

The Trumpeter

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

It has been one year since I became president. The highlight of this past year has been the Spring Gatherings. I attended four of the seven Conference Gatherings. So after one year, am I still excited and enthused to serve as your president? Yes! The highlight for this coming fall will be our women's synod wide event of "The Cracked Pots" and numerous workshops focusing on Transformations. I hope that many of you will attend and be inspired and transformed. Invite your friends and mark your calendar for Saturday, September 24. The registration information about "The Cracked Pots" and workshops begins on page five in this Trumpeter issue.

Thank you to all the conference and church group officers and women. Your dedication and service for justice, discipleship, stewardship, and your offerings to the Women of the ELCA are appreciated and have a worldwide effect.

Enjoy the summer - Grace and Blessings,
Helen Sheahan, SWO president



July Focus Trumpeter Changes

The front page of The Trumpeter will now have a shorter President's Letter and a highlighted topic or upcoming event. The July 2016 Trumpeter's highlighted topic is the changes to The Trumpeter.

You will notice a change in The Trumpeter's look. We are now using the Women of the ELCA logo. This will remind our readers that we are all part of a larger organization. We can do far more together than individually to spread the love and compassion of Christ.

Each issue we will ask a question and request your response. This issue's question is:

- What articles do you like to read in The Trumpeter?
- Let us know by sending an email to welcatrumpeter@gmail.com or a note via the postal service to Helen Sheahan, 1106 Valley Stream Drive, Madison, WI 53711

Each issue will have an article from the Board about Discipleship, Justice, and Stewardship.

We want to keep you posted on women's ministry events and women's happenings around the synod. To do this, we continue to need and welcome your articles about what your women's group is doing, especially with personal, human interest type stories.

Starting with the April 2017 issue, The Trumpeter will be emailed to all churches with email addresses rather than a mailed paper copy. Each women's group needs to talk with their church office staff and decide who and how their church will share the emailed Trumpeter with others – by email, by a printed copy on the bulletin board or President's church mail box, or some other way.



Find Joy Through Effective Giving By Martha A. Taylor (Part 2 of 3)
Ten Strategies of More Effective Giving – Four through Ten

4. Consider your philanthropy as another child—your investment in the future of our world. When planning your annual gifts and your estate. If you have two children, divide your estate in three, leaving one-third to each child and one-third to philanthropy.
5. If you can, give out of your assets to the causes to which you are passionate.
6. Give while you live so you can see the benefits of your action and learn how to give strategically.
7. Consider the strength of numbers. Organize with others to provide a pooled gift that can make a project possible. Establish a giving circle that meets regularly to give strategically together.
8. Leverage your giving. Increase your impact by challenging others to support the causes you hold dear.
9. Teach philanthropy to the next generation—giving both of time and money. Instill in your children and other young people the values you treasure and your commitment to support them. Be a philanthropy mentor as well to your older family members and friends.
10. Enjoy your philanthropy. Celebrate life on your birthday with a philanthropic gift that you might not have thought possible. Philanthropy can be one of the most meaningful, rewarding activities in your life—and your legacy.

CALLED to Discipleship in Jesus Christ Yes, we are all CALLED! Not only do we read this line in our W-ELCA purpose statement each month at our business meetings and gatherings, but we need to respond with our actions. Summer is upon us and it's time to be thinking about Lutheran World Relief Kits. Thinking about the gifts we can provide for people around the world.



Don't however get trapped worrying about where the kits and quilts are going or worrying if your unit has put together 'enough' items to send. We are all doing this work together, as the South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization. When I read the list of items that we as churches in our Synod had prepared for LWR in 2015, I was so proud and you should be too. Together with God's help, we will all surprise ourselves again and give more than we have ever given because it's coming from the heart.

