

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

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Dear Women of the ELCA,

As I promised in June, I have an update on the blessings in my life. Our oldest daughter and our grandsons are all settled in with us. The boys add lots of energy to the household! They started Kindergarten and 1st grade on September 3rd.

Kenna Rose was born on July 2nd! She weighed 7lbs, 3oz and was 21 inches long. She is a doll. My husband & I were able to stay with them for a few days and had some quality new granddaughter time. See pictures on page 3.

Another blessing is that my husband & I are alive! On July 9th, we were riding motorcycle and we hit a deer. My husband went into shock and his organs shut down; he spent 26 days in the ICU, three weeks in a regular hospital room, and almost a month in inpatient rehab - which the plan is for him to come home on September 15th! ~Mona

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.

Upcoming La Crosse W-ELCA

Synodical Board Dates

Sept 16, 2019	Synodical Board Meeting, Bethel Lutheran, 5:00pm
November 11, 2019	Synodical Board Meeting, Synod Annex, 5:00pm
November 15, 2019	Crosswinds Articles Deadline
December 1, 2019	Crosswinds Mailed Out



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

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

On this beautiful “fall” day, I bring you greetings on behalf of your synodical board. The board has been diligently planning the Fall Renewal/Workshop that will be held on October 26th at Bethel Lutheran on Loomis St. in La Crosse. The theme will be “Children of the Heavenly Father,” focusing on ministries related to children and teens. We are in the process of obtaining speakers that will present 20 minute sessions in a “round-robin” fashion, like we had a couple of years ago. So, my hope is that many of you will be able to attend, to expand an awareness of issues our younger sisters and brothers face and to hear how we all work together in community.

A rally is planned to support the Safe Harbor for Trafficked Youth legislation on September 24th at the Capitol in Madison. This event is sponsored by the Women of the ELCA throughout Wisconsin. Gather as many women as you can to car-pool to Madison. See flyer and registration info on page 7. Registration deadline is September 18th. Call today to register.

Many exciting events for the Women of the La Crosse Area Synod! I look forward to seeing many of you in Madison and at Bethel for our Fall Renewal/Workshop.

Also, a reminder that the boxcar will be in La Crosse on October 12th to gather quilts and Lutheran World Relief kits. The hours are 7 am – 11 am. Same location as other years.

God's Grace and Peace,

JoAnn

The following information is from the W-ELCA Churchwide in Chicago.

WHAT IS AN ACTIVE UNIT?

A unit must commit to four items in order to be recognized as active:

1. Come together for study, support, and action.
2. Participate in the ministry of W-ELCA beyond the congregation.
3. Support financially the total program of W-ELCA.
4. Designate leadership that shall be in communication with the synodical and Churchwide women's organization.

TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>Checking Account</u>		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	
Checking Bank Balance 2/1/2019				\$3,262.24
No O/S checks or deposits	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$3,262.24
Receipts	\$4,355.00			\$7,617.24
Disbursements			\$5,002.92	\$2,614.32
Flow Through Receipts & Disbursements	\$388.50		\$498.89	\$2,503.93
Checking Ledger Balance 8/31/2019				<u>\$2,503.93</u>
Beginning Checking Ledger Balance 2/1/2019				\$3,262.24
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Checking Ledger Balance 8/31/2019				<u>\$2,503.93</u>
<u>Savings Account</u>		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	
Beginning Savings Balance 2/1/2019				\$2,174.75
Transfer to cking on 4/11/2019 to flow-thru Fair Trade			\$163.50	\$2,011.25
Interest Earned	\$0.60			\$2,011.85
Savings Ledger and Bank Balance 8/31/2019				<u>\$2,011.85</u>

As of 2/1/2018, the treasurer is Mona Van Riper.

Please send your Form A remittances to her at

W5598 County Road D, Holmen WI 54636.

Thank you. :-)

Below Left: Kenna Rose at 24 hours old. Below Right: Kenna Rose on August 18, 2019 or 1,124 hours old.



