



# The Beacon Online

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## **Asleep in Jesus** Rev. M. Charles Groth

Rev. M. Charles (Charlie) Groth fell asleep with Jesus on January 5, 2022. Rev. Groth served in the Chicago area for many years before moving to Parma, Ohio. Pastor Groth was a member at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Parma, Ohio. He was active in the SELC's Central Circuit and participated in PCWCs when they were held in the Cleveland area.

The funeral service will be Saturday, January 8, 2022 at the Holowchak Funeral Home located at 5548 State Road, Parma, OH 44134. Rev. John Milligan will be officiating the service. Visitation begins one hour prior to the service at 9 am.



## **Kentucky Disaster Relief Effort in the SELC**

Karen Ann Kowalczyk is a volunteer disaster person with the Maryland Orphan Grain Train (OGT) and a member of St. John's Hazleton, an SELC District congregation. Karen Ann is asking for your help from SELC District congregations with disaster relief effort for tornado victims in KY.

New England OGT and Maryland OGT are working to put together a truck load of supplies. We are collecting health kits, school supply kits, Bibles, baby diapers, and NEW winter jackets, gloves, and scarfs. They are not accepting used clothing at this time. Below is a list of items they need. All items are to be mailed to Karen Ann at the address below to be delivered by **January 21, 2022** so they can distribute the

items to the tornado victims in Kentucky the week of January 24th.

Karen Ann Kowalczyk  
221 Wilson Dr.  
Hazleton, PA 18201  
**karenannkow@hotmail.com**  
570-582-6046 cell

**Hygiene/Health Kits**

1 Bath Towel & 1 Wash Cloth  
1 Bar Soap 3 oz. or larger  
1 Heavy Duty comb  
1 Individually wrapped Toothbrush & 1 Toothpaste  
6 Band Aids  
1 Small pkg Tissues  
1 Nail Clipper  
1 Deodorant

Place in a 2.5 gallon zipper bag (bags can be purchased in the Dollar Tree store)

**Bibles and prayer shawls**

Infant/children various sizes **diapers**

**NO USED CLOTHING**

**SCHOOL KITS**

Back Packs or Drawstring bags (must be able to put the supplies in)  
4 Notebooks & 4 Folders  
1 Blunt Scissors & 1 Ruler  
2 Pens & 4 Pencils  
1 Eraser & 1 Pencil Sharpener  
1 Box 24 Crayons

**MISC ITEMS**

Laundry Baskets & Laundry Detergent

**CHILDREN'S**

NEW Winter Jackets, scarfs & gloves

If you would like to make a financial contribution to the effort, please make the check payable to ***Orphan Grain Train Maryland*** -- on the memo line put: KY tornado and mail it to Karen Ann at the address above.

**THRIVENT** members can apply for an Action team grant to purchase supplies listed above. If you are so moved when filling out the form on the computer fill in 2021 TORNADO in the code section that helps speed the approval process.



## Setting Your 2022 SELC Budget Goal

Rev. Mark C. Larson, Stewardship Chair

As your congregation completes its budgeting process for 2022, please be sure to send in your SELC Budget Goal.

Christ calls us to be witnesses of the Gospel throughout the whole world. One way we do this together is through our partnership with district and Synod missions. These offerings are given in joyful response to the Gospel of Christ, trusting in its power with the prayer that new believers will be brought to saving faith in Christ.

Due to inflationary pressures in our economy, the Board of Directors at its September meeting recommended congregations increase their contributions by four percent for 2022.

Your congregation should have received a letter in October for you to indicate your plans to support district and Synod missions. Please return this information by mail or email (preferred) by January 15 to:

Rev. Dr. Mark Larson, Stewardship Chair  
7100 Morganford Rd, St. Louis, MO 63116  
[markclarson0341@gmail.com](mailto:markclarson0341@gmail.com)

Please note that checks should be sent directly to the District Financial Secretary:

Larry Schultz 1566 Bushkill Center Rd. Bath, PA 18014



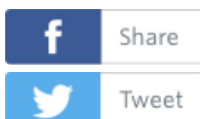
## LWML of the SELC District to hold their 17th Annual Convention

The LWML of the SELC DISTRICT will be holding the 17th Convention on April 30, 2022, at Holy Trinity in Parma, Ohio. We are looking for candidates to fill the offices of President, Vice President and Secretary. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact me via phone or email.

The Central Zone held a picnic in June at St. Matthew church in Norton, Ohio and a workshop at St. John, Massillon, Ohio in September. Both were very enjoyable gatherings, thank you Ladies. We are doing well at paying our grants.

Please keep our convention in your prayers and also on behalf of the candidates.

Your sister in Christ,  
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