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Now a word from our Zone President...

*"O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice...Rejoice...Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel."*

We are now in the Advent church year and preparing for the glorious day that CHRIST was born. We are learning churches will be having THANKSGIVING services as well as CHRISTMAS EVE and CHRISTMAS DAY worship services. PRAISE GOD!



Serving with gladness

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

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Zone Vice President-Julie Gresko juliegresko@gmail.com

Zone Secretary-Jane Hoffman pjhoff49@gmail.com

Zone Treasurer-Susie Mercer

Zone Counselor-Pastor Paul Hoffman pjhoff49@gmail.com

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A little bit about the Cleveland South-West Zone. As of 2019 the LWML Ohio District Executive Committee approved the merge of the Cleveland West Zone with the Cleveland South Zone. Hence the new zone name: **Cleveland South-West Zone.**

When the previous West Zone members disbanded, the churches in the West Zone were left with no one to represent their voice. This merge allows the churches from the west side and south side of Cleveland to have a voice and be able to engage in social and virtual activities.

Below are the list of churches that are “in the zone”:

Bethany Lutheran

6041 Ridge Road
Parma, OH 44129
Phone 440.884.1230
Pastor Ben Yogel and Pastor
Richard Sweeney

Bethlehem Lutheran

7500 State Road
Parma, OH 44134
Phone 440.845.2230
Pastor Robert Green

Concordia Lutheran

6705 Brecksville Road
Independence, OH 44131
Pastor Matthew Garrad
clcindependence@wowway.biz

Immanuel Lutheran

2928 Scranton Road
Cleveland, OH 44113
Phone 216.781.9511
Pastor Jerry Jablonski

Royal Redeemer Lutheran

11680 Royalton Road
North Royalton, OH 44133
Phone 440.237.7958
Pastor John Zahrte

St. James Lutheran

4771 Broadview Road
Cleveland, OH 44109
Phone 216.351.6499
Pastor Craig Donofrio

St. John Lutheran

8888 Prospect Road
Strongsville, OH 44149
Phone 440.234.5806
Pastor James Haugen

St Mark Lutheran

1330 N Carpenter Road
Brunswick, OH 44212
Phone 330.225.3110
Pastor Girard

St Mark Lutheran

4464 Pearl Road
Cleveland, OH 44109
Phone 216.749.3545
Pastor Steve Shrum

Unity Lutheran

4542 Pearl Road
Cleveland, OH 44109
pirn.trina@unity-Lutheran.org
Pastor Peeter Pirn

Christ Lutheran

13812 Bellaire Road
Cleveland, OH 44135
Phone 216.252.4711
Pastor Dean Kavouras

El Buen Lutheran

2059 West 28 St
Cleveland, OH 44113
Pastor Jose Cid (Spanish
speaking church)

Gethsemane Lutheran

14560 Madison Ave.
Lakewood, OH 44107
Phone 216.521.0434
Pastor Wallace

Iglesia Chrisiana Hispana Lutheran

2970 West 30th St.
Cleveland, OH 44113 Spanish-
English
Pastor Sid from El Buen
preaches twice a month. Also
the location for Redeemer Crisis
Center

Mt. Calvary Lutheran

12826 Lorain Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44111
Phone 216.671.2099
Pastor Rob Plain and Missionary
Ramadt Sarron

St Paul Lutheran

27993 Detroit Road
Westlake, OH 44145
Phone 440.835.3050
Pastor Smith, Pastor Buegler and
Pastor Gremminger

St. Thomas Lutheran

21211 Detroit Road
Rocky River, OH 44115
Phone 440.331.2680
Pastor Eric Van Scyoc

Trinity Lutheran

2031 West 30th St.
Cleveland, OH 44113
Phone 216.281.1700

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Pastor Gremminger of St. Paul in Westlake, was recently ordained in July of 2020. Since he is new to our area, we thought we would put him on the “spot”.

Where did you grow up? West Bend Wisconsin

Did you want to be a Pastor when you were growing up? Yes since I was 6 years old.

Which Marvel comic would you want to be and why? Dr. Strange because he is one of my favorite character in the movies. He has cool stuff and is not beaten up too much.

Name your favorite green vegetable. Broccoli

If you had \$20.00 to spend, how would you spend it? Football cards (collector for many years).

What do you know about LWML? They are a big blessing. During my field work, I would receive a nice letter with a check from LWML. Very supportive of the seminarians.

Favorite Bible verse. I Cor. 12: 9-10. I have chronic back pain and I use this verse as my strength during my time of weakness.



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Unity Lutheran Church: donated over 30 Bibles to the Men’s Homeless Shelter on Lakeside. We thank Esther Hofener who led this effort – well done faithful servant!

St. Mark - Cleveland: is collecting hats, gloves and scarves for Redeemer Crisis Center.

Mt. Calvary: is connected with **GLOBAL REVIVAL** on Facebook and just celebrated their 100th Anniversary. Give God the glory!

Iglesia Chrisiana Hispana Lutheran: is also the location for Redeemer Crisis Center. The director, Diane Zellmer has been serving the Lord for 40 years this past October 17th. Continued blessings!

St. Thomas: celebrated 75 years of serving the Lord in the Rocky River community. May God enrich St. Thomas with his blessing for another 75 years. They are continuing to collect food items for the Food Barrel program. Please go to www.stcr.org for the list of items to contribute.

Trinity Lutheran: Collected toys for **Building Hope in the City** annual Christmas toy drive for needy children. Trinity is also collecting hats, gloves and scarves for Redeemer Crisis Center. Help out and serve for **Trinity Community** meal once a month.

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Your Mite Donations Help Fund God's Mission!

The mission goal for 2020-2022 is \$200,000.00. As of October 20th, \$5,982.90 has been received towards our mission grants. LWML Ohio District voted to fund ten (10) non-profit organizations for their mission projects. For the list and other detailed information, please visit www.lwmlohio.org and click on the "Our Mites at Work" tab. Also in the tab is a link to donate online. Please pray for our missionaries and that God will bless us with his continued grace and love.



***Does your church want to share some news with us?
Please contact Julie Gresko or Janice Cisco.***



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Here's a way to keep the spirit of giving ALL YEAR. This Christmas get a stocking and include the attached Christmas poem. Each month place a certain amount of dimes in the stockings until filled.

Next Christmas you can then give your filled stockings to the mission of your choice. If you would like to make your own stockings out of felt, that's fine. Oriental Trading also has small stockings at a reasonable price.

Give this idea a try to keep God's words alive and well this year! If you have any questions, check with Jane Hoffman at 440-885-4857 or e-mail her at pjhoff49@gmail.com.
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Tho Christmas is far off, we know
It wouldn't be so shocking
To put a dime in the toe
Of your little Christmas Stocking

Since February's the second month
You'll put in two, you see

While March, the third month of the year
Will call for thin dimes three.

With April over, you will have
Four more dimes than you had

Now comes the pleasant month of May
When five more you will add.

Six in June, seven in July,
See how your gift is growing?

In August there'll be eight more dimes
Into the stocking going

September nine, October ten
Eleven in November

December calls for dimes twelve
You surely will remember

Your Christmas dimes now are ready
Count seventy-eight in all

Or should you put a few more in
We wouldn't mind at all

Now bring your Christmas stocking
(Be sure you don't forget)
To next year's Christmas Party
And make it the best one yet!

