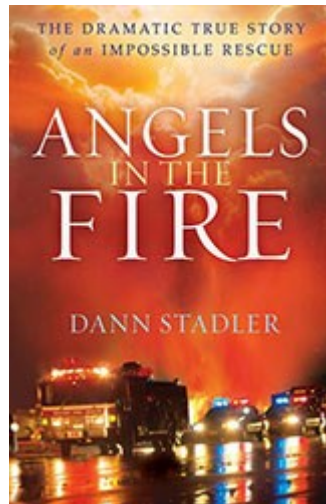


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28th SWO ANNUAL CONVENTION

Saturday, October 3, 2015

**Norway Lutheran Church
6321 Heg Park Road**

Wind Lake, Wisconsin 53185

Registration Fee is now \$60.00

Registration Form is on page 2

Come, hear the story of “**Angels in the Fire**” as told by Dann & Tracey Stadler who experienced One Horrific Crash ...One Impossible Rescue ... and had their lives changed forever.

There was no way Dann and Tracey could avoid the drunk driver speeding toward them. Moments later with Tracey trapped in their burning car, a lone figure walked out of the nearby woods and saved her from certain death. Seconds later, he was gone. But the disappearance of this stranger was not the end of God’s tangible intervention in their lives.

As the Stadlers struggled through grueling recoveries and heartbreaking setbacks, even years after that fateful crash, the miracles and divine encounters continued. On October 3rd, the Stadlers will share these incredible moments, offering an inspiring testimony to anyone enduring heartache and loss.

If you are facing hard times, if you need assurance that God still ministers through His angels today, the Stadler’s story will provide the hope and encouragement you need.

Each SWO UNIT is encouraged to send a “voting member” to the convention so that you have a “voice and a vote” as we elect a new SWO President, Treasurer and Board Members.

We will worship ... hear greetings from our Synod Office by Pastor Sandy Chrostowski ... be brought up-to-date by our Churchwide Representative, Cindy Arnett ... take care of our SWO Business ... have yummy food and participate in lively Workshops (see page 3 for a full description).

We will bring In-Kind Gifts and bring our Convention Offerings. A full description of these gifts and where they will go is found on page 4.

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.

Registration Form

Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization 28th Annual Convention

“BOLD WOMEN HOPE”

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Registration begins at 7:30 AM ... Opening Worship begins at 8:30 AM

Norway Lutheran Church

6321 Heg Park Road

Wind Lake, Wisconsin 53185

Registration fee is now \$60.00

There are **no registration refunds** ... you can, however, transfer your registration to another person

Do you have any special needs or dietary requests? _____

Send this form (which may be duplicated as necessary) and a check made payable to the **Women of the ELCA** to:

Jan Fox, Registrar
4130 South Carnaby Lane
New Berlin, WI 53151
262-782-5680

All registrations will be acknowledged by e-mail, if e-mail address is provided.

Check one: **I am a Voting Member** **I am not a Voting Member**
(Registration deadline is September 15, 2015)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Your Church _____ City _____

Is Child Care Needed _____yes _____no

If answer is yes ... what is the age of the child/children _____

By registering for this event, you give Women of the ELCA permission to use your image (picture) & comments in educational, informational and promotional materials in a variety of media, including electronic media.

WORKSHOPS

Non-voting members will be able to participate in two of the workshops offered. Voting members will only be able to pick one of the following workshops offered in the afternoon.

1. **OUTREACH FOR HOPE** ... The Pioneers of the Future Church and Outreach for Hope's Commitment to support them. Twenty years ago the Greater Milwaukee Synod made a commitment to support churches in the Synod that were working to be creative and transforming, but struggling to remain strong as they serve in the midst of low income communities. Come and hear about the blessings that come to all of us from ministries supported by Outreach for Hope, and learn more about the challenges they face. Discover the lessons from which every congregation can benefit, and the blessings of a "Pioneer Spirit".

Presenter: The Rev. Jim Bickel -Executive Director of Outreach for Hope, a ministry of the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Pastor Bickel works with individuals, organizations, and churches who wish to support Outreach for Hope ministries. You are welcome to go to www.outreachforhope.org and learn more about this ministry. Pr Bickel accepted this position in 2009. Twenty-seven years before this he served as a Parish Pastor at Ascension Lutheran Church in Waukesha. His first "call" from Seminary was to Lutheran Housing Corporation and Lutheran Metro Ministries in Cleveland, Ohio.



