

Newsletter of the La Crosse Area Synod Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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### W-ELCA Purpose Statement

As a community of women  
 created in the image of God,  
 called to discipleship in Jesus Christ,  
 and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
 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.

### A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Dear Sisters in Christ;

Today is the first day of September, school is starting, Sunday school is getting underway, gardens are winding down, quilting is starting again; our summer gatherings and fellowships are growing to a close and I hope that they were as successful as you had hoped for.

Thank God for this wonderful year. Sit and look at your garden, or if you prefer, look at your neighbors' garden. Rejoice in the wonder of this world that God has given us to care for. Let us gather strength from our surroundings and let us prepare for the busy months of the year.

Thank you, each one of you, for all that you do. When I look at the hands that get things done, for each other, for our youth, for our old, for our Lord, many of them belong to women. God has blessed us with a special gift and we are a blessing when we share these gifts.

The Fall Renewal is scheduled for the 8th of October at Our Redeemer in La Crosse. I hope to see you all there. We have a wonderful day planned!

Sincerely,  
 Kathleen Sumrall

**FALL RENEWAL WORKSHOP****Sat, Oct. 15, 8:30 am - 2 pm****Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, La Crosse**

**Instead of a keynote speaker, several workshops will be offered from agencies that our W-ELCA units participate in, followed by officer workshops to get our units "up-and-going" for the 2016-17 year. Triennial info will also be presented. So a busy day, expecting to done by 2 pm. See registration form on page 3.**

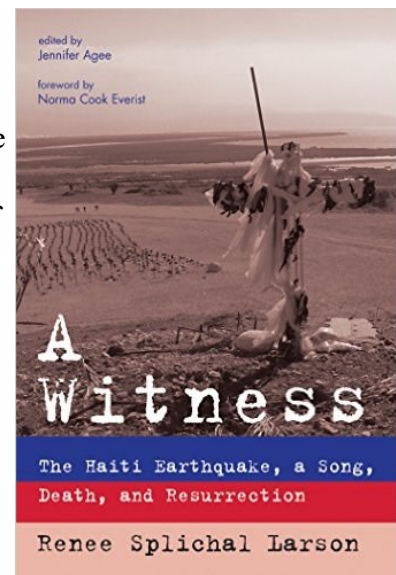
At the Spring Convention, Bishop Emerita April Larson told about her daughter-in-law Renee Splichal Larson's new book that came out in March, [A Witness: The Haiti Earthquake, a Song, Death, and Resurrection.](#)

The 2010 earthquake in Haiti buried Renee Splichal Larson in concrete rubble, killing her husband and leaving her a widow at age 27. Surviving only to be overwhelmed by loss and trauma, she wondered if life was still possible for her. Even as she trained to become a pastor, her faith in a loving God was shaken and battered by the earthquake that devastated Port-au-Prince and took the lives of many thousands.

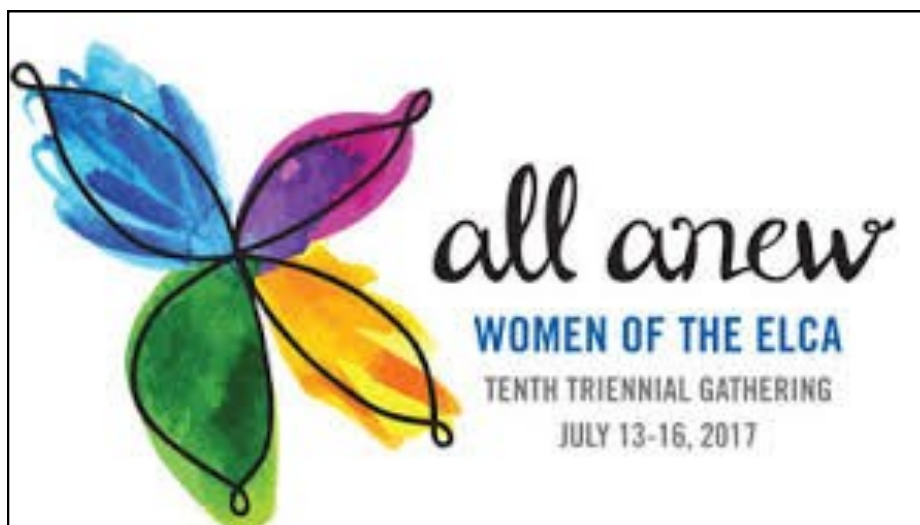
This is Renee's moving story of love, grief, survival, and new life. It is account of the lives of three young people, their experience of the challenges, beauty, and hospitality of Haiti, and the tumult that overthrew all they held dear.

