



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

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The annual La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA Spring Convention will be held April 21, 2018, at Living Hope Lutheran Church, Ettrick, WI.

The theme of the convention will be "Through Us, God Does a New Thing," with the theme verse coming from Psalm 121:1 "I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?"

The convention will begin with worship presided over by Pr Libby Howe, Asst. to the Bishop, and Pr Kary Jonas, who serves at Living Hope Lutheran.

The dynamic keynote speakers will focus our attention on drug addiction and recovery.

Elections this year are for Vice President, Secretary, East Conference & West Conference Representatives, and "At Large" Representative. Each position is for a two-year term.

Please find the Registration Form on Page 3.

Please find the Nomination Form on Page 5.

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.





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

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Last year was a marvelous busy year and we had two wonderful events in our Convention and our Renewal on top of that there was the Triennial. We were always getting ready for something. Now we are preparing again.

At our Fall Renewal at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in La Crosse, our theme was "All Anew – Eyes Wide Open". Our goal was to inform women about Human Trafficking. Pastor Harald Bringsjord did a marvelous job of leading the devotion and morning prayer.

Our speakers were Pastor Diane House, Lutheran Office of Public Policy Wisconsin and Deputy Nate Cibulka, La Crosse County Sheriff's Dept, and a video from the Lutheran Social Services. Pastor House spoke to us about the problem and how we are right on a major artery for movement of victims between Chicago and Minneapolis. That opened our eyes. Deputy Cibulka then told us of an incident in La Crosse and Monroe counties. Right in our yards, not over there somewhere. I wish you all could have been there.

So now we are planning our Spring Convention to be held at Living Hope Lutheran Church in Ettrick on the 21st of April. The leading way to control, manipulate victims of Human Trafficking is through drugs. Drug abuse is at epidemic proportions in our county and everywhere so our theme will be "All Anew- thru Us God Does a New Thing". It will focus on drugs. We will have a past addict speak to us; we will have a member of law enforcement and an individual from WTC to speak on programs they have for recovering people. Please join us; you don't want to miss this.

I just got back from the WELCA Presidents meeting in Chicago, I was inspired by what women can and are doing in our church. We always support a local shelter. This year we were giving support to Sara's Inn, a shelter for abused spouses. Our synod sent \$100 and the total gathered more than \$6,000.

All of the Presidents of Region 5, our region of the W-ELCA, were appalled at the recent gun violence in Florida. We are all from hunting communities and we respect and understand hunting. We believe assault rifles are designed for one purpose, to hunt humans, and we believe life is precious, we are asking you to stand with youth of our schools against the sale of assault rifles. What are we asking? Pray for their efforts, for our congress people and state legislators to act in support of them. To physically support them, on March 14th events are being planned throughout our nation at schools. If the youth at your high school walk out stand with them, you don't have to say anything but have their back. April 20th is the 20 year anniversary of Columbine, haven't we had enough shooting in schools.

I want to thank you the women of the La Crosse Area Synod, I am grateful to serve you and hope to see you all in Ettrick in April.

Your Friend in Christ,

Kathleen Sumrall

Registration Form 2018 Spring Convention

All Anew – “Thru Us God Does a New Thing”

April 21, 2018

Living Hope Lutheran Church

15630 E 4th Street Ettrick, WI 608 525-3454

8:00 am Registration

8:45 am Voting Member Orientation

9:00 am Worship

3:30 pm Closing of Convention

Congregation Name _____ **Conference** _____

1) Name _____

Unit Officer? Y/N Title _____ Voting Member? Y/N

Food Allergies? Y/N If yes, which food(s)? _____

2) Name _____

Unit Officer? Y/N Title _____ Voting Member? Y/N

Food Allergies? Y/N If yes, which food(s)? _____

3) Name _____

Unit Officer? Y/N Title _____ Voting Member? Y/N

Food Allergies? Y/N If yes, which food(s)? _____

4) Name _____

Unit Officer? Y/N Title _____ Voting Member? Y/N

Food Allergies? Y/N If yes, which food(s)? _____

5) Name _____

Unit Officer? Y/N Title _____ Voting Member? Y/N

Food Allergies? Y/N If yes, which food(s)? _____

Registration cost is \$12 per person. Make checks payable to **La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA**. Send forms and funds to Mona Van Riper, W5598 County Road D, Holmen, WI 54636, **by April 7, 2018**.

After April 7, registration may be made by telephone 608-526-2284 or monavanriper@gmail.com, payable at convention.

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LA CROSSE AREA SYNOD W-ELCA NOMINATION FORM FOR SYNODICAL BOARD

Nomination for the office of: _____

Name _____ **Church** _____

Home Address _____

Occupation _____ **Phone** _____

Church Participation:

Community Participation:

Completed nomination forms must be received by March 25, 2018, to be included in our convention booklet; however, nomination will be taken from the floor at convention.

Return nomination forms to the Nominating Committee Chair Joan Gardner,
W21730 Lisa Lane, Galesville, WI 54630.

Nominees are needed for the offices of Vice President, Secretary, East Conference Representative, West Conference Representative, and "At-Large" Representative Board Members. Elections will be held at Spring Convention on April 21, 2018. Job descriptions are on the following pages.

1 Peter 4:10: As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

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BOARD OF THE SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

There shall be a board of this synodical women's organization consisting of four elected officers together with five elected members, four members elected from the territory of each conference and one elected at large. All board members shall be participants in a congregational unit and members of the ELCA.

