



He Loves Me

He Loves Me, He Loves Me, He Loves Me!

Yesterday I received an awesome early birthday card. In one sentence it reminded me of three of my favorite Bible verses. It is a Dayspring card which says, "On your birthday, relax and savor God's unchanging love for you, the delight He takes in you, and the good plans He has for you." I want to share my love for these verses and what they mean to me. Please let the verses speak to you, too.



The first of these verses that I was aware of was Jeremiah 29:11, *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope* (NIV). God knows our futures and the decisions we need to make. When the options are before us, sometimes the right choice is not obvious. The difference in possible outcomes is unclear and unknown. It's then that we need to ask God for guidance. The direction might be found in a Bible verse, a word from the pulpit, or someone else's comment in a conversation. When we have asked for guidance, we must be ready to receive the message!

I don't remember when I came across Zephaniah 3:17. It tells me that I am loved as a true daughter of the king. *The LORD your God ... will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.*

Can you imagine your dad writing a song about you and singing it out loud for all to hear, declaring his love and pride in you to everyone who can hear his voice? Does it make your heart almost burst?



The third of these verses is the first one mentioned on the card and has become my all-time favorite. It is found in Isaiah 54:10. Verse 9 leads into it by saying this is a promise like the one God gave to Noah with the rainbow in the sky. *"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.*

I discovered this verse when I was feeling extremely guilty, and its implication is that my guilt will never change God's love for me. All the weight of my guilt fell from my shoulders when I comprehended that verse. What a relief!

There are so many other Bible verses that affirm God's love for each of us:

† *For God so loved the world* (John 3:16)

† *Surely I am with you always* (Matthew 28:20)

† *How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!* (1 John 3:1)

† *He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.* (1 John 4:9)

And even the song we sang as children, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so."

Rejoice that you are His. Rejoice that His love for you is unfailing. Rejoice that He has given you gifts to use in His kingdom. Use those gifts to follow His plan and to honor Him by serving others.

It has been an honor to serve as your leader these last four years. I pray that God will guide me and each of you on the right paths in the time ahead. God be with each of you!

Vivian Nelson, President

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Resting in the Yes of God

Have you ever wondered if you said "yes" to the wrong thing, or have said too many things? About five years ago I responded, "yes," when asked if I would consider serving as Pastoral Counselor for the LWML Ohio District

Several "yeses" have happened since then, causing me to wonder if I said "yes" to too many things. To be clear, I do not think saying "yes" to serving with the LWML was an unwise decision. Most of the time I find my yeses come with unexpected blessings, even when carrying out the commitment may be a struggle.

I share this because I wonder if we live with a fear of answering yes. It's easier to say "no" when asked to serve or support. Yet, what if by doing so you're missing out on an opportunity to

love and grow? However, there are times when a "no" is necessary. Let me state the obvious and say we should always say "no" to sin or things that lead others to sin! Yet in opportunities where we have an option, your main priorities and necessary obligations are worth considering when asked to say "yes" to something.

In 2 Corinthians 1:20, Paul shares these words, *For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him. That is why it is through Him that we utter our Amen to God for His glory.* It may seem that Paul is only talking about God's yeses in Christ, but he's explaining to the Corinthians why they can still trust him. Apparently, he had intended to visit them and said "yes" to a visit, but then had to change his plans. He wanted to let the Corinthians know that even though humans vacillate at times, God never changes and never goes back on His promises!

When faced with a yes or no opportunity to serve, consider leaning towards yes in Christ. His promises will not fail. Even if you feel you may fail, He has promised to be with you. He has promised to work through you. And most importantly, he promises that whatever you get wrong, he will make right. He surrounds us with so many people in need of service, and in that we see an excellent reminder of the needs we have before God. We need Him every day and He never says no to us.

I pray God would grant each of us a Christ-like desire to serve those He has placed in our lives and that He would bless our yeses with the strength and wisdom He brings, knowing that He is at work in all things for the good of those He has called according to His purpose.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve alongside you these past four years. I am glad I said yes to serving. I only pray my contributions towards the

work the LWML Ohio District carries out, approach the joy and appreciation I have gained through my service as Pastoral Counselor for the Lutheran Woman's Missionary League.

Pastor Kleimola, Jr, Pastoral Counselor

Do the Pieces Fit?