2. **LIVING HOPE: FUNERAL HYMNS and SCRIPTURE** ... This workshop has a simple yet profound purpose ... to claim and proclaim the living hope found in the hymns and scripture texts of funerals. This is part of our lives that we don't want to even think about, much less prepare for, but participants in this workshop will have the opportunity to think about the message they want for their funeral or that of a loved one.

Presenter: The Rev. Sandra Chrostowski – Director for Evangelical Mission ... Since 2010, the Rev. Dr. Sandy Chrostowski has served as Director for Evangelical Mission in our synod office to coordinate new mission starts, renewing ministry strategies, mission support, and stewardship ministries. She convenes teams of leaders throughout the synod including the Evangelism/Outreach Team (synod mission strategy team), Stewardship Team, and local area mission strategies. Pastor Sandy joined the synod staff after faithfully serving as pastor at Galilee LC, Pewaukee for 16 years and Emmaus LC, Racine as an interim pastor. In her first career she was an occupational therapist in healthcare. Pastor Sandy is married to Jay, a clinical psychologist, They have two grown daughters, Rachel and Sarah.



3. **HOPE IN ACTION: RESPONDING TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING** ... More than 12 million people worldwide are trafficked for forced labor or sexual exploitation. Every year more than 200,000 children are at high risk for sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation in the United States. These are children of God, your children, my children and we must do something to stop this right now. It takes the help of everyone to make a change, even a small action step leads in the direction of saving our children from being exploited.

The goal of this workshop will be to work toward action items responding to end Human Trafficking which is the third largest criminal industry in the world. The world watches what we do here in America, and we can help the children on our streets, as well as those in other countries.

Presenter: Cindy Arnett, Churchwide Representative

4. **TOUR OF THE "OLD NORWAY" LUTHERAN CHURCH** ... The tour will begin with a brief history of the "Old Muskego" congregation in the church itself. The congregation is recognized as the first Norwegian Lutheran Church in America. The original log church has been moved to the campus of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. The church on the hill was built in 1869, dedicated in 1870 and served the congregation until 1954 when the fellowship hall was built. The present church was built in 1963. All three edifices are still used for religious services. The state recognized the significance of the Muskego settlement in 1966 by placing a historical marker on Norway Hill. It was added to the U.S. Register of Historic Places in 1977. There are some exhibits in the basement, but the stairs are steep and not handicap accessible. The cemetery has headstones from the early settlers with some interesting symbols, as well as the grave of Col. Hans Heg, the highest ranking officer from a Wisconsin regiment to lose his life in the Civil War.

Presenters: Women from Norway Lutheran Church

2015 CONVENTION OFFERINGS

One offering will be received during the Worship time of our Annual Convention. This offering will come from our UNITS plus your personal offering. Be sure to mark those offerings that you bring from your UNIT as such. This year's offering will be divided with one-half going directly to Churhwide ... one-fourth will be given to the Greater Milwaukee Synod's Outreach for Hope (celebrating their 20th Anniversary this year) ... the other one-fourth stays in our SWO Treasury to carry on the work of our ELCA Women (because of your generosity this past year we were able to give the youth in the Greater Milwaukee Synod \$1000 to be used toward the In-Kind-Gift of diapers at the Youth Gathering this past summer. We also gave a three-year gift subscription of our *GATHER* magazine to the UW-Milwaukee Corner House and to Carthage College).

2015 IN-KIND GIFTS

Given to the "Helping Hands Pantry" housed at Norway Lutheran Church

The following items are needed: Shampoo ... tooth brushes & tooth paste ... paper products (napkins, paper towels, toilet paper) ... laundry detergent ... dish soap ... canned fruit & vegetables ... canned tuna & chicken ... hamburger helper ... pork & beans ... hearty soups

A Note from the 2015 SWO Nomination Committee

Your Nomination Committee is still looking for four people to serve God on the SWO Board. Can you step into one of those positions? Positions that will be filled are Convention Intern, Cluster Liaison, Congregational Liaison, Anti-Racism Chair and Mission Team members. While most of these positions are usually decided on at the November Board meeting, if you have a preference, we will pass that information on to the SWO president.