Registration Form 2019 Fall Renewal

Theme: Children of the Heavenly Father

October 26, 2019

Bethel Lutheran Church

1931 Loomis Street La Crosse, WI (608)781-0129

8:30 am Registration ~ 2:00 pm Closing of Convention

Congregation Name_____ **Conference**_____

1) Name_____

Unit Officer? Y/N Title_____ Special Diet &/or Childcare _____

2) Name_____

Unit Officer? Y/N Title_____ Special Diet &/or Childcare _____

3) Name_____

Unit Officer? Y/N Title_____ Special Diet &/or Childcare _____

4) Name_____

Unit Officer? Y/N Title_____ Special Diet &/or Childcare _____

5) Name_____

Unit Officer? Y/N Title_____ Special Diet &/or Childcare _____

Mailed registration with \$15 per person must reach the treasurer by **October 14, 2019**. 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.

After October 14, registration **MUST** be made by phone, (608) 526-2284. The fee remains \$15 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**.

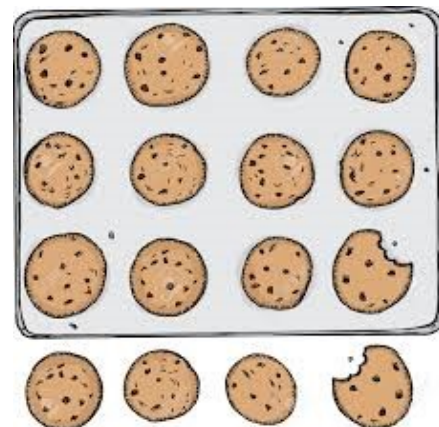
JOB DESCRIPTION OF A CONFERENCE COORDINATOR

1. To act as presiding officer of the Fall Renewal conference meeting.
 2. To serve as liaison between the synodical board and the congregational units.
 3. To help plan the Fall Renewal.
 4. To plan the conference summer event which could include retreats, Bible study, educational programs, trips, etc.
 5. To serve on the Spring Convention planning committee when the Spring Convention is held in their conference.
 6. To submit articles to the editor of the synod newsletter "Crosswinds".
 7. To compile a notebook of minutes and events to pass on to successor at transition meeting - first synodical board meeting after Spring Convention.
 8. The conference coordinator is invited to all board meetings of the La Crosse Area Synod Women of the ELCA as a non-voting member. Attending is not required but encouraged.
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College students are starting their Fall semester at UW - La Crosse.

Campus Ministry and the students on campus on Wednesdays greatly appreciate the cookies we bake for them.

If your church would like to bake cookies for a Wednesday during the school year, please sign up by calling Pastor Benjamin Morris at (608) 406-1556.



W-ELCA Units'**Projects Completed from November 2018 through September 2019**

Item made	Number made	Donated to	Season most items are made or year round
Quilts			
Personal Care Kits			
School Kits			
Baby Care Kits			
Fabric Kits			
Pounds of Soap			
Fleece Tied Blankets			
Other			

Church Name _____ Conference _____

Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Please send this completed form of projects (quilts, kits, soap, other...) for Lutheran World Relief and/or other missions to Alice Olson, 621 Kent Street, Sparta, WI 54656 by October 14 or hand it in at the registration table at the Fall Renewal.

Join WELCA and LOPPW to learn about the problem of sex trafficking of youth in Wisconsin and how to respond. After hearing dynamic, informative speakers and gaining tips on how to talk to our legislators at Messiah Lutheran Church, join us on a bus to the capitol to make legislative visits. Speakers will include Human Trafficking Survivor & Leadership Consultant Morgan Meadows, Bishop Jim Arends, Representative Jill Billings, National Women of the ELCA Director of Justice Jen DeLeon, Milwaukee Joint Task Force on Human Trafficking Dana World-Patterson and Jay Reinke. \$15 is the cost, which includes lunch and bus. **To register, please go to www.lopepw.org/events to find link to register or call 608-270-0201 ext. 9**
DEADLINE TO REGISTER: September 18.

SAVE THE DATE!

Rally to Support a Safe Harbor for Trafficked Youth

We're closer than ever to passing Safe Harbor legislation .

Let's get it passed!