After years of struggle and healing, aided by remarkable signs of the love and presence of God, Renee offers us an intimate look at her young romance, her experience of the earthquake, and the journey that followed. Most of all, she proclaims her hard-won witness: that in Christ, love and life conquer death.

The book is available to purchase in paperback or e-book at <http://wipfandstock.com/a-witness.html> or by calling (541) 344-1528 .



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There will be **TRIENNIAL GATHERING 2017 SCHOLARSHIP FORMS** available at the Fall Renewal. If you can't make it on October 15, 2016, to the Fall Renewal, email Mona at [monavanriper@gmail.com](mailto:monavanriper@gmail.com) or call her at 608-526-2284 and she send you a form.



**2016 Fall Renewal/Workshop, La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA**

**October 15, 2016**

**8:30am-9:00am Registration and Coffee Fellowship**

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**

**2135 Weston Street**

**La Crosse, WI 54601**

**Theme: "Serving Our Neighbors, Together"**

**In-kind Offering: women's undergarments, including socks**

Registrations by mail must be to treasurer by October 7, 2016. After October 7, please call in your registration and pay at the door. Fee: \$12per person

Mail all registration forms and payments to:

Sue Staples, W5549 Southdale Drive, La Crosse, WI 54601 (phone: 608-788-8249)

Make Checks payable to : La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_ Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_ or Officer Title \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_ or Officer Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Member \_\_\_\_ or Officer Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Member \_\_\_\_ or Officer Title \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_ or Officer Title \_\_\_\_\_

(If you need more sheets, please make copies of this.)

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**W-ELCA Units**

**Projects Completed from November 2015 through September 2016**

Item made	Number made	Donated to	Season most Items are made	Year round Project? Yes or No
Quilts				
Personal care kits				
School kits				
Child kits				
Sewing kits				
Soap/Other				

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_ Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring a list of projects (quilts, care kits, soap, etc.) you have done for Lutheran World Relief or other organizations to Joan Gardner at the Fall Gathering. If your unit will not be represented, please send your information by mail: Joan Gardner, W21730 Lisa Lane, P.O. Box 663, Galesville, WI 54630, or email to [joangardner142@hotmail.com](mailto:joangardner142@hotmail.com).

The article below is taken from the Coulee Courier September 2016 issue.

## LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

### IT'S the SMELL of your COOKIES!!!



My normal routine has me getting up at 5 am every morning to go workout. For the past few months that has meant waking up to sunlight and hearing birds outside. Now, when I rise, I am beating the sun by a half hour. Fall must surely be on its way. There are other things that tell me that fall is upon us and a new semester at your campus ministry is about to begin. The cicadas are buzzing, U-Haul trucks are appearing on campus. And then there is that smell. You know what I am talking about, that classic smell that is iconic of Common Ground Campus Ministry. It is the smell of...YOUR COOKIES!!!

Your cookies are one of the biggest reasons that Common Ground has increasing recognition on campus. Not just recognition, good recognition! You see there are two pastors on campus who have become regulars in the life of students. There is Ryan, he stands out on campus with a hat on that says "Fear God" (where do you even get a hat like that?); he yells at students and tells them that they are going to hell. How effective do you think that is? And now, thanks to you, there is me "Cookie Pastor." I get to stand out at the clock tower on Wednesdays and show a tangible sign of God's Love through your delicious cookies. We hear all the time that they "look forward to this every week," "tell the people who make these thanks," and "you are all awesome." Sometimes we hear, best of all, "So who are you?" or "Where are you at?" or "Do you have worship services?"

