton**

❖ **September 28th, 2024**

**Fall Retreat: Jordan Creek  
Concord**

# The Great "O" Antiphons

Pastor Steve Berndt

## O Come, O Come Emmanuel



The Great "O" Antiphons are a set of seven liturgical antiphons that are traditionally chanted or recited during Advent season in the week leading up to Christmas. They are called the "O Antiphons" because each one begins with the word "O" and is followed by a title of the Messiah or a prophecy related to the coming of Jesus Christ. These antiphons are used during Vespers (Evening Prayer), and are not only beautiful prayers but also serve as a countdown to Christmas. One of our favorite Advent hymns is based on the Great "O" Antiphons: "O come, O come, Emmanuel." (LSB #357). This hymn is a translation of the Latin hymn "Veni, Veni, Emmanuel," which is a metrical version of the "O Antiphons." The English text was translated from the Latin by John Mason Neale in the 19th century. "O come, O come, Emmanuel" reflects the themes and imagery of the seven "O Antiphons," with each verse addressing a different title or prophecy of the Messiah. It is a hymn of longing and anticipation for the coming of Christ. You may use the verses of this hymn in your daily devotions leading up to Christmas.



December 17: O Sapientia (O Wisdom) - This antiphon refers to Christ as the source of divine wisdom and understanding. Prayer: O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence. Amen.



December 20: O Clavis David (O Key of David) - This antiphon symbolizes Christ as the key that unlocks the doors of salvation and the gates of heaven. Prayer: O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, You open and no one can close. You close, and no one can open. Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shadow of death. Amen.



December 18: O Adonai (O Lord) - This antiphon addresses Christ as the Lord who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave the Law on Mount Sinai. Prayer: O Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us. Amen.



December 21: O Oriens (O Dayspring) - This antiphon hails Christ as the Dayspring or the rising sun, emphasizing His role as the light that dispels darkness. Prayer: O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Amen.



December 19: O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse) - This antiphon points to Christ as the descendant of Jesse, the father of King David, and foretells the coming of the Messiah from David's lineage. Prayer: O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage: Come quickly to deliver us. Amen.



December 22: O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations) - This antiphon recognizes Christ as the King of all nations, the one who brings unity and peace to the world. Prayer: O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people: Come and save us all, whom You formed out of clay. Amen.



December 23: O Emmanuel (O God with Us) - This antiphon proclaims Christ as Emmanuel, the fulfillment of the prophecy in Isaiah 7:14 that a virgin would bear a child, and He would be called "Emmanuel." Prayer: O Emmanuel, our king and our Lord, the anointed for the nations and their Savior: Come and save us, O Lord our God. Amen.



## WHAT'S THE BUZZ IN YOUR CHURCH? Northeast Ohio Zone

Aurora: Hope Lutheran  
Chagrin Falls: Valley Lutheran  
Chardon: Peace Lutheran  
Chesterland: St. Mark  
Euclid: Shore Haven  
Madison: Holy Cross  
Mayfield Heights: Our Savior

Mentor: Faith Lutheran  
Painesville: St. Paul's  
Painesville: Zion Lutheran  
Solon: Our Redeemer  
Thompson: Grace  
Willoughby: Trinity  
Willowick: Bethel Lutheran

## Upcoming Events SAVE THE DATE!

### The Northeast Zone PRAYER SERVICE Grace, Mercy, Peace

(1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2)

Peace Lutheran Church, Chardon

12686 Bass Lake Rd

February 24, 2024 starting at 10am

Coffee fellowship begins at 9:30am

Cost is \$6.00-Contact Carol Voight by

February 19th.

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440-897-4352



### The Northeast Zone SPRING Rally "Life is Like That"

St. Paul's, Painesville

250 Bowhall Road

April 27, 2024 starting at

10am

Coffee fellowship begins at

9:30am

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grace with confidence, so that we may  
receive mercy and find grace to help  
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### 2024 LWML Ohio DISTRICT CONVENTION

June 21-22, 2024

Holiday Inn, Canton

It's coming to a location near you and  
you won't want to miss it!