Our SWO Constitution reads: "***The Nominating Committee shall nominate two persons for each vacancy***" this is necessary to have a real election. We realize it's difficult to run for a position and not be elected but one should not take this defeat as a personal put-down ... instead one should feel this is God's way of saying I have other plans for you.

Below is a devotion that our Nomination Chair, Carole Ropel, read a few days ago. It's entitled "Ideal Place" and refers to 1 Corinthians 1:26-27 and comes from the book "*Daily Wisdom for Women*".

"Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong".

Once my life is running smoothly...

- If I didn't have toddlers underfoot...
- As soon as I get this anger problem under control...
- When I get enough money...
- As soon as I (fill in the blank)...then I can be used by God

We are **where** we are, **when** we are because our Father chose us for such a time as this. Our steps are ordered by Him. Whether He has called us to teach Sunday School class, pray with other women, lead a Bible Study, or sing in the choir ... we need not wait for the ideal time and place to serve Him. The only "ideal" is where you are right now.

God delights in using His people ... right in the middle of all that appears crazy and wrong and hopeless. **Now** is the time to serve God, not next week or next year or when things get better. He wants our cheerful, obedient service right in the midst of ... even in spite of ... our difficult circumstances.

If you, or someone you know, may want more information about becoming a Board member, contact Carole Ropel at 262-523-4130 or caroleropel@wi.rr.com

Treasurer's Report ... August 15, 2015

Receipts	Actual YTD	2015Budget
Board Offerings	\$87.00	
Cluster Funds	433.05	\$0.00
Unit Offerings	\$1,285.75	\$6,000.00
Convention Offering	\$20.00	\$2,500.00
Convention Registration (Synod)	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Special Event/Retreat Offering	\$0.00	\$200.00
Special Event/Retreat Registrations	\$0.00	\$400.00
Designated Income	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$251.21	\$480.00
Total Receipts	\$2,177.01	\$14,580.00
Disbursements		
Board Offering Disbursements	\$0.00	
Unit Offerings to CWO	\$791.37	\$3,000.00
Convention Offering Disbursement	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Retreat Offering Disbursement	\$0.00	
Designated Expense	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Program I Mission Growth	\$0.00	\$25.00
Program II Mission Community	\$0.00	\$25.00
Program III Mission Action	\$0.00	\$25.00
Program IV & V Executive Com & Brd	\$274.73	\$750.00
Program VI Convention Committee	\$229.81	\$4,000.00
Program VII Clusters	\$0.0	\$25.00
Program VIII Financial Matters	\$100.00	\$150.00
Program IX Newsletter	\$888.20	\$1,200.00
Program X Special Events	\$0.00	\$200.00
Program XI Scholarships -Synod Conv.	\$0.00	\$200.00
-Triennial	\$0.00	\$880.00
-Retreat	\$0.00	\$200.00
Program XII Anti-Racism	\$0.00	\$50.00
Program XIII Miscellaneous	\$1,583.50	\$200.00
Triennial Promoter	\$0.00	\$150.00
Total Disbursements	\$3,867.61	\$14,580.00

UNIT TREASURERS

Women of the ELCA has a new address to send your Thankofferings, Katie's Fund, Special Offerings and Designated Gifts. Beginning immediately, please send them on Form B to:

Women of the ELCA
ELCA Gift Processing Center
PO Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

The forms A & B have also been changed slightly and can be found on the Women of the ELCA website. Continue to send Form A with your Unit offerings to Treasurer, Sue Seidemann ... 3729 N. 12th Street ... Sheboygan, WI 53083

Assets	
SWO Checking	\$8,498.16
SWO Savings	\$6,682.97
Certificate of Deposit (moved to MIF)	\$0.00
Mission Investment Fund	\$2,945.75
Total Assets	\$18,126.88

Designated Funds	
1/2 Unit Offering	\$0.00
Board Offering	\$243.00
Campus Ministries	\$0.00
Convention Offering	\$20.00
Scholarship-Synod Convention	\$200.00
-Triennial Conv.	\$1210.00
-Retreat	\$200.00
Triennial Promoter	\$286.32
Convention	\$2,732.57
Mission Investment Fund	\$2,945.75
Unexpected Expense	\$325.00
Total Designated Funds	\$8,162.64
Funds Available in Checking and savings	\$9,964.24
Total Funds Available	\$7,018.49

THANKOFFERING

The idea of collecting donations in small offering boxes goes back to the early 1800's when women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to raise money. Years ago our theme for Thankofferings was "a penny a day, the Thankoffering way".

