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**The Lord replied,
"My Presence
will go with you,
and I will give you
rest"**

Exodus 33:14

Billie's Byte

Artificial Intelligence (AI) – I am not a fan. AI tries to finish my sentences, to tell me what it suspects are my intentions and nudges its way into my life by supposing it knows my interests and needs.

Perhaps you have seen AI created pictures that show up on Facebook to "oh how cute", "how wonderful", "how very WOW worthy" comments and enough ❤️s to make a person wonder how anyone could fall for such an obviously fake picture. It's laughable.

Except that it is not all that funny! At a time when truth seems hard to come by, AI swoops in the create even more confusion. AI software creates "informational" articles using sources found on the web – sources that can be filled with untruth. People begin to accept anything they read as fact. People not only believe the lie, but pass it on to others.

So, what can we know as true and real? What is the intelligence we can believe? The Gospel of John is filled with verses containing the word "**truth**". Starting early on in chapter 1: 14 we read, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and **truth**". Jesus calls himself the way, the **truth** and the life. (John 14:6). Jesus' promises us that we will know the **truth** and the **truth** will set us free (John 8:32). **God's truth** and grace comes to us in the means of grace (the Word and the Sacraments). Paul would later explain to the church in Corinth that In Christ Jesus, true wisdom is found - "And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption," (1 Corinthians 1:30) That wisdom from God is not artificial intelligence – It's the real deal – and it is given freely to you in Word and Sacrament. Take in His **Truth** which is "able to make you **wise** for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus". (2 Timothy 3:15)

Rejoicing in His Strength,

Billie Lelle

LWML Northeast Zone President



Upcoming Events

❖ 2024 Northeast Zone Fall Retreat

"God's Gift of Rest"

September 28th, 2024

Jordan Creek Park, Concord

❖ National LWML Convention 2025

"Growing in God's Grace"

June 26-29th, 2025

Omaha, Nebraska

Look for more details in the Winter Edition

❖ 2025 Northeast Zone Prayer Service

St. Mark's, Chesterland

❖ 2025 Northeast Zone Spring Rally Our Savior, Mayfield Heights





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

Northeast Ohio Zone Churches

Upcoming Events SAVE THE DATE!



31st Annual LWML FALL RETREAT

September 28, 2024
Jordan Creek Park, Concord
God's Gift of REST
(Relax-Enjoy-Seek-Trust)



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Cost: \$25 Registration due **September 16**
Monetary donation for
Sleep in Heavenly Peace Ingathering
Mite offering

Guest Speaker Pastor Steven Hackmann
Shore Haven Lutheran Church, Euclid
Devotions and Bible Study with Pastor Steve Berndt
LWML Northeast Zone Counselor
Music, games, activities, fellowship and fun!

All information and registration forms can be found at
<https://www.lwmlohio.org>
Click Our Zones-Northeast-Upcoming Events

2026 LWML Ohio District Convention

"Joyful Always"
June 19-20, 2026
St. Paul's Lutheran Westlake,
Ohio
More info on pg 3 on
how YOU can help!



The LWML
Ohio District
is considering
taking a bus to
this convention if there
is enough interest.

Watch for more
information on this
convention online and
in the Winter Edition
of Nor'easter



41st Biennium National LWML Convention "Growing in God's Grace" June 26-29, 2025 Omaha, Nebraska

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to
the day of eternity. Amen"
(2 Peter 3:18)

- Inspired to dig deeper in God's Word
- Nurtured to share the love of Christ with enthusiasm
- Encouraged to support missions and our mission goal with joy

If you have any events or updates please make sure to have all information emailed to
Kelly Hines, PR Director no later than **December 6th, 2024** Khines136@yahoo.com



2026 LWML
Ohio District Convention
"Joyful Always"
June 19-20, 2026
NEWS and HELP NEEDED

HOW CAN YOU HELP

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:
'Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us?'
And I said: 'Here am I. Send me!'
Isaiah 6:8

"Joyful Always" will be the theme for the 2026 LWML Ohio District Convention which will be held June 19-20, 2026 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Westlake, OH. Our zone, along with Lorain-Medina and Cleveland South-West will host this event.

NOW is the time to begin assembling leaders and members for various committees.

At the present time, we ***still need willing hands to serve in these areas:**

Publicity – someone who enjoys sharing information in various ways prior to the convention and creating a daily newsletter during the convention

Treasurer – receives and distributes convention funds

Registration – understands spreadsheets, has an eye for accuracy, serves as registrar and gives credential reports during the convention. A committee is needed to man the registration tables during convention.

Information/hostess – individuals who enjoy greeting and providing information to convention attendees

Music – Select music, work with worship committee, direct choir

Decorations - Are you the Martha Stewart type? Here's a position for you

Pages/Ushers – This is a large committee of individuals who serve during the convention. Jeanne Schimmelmarmann will serve as its chairman.

Exhibits – Arrange for exhibitors and assign table space at the convention

Properties – Makes sure that district committees, convention speakers and convention committees have items that will be needed during the convention.

Host Committee Secretary – Takes minutes at host committee meetings and sends them out to host committee members.

*note: Cleveland South-West has already committed to leadership for food, housing, tote bags, worship services, AV and tours.

Sue Brill (Northeast Zone) will be our cost analyst.

If you feel the nudge to be a part of this exciting convention and its planning or just want a little more information, please contact Billie Lelle at blelle@roadrunner.com

If you are a group contact, please make sure that emails from president, Billie Lelle, is not going into your spam or junk folder. Check that blelle@roadrunner.com is in your address book and check in your settings that it is not listed as spam.

