

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

Women ELCA

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W-ELCA Purpose Statement

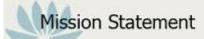
As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness

in the church, the society, and the world.

The Lutheran World Relief Boxcar will be in La Crosse on Saturday, October 14, 2017, from 7:00am to 11:00am.

The Lutheran World Relief (LWR) boxcar will be in La Crosse on this date to load all quilts, health kits, baby kits, fabric kits AND school kits that have been made and gathered in our synod. The boxcar will be at the same location as in previous years- on La Crosse's north side, near the George Street viaduct, at the end of Clinton Street; next to the Boys & Girls Club.





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

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Sisters in Christ;

It has been a very busy summer and I am so glad that I was able to go to Minneapolis this year.

As President of our SWO I attended the Convention that started on the 11th of July along with JoAnne Salava, St Paul's in Camp Douglas, our Vice President, and delegates Sandy Fick from Peace in Tomah and Linda Krueger from Our Redeemer in La Crosse. It was quite an event. Tuesday was long; after a day of business we had a special session at 7 p.m. to go over the budget, but that was done by 9.

We elected new officers for the Churchwide Board, this was done by an ecclesiastic vote. Everyone writes down a name and the women with 25 or more votes stay in for the next vote, by the third vote we had five individuals. The next day they gave a three minute speech and we voted again. Any one of the five women would have been impressive.

Our new officers are: Lisa Plorin, President, a member of the Western North Dakota SWO; Becky Shurson, Vice President, a member of the Pacifica SWO; Freddie Jordon, Secretary, a member of the Southern Ohio SWO; and Anna Sarver, Treasurer, a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania SWO.

We also elected three new Churchwide Board members. They are Lois Byland from the Northwestern Minnesota SWO; Liz Burgess from the New England SWO; and Anissa Canova from Northeastern Pennsylvania SWO.

These officers and board members are some terrific women. These women act on their faith and do this with no pay; their travel costs are covered. Some of you may remember our new President, Lisa Plorin, if you were at our convention two years ago she was our Churchwide rep. As was Liz Burgess this year in April. I hope you keep them all in your prayers as they work hard to serve you.

There are 28 to 31 women on our Churchwide board. I could not tell you everything that they do but I can tell you what degrees they have: a PHD in biochemistry, postdoctoral fellowship in neuroscience and a bachelor's degree in biology, bachelor degrees in communication, art and elementary education, engineering, special education, nursing, physical therapy, home economics, sociology, a master's in IT management, business administration, in secondary Education and English, a divinity degree. They are small business owners, musicians, hospital chaplains. Many serve on their church council, belong to bible study circles and they are mothers (some with young children) and some are grandmothers.

The Gathering began on the 13th. Thank you for your prayers. The harassment we were to have been subject to never happened. The first day we left the convention building we all walked past the seven protesters with no response to them and we noticed a large man sitting behind them with a T-shirt that read "My wife is an ELCA Pastor". We enjoyed that.

Thank you for choosing the women you did to be your delegates. They served you well and we all enjoyed it.

Thank you all for your prayers, Kathleen Sumrall

The articles below and on the next page, written by North Conference Coordinator Deb Sveen, were taken from the North Conference Newsletter July 2017.

North Conference Bus to the Triennial – The day was FASCINATING!

AWESOME is just one word to describe the Tenth Triennial Gathering of the WELCA! Actually, for those of us who were fortunate to attend this gathering, there aren't words enough to describe this experience. And anyone couldn't help but come away with a since of knowing that she belongs to a loving God who only wants us to love one another.

The Northern Conference of the La Crosse W-ELCA Synod was represented by women from Zion Lutheran Church of Galesville, French Creek Lutheran Church, North Beaver Lutheran Church, South Beaver Lutheran Church, Living Hope Lutheran Church, St. John's Lutheran of Alma, Arcadia Lutheran, and Blair Lutheran.

Dena Daffinson of North Beaver and Deb Sveen of Living Hope were able to attend the entire four-day gathering and were joined by 20 ladies who came up for one day on the bus that our conference saved for over the last three years. We all wore decorative "fascinators" in our hair to show we were from one of the smallest synods in the WELCA. Our "look" prompted many of the 3,321 women from all states and 12 different countries to notice us. For many of us attending, this was our first time at a triennial – 1,323 women.

What Happened at the 10th Triennial?

