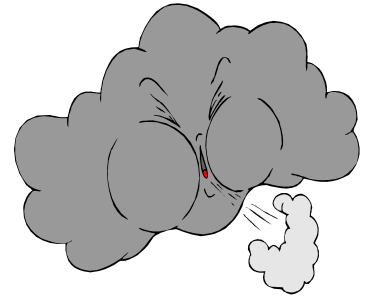




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



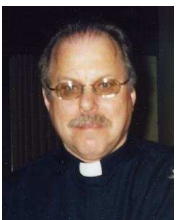
Dear Sisters in Christ,

I have a confession to make. I was a worrier. Not your ordinary worrier - I was an A-Number 1- First Class Worrier. I honed my skills at my mother's knee since she was a worrier too. I cannot say for certain that there is an inherited "worry gene", but somehow I perfected the art of worrying throughout my lifetime. I could worry about trivial matters such as whether my flowers would survive with glorious blossoms or the possibility that my cat was getting too fat. I could worry about such mundane decisions as would this dress be perfect for the occa-

sion or did my sofa cushions need replacing. I could worry about serious concerns such as the job opportunities that were available for my daughter or the effect of a new medicine on my husband's high blood pressure. I even worried about global affairs such as the worsening economy and the threat of nuclear war. If I had let myself, I could have found a new care or concern to worry about every day, since there was always something in my life that was amiss or amuck

I have another confession to make. With all my enhanced worrying skills, I was not able to make one flower bloom brighter or my cat one ounce skinnier. *Cont on page 2*

ZONE COUNSELOR MESSAGE



Summer and Autumn 2009

Wow, where has the summer gone? It seemed like Easter was yesterday. But then again every day is Easter when we keep the cross as our focus, which is the reason for our happiness and for all that life has to offer.

Because of the items that occupy our thoughts in our daily lives, like family and/or work, please consider joining us this year for the one day Fall Retreat. I am sometimes saddened by the duties that consume

my day, because there are times when I can't seem to interact with more of God's children. The Fall Retreat gives me the opportunity to visit friends and my sisters in Christ. The Fall Retreat allows every one of us the opportunity for fun and fellowship, a chance to recharge from the daily activities that consume our time and efforts. The Retreat gives each of us a chance to reflect on the reason for our existence as a service society, and have some spiritual refreshment.

It was not so very long ago, that I received financial support from the Ohio District LWML *Cont on page 2*

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Presidents message (cont. from Page 1)

I could worry all night about my finances, and in the morning I was not a penny richer. No matter how much I worried, it never solved a problem, changed an outcome, or made a situation better. All my worrying did was rob me of my joy. The more I worried, the less happy I felt.

I also realized that my worrying was a sin. I was replacing God with an idol fashioned with cares, concerns, apprehensions and distress. I was relying on my own power instead of God's. I was putting my doubts and fears foremost in my life, and I was failing miserably. I needed help, and

my help came from the Lord. In searching His word, I found the comfort and answers I needed. In Matthew 6:34: "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." God was telling me to live each day as it comes. I was not to worry my life away. In Luke 12:25: Jesus said: "And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?" God was explaining that worrying accomplishes nothing. Finally in 1 Peter 5:7, the apostle said: "Cast all your anxieties on Him, because he cares about you." What comfort these

words gave to a life-long worrier! God loves me – why worry?

I wish I could say that I no longer worry. Unfortunately I still have my moments of weakness when my doubts and fears get the better of me. However, I have learned to do less worrying and more praying. I know God can handle whatever fears, frustrations, problems and predicaments come into my life. He is in charge so I can gladly announce "what – me worry?" Thanks be to God for His love and reassurance!

Serving the Lord together,

Jeanne Schimmelmann

Counselor message (cont. from Page 1)

as a seminary student and my family was blessed tremendously by this support. It has been a great honor to be your Zone Counselor for these past years and I thank God for the opportunity. I know that my time as your counselor is drawing to a close and I have allowed my name to stand in nomination for Ohio District Pastoral Counselor, and if be God's will to be elected then I will serve with humility. It is only because of the valuable experience you have afforded me as Zone Counselor that I feel confident to serve as District Counselor.

May God always bless you beyond your needs and keep

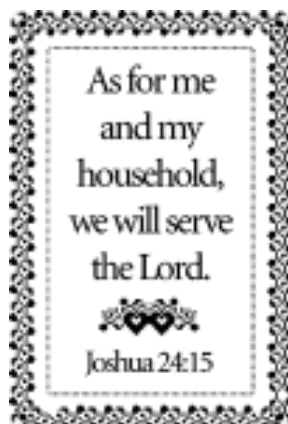
you in the palms of His hands.

Keep your eyes focused on the cross.

In His Service

Rev. Donald P. Beaumont

Joshua 24:15 *As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.*



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Building Hope in Haiti *By Jackie Rychel*



30 Haiti missionaries from eleven Lutheran churches in five states came together in Maumee, Ohio for the first conference to serve the Caribbean Children's Foundation.

Nora Leon and her husband Gerson Leon attended as they were in the US on a fundraising trip. The purpose of this conference was to provide a platform for those with the dedication to serve in Haiti to share ideas and combine skills to provide a united effort. Nora is the common link that promotes service to the Lutheran churches and orphanages in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Her work throughout the Caribbean Children's Foundation provides spiritual and physical aid to the poor and sick children of the Caribbean.