Over the holidays I challenged myself to complete 24 Christmas-themed jigsaw puzzles, ranging from 300 to 1,000 pieces. I found this challenge calming during a very busy, sometimes hectic time of year. Sorting, looking, deciding, and placing were entertaining and when all the pieces came together, it was satisfying. My husband occasionally teased me and said "Why not just cut the piece to fit?" when I got frustrated with the difficulty of getting a 2-bump piece to fit into a 3-nob space. I cannot do that when I need some patience and persistence to find the correct solution.

Jigsaw puzzling could be compared to life. Have you ever tried to get all the pieces to fit, only to find something still missing? For some, the missing piece could be an empty pantry shelf; no produce in the refrigerator; no soap, toothpaste, or diapers in the linen closet; no baby care items for tomorrow's bath.

At the convention June 21-22, you will have the opportunity to provide that missing piece through your ingathering gifts and/or hands-on participation in scheduled servant events. Diapers and feminine hygiene kits for Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank, nonperishable food items for Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank, and baby items such as formula, shampoo, and lotion for Hope Rising will be collected as ingathering gifts. Hands-on activities take place from 10 a.m. - 12 a.m. on Friday, June 21, before the convention starts at 1 p.m. You can assemble braille and large print devotions for Lutheran Braille Workers. You can also assemble feminine hygiene kits for Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank. You can also write cards of encouragement for seminary students, deaconesses, and other church workers.

Do you have that missing piece? If so, bring it to the convention. It will be most satisfying for you and most appreciated by someone else.

Diana Schnack, Human Care Committee





LWML Store

The members of the Christian Life Committee are looking forward to seeing you at the 2024 LWML Ohio District Convention held June 21 and 22 at the Holiday Inn Canton, 4520 Everhard Road NW, Canton, Ohio 44718.



You will certainly be busy at this convention, but we hope you will take time to shop with us. There are several new LWML apparel items, including purple, pink, and blue t-shirts; long-sleeved T-shirts available in teal and red; black LWML jackets; and quarter-zip fleece in purple and grey. Other items include Mustard Seed devotions, items for witnessing, jewelry, books, and gift items.

The LWML Store will be in the Hickory Room at the hotel and will be open on Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday morning from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. We accept credit cards, debit cards, cash, and checks. Photos of new apparel items can be seen on the LWML Ohio District Facebook page.

Liz Underwood, VP of Christian Life



2024 LWML Ohio District Convention
June 21-22, 2024 Canton, Ohio

- † **Pray, Pray, Pray**
- † **Bring Bible, notebook and pen**
- † **Bring an open heart to receive what God wants for you**
- † **Bring a friend**
- † **Bring cash or credit card for the LWML store**
- † **Bring a sweater, the hotel can be chilly**
- † **Breakfast for Saturday is available (if the meal package was purchased)**
- † **Come early for servant events on Friday**

See you in Canton, Ohio!

Hope Boring, Public Relations Director



Convention Housing Roommate Request

If there are any women who would like to attend the convention but still need a roommate, please send your contact information to Claudia Allen, Housing Chairman, at ckallen@zoominternet.net or 330-793-4910. I will forward any contact information I have to the women also needing a roommate.

The contacting and reservations can be made between those still needing a roommate.

Claudia Allen, Housing Chairman

Ingathering Info



As we gather for the 2024 LWML Ohio District Convention in June we have the opportunity to impact and bless the following organizations. Please look for ways that you can give to these organizations. Try to involve the ladies in your zones not able to make it to the convention. You can also ask members in your congregation to donate.

- ♥ **Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank** provides diapers and feminine hygiene products to those in need in the Akron/Canton area. We will be collecting new disposable diapers in all sizes and new feminine pads and tampons.
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- ♥ **Hope Rising** is a pregnancy care center in Dayton, Ohio. We will be collecting Similac and Gerber baby formulas, baby shampoo, and baby lotion.

Deb Volkman, Human Care Chairman





Convention Offering #2

Youngstown Blue Coats is the charity chosen to receive the second convention offering.

Their mission is "In America nobody should freeze to death." Blue Coats volunteers go into the community during the evening hours to assist the homeless population in their area. Their goal is to provide any needed items for a person to survive during the winter months outside.

The convention offering will assist them in buying sleeping bags, coats and hoodies, dry boots, warm winter gloves, hats, scarves, hand/foot warmers, blankets (not comforters), tents, tarps, para cord, XL gym/duffel bags, and socks.