We were able to hear inspirational speakers, to attend thought-provoking workshops, to participate in servant events, etcetera, and etcetera. We came away tired but "renewed!" Some of the lasting, motivational thoughts included:

- "God doesn't ask for ability, he asks for availability!" Leymah Gbowee"
- "You can't be helping people in Africa without helping those in your own backyard." Leymah Gbowee
- "When you are in the corner with someone, God is with you! God wants us to align with those who need renewal." Leymah Gbowee
- Remember the Parable of the Broom. One strand of a broom can be easily broken, but all the strands of a broom put together will not be broken. We need pray buddies; to share; find someone to be aligned with. Leymah Gbowee
- According to Romans 13, we are subject to governing authorities, but all authority comes from God. We need to hold each other accountable and our government accountable. We all are God's servants; we need to do Good. Kathy Fryer

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- We need to be good not nice. Nice avoids controversy and runs from conflict. Good does what matters. – Kathy Fryer
- Nice worries about "what the neighbors think", but good "loves everyone and will stand with those who are being put down and hurt." Kathy Fryer
- Good speaks up for what is right when she is scared! Kathy Fryer
- Always take the side of those on the sidelines. We need to stand side by side with God and Christ. God and Christ are always on the sidelines! Proverbs 19:17 Kathy Fryer

Jesus saw not only individuals but the crowd. He had compassion on all! We need to use everything that is given to us to have true compassion. – Alexia Salvataerra

We need to overcome fear with faith through encouragement. – Alexia Salvataerra

We need to take time every day to be grateful. - Alexia Salvataerra

Each moment, each day is new; nothing is ever repeated. God prepares something new for us each day. - Sally Howard Johnson

What can bring newness to my life? Be open to new beginnings! - Sally Howard Johnson

Jesus is not to keep us comfortable! God doesn't close boundaries. If we have God all figured out, we are in trouble! – Angela T. Khabeb

We need to belong to Jesus (God) not Jesus (God) belongs to us. - Angela T. Khabeb

God doesn't give us what we deserve instead He gives us forgiveness, grace. - Angela T. Khabeb

"All ANEW" is a way of life, not an event. – Leymah Gbowee

Tenth Triennial Conference Voting Members from the La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA.



Right: Theme at the Tenth Triennial Gathering.

This is the theme we will use until the 2020 Gathering.



Tenth Triennial Gathering from the La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA. This group (below) was there for the entire Gathering.



Tenth Triennial Gathering from the La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA. This group (below) was there for one day of the Gathering.





Faithful Friends of Women of the ELCA

Churchwide does a lot for us: bible studies, magazines, daily prayers, grants, and programs. They need our support to continue to make things happen. We are fortunate to have a Churchwide organization that saw at its conception, the importance of staying in touch with women from all of our Synods. Our by-laws require we hold a Triennial Convention and Gathering that costs \$1,000,000 alone.

They have created **Faithful Friends** this is a recurring gift (\$10 or more) to them, either through your checking account or charged (\$10 or more) to your credit card. By this they hope to be able to meet all the requirements and missions that they do for us.

IF you desire to be a part of Faithful Friends you can do so by sending in the form on page 8 or join online at <u>welca.org/faithfulfriendsonline</u>.

Thank you for your help.

GIVE MONTHLY

Make a monthly recurring gift and join

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a group of especially devoted friends of Women of the ELCA

who provide consistent, sustaining support for our many ministries.

□ YES! I want to join Faithful Friends of Women of the ELCA!

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Registration Form 2017 Fall Renewal

All Anew

Eyes Wide Open

October 21, 2017

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

4141 Mormon Coulee Rd. La Crosse (608)788-0450

8:30 am Registration 9:00 am Prayers & Hymn 2:00 pm Closing of Convention

Congregation Name_____Conference_____

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Mailed registration @\$12 per person must reach the treasurer by **October 13, 2017.** Make checks payable to **La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA**. Send forms and funds to Sue Staples, W5549 Southdale Dr., La Crosse, WI 54601.

After October 13, registration **MUST** be made by phone, (608) 788-8249. The fee remains \$12 per person with monies **payable at the convention**. The U.S. mail is not timely enough to guarantee funds being received by convention. Checks should be still be **payable to La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA.**

The article below was taken from the Coulee Courier September 2017 issue.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

SWIMMING UNDER WATER?

Campus ministry is like swimming under water. You take a deep breath, dive down deep, and then go as hard as you can until December, then pop up for air. Then you do it again for the Spring Semester.



We are about to start a new ministry semester at our schools. We are about to start another round of sharing the love of Jesus Christ with students! What an awesome and humbling task.

