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Now A Word From our Zone President

*I know that my Redeemer lives;
What sweet comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everlasting head.*

*He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.*

My favorite part of the year is spring when trees start sprouting leaves and flowers blooming bring color and the celebration of EASTER knowing our Savior, Jesus Christ is risen and ALIVE.

ALLELUIA.....FOR HE HAS RISEN INDEED!



Please feel free to reach out to anyone of your CSWZ representatives!

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Save the Date!

Lutheran Women's Convention June 24-27

We invite you to come to Lexington, the heart of the Bluegrass Region of Kentucky and the home of

legendary horses. Big Lex will welcome you to Lexington, the Horse Capital of the World. You will be surrounded by rolling hills of pristine bluegrass countryside and where you will find more than 450 horse farms. Awesome LWML activities will take place in Lexington, and you will find many of them listed in **Lutheran Woman's Quarterly** or go to [lwml.org/2021-convention webpage](http://lwml.org/2021-convention-webpage). Check out the convention speakers, housing and registration information, tour opportunities, Gifts from the Heart, and more! **If you are interested please contact Janice Cisco or Julie Gresko.** Join us in beautiful Lexington as we are "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus." See you there!

FYI - your Cleveland South-West zone is sending two delegates to National Lutheran Women Convention in Lexington, Kentucky - Julie Gresko from St. Thomas and Mary Kay from Trinity.

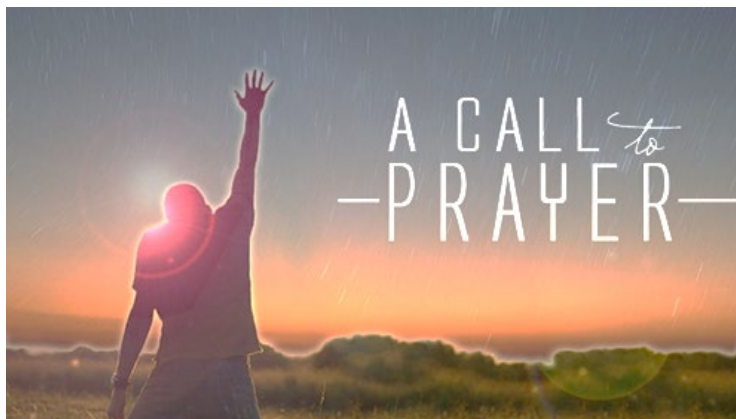
Don't miss this special PRAYER SERVICE that is hosted by LWML on **Saturday, May 1, 2021 at TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 2031 West 30th St, Cleveland, Oh 44113 216.281.1700.** The service starts at 10:00 a.m. and will be led by Pastor Paul Hoffman. Social distancing and masks will be observed. Any questions contact Joanne Birth at jodiebo809@gmail.com or Ardis Janke at 216.671.0940.



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For the ingathering, we will be collecting **coloring books and markers** that will be taken to the LWML National Convention for the servant event.



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Mission update -February 28, 2021

The Mission Goal for 2020-2022 is \$200,000.00		
	<i>February, 2021</i>	Biennium
Mites Received	\$5,745.43	\$41,327.99
Joyful Response	\$175.00	\$1,990.50
Stamps for Mites	\$.00	\$.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$120.00	\$1,491.00
Quarterly's and ODE's	\$1,589.00	\$6,586.00
Honors and Memorials	\$200.00	\$3,477.81
Total Mission Income	\$7,829.43	\$54,873.30
Needed to meet mission goal	\$145,126.70	

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. So the next time Thrivent lets you know that you have dollars to direct, consider the LWML Ohio District!



Thank You from James Haugen (James Haugen is the son of Pastor Haugen from ST. JOHN-STRONGSVILLE, and a seminary student at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne). James sent a *THANK-YOU* note to LWML Ohio District and he said; *“Hopefully, in the future, my wife and I can meet all of you who have graciously contributed to our lives at the Seminary. May God continue to BLESS you and the gifts you have given to the Seminary! God is always good.*

Yes, You’re Mites Help Support Concordia Theological Seminarians!

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BETHLEHEM in Parma, has a non-perishable food shelve, just put it on the shelf; if you know someone in need, *take some and pass it on*. They also have a **CARE TEAM** who organizes meals for those recently hospitalized or in need.

We would love to hear how your church is making a difference in your community! Please call/ e-mail Janet Cisco or Julie Gresko (see contact information on page 1).



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Our “Pastor Spotlight” for this edition is Pastor Craig Donofrio. He has been a Pastor at St. James Lutheran Church for over 3 years. Prior to that he served as a missionary, based out of the Czech Republic. Pastor Donofrio co-hosts

the 1517 podcast, “For You Radio”. He has been a personality in radio and podcasting since 1993. He and his wife, Paula, have been married for 14 years. Pastor Donofrio loves Cleveland and his favorite place to go is the West Side market as he loves to cook.

What made you decide to be a pastor? I didn’t grow up Lutheran, but grew up in a non-domination church where they believe in good works, rather than by God’s grace. Befriended California Congressman Bill (William) Dannemeyer, who was Lutheran, and after several conversations about the Lutheran faith, I then began looking deeper into the Lutheran Theology by joining the seminary.

Have you had an unusual or funny request from any of your congregants? No, but I’ve heard some unusual requests regarding “cats in heaven”.

How did you hear about LWML? Through the seminary and my former church in southern California where I grew up. When I was a pastor in New England, the church was very involved in LWML and eventually I became the Zone Counselor.

Do you have a favorite Bible verse? Why? One of my favorite Bible verses is Ephesians 2: 8-9, which is my confirmation Bible passage.

Tell me about more about 1517/you podcast. I am on the air on 1220 AM every Friday at 4:00 p.m. and then it is replayed at 8:00 p.m.

If you could be a superhero, who would you be? Iron Man because he has cool cars and gadgets (I like gadgets).

Any vacation plans this summer? My wife and I are planning a two week vacation to Hawaii.