Members of the board shall be elected by the convention for a term of two years with one consecutive reelection and may not serve on the board in any capacity for more than seven consecutive years.

The board shall be legislative authority between conventions of this synodical women's organizations and shall carry forward the work of the synodical women's organization, act for it and report its actions to subsequent conventions.

Board members shall attend all board meetings and all meetings of committees to which they have been assigned. They shall read and become familiar with all board and committee mailings prior to the meetings and be familiar with the budget. Board members shall attend synodical conventions and workshops and shall perform the duties as assigned by the president or executive board.

THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL

- a. act in the absence, disability, or resignation of the president. She shall assume the duties of the president until the vacancy is filled by the board of the synodical women's organization at its next regularly scheduled meeting; and**
- b. perform such other duties as requested by the president or the board.**
- c. Two year term with one (1) re-election.**
- d. Compile a notebook of minutes and events to give to your successor at the transition meeting.**

THE SECRETARY SHALL

- a. be the secretary of the board and the executive committee of the synodical women's organization;
- b. be responsible for recording and distributing minutes of the synodical convention, the board, and the executive committee;
- c. give the units notification of the regular convention at least three months in advance and of a special convention at least one month in advance;
- d. keep a correct register of the roll of units, along with the names of the officers of these units;
- e. secure from the units such reports as from time to time may be required;
- f. perform such other duties as the board may from time to time direct; and
- g. provide for the gathering and preserving of historical records and documents.
- h. Two year term with one (1) re-election.

THE CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES SHALL

- a. Act as presiding officer of the Conference Committee
- b. Attend Synodical Women's Board meetings as a non-voting member. Four meetings per year held in La Crosse.
- c. Act as a liaison between the individual units and the Synodical Women's Board.
- d. Work with the Synodical Women's Board and Conference Committee to plan the Fall gatherings.
- e. Plan with the Conference Committee, a special event for conference members. Conference programs could include retreats, a Bible study, a day trip, etc.
- f. Insure any necessary business of the conference is conducted at the Fall Renewal and/or special event.
- g. Submit articles to the synod newsletter, "Crosswinds" as appropriate.
- h. Chair the nominating committee for conference officers.
- i. Compile a notebook of minutes and events to give to your successor at the transition meeting.
- j. Two year term with one (1) re-election.

LWR SCHOOL KIT BAGS

Is anyone in need of schoolbags? Please contact Connie Blunck at: clcblunck@centurylink.net, or [608-786-0684](tel:608-786-0684).



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 welca.org/faithfulfriendsonline.

Thank you for your help.

GIVE MONTHLY

Make a monthly recurring gift and join

Faithful Friends,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!**
Please deduct my recurring gift of \$_____ (\$10 or above) from my **checking account** on the 15th of each month.

My voided check is enclosed

Signature _____

My signature authorizes Women of the ELCA, through ELCA Gift Processing, to initiate and continue monthly deductions as indicated on this form. I understand that I can cancel my recurring gift at any time by calling Women of the ELCA at 773-360-2730 or emailing women.ave@elca.org.

Please mail this form and your voided check to:

Director for Stewardship and Development
Women of the ELCA
8765 W. Higgins Road, 9th Floor
Chicago IL 60631

Thank you!

OR _____

To give by **credit card**, please fill in and mail the bottom half of this form.
☐ **YES! I want to join Faithful Friends of Women of the ELCA!**
Please charge my recurring gift of \$_____ (\$10 or above) to my **credit card** on the 15th of each month.☐ Visa☐ American Express☐ Discover☐ Mastercard

Credit card number _____

Expiration date _____

Name as it appears on the card (please print) _____

Signature _____

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or join online at welca.org/faithfulfriendsonline*Thank you!*



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.

Mark your calendars:

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

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Living Hope Lutheran, Ettrick

**Look for more information and registration
form in this issue.**



Lewis Valley Lutheran Church Fish Fry

When: Friday, March 23rd 2018

Where: Lewis Valley Lutheran Church

W5402 County Road V, Holmen WI

Time: 5-7 PM



Adults and All Carryouts - 3-piece dinner - \$10

- 4-piece dinner - \$12

Children - (10 and under) - \$5

Hot dog dinner - \$5

Hot dog & chips - \$3

Dinner includes: baked potato, coleslaw, green beans, dinner roll, cookie, milk, water and coffee.

Mother's Brunch and "fashion show"

Wednesday
May 2, 2018
10:00am



Blair Lutheran Church
East Building (formerly 1st Lutheran)
419 S. Urberg Street, Blair, WI 54616

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There will be a "Parasol" Quilt Raffle and
May Basket Raffle.

Questions? Please contact Jeanne Mueller at 608-989-9050
or the church office at 608-989-2818.

Spring in the Valley

Plant & Bake Sale

Hanging Baskets, Pepper Plants, Tomato Plants, Potting Soil,
Perennials, Raffles, Baked Goods, Cinnamon Rolls, Lunch

Saturday, May 29, 2018

8:00AM to 1:00PM

Lewis Valley Lutheran Church

W5402 County Road V, Holmen, WI

(at the intersection of V & T, west of Stevenstown)

For more information call: 608-769-1509 (Cathy Gabrielson) or 608-857-3474 (Church Office)



Mark your calendars:

La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA

Fall Renewal

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Location yet to be decided

More information to come in future issues of Crosswinds

Looking forward to Triennial 2020 and 2023:

Triennial 2020 will be in Phoenix, Arizona.

Triennial 2023 will be in Spokane, Washington.

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

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