I am so blessed that I do not do it alone. I do it alongside of you. You the people of the La Crosse Area Synod make this happen!

In a few hours I will be hopping on a train with 23 students to head to Montana for a week of exploring God's creation in the Bob Marshall wilderness. Our students will get to know God, each other, and themselves on a deeper level! They will come back, ready to be student leaders. We have been using our amazing facility to teach skills, prep meals, have preparatory Bible studies. Your gifts make this possible.

The last weekend of August I will go up north with our leadership team for a retreat to prepare for the semester's worship, Bible studies and service. Your Thrivent dollars make this possible.

Wednesdays we will continue showing up with cookies. You have read the note, you have heard the stories. Your cookies share God's love. There is no way I could do this ministry without your help and love.

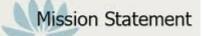
I could keep going, but we want to give back too! The first weekend in October you are invited to Coon Valley for our first annual Kicktoberfest! -- A kickball tournament and BBQ! Your conference will make a team and get some of our students to be on it. You will compete against the other conferences and their students. All to win the glorious, silly trophy I have yet to make. This will be a family friendly event that is open to everyone. It will be a great opportunity to meet our students!

Look for the flyer at your church in the coming weeks.

Well, I got a train to catch. Pray for us as we spend a week with mountains, bears, rivers and all the rest of God's creation.

with peace and love, Pastor Ben Morris





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

This is a website with wonderful devotions:

http://www.juliabettencourt.com/dev

Check it out!

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 so they can be in future Crosswinds.



Community Fall Festival Saturday, October 14, 2017 11:00am - 3:00pm

Antique/Classic Car & Tractor Show Tractor Ride (Registration at 8:30am; Ride starts at 9:00am) Raffles Themed Baskets Silent Auction Live Music by Jim B-3 Band, 11:30am Lunch - Pulled Pork, Pulled Chicken, Hotdogs Live Auction with Brian Craig, 1:00pm Crafts & Antiques Baked & Canned Goods Frozen Cinnamon Rolls Flea Market Farmers' Market For the Kids: Loaded Sawdust Pile Wagon Rides Rain or Shine Entertainment

Lewis Valley Lutheran Church W5402 County Road V, Holmen WI 54636 (intersection of County Roads T & V west of Stevenstown) 2017 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Holíday Marketplace 4141 Mormon Coulee Road, La Crosse, WI 54601 Saturday, November 11, 2017 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



- * Crafts & Gífts
- * Local Community Vendors
- * Baked Goods
- * Famous Norwegían Lefse
- * Annual Basket Raffle
- * Cinnamon Rolls, Lunch & Pie served.
- * Guessing Jar & Continuous Door Prizes.

Mark your calendars for a day of holiday fun. We are looking for vendors, so if you are interested please complete an application (forms available in the office or, the concourse, or by email: GoodShepherdSale@gmail.com). Spaces will not be considered reserved until the application and monies are received - we do expect spaces to fill up fast. If you have any questions about this event or if you would like to volunteer or donate please contact: Sally Lindahl @ 799-0263

Set up Fríday from noon to 6p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Lewis Valley Lutheran Church Mission Fest Sunday November 12, 2017 10:00am Worship

<u>Guest Speaker</u> Nate Zimdars ELCA Global Church Young Adult Global Mission - Senegal

Meatballs & Gravy, Lefse, Mashed Potatoes, Rutabagas, Corn, Coleslaw, Cranberries, Buns, Pie, Milk/Coffee *immediately following Worship*.

All proceeds will go to missions, both global and local.

<u>Tickets</u> Adults: \$10.00 Kids 5-10: \$5.00 Four and under: Free Carry Outs: \$10.00



See or call Mona Van Riper at 608-526-2284 to buy/reserve your tickets.



HELP NEEDED - North Conference

Norma Conrad coordinates groups to help serve Our Savior's Lutheran Church of La Crosse's Come to Supper meals on Tuesdays. The North Conference churches help once every month. Norma needs to know when your church groups are willing to help serve in 2018. Please give Norma a call at 608-525-4060 and let her know what month your WELCA can help.



If you would like a copy of the LWR Quilt & Kit Presentation that was shown during the 2016 Fall Renewal LWR workshop, please email monavanriper@gmail.com and Mona will send it to you. It is in a PowerPoint program presentation.

YOU CAN TELL 'EM IN CHURCH

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds.

After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?'

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'

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At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings.

Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, 'Johnny, what is the matter?'

Little Johnny responded, 'I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'

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