Jeanie Dinehart, Convention Chair



A Spot for You!

Young women, it is time to prepare for the 2024 LWML Ohio District Convention, June 21-22, in Canton, Ohio, and there is a spot for you. You have the opportunity to represent your church and zone. Learn about the happenings within our LWML Ohio District, and meet some of the people whose hearts are after God's and who share a desire to share the Gospel with the world.

Meet other young women, just like you, who are moved to be Women in Mission. Be prepared to sing, be encouraged and uplifted, and serve the Lord with gladness. All of your arrangements will be covered, so join us!

Submit your completed application by May 18, 2024. To do this, go to the district website lwmlohio.org. From the homepage, scroll down to the "A few quick links" section at the bottom of the page. Click on "YWR Information".

Copy and complete the Google form, then scan and email your form to the Leader Development Committee Chair, TomekaShum@gmail.com and submit a hard copy to your Zone President.

Tomeka Shum, Leader Development Chair

Zone Bylaws

The Structure Committee has reviewed portions of the LWML Ohio District bylaws, and made suggestions that will be presented at the convention so the LWML Ohio District bylaws are current with the national bylaws. Please review your zone bylaws and update them to be current with the LWML bylaws. The zone revisions can be sent to the structure committee in care of Beth Christopherson at churchelf@sbcglobal.net.

We are ready to help any of the zones in the district with questions on updating your zone bylaws. Also, please send a digital copy of your bylaws to Beth Christopherson to be placed in the Structure Committee digital library.

Thank you!

Diane Johnson, Structure Committee

Convention Speakers

KEYNOTE SPEAKER Rev. Kristopher Whitby

Rev. Whitby is Assistant to the President for Mission and Ministry in the LCMS North-ern Illinois District. He was an LWML counselor a few years ago.

BIBLE STUDY LEADER Dr. Timothy Saleska

Dr. Saleska is a professor at Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis. He has written a commentary on the Psalms and served two Ohio congregations.

MISSION SPEAKER Rev. Dr. Matthew Heise

Dr. Heise is the Executive Director of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. LHF received one of our mission grants this past biennium.

He is looking forward to thanking us for the support and updating us on the production of the Bible meant for teens.

WORSHIP LEADER Rev. Ryan Kleimola

Pastor Kleimola is our current LWML Ohio District Pastoral Counselor and Associate Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Toledo. He will share the message with us at the worship service on Friday evening.

As you will see from the list of nominees, there are three positions for which we have just one candidate. If you or someone you know is able

and willing, please prayerfully consider whether to add the name to our ballot for President, Financial Secretary or VP of Servant Resources. Nominations are permitted from delegates at the time of the election. What is necessary is to have the nominee's permission and a written list of her qualifications that can be shared with the other delegates when we have our election.

As I review the ballot from the podium, I will ask, "Are there any nominations from the floor?" That is the time to bring the additional name forward.

Pray about it!

Vivian Nelson, President



Toledo Zone

On Saturday, April 16, the Toledo Zone held our annual Winter Retreat in the beautiful chapel area of Ohio Living Swan Creek. Our Zone leaders presented the Bible study "Treasured" written by Deb Burma.

We had a wonderful time together learning how much God treasures us and being in fellowship with our sisters in Christ throughout our zone.

Our Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, May 4, at Trinity Toledo. Rev. Steve Schave, Executive Director of L.A.M.P ministries, will talk about the work of this mission.

Corrine Sattler



Northeast Zone

Peace Lutheran Church, Chardon, 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. Sixty-two were in attendance (this included four pastors and three children). We collected \$566 in mites and were given in honor of past LWML Ohio District Presidents from the Northeast Zone: Marlis Schmidt, Nancy Milanich, Ann Marie Bollas and Jeanne Schimmelmann. The food and fellowship was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Billie Lelle, Northeast Zone President



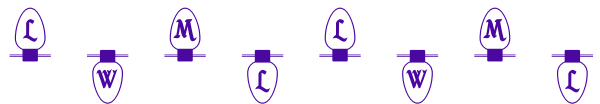
A Jelly Bean Afternoon!

LWML Ladies from Bethany, Parma enjoyed a jelly bean afternoon! We began with an inspirational LWML Bible study, entitled, "From Empty to Full" which encouraged us to share the Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection.