Today we give thankofferings out of our abundance. As we place these thankoffering into some container, we offer a prayer of thanksgiving. Once a year we have a service at which time we bring those "thankofferings" together and then send the entire amount to Churchwide.

These thankofferings support the total outreach program of Women of the ELCA.

A Thankoffering resource is available on-line by going to womenoftheelca.org. You will find materials for planning your Thankoffering Service which could be done on a Sunday morning or at a special meeting of the women in your congregation.

A Message from the Synodical Women's Organization President

*First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you,
because your faith is proclaimed in all the world.*

Romans 1:8

Sisters in Christ,

As I write this message my heart is filled with gratitude for each person involved with the Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization. This will be my last message, as your President, my four-year term will end on Saturday, October 3rd at our Annual Convention.

For me the past four years have been filled with joy, some disappointments, some regrets but most of all gratefulness for Women of the ELCA, especially those I've had the opportunity to work with, laugh with, pray with and share our dreams and struggles ... you have truly become "my sisters in Christ" THANK YOU!

Thank you for your support of me but more so for the support you've shown our SWO. You have been generous with your time and your money which has allowed us to accomplish a great deal. This past year we were able to give the youth in our Synod \$1000 toward their Youth Gathering's In-Kind-Gifts of diapers. We've given a three-year subscription to the *GATHER* magazine to Carthage College and our Campus Ministry at UW-Milwaukee.

We sponsored the BACKPACK PROJECT FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN and although we didn't reach our goal of 200 backpacks the response has been heart warming. At the time of this writing, we've fill 50 backpacks and have 58 left to be filled in the very near future. THANK YOU TO ... Thrivent for \$250 toward the purchase of backpacks and to Walmart (in Racine) for a \$50 gift toward this purchase ... and most of all to you MEN & WOMEN IN OUR GREATER MILWAUKEE SYNOD who have been so generous with your donations of needed items and cash so we were able to purchase items needed to complete the backpack.

As Women of the ELCA we have a tremendous organization and we are standing on the shoulders of the bold women who began way back in the 1900's. We meet together for Bible Study ... we pray together and for one another ... we sew quilts ... we make layettes ... we knit/crochet prayer shawls ... we support our sisters in other countries and the list goes on and on and just about the time we think we're finished we're faced with one more challenge.

One of our new challenges is that of Human Trafficking which is the third-largest criminal industry in the world, after drugs and arms trafficking. The Polaris Project, an anti-trafficking organization, has compiled these facts:

- More than 12 million people worldwide are trafficked for forced labor and sexual exploitation.
- More than 200,000 children are a high risk for sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation in the United States every year.

To these figures we add the following from the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence:

- More than 89% of trafficking victims are female.
- 50% of trafficking victims internationally are under the age of 18.
- Annually, an estimated \$9.5 billion is generated through trafficking activities, with at least \$4 billion attributed to the international brothel industry.
- Between 2001 and 2005, only 140 defendants have been convicted of human trafficking in U.S. Courts. This represents a 109% increase from 1996-2000.

A couple of women have expressed an interest in serving on an ad hoc committee to begin studying this issue and share information with our SWO. Watch you upcoming issues of *GLEANINGS* for more information.

With a thankful heart,

Betty Warber, President

Women of St. Mary's Lutheran Church in Kenosha, WI

Support the Nkoaranga Tanzania Baby Orphanage

Submitted by: Barb Blachowicz ... bigjohn000@aol.com

Pres. St. Mary's Lutheran Church WELCA



The Meru Diocese in Tanzania, Africa, a Global Partner of the Greater Milwaukee Synod includes the Nkoaranga Orphanage for babies. The baby orphanage, a concrete block facility with a concrete floor, is located near the hospital, but is a separate building caring for approximately 25 infants and children under three years of age. Originally started by Lutheran German nurses the orphanage is currently maintained by donations. David Raben, Sr. Pastor of St. Mary's, visited the orphanage a few years ago and can attest to the needs of these very young children.