The result of this meeting in Maumee not only cemented the relationship of missionaries serving Haiti from these churches but encouraged further exploration of how outreach to the Lutheran pastors in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti (ELCH) can be accomplished. Furthermore a website, BuildingHopeinHaiti.org is under con-

struction to house information for all to access.

Task forces were set up to explore many areas of need. Some include support for Haitian pastors and Caribbean Children's Foundation staff, matching sister churches in the US and Haiti, further education for Haitians, fundraising events, meal programs for feeding school children and more. Progress will be communicated on the website quarterly.

The most amazing work of the Lord resulting from the exchange of ideas and dreams was the fulfillment of a long time dream of Nora and Leon. An anonymous donor provided the funds to purchase a boat to allow travel between Ile a Vache and Les Cayes. This boat will literally build hope in Haiti as it will transport building supplies to build schools, churches and other desperately needed provisions.

Should you choose to support this effort with a monetary gift please make a check to St. Mark Lutheran church with Haiti Missions noted on the check.

A New Book *by Lisa Miralia*

Some exciting news from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Solon, Ohio . . . Julie Walker Mitchell, long-time member of this congregation, has written her first book entitled 365 days of HOPE. It is a daily devotional which was born out of her journey over the past 6 years after her husband, Scott, was diagnosed with cancer.

Jean Koehler, an Attorney from Cleveland, is quoted on the back of the book as saying, "... Julie has used her faith to find strength, love and joy to make

these years beautiful despite his illness. In each passage of her book, Julie shares her understanding and reverence for God and His messages in the words of the Bible. Her enthusiasm is contagious and everyone who reads this devotional will discover the power faith can give us – even in the most challenging of times."

On July 12, Julie had a book-signing at Our Redeemer and spoke about her inspiration for the book and what it has been like to go through the publish-

ing process. If you would be interested in having Julie speak at one of your meetings, you may contact her by email or cell phone at: sjm86@roadrunner.com / 440-498-0942 or you may leave a message for her at Our Redeemer (440-248-4066).

Please look for her book at your local book store after September 8 (official release date) or you may order it now on-line through her publisher at tatepublishing.com.

Spaghetti Dinner Benefit

On August 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 37728 Euclid Ave., Willoughby, is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner/Auction to benefit Tom and Sheryl Trost and sons, Jared and Jaime, members of Trinity. Jaime Trost, born April 16,

2009 at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, has serious medical problems, requiring specialized care and multiple surgeries. After 93 days in NICU, Jaime and family have arrived home. The proceeds from this event, assisted by Thrivent Fi-

nancial, will help defray medical expenses. Tickets available at Trinity Church Office until August 14, 2009. Adults - \$15.00, Children 10 and under - \$7.00. Call (440) 942-7766 for reservations.

A Reminder from Your Treasurer

Each individual Society in the Northeast Zone is asked to make an annual donation which helps to defray the expenses associated with sending delegates to the Ohio District and the National Convention as our representatives. The suggested donation is \$75.00, but can be whatever amount your Society can afford. Sometimes there is a change in leadership in a Society and the donation is overlooked or perhaps a Society just isn't aware of the donation because they've never made one in the past. If your Society can afford a donation and hasn't yet made one for 2009, please make your check payable to: *Northeast Zone LWML*

and mail it to: *Lisa Miralia, 7955 Bainbrook Dr., Chagrin Falls, OH 44023*

If you would like confirmation that your check has been received, please include a name and email address to which I can respond.

God's blessings on the work of your Society as we all work for Him ~

Lisa Miralia

Treasurer, Northeast Zone LWML

FALL GETAWAY

All ladies are invited to attend the 17th annual LWML Fall Get Away sponsored by the North-east Zone of Lutheran Women's Missionary League. This year's theme is entitled "Count Your Blessings". Rev. Jeff Johnson-Building Hope in the City is the main speaker. We're making a change for this year. The one-day RE-

TREAT will be held Saturday, September 26th at a new location—YMCA, Retreat Center and Chapel in Perry. Cost is \$20.00/person. Registration deadline is September 8, 2008. Please check with your congregations LWML representative for registration forms or download from the Zone website.



Father, I ask You to bless my friends, relatives and those that I care deeply for, who are reading this right now. Show them a new revelation of your love and power. Holy Spirit, I ask You to minister to their spirit at this very moment. Where there is pain, give them your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubt, release a renewed confidence through your grace. Where there is need, I ask you to fulfill their needs. Bless their homes, families, finances, their goings and their comings. In Jesus' precious name. Amen.

Northeast Zone Church Websites

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Mentor - www.lutheranonline.com/gslcmentor

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Painesville - www.stpaulslcmsohio.org

Zion Lutheran Church, Painesville - www.zelc.com

Trinity Lutheran Church, Willoughby - www.trinitywilloughby.org

Bethel Lutheran Church, Willowick - www.bethelwillowick.org

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Solon - www.ourredeemersolon.org

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mayfield Hts. - www.oursavior-church.org

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Chesterland - www.stmarkchester.org

Hope Lutheran Church, Aurora - www.hopeaurora.org

Shore Haven Lutheran Church, Euclid - www.shorehaven.lutheran.com

Valley Lutheran, Chagrin Falls - www.valleylutheran.org