After the Bible study, the LWML ladies of Bethany made crosses decorated with colored-foam jelly beans. The crosses had words explaining the colors and their significance to the Passion story. Four dozen crosses were taken to the Cleveland Pregnancy Center to share with their clients.

Each lady attending our meeting took a cross home to share with whomever God puts in their path that needs to hear about Jesus, our Savior. It was a great afternoon! Thank you to Jane Hoffman and the LWML ladies of Bethany for serving the Lord with gladness!

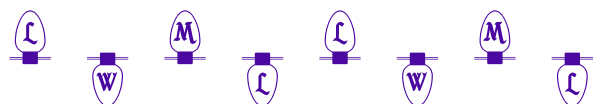
Julie Gresko, President Cleveland South-West Zone



DISTRICT CONVENTION NEWS

Be sure to check lwmlohio.org for all 2024 LWML District Convention news – before, during and after the convention.

DISTRICT CONVENTION NEWS





| Mites 2022-2024 | Jan.-Mar. 2024 | Biennium Total |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Mites Received | \$22,137.28 | \$139,891.55 |
| Joyful Response | \$480.00 | \$3,355.00 |
| Thrivent Choice Dollars | \$1,187.00 | \$3,645.00 |
| Honors/Memorial | \$1,543.00 | \$5,214.51 |
| Quarterly & ODE | \$4,278.00 | \$11,366.00 |
| Stamps | \$0.00 | \$995.00 |
| Total Mission Income | \$30,155.28 | \$164,467.06 |



Returning God's Blessings

Our estates are full of God's gifts. One of the greatest joys of life God gives us is to give away His gifts and to be able to see the joyful response of those receiving them.

Through it all, we aim to share Jesus with the families we love and the ministries we support. Putting a plan together to bless both family and ministry is an honor. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started.

Contact Linda Gage at:

Linda.Gage@lfnd.org

Phone: 800-741-4138

Website: lwmlgiftplan.org



Lutheran Women in Mission

**30th Ohio District
Biennial Convention**

Canton, Ohio

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June 21-22, 2024

*Registration & Housing Forms
available online at
www.lwmlohio.org



Honors: January - March

- ♥ Past District Presidents from the Northeast Zone
- ♥ Marlis Schmidt
- ♥ Nancy Milanich
- ♥ Ann Marie Bollas
- ♥ Jeanne Schimmelmann



Memorials: January - March

- ♥ Marie Moeller
- ♥ Janice Breitner
- ♥ Renee Petzoldt
- ♥ Sandra Farren
- ♥ Bernie Markgraf
- ♥ Kim Dailey
- ♥ David Malas
- ♥ Arlene Gerken
- ♥ John Webster Edmunds
- ♥ William H. "Bill" Krug
- ♥ Rex Roberson
- ♥ Brude Dacre
- ♥ Doris Weaver

**Lutheran Women in Mission
of the Akron-Youngstown Zone**
invite you to join us at the...

30th Ohio District Biennial Convention
Friday, June 21 and
Saturday, June 22, 2024
at the Holiday Inn, Canton, OH

*Registration deadline for delegates-April 30
*Registration deadline for all others-May 24

Convention Theme
"The Lord is My Strength and My Shield"
Psalm 28:7a



ODE Submissions

Submit news, pictures, and articles for approval to:

Zones: Zone President
District: District President & Sr. Pastoral Counselor

Deadlines for article submissions:

| Quarter | Month/Day |
|---------|-------------|
| Spring | January 5th |
| Summer | April 5th |
| Fall | July 5th |
| Winter | October 5th |

Mighty Mites

Directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to mites:

To direct funds to LWML Ohio District, select:
LWML Ohio District, Olmsted Twp. Ohio, Cuyahoga Co.

Joyful Response® to Mites: To donate mites directly from your checking account each month contact **Janet Pauley**, Financial Secretary. She will send you a Joyful Response® form.

Contributions to Mites, Memorials, Honors: Mites Remittance Forms are available on the district website or from **Janet Pauley**, Financial Secretary. Make checks payable to "LWML Ohio District" and send with completed form to:

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Annual Subscription Costs:

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|------------------|----------------|-------------|
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| Quarterly | 1-9 Copies | \$7.50/each |
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Payments for the *Quarterly* and *ODE* are due by January 31st each year. If sufficient payment is not received, subscriptions will be reduced to one copy each effective with the summer edition for that year. Payments should be sent with the Mites Remittance Form to Janet Pauley, Financial Secretary.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LWML OHIO DISTRICT BYLAWS

Rationale for proposed amendment: to avoid a perceived conflict of interest by the member and the remaining members of the committee.