JOIN US ON

TUESDAY September 24

10:00 A.M. Registration

10:30 A.M. -12:45 P.M. Program & Lunch

1:30 P.M. - 3:45 P.M. Legislative Visits & Debrief

End with return to the church at 4:30

The day will begin at Messiah Lutheran Church

5201 Cottage Grove Road in Madison

(Parking available at church)

Cost: \$15 (includes lunch and bus to the capitol)

Organized by Women of the ELCA

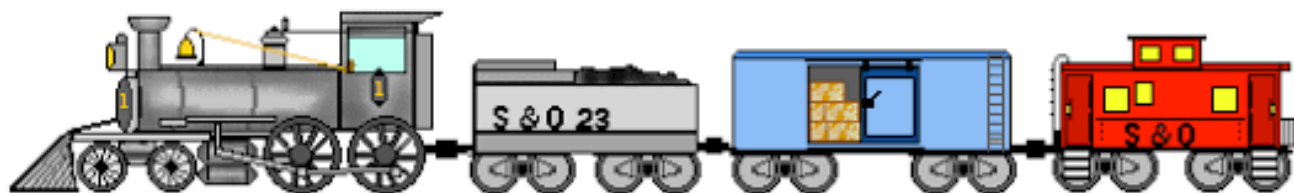
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



**The Lutheran World Relief
Boxcar will be in La Crosse on
Saturday, October 12, 2019, from
7:00am to 11:00am.**

The Lutheran World Relief (LWR) boxcar will be in La Crosse 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.



Community Fall Festival

Saturday, October 12, 2019

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, Farmers Market,
Bake Sale, Flea Market**

Live Music 11:30am

Lunch Plates

Live Auction 1:00pm

Rubber Duck Pond, Wagon Rides

Fun for the whole family!

Lewis Valley Lutheran Church
W5402 County Road V, Holmen WI 54636
(intersection of County Roads T & V, west of Stevenstown)

Holiday Marketplace Bazaar

Saturday, November 9
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!

Lewis Valley Lutheran Church Mission Fest Sunday November 10, 2019

10:00AM WORSHIP
WITH A GUEST SPEAKER

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



All proceeds will go to local and global missions.



Tickets

Adults: \$12.00

Kids 5-10: \$5.00

Four and under: Free

Carry Outs: \$12.50

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



Mark your calendars:
La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA
Fall Renewal

Saturday, October 26, 2019
Bethel Lutheran, La Crosse

Look for registration and more information in this issue of Crosswinds.

Mark your calendars:
La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA
Spring Convention
Saturday, April 18, 2020
Trinity Lutheran, Cashton

Look for more information
in upcoming Crosswinds.



Looking forward to the 11th Triennial Gathering in Phoenix, Arizona!

Theme: "Just Love"



More exciting information coming in each new Crosswinds!



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!



Wanted:

**Church plates to decorate the walls of the Synod Annex.
If you, someone you know, or your church has a plate of your
church, please consider donating it to the La Crosse Area
Synod W-ELCA to hang in the Synod Annex.**

Dress yourself in Just Love wear

Order quality clothing from Lands' End with the Women of the ELCA and 2020 Triennial Gathering logo at:

<https://business.landsend.com/store/womenoftheelca/>



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.

Below are a couple different ways to purchase LWR School Kit Bags.
You can choose from these, make them, or purchase from any vendor you prefer.



LWR SIZE SCHOOL KIT BAGS

Fair Trade Made
in Bangladesh

100% cotton

20pcs = \$55*



With fair trade income earned at Motif, women are educating their own children and others' since 1998. When told of the LWR School Kit Bag Project Nasma said,

"You mean the bags we make are given to needy children for their school books? ... I can't think of any better work we can do!"

Feedback on the School Kit Bags:

- The cord is such good quality!
- The seams inside are finished so well!
- It's great to know we're helping kids with the kits and mothers with the bags!



Nasma & Rani with
their great kids!

- * + S & H
(USPS at cost)
- Blank for VBS,
crafts & more!

For details contact Jackie Corlett
motif@motifltd.com 217 552 0537

LWR SCHOOL KIT BAGS

Is anyone in need of schoolbags?

Please contact Sue Staples at:
stap@centurytel.net, or 608-788-8249.



**Sue will have School Kit bags at
the Fall Renewal on October 26
at Bethel Lutheran in La Crosse.
Plan now to purchase your
school bags for your upcoming
school kits.**

Have Ideas for future Crosswinds?

W-ELCA history from your congregation?

Recipes?

Jokes/Humor?

News to share?

Upcoming Events?

If you have something you would like to share, please send it to Mona so she can put it in Crosswinds.

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

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Submission of Articles:	Emailing to Patrons:
11/15/2019	12/01/2019
02/15/2020	03/01/2020
05/15/2020	06/01/2020
08/15/2020	09/01/2020

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