Thank you for a year full of cookies and please keep them coming. This year we have made it easier to sign up with an online link that lets you pick the date your congregation wants to do cookies!

Go to [commongroundcampusministry.com/support](http://commongroundcampusministry.com/support) and follow the instructions under "Free Cookie Wednesday" to sign up. Thanks for all you are and all you do! You are making the Gospel known on our La Crosse campuses!

Peace,

Pastor Ben Morris



Mission Statement

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

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## Upcoming Events

Please make copies of the attached flyers to use in your church newsletters, website, bulletins, bulletin boards, etc. to promote one another's events.

Submit your upcoming events to [monavanriper@gmail.com](mailto:monavanriper@gmail.com) so they can be in future Crosswinds.

**Mark your calendars:**

**La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA Spring Conference**

**Saturday, April 29, 2017**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

**West Salem, WI**

**More information to come in future issues of Crosswinds**

## LWR BOX CAR IN LA CROSSE



**Saturday, October 8, 2016, 7:00AM - 11:00AM**

**same location, by Boys & Girls Club on La Crosse's North side**

This is where congregations should deliver all quilts and kits made up for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) distribution to locations in need around the globe. The local coordinator, Jim Balow, can be reached re: any questions at 608-788-8408.

Donations can also be made to help offset shipping costs of the quilts and kits at [LWR.org](http://LWR.org)

Cost of Delivery:            Mission Quilts \$2.25 each            School Kit \$1.40 each

Personal Care Kit \$2.65 each    Baby Care Kit \$1.30 each    Fabric Kit \$1.00each

Carton of Soap (18lbs) \$11.60each

You may also track where you quilts and kits are utilized at <https://lwr.org/get-involved/quilts/tracker>

## LWR SCHOOL KIT BAGS

Connie Blunck has school bags available for the LWR School Kits for \$1.25 each.

Her address is 104 S. Harmony St., West Salem.

Phone 608-786-0684

Email: [clcblunck@centurylink.net](mailto:clcblunck@centurylink.net)





# Community Fall Festival

Saturday, October 8, 2016

11:00am - 3:00pm



Antique/Classic Car & Tractor Show

TV and Tablet Raffle

Quilt Raffle, Themed Basket Raffles

Outdoor Stand

**Live Music by Grand Picnic String Band, 11:30am**

Lunch - Hot Beef and Hotdogs

**Live Auction with Brian Craig, 1:00pm**

Crafts & Antiques

Natural Soaps

Loaded Sawdust Pile

Wagon Rides

Baked Goods



Frozen Cinnamon Rolls

Rain or Shine Entertainment

Lewis Valley Lutheran Church

W5402 County Road V, Holmen WI 54636

(intersection of County Roads T & V in Stevenstown)



# Save the Date!

Join us for the 9th Annual Fashion Cornucopia  
at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

To benefit the operation of the  
**Women's Clothes Closet**  
**Saturday, November 5, 2016**  
**11:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. shows**  
**Tickets are on sale now!**  
\$35 each or  
\$240 for a table of 8  
Call 608.782.3468

**Food!      Fashion!      Fun!**



## Holiday Marketplace Bazaar

Saturday, November 12  
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
***Our Redeemer Lutheran Church***  
***2135 Weston Street, La Crosse***

Delicious Barbecue or Chili Lunch & Pie  
10:30 – 1:30



Door Prizes Every Hour

Norwegian baked goods, cookies and candy, Christmas decorations, handmade quilts, kitchen items, children's corner, hats and scarves, jewelry and other handmade craft items! Great place for your Christmas shopping!

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<b>05/15/2017</b>	<b>06/01/2017</b>
<b>08/15/2017</b>	<b>09/01/2017</b>

Please report your officer list yearly so that we can maintain a correct emailing list.

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