ARTICLE IX – NOMINATIONS

Section 3, subsection c

Proposed Amendment:

Add a new subsection.

Existing bylaws read:

None

If adopted will read:

c. If a member of the Nominating Committee agrees to have her name submitted for an Office under consideration, she shall resign from the Nominating Committee.



2024-2026 Mission Grant Proposals

We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2024 LWML Ohio District Convention in June. Whether you are a voting delegate or not, please be sure to attend the Power Point presentation on Saturday morning to learn about the 13 mission grant submissions that were selected by the Mission Grants Committee and approved by the Executive Board for presentation at the convention. These 13 were selected from 22 applications after closely evaluating each one for how well it met criteria, its direct Gospel outreach, and its presence in the Ohio District. Here are the mission grant applications that will be on the convention ballot:

| <u>Grant No.</u> | <u>Grant Title</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------|--|-----------------|
| #1 | Ohio District LCMS Seminarian Students | \$15,000 |
| #2 | Ohio District LCMS Church Worker Students | \$12,000 |
| #3 | Witnessing to the Ethiopian: Lutheran Books | \$10,000 |
| #4 | Orphan Grain Train – Ohio Division | \$7,000 |
| #5 | CTSFW Food Co-op to Purchase Food for Seminarians | \$12,000 |
| #6 | Comfort Dog Ministry at Atonement Lutheran Church | \$7,000 |
| #7 | Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries | \$10,000 |
| #8 | Proclaiming Christ to People Who Are Blind | \$10,000 |
| #9 | Code Blue 24/7 Extended Hours for Extreme Weather | \$8,000 |
| #10 | Christ Centered Curriculum - Bethlehem Lutheran School | \$10,000 |
| #11 | Position Costs of New Missionaries in Cincinnati, Ohio | \$15,000 |
| #12 | Faith Comes by Hearing - St. Paul's Painesville, Ohio | \$2,000 |
| #13 | Ministry Outreach to Muslims of Greater Columbus | \$12,000 |

Convention Interest Sessions

FRIDAY AFTERNOON INTEREST SESSIONS

Beth Marth, LWML Gift Planning Advocate

The LWML Gifts of Love program provides FREE benefits, including estate planning and updating estate documents. Participants will receive a guidebook, "Passing On Your Faith-Wishes-Instructions", which walks one through key information the family will need when the Lord calls us home. They will also receive a sample Christian Preamble and Family Blessing.

Deaconess Janet Nicol, Phone Counselor Word of Hope - A ministry of Lutherans for Life

This vital ministry helps hurting souls learn and receive the LORD as their help and shield. Word of Hope provides spiritual care to men, women, and children experiencing overwhelming guilt, regret, grief, and conflict regarding a life issue decision, through the use of a hotline.

Human Care Committee

An additional servant event opportunity - write words of encouragement to Ohio District pastors. The cards will be provided.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON INTEREST SESSIONS

Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations Heba Beshai and Dorene Henschen, LWML Ohio District Leaders

Learn about this program and its importance to LWML. Hear about cultures in different parts of the world and how embracing that diversity will bring us closer to each other. A simulation of how our perception is tinted by our own culture will conclude the session.

Kathy Pavelock, LWML VP of Communication

Mission Adventure - Sharing God's Love. Each participant will consider several aspects of her own faith history and how to turn that into a way to share her faith with a friend or loved one who needs to hear about how much God loves them.

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW)

LBW Ministry Production Center, located at Fairlawn Lutheran Church in the Akron-Youngstown Zone, will speak about their organization, the clients they serve, and how women of the LWML can get involved in this worthwhile organization.

For Pastors

The Pastoral Counselors of the LWML Ohio District will be presenting an Interest Session on Saturday which will offer pastors a guided discussion on how clergy can best be a supportive part of the mission of the LWML. Though the interest session is not listed on the registration forms, all pastors are welcome to join the conversations.