Highlighting Past Events

- ❖ Peace Lutheran Church in Chardon decided to have a “mite bucket Sunday” on February 18 to help the collection of mites before the March 31 deadline. We invited everyone that day to drop in all of their change into the bucket containers or whatever else they wanted to give. It was very well received.
- ❖ The **Northeast Zone Spring Rally** was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 27. 36 women, 4 pastors and honorary LWMLers (4 men and a child) were present. 11 of our churches were represented. The theme, "Life is Like That" was based on Hebrews 4:16. Zone Counselor, Steve Berndt led us in devotions, Cara Stock from Hope Lodge in Cleveland was our guest speaker. Many items were collected for Hope Lodge as well as \$301. In addition, the 36 women in attendance collected \$315 for mites. The women of St. Paul's are grateful for the help given by the men of the congregation in setting up, preparing sandwiches, serving food and cleaning up.



- ❖ Peace Lutheran Church hosted the **Northeast Zone Prayer Service** on February 24. The uplifting service was led by Zone Counselor, Steve Berndt and zone members using Scripture readings, hymns and a skit. 62 were in attendance (this number includes 4 pastors and 3 children). \$566 in mites was collected and was given in honor of past LWML Ohio District Presidents from the Northeast Zone: Marlis Schmidt, Nancy Milanich, Ann Marie Bollas and Jeanne Schimmelmenn. The food and fellowship was enjoyed by all in attendance.



Highlights from 30th Biennium LWML Ohio Convention



- ❖ Meg Goetz- Faith Lutheran, Mentor
 - ❖ #1 was having a roommate that was my age, shared the ride down together and realized we had a lot more in common - now a new friend
 - ❖ #2 learning the whole circle that our mites travel from small start to large impact - all work together for good.
- ❖ Jackie Rychel- St. Mark, Chesterland
 - ❖ I attended the State convention last weekend. It was nice to see my sisters in Christ that I haven't seen since past conventions but it was really encouraging to see how many "first timers" were present. Let's keep growing!!!!
- ❖ Susan Seddon- Peace, Chardon
 - ❖ I truly enjoyed the entire convention. It always does the heart good to be with so many sisters in Christ. One thing that stands out though of something I enjoyed was the keynote speaker. He really made us laugh but also made us contemplate at the same time. The worship service also comes to mind when I think of what impressed me. The sermon was so good and the singing always brings me goosebumps. Our church is small and we have people who lift their voices in song, but the voices of all who attended the service were a wonderful memory.
 - ❖ Just being a delegate and being able to vote for the mission grants makes me feel good.
- ❖ Jan Swetel- Zion Painesville
 - ❖ The highlight of the Ohio District Convention for me was the Key Note Speaker, Rev. Kris Whitby. His presentation of the "Good Samaritan" story was something I had not heard and brought actual tears to my eyes as he described Us as the victim and Jesus as the "Good Samaritan"
- ❖ Billie Lelle- Northeast Zone President
 - ❖ I was uplifted by the Friday evening worship service (the choir anthem was beautiful) and the keynote address by Rev. Kris Whitby on Saturday.
- ❖ Gayle Hunt- Zion, Painesville
 - ❖ Convention highlights-I enjoyed the Keynote speaker/ humorist interrupter (he was at the last convention I attended).
 - ❖ Sharing the convention experience with my roommate-Meg. We didn't know each other and this was her first! God is good!
- ❖ Virginia Snodgrass, Bethel, Willowick
 - ❖ There were 2 things that I really enjoyed about the convention. The first was the keynote speaker - he was AMAZING! I think I could have listened to him all day.
 - ❖ The 2nd thing that I enjoyed was creating and assembling the books in Braille for my interest session. I had never seen or been a part of that before so I did not know what it entails. I enjoyed that opportunity.
- ❖ Kelly Hines, St. Paul's, Painesville
 - ❖ One of the many highlights was seeing the ladies at the early morning devotional, energized and ready to start voting for the next generation of LWML leaders.
 - ❖ The keynote speaker was incredible and I have told his presentation to many since I've been home

Northeast Ohio District News



Thank you to Gayle Hunt for serving as our Treasurer for the past 4 years!

Carol Johnson, St. Mark's, was elected our new Treasurer at the Spring Rally. God's blessing to you in your new role!



New LWML Ohio District President, Karen Shanahan



With 175 registered voters attending the convention, the Ohio District 2024 Mission Grants allotted for \$95,000 for the biennium. 10 very worthy recipients will be joyfully receiving these funds. Karen Shanahan has been elected as our new LWML Ohio District President for the upcoming 2024-2028 term. Please continue your support and prayers for the future of the LWML leaders and committees, more information on the convention news and pictures can be found at <https://www.lwmlohio.org>.

Ingathering's and Offerings collected at the District Convention

Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank:

129 pkgs of diapers, 208 pads/tampons, \$125

Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank: donations total weighed 555 lbs. and was equal to 962.5 meals, 575 food items, \$125

Hope Rising: Baby wash & lotions - 99 items, Formula - 9 items + \$165

Two offerings were taken during the convention:

- **Friday Church Service designated for mites \$2,874.10**
- **Saturday Morning offering designated for Youngstown Blue Coats \$2,277.53**

National LWML News

2023-2025 LWML Mite Report

Mission Goal for 2023-2025 Biennium: \$2,350,000.00

Amounts as of May 31, 2024

Amount Received: \$1,749,091.06

Total Mite Offerings Still Needed: \$600,908.94