"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart  
trusts in Him and I am helped" Psalm 28:7a

Most of us in the Northeast Zone it's less than an hour and a  
half away (and for some only 45 minutes!)

Complete information including registration forms will be in  
the Spring ODE and on the district website.

### The Northeast Zone FALL RETREAT

Environmental Learning

Center-Jordan's Creek

7250 Alexander Rd

Concord Township, OH

September 28, 2024

starting at 9:30am

Registration opens at 9am



If you have any events or updates for the Nor'easter to be added to the  
Summer Newsletter, please make sure to have all information emailed to  
Kelly Hines, PR Director no later than **JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**; [Khines136@yahoo.com](mailto:Khines136@yahoo.com)

Do you have a photo of your favorite event hosted by the LWML ladies of your church? Send  
Kelly Hines a detailed highlight of your event and don't forget the names of the people in  
your photos!

Don't forget to email your church's upcoming  
events to Kelly Hines, PR Director!



## Boots on the Ground:

Tips to engage your community and church!

Start a class with your favorite hobby!

Whether we want to admit it or not, the world has turned into an “Online World”. As LWML Leaders in our churches, we should be upholding the traditions and Biblical Values of our faith, as well as keeping up with the more modern times. Here’s a few tips on how to start:

- ✓ How involved are you on your own Social Media page? Do you browse or update your status often? Make a Facebook page/post for your church or your LWML Ladies group
- ✓ Live stream a Bible Study or Devotional
- ✓ Create an event for the Seniors, Teens, Children, Singles/Couples in your church and community
- ✓ Many local Libraries hold classes to help you navigate the world of Social Media, it’s for your church and LWML groups best interest to dive a little deeper into the “Online World”!

### **Here’s just a few from St. Mark’s in Chesterland that may get the wheels turning:**

- ✓ Daytime and Evening Holy Week/Lenten services and Handbell Concerts - in person and live streamed on Facebook and YouTube.
- ✓ Various Bible Studies, devotionals, and children’s chapels (with puppets!) weekly live streamed on Facebook and YouTube.
- ✓ Plant Sale of Annual and Perennials in mid-May. Order in advance through the church website or church office.
- ✓ Various fellowship events for Seniors called “My Time.”
- ✓ Monthly book club meeting - usually the second Wednesday of the month
- ✓ Annual Ladies Luncheon (early 2024) and Mother’s Tea (May)
- ✓ Various youth events-elementary age through high school

## *Highlighting Past Events and new ideas!*

From Peace, Chardon - We gathered hats, gloves and scarves for the Geauga County Job and Family Services. We gathered items for Hanna’s House. We also supply a meal once a month for a homeless shelter in Chardon.

From St Mark, Chesterland – We support the clothing ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cleveland. This is an ongoing ministry. At Easter we filled Easter Baskets for Geauga Family Services. We filled 250 boxes with Christmas gifts for Operation Christmas Child. (St. Mark also supports a variety of organizations with financial assistance)

From Holy Cross, Madison - We held a cookie sale and \$415 was collected for the Madison Food Bank.

From St. Paul’s, Painesville – We collected new clothing for Project Hope for the Homeless and gently used items for the Salvation Army and Christ Child Western Reserve; we provided Spanish Bibles for Spanish speaking parents of Our Shepherd Lutheran School; we provided Christmas gifts for University Hospital and Project Hope for the Homeless families.

From Zion, Painesville – We collected diapers for the Diaper Bank of Greater Cleveland; sponsored the Christmas Angel Tree adoption of families for the Salvation Army – providing gifts from the families’ wish lists; held a Free Christmas Shop open for the community providing a wide variety of items and baked goods - all free; we have an ongoing collection nonperishable and canned food items for the food pantry given to those in need in the community; we collected a variety of items which were donated to Project Hope for the Homeless.

From Trinity, Willoughby - Each year for the whole month of October, Trinity LWML collects new hats, scarfs and gloves for men, women and children to give to the McKinley Outreach Center in Willoughby.