The women of St. Mary's Lutheran Church in Kenosha, Wisconsin have been actively supporting the orphanage for over 8 years. All profits from our annual Country Fair and Bake Sale go to support the Baby Orphanage via the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Donations are then forwarded to the Meru Diocese designated for the orphanage. Our goal is to exceed last year's donation of \$2,000 in support of these little ones.

Our Fair, consisting of homemade baked goods, jams and handmade knits, as well as plants and puzzles is scheduled this year for Sept. 19th and 20th before and after services at:

St. Mary's Lutheran Church,
2001 80th St.
Kenosha, WI 53143

The Piece Makers Quilting Group

St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church ... Greendale, Wisconsin

The quilters at St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church in Greendale, meet regularly on the third Monday of each month to work on quilts sent to Lutheran World Relief in October. On July 27, this group decided to have a Quilting Bee and invited all members of the congregation to come to see how the quilts are put together and all the steps it takes to produce the finished product. The invitation said "Come when you can and stay as long as you are able".

Thirty-one individuals attended, including four men from the congregation! We all worked hard and had such a good time together. After a break for a light supper, we worked a few more hours until it was clean-up time. In six hours, we put together 30 quilts; ten were completely finished, including binding and tying. The rest will be completed during the next month. We feel so blessed to know that the results of our time and talents will be received by needy people around the world.



The Piece Makers Quilting Group
St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church

A GIFT OF LOVE ... A GENEROUS DONATION

Submitted by Bev Etzelmueller ... St. Matthew's Quilt Ministry Coordinator

How do you turn approximately 20 boxes of fabric into a valuable resource to be shared with various ministries? That was a question Bev Etzelmueller was faced with when she was offered a generous donation of fabrics, tools, and supplies by Christine & Carl Widder as they were clearing out Carl's parents' home in preparation of them moving into a retirement community.



St. Matthew's Quilt Ministry graciously accepted all 20 boxes of fabric, went through and sorted and chose pieces for their "baby quilt ministry" (they make about 120+ baby quilts each year and distribute them to four different charities).



After all of that, Bev contacted other congregations who had quilting groups and they were able to share this gift with First Lutheran in West Allis, Divine Word in Milwaukee, and Holy Cross in Menomonee Falls. These three congregations focus on making 60" x 80" tent-like pieces for Lutheran World Relief whose purpose is to provide warmth, an essential need for people in every climate.

Join the Servant Journey to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Join Cross Lutheran Church (Ixonía) **in June, 2016**, for a community based experience of serving like Jesus alongside the people of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. We'll work through the long term relationship and leadership of Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota.

- ◆ Spend a week on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation listening to Native American speakers
- ◆ Playing with Lakota youth
- ◆ Work on a service project
- ◆ Worship together
- ◆ Learn about issues of poverty, diversity, multiculturalism, and Lakota spiritual belief and practice
- ◆ Make new friends as you become immersed in Lakota culture

Come, learn more on Saturday, September 19, 2015 10:00 AM

Cross Lutheran Church, W710 Gopher Hill Rd, Ixonía.

RSVP to Pastor Elizabeth, (920) 474-7242. <http://www.crosslutheranchurch.com/serving/servantjourney.cfm>



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015

2:00 AM

Be sure to turn your clocks back 1-hour before going to bed Saturday night. October 31st.

JOINT CLUSTER

(Clusters I, II, III, IV)

Invite all of the women in the Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization

To: A Fall Breakfast Event

When: Saturday, November 14, 2015

Where: Luther Manor ... 4545 N. 92nd Street ... Wauwatosa, WI 53225

Registration: 8:00 AM

Opening with a welcome and prayer: 8:30 AM

Following breakfast, a program and Bible study will be presented. All-inclusive fee of \$12 should be remitted to Jan Fox ... 4130 South Carnaby Lane ... New Berlin, WI 53151 no later than Thursday, November 5th (Registration only - no breakfast is \$3.)



Julie Starks, from St. Stephen the Martyr, Greendale, will present the program, “**Shining Lights,**” based on her recent experience visiting the Meru Diocese in Tanzania. (See Julie’s article in the December 2014 issue of *Gleanings*.)

So many of the individuals that Julie has met are beacons of light, she said. Through her talk, which will include projected photographs, women of the SWO might also reflect Matthew’s Gospel: “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5: 16)



Bible study leader will be Pastor Diane Olson.

