

## WHO ARE WE?

The following 18 churches make up the Northern Conference of the La Crosse Synod:

Bells Coulee – Mindoro

Blair Lutheran – Blair

Christ Lutheran – Arcadia

Fagerness Lutheran – Blair

French Creek – Ettrick

Halfway Creek – Holmen

Hardies Creek – Ettrick

Holmen Lutheran – Holmen

Journey Lutheran – Onalaska

Lewis Valley – Holmen

Living Hope – Ettrick

Mindoro Lutheran – Mindoro

Mt. Calvary – Trempealeau

North Beaver Creek – Ettrick

South Beaver Creek – Ettrick



St. John's Lutheran – Alma

Tamarack – Arcadia

Zion Lutheran - Galesville

# NORTH CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

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**WOMEN OF THE ELCA**  
**TENTH TRIENNIAL GATHERING**

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
July 13–16, 2017

*About our logo* The joyful, organic shape of a butterfly—or is it a flower?—represents transformation and growth. Splashes of color honoring the four elements (earth, wind, fire, air) spill outside the lines to create an uplifting symbol that is bright, bold and vibrant.

**FOR MORE INFO:**  
[welcatg.org](http://welcatg.org)

## WELCA

## La Crosse Synod



Living Hope Church - Ettrick

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual QUILTING BEE**

**Tuesday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>**

From 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Come when you can - one day or both days!

Enjoy the company of other quilters!

*Materials furnished* - bring your own needles & scissors.

Quilts made over these two days will be

shared with local agencies.

Lunch and Snacks will be

**RSVP by Monday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> with**

**Betty Ofsdahl (484-3266) Deb Sveen (525-3000) or Phyllis Wood (582-2196)**



### Our Purpose:

We commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.

## Need Ideas and Resources?

Check out [women.elca@elca.org](mailto:women.elca@elca.org) – find out such things as Lenten resources, activities for Katie's Birthday, how change is good, etc.

**Does your unit have any ideas it can share with the other WELCA groups of the North Conference? Please share them here!**

**Is your unit making plans to attend the 2017 Triennial? Don't forget that the Northern Conference has started to put aside funds to help with transportation costs.**

## Upcoming Events:

- 1) **February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Quilting Bee at Living Hope Church, Ettrick, WI**
- 2) **Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, WELCA Synod Spring Convention at Westby Coon Prairie Lutheran Church, Westby, WI**
- 3) **Wednesday, June 15, 2016, Summer Event at Halfway Creek Lutheran Church, Holmen, WI**

## LEADERS OF THE NORTH CONFERENCE

The North Conference Board Member is Ruth Scholze. She represents our conference at all Synodical WELCA Board Meetings. Her address is N6692 Johnson Coulee Rd., Holmen, WI 54636. Ruth's phone number is 608-526-3064 and her e-mail is [escholze@centurytel.net](mailto:escholze@centurytel.net).

The North Conference Coordinator is Deb Sveen. Deb helps coordinate all WELCA activities of the North units. Her address is N24431 Lunde Coulee, Ettrick, WI 54627. Deb's land phone is 608-525-3000 and her e-mail is [cmsveen@hotmail.com](mailto:cmsveen@hotmail.com).

Be sure to contact Ruth if you have concerns that need the attention of the Synodical Board. Contact Deb with any invitations for North Conference WELCA events and/or activities that other churches need to be made aware of.

## DAILY GRACE

### Speaking with God

Christian life is prayer. St. Paul's guidance to 'pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you' (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18), suggests that all of life is prayer. Every Sunday we are sent from our gathering around the means of grace to continue our worship, recognizing that all of life is in Christ. It is our prayer life that nourishes our growth toward living all of daily life in Christ.

Often we talk about prayer only as our petitions to God. Our relationship with God should assume a two-way conversation in which we listen as well as speak. Martin Luther colorfully illustrates this saying, "If we want our prayers to be heard, we must first hear God's Word; otherwise (God) will not hear us either, no matter if we weep and shout till we burst!"\*

With this encouragement, seek out ways you can listen as well as speak to God, so your whole life may be lived in constant prayer.

*This message was adapted from the "Speaking with God" written by Kevin Anderson that first appeared in the July/August 2010 issue of Lutheran Woman Today (now Gather) magazine. \*Source: Heinrich, Bomkamm, Luther's World of Thought, translated Martin H. Bertram; St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House.*

It is the goal of this newsletter that the 18 churches of the North Conference of the La Crosse Synod use it for WELCA ministry. The intentions are to have this newsletter come out four times a year: January, April, July, and October. *All items for inclusion are requested by the first of these respective months: December, March, June, and September.*

All items are to be sent to Deb Sveen, NC Coordinator, 22431 Lunde Coulee, Ettrick, WI 54627. Phone number is 608-525-3000. E-mail: [cmsveen@hotmail.com](mailto:cmsveen@hotmail.com)