## *What can YOU do with your LWML Group?*



# LWML OHIO DISTRICT MISSION GOAL UPDATE

## THE NEED IS REAL

*Give this need prayerful consideration*



According to the November mite report, the LWML Ohio District is about \$80,000 shy of meeting the budgeted goal of \$207,400.00. Both Janet Pauley, the District Financial Secretary and Vivian Nelson, our District President are encouraging the membership to find ways to meet this mite shortage.

Janet included this in a recent mailing:

*"Our mite giving is behind, it may be because we are not able to get together as often as before. Sometimes we can't make a meeting because of our health or other commitments. I encourage you to consider filling out a "Joyful Response" form found on <https://lwmlohio.org> and send it to me (Janet Pauley - 1535 Bahia Drive, Marysville, OH 43040, or scan the completed form and email back to [jpauley7719@gmail.com](mailto:jpauley7719@gmail.com).) You can decide the amount you want to give monthly and when during the month you want it given."*



Another idea is to make sure you are designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars to LWML Ohio District.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** Did you know that LWML Ohio District is eligible to receive your Thrivent Choice Dollars? Women and men who support us are Thrivent members who choose LWML Ohio District to be a recipient of those funds. If you have tried to direct dollars and have been confused by the number of different LWML names on the list, search **LWML Ohio District (not Toledo)**. So the next time Thrivent lets you know that you have dollars to direct, consider the LWML Ohio District!

The LWML Ohio District fiscal year ends March 31, **brainstorm with your group** about ways to increase mite donations over the next three months. Here are a few thoughts:

- ❖ Host a Lenten meal or an event with donations being designated for mites
- ❖ Have a noisy mite offering
- ❖ Have a Valentine's Day bake sale with donations going to mites
- ❖ Put weekly blurbs in your church bulletin making the members of your congregation aware of the mission work of the LWML Ohio District and the need for prayerful mite giving.
- ❖ Suggest that mites be designated as honorariums or memorials. You will find honor/memorial cards at <https://lwmlohio.org> (under our mites at work tab). When mites are given as honors or memorials, 100% stays in our district as opposed to 75% to the district and 25% to LWML when not designated. I suggest you include your church name and Northeast Zone on the designated gift form that is returned to Janet along with your check made out to LWML Ohio District
- ❖ Use the donate button on the **lwmlohio.org** website to make a one-time special donation to the district

## 2024 Ohio District Convention



### Northeast Zone Ohio District Convention 2024

Our President, Vivian challenged our District to come up with a banner design to be held for our District convention in 2024 with the theme, "The Lord is my Strength and My Shield," based on Psalm 28:7a. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. The logo was to be prepared in color and accompanied by an explanation of the design and any significance of the chosen colors. With the help of the Northeast Zone ladies, and the assistance of my own husband, we have come up with a design for our banner to be held high and proud at the Convention!

The great State of Ohio has always looked like a shield to me, and I've always thought of it as our "Safe Haven" and home even when we lived in Arizona for a short time. This is where my family is, my church, my friends and my comfort. Our Lord put a shield up for us, protecting us from damnation and living without God's grace and eternal glory in Heaven when He sent his only Son to die on the cross and forgive us all from our sins. The idea stemmed from the Christian Flag, as well as its colors. Our Zone is highlighted, and the modest design shows the simplicity of how God's mercy and grace can be given just as easily for all, if only they believe in Jesus and the Resurrection of His Son.

Kelly Hines

## 2024 30<sup>th</sup> Ohio District Convention June 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 Canton, OH



The LWML Ohio District Logo for the 2024 convention was designed by Karen Shanahan of the Toledo Zone. Karen writes this about the theme verse and the logo:

*The LORD is my strength and my shield (Psalm 28:7a); in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.*

With God's love, the figure has the strength needed to bear the weight of life. Our value to the Lord is manifested through the gold shield of His protection. The white cross is our Lord, which is as pure as His promise. We each bear the purple heart of prayer when we petition God's forgiveness, His love strengthens and shields us.