Servant Events

Servant Events will be held Friday morning: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- † Lutheran Braille Workers: Help LBW assemble braille and large print devotionals, bible studies or something similar.
- † Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank: Help assemble feminine hygiene kits for this organization to distribute to the needy.
- † Cards to seminary and deaconess students: Write words of encouragement to seminary and deaconess students.



Ingathering Collection

The following items will be collected at the LWML Ohio District Convention:

- † Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank: Provides diapers and feminine hygiene products to those in need in the Akron/Canton area. We will be collecting new, unopened packages of disposable diapers (all sizes) and new, unopened packages of feminine hygiene products (pads and tampons).
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LWML OHIO DISTRICT NOMINEES FOR OFFICE

PRESIDENT

KAREN SHANAHAN



Zone: Toledo Zone

Job: Returned to work in 2023 as church secretary; retired in 2018 from 30 years in transportation management.

LWML Participation:

Local: President, Publicity Chairman

Zone: President, Public Relations Chair, created many resources to educate and promote LWML.

District: 2022 Ohio District Convention Vice Chairman, Tote bag Chairman, ODE Editor from 2015-2022, Convention logo creator: 2016, 2018, 2024 designed and constructed Ohio District banners for 2015 & 2019 LWML Conventions, Nominating Committee 2020

National: 2021 LWML Convention Host Committee: Public Relations Chairman, Newsletter Editor, Newspaper Roving Reporter, Inventor Management, assisted in creating HC activity sheet and placemats, prepared Communications Department Budget

Skills and Interests: Beyond a strong belief in God and the miracles he has provided, I offer these strengths: organized, desire to be helpful; advanced MS applications and knowledge (Word, Excel, Power Point). Willingness to take on challenges, strong belief in the LWML mission, finding ways to be more inclusive, creative and the joy of helping find solutions.

PASTORAL COUNSELOR

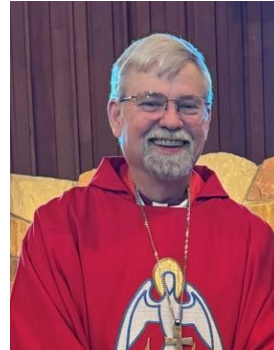
REV. JACOB STUENKEL



Zone: Napoleon Zone

Job: Pastor at St. Paul Flat Rock & St. Peter, Florida, Ohio. Currently serving as Napoleon Zone Counselor. Attended rallies and 2022 convention.

REV. KEVIN GUYNN



Zone: Northeast Zone

Job: Pastor at Faith Lutheran, Mentor, Ohio. Past Northeast Zone Counselor

Skills and Interests: A willingness to serve and support the efforts of all involved in LWML.



VICE PRESIDENT OF HUMAN CARE

DEB VOLKMAN



Zone:
Napoleon
Zone
Job:
Accounting
manager for a
manufacturing
company

LWML Participation:

Local: member and group president
Zone: Member, Zone Vice President, Zone
President (currently)
District: 2 yrs on Human Care Committee,
2 yrs as Human Care Committee Chairman,
Registration Chairman for Ohio District
Convention held in Napoleon
National: Prayer Chapel Director for the
2021 LWML Convention in Louisville,
Kentucky and delegate to the 2019 LWML
Convention in Mobile, Alabama.
Skills and Interests: I have a heart to help
and serve others. I am organized. I am
comfortable with public speaking.

DEACONESS JANET NICOL



Zone: Central
Zone
Job: Deaconess at
St. Paul and Word
of Hope (Lutherans
for Life) trained
deaconess.

LWML Participation:

Zone: member
District: Mission Grants
Committee
Skills and Interests: I am a trained deaconess.
I have been a Griefshare facilitator for over
10 years. I have served on various
outreach & human care projects.
I love people.

JACLYN (JACKIE) RYCHEL



Zone: Northeast
Zone
Job: Retired from
Pharmaceutical:
Biotech
Pharmaceutical
Industry,
Cardiovascular
Consultant for
Boehringer
Mannheim Pharm.
Company, Cologne

Corporation

LWML Participation:

Local: member
Zone: member
District: Delegate 2012 Ohio District
Convention, 2014 Ohio District Convention
Host - Decorations
National: 2019 LWML Convention Grant
Recipient Speaker, 2021 LWML Convention
Host Committee - Centerpiece and Stage
Decor
Skills and Interests: Upon retirement
Jackie moved into mission work and
obtained Recognized Service Organization
status with the LCMS. She has been
working in Haiti and the Dominican Republic
for 17 years. As founder and President of
the 501c3 Ministry in Mission, Jackie
manages, organizes, and leads mission
trips. "I can do all things through Him who
strengthens me." Philippians 4:13