Please publicize this event in your circles and in your local congregation. Flyers will be sent to key members of each congregation. For questions, contact Jan Fox (See her contact information in the directory on page 11 of this issue of the *Gleanings*.)

TODAY and TIME

TODAY is here. I will start with a smile and resolve to be agreeable. I will not criticize I refuse to waste my valuable time.

TODAY is one thing in which I know I am equal with all others .. time. All of us draw the same salary in seconds, minutes and hours.

TODAY I will not waste my time because the minutes I wasted yesterday are as lost as a vanished thought.

TODAY I refuse to spend time worrying about what might happen - it usually doesn't. I am going to spend my time making things happen.

TODAY I am determined to study to improve myself, for tomorrow, I may be wanted and I must not be found lacking.

TODAY I am determined to do the things I should do. I firmly determine to stop doing the things I should not do.

TODAY I begin by doing and not wasting my time. In one week I will be miles beyond the person I am today.

TODAY I will not imagine what I would do if things were different. They are not different. I will make success with what material I have.

TODAY I will stop saying “If I had time” - I know I never will “find time” for anything. If I want time I must make it.

TODAY I will act toward other people as though this might be my last day on earth. I will not wait for tomorrow. Tomorrow never comes.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF ... BOX CAR LOADING

ALL SITES ... SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this year's Lutheran World Relief Drive by bringing to your local loading site contributions of quilts, blankets, school kits, health kits, soap and sewing kits.

MILWAUKEE - Box Car Loading
Saturday, October 10th 8:00 - 11:00 AM
Near 12th & Mt. Vernon
Coordinator: Dennis Walling (262-514-0113)

WAUKESHA - Trailer Loading
Saturday, October 10th 7:00 - 9:00 AM
St. Luke's ... 300 Carroll Street
Coordinator: Kathy Whettam (262-548-0366)

RACINE/KENOSHA - Box Car Loading
Saturday, October 10th 9:00 - 11:00 AM
R.R. Siding, Renaissance Road.
Hwy H, Sturtevant
Coordinator: Pastor Warren Williams (262-930-8256)

PACKING TIPS: Items should be packed together in boxes of not more than 40 pounds with packing tape. Similar items should be packed together, contents clearly marked. Please record count of individual items.

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS are welcome and should be sent directly to:
Lutheran World Relief
700 Light Street
Baltimore, MD 21230-3850

THEME SET FOR 10TH TRIENNIAL GATHERING

“ALL ANEW”

July 13-16, 2017

Minneapolis, Minnesota

The theme is supported by several Biblical texts... one being Psalm 104:30 “Lord, send forth your spirit ... and renew the face of the earth” calls on God to send the Holy Spirit to renew not just God's people, not just God's church - but all God's earth, the creation that God called good.

In addition to Psalm 104:30 other supporting theme verses are: Romans 12:2 ... 2 Corinthians 4:15 ... and Titus 3:4-5.

Because the Tenth Triennial Gathering falls during the observance of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation in 2017, the theme resonates with reformation and transformation images. At the Gathering, participants will explore ways in which the Holy Spirit changes us, acknowledging that reformation and transformation have happened and continue to happen within the community of women known as Women of the ELCA.

It's not too early to begin planning to attend the Tenth Gathering of Women of the ELCA.



This month we begin a three-session Bible Study written by Liv Larson Andrews, pastor of Salem Lutheran Church in the West Central neighborhood of Spokane, Washington.

These three studies will focus on speed and slowness, examining how

The Kingdom of God moves slowly, yet we are asked to move with ever greater speed.

As we begin, our theme for September is ***Sabbath Keeping***. The dictionary says Sabbath means “rest” ... for the Jewish community it refers to Saturday which is their day of worship ... for the Protestant denominations it refers to Sunday and our day of worship as God so commanded in the Third Commandment found in Exodus 20:8.

The September issue of *Gather* is filled with articles about “Sabbath” ... especially, take time to do the SABBATH-KEEPING SELF-ASSESSMENT, written by Linda Post Bushkofsky (Executive Director for Women of the ELCA). It will give you a glimpse of your lifestyle ... you might want to make changes.

The *GATHER* magazine is wonderful ... have you ever considered giving a subscription to a daughter, or a friend as a Birthday gift ... how about a “thank you” to someone special in your life?

Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization

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