VICE PRESIDENT OF SERVANT RESOURCES

ELIZABETH (BETH) CHRISTOPHERSON



Zone: Northeast Zone

Job: retired

LWML Participation:

Local: Secretary, representative to the zone

Zone: Structure Committee Chairman; Retreat Committee - multiple terms

District: Chairman of District Convention, Mission Grants Committee (twice), Chairman of the Structure Committee (8 years total), Vice President of Servant Resources

National: Zone Delegate at Tampa LWML Convention; attended several LWML Conventions

Skills and Interests: I have organizational and editing skills.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

RUTH MOWERY



Zone: Northeast Zone

LWML Participation:

Local: Vice President, LWML Representative to the Zone

Zone: Public Relations Director, Christian Life Chairman

District: Public Relations Director

National: LWML conventions – 1995 attended as Young Woman Representative and 2023 as Zone Delegate in Milwaukee

Skills and Interests: Singing, handbells, loves to read, avid outdoors hiker and camper with family.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Elect 5)

KAREN ROBERTSON



Zone: Central Zone

Job: Retired

LWML Participation:

Local: former President, current Treasurer

Zone: Retreat attendant

District: Co-Chair of 2018 Ohio District Convention in Dublin, Ohio

National: 2021 LWML Convention Tours and Transportation

Skills and Interests: I enjoy travel, I'm a people person, I'm organized, and blessed to be a part of LWML!

VONA GOODING



Zone: Central Zone

Job: Retired - 28 years at Columbus Metropolitan Library

LWML Participation:

Local: Women of the Church President

Zone: Zone President

Skills and Interests: I love music and singing, reading, Bible studies, laughter and JOY.

JULIE GRESKO



Zone: Cleveland South-West Zone

LWML Participation:

Local: member

Zone: Treasurer, current Zone President

District: Young Woman Representative in 2002 & 2004, Served as Leader Development Co-Chairman, Vice President of Human Care, VP of Leader Development

National: 2003 Young Women Representative

Skills and Interests: I have administrative skills, people skills, leadership skills, and Microsoft Office Pro capabilities.

ANNE BOERBOOM



Zone: Cincinnati Zone

Job: Lutheran Preschool Teacher

LWML Participation:

Local: member

Zone: Retreat Co-Chair

District: Ohio District Young Woman Representative to the 2023 LWML Convention

National: 2021 LWML Convention Host Committee - Mission Walk Director

Skills and Interests: I believe my age is a factor that can be an asset to the Nominating Committee. I am proficient in technology and am able to communicate well across generations.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (cont'd)

ANN PRESLEY



Zone: Central Zone

Job: Elementary School Food Service Cook; Private art instructor

LWML Participation:

Local: Served as group chairman, Treasurer and Secretary

Zone: Attends zone events

District: Served on 2018 convention host committee as decorations chairman; designed the 2022 LWML Ohio District Convention logo

National: Served as an usher at the 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington; attended as a delegate at the 2019 LWML Convention in Mobile, and attended the 2023 Convention in Milwaukee.

Skills and Interests: I bring kindness, enthusiasm, energy, stay on task, moderate technology skills, and able to approach diversity. As a child, I saw firsthand how LWML impacted lives in many ways. My mother and her mother, serving in the mission field through the LWML.

DIANA SCHNACK



Zone: Central Zone

Job: retired

LWML Participation:

Local: Secretary, Treasurer

Zone: Christian Life, Member Development, Treasurer

National: Member Development

Skills and Interests: I have people skills and public speaking skills.

NADINE DLUGAS



Zone: Toledo Zone

Job: Retired RN

LWML Participation:

Local: Takes charge of the Christmas Giving Tree, organizes sending gift cards to Ft. Wayne Seminary

Zone: Chairman of Human Care

District: Secretary to our President

National: 2021 LWML Convention Host Committee - Properties Committee - Signs

Skills and Interests: After I retired from the hospital, I was a clinical instructor at the community college. I loved teaching the new, younger students. They are the future and need to be nurtured and mentored. I hope I can do that in the LWML.