This summer, let's get geared up and count our blessings. Ladies start buying those kits supplies now; keep that shopping list in your purse, because that October LWR shipping date is just around the corner. Thank Jesus that we are *called to discipleship in Jesus Christ*; thank Jesus that we can come together to make quilts and kits for LWR and thank Jesus that he has provided us with the supplies needed for making a difference. For more information on kit requirements, check online at www.lwr.org Submitted by Sandy Potter



Anti-Racism: We believe that Christ's church is for all people. God calls each of us by name, and it is not our job to sort, divide, categorize or exclude. This is where God has put us, in the thick of life, where we participate in what God is doing by insisting on justice and upholding human dignity for the inclusion of all people in the life of the church and society.

When we confront racism and move toward fairness and justice in the church and society, we all benefit. We begin to understand that each of us has a unique story, and we are all part of a larger, rich story that makes up the ELCA.

In 2015, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton encouraged all ELCA Lutherans and congregations to start having conversations about race. Women of the ELCA applaud this idea; we have been having helpful conversations about racial justice since 1997.

The cornerstone of a conversation about race is who we are and whose we are. We gather as community before a forgiving and loving God. As a church, we have made certain commitments of faith to God and with each other. It is within such commitments and such graces that we are able to have helpful conversations about race.

How to have a helpful conversation about Race in the Church at www.womenoftheelca.org for a full copy. Submitted by Jane Grant

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Conference Happenings!

Why do Lutheran women get excited about coming together every three years? How many of them have made and retained friendships with those they've met? Could an experience like this transform your life and change your perspective of your wants and needs?

Listen to these words written by Jessica Miller from Fargo, ND "I never knew the power of women gathered until my first triennial. I never knew the beauty of women affirming and encouraging until my first triennial. The theme "Act Boldly" seemed incredibly distant. Then I was steeped over the next four days in this community of the Women of the ELCA from around the world. Days of conversation, prayer, laughter, worship, praise, lament, challenge and invitation—to be women who act boldly on their faith. Women of the ELCA may often be known locally for quilts and funeral dinners, but it is also much broader. I was reminded that each woman in this church is a woman of the ELCA who has been called by God to share her gifts in a world that desperately needs each of us to act boldly every day. I now have a sacred pilgrimage every three years to this holy triennial gathering."



Our triennial planning committee is working hard to help make this experience happen for **you**. We're checking out bus rental, so we can travel to Minneapolis together next July 13-16, 2017. We're having a workshop during the fall women's retreat to give you more information and also possibly begin to make an item to share with new friends. We'll plan a luncheon with our sister synod from Puerto Rico, so we can get acquainted. Since this is the closest gathering for the next seven years, please prayerfully consider joining us and be part of the theme **all anew**.



Elkhorn Conference From welcome to farewell the Jefferson Prairie Lutheran women did a fantastic job inspiring us and motivating us to HOPE. Hymns & devotions, speaker Judy Hehr, business, worship & luncheon all blended nicely for an enjoyable Saturday morning. Julie Peterson of JP is our new conference coordinator. Lezlie Oldenburg of First English, Whitewater our new recorder. Thank you Mary Mock and Janna Smith outgoing officers for your service. Thank you to everyone who helped with a very enjoyable and memorable morning. Submitted by Lynn Mehringer

East/West Spring Conference came together for the first time in 3 years on April 9 hosted by Burke Lutheran Church. Cindy Crane, director of Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin was our speaker. She spoke on Human and Sex Trafficking. This is a serious problem all over the United States, and we are hearing about this much more in the news today. She told us to be aware of what is happening around us, and to contact our legislative representatives about enacting tougher laws. We elected Polly Carter as Coordinator, Linda Martin as Recorder, and Jan Robertson as Stewardship Mission. We look forward to serving as conference officers the next 2 years. Contact is Polly cutey@chorus.net We ended our gathering with a wonderful salad luncheon and fellowship. Submitted by Polly Carter

Barneveld Conference Spring Gathering Met on April 2 at Vermont Lutheran Church. Vermont Lutheran gave a wonderful welcome with coffee and fellowship followed by a presentation from the church choir. Pastor Barry Hoerz installed our board. We shared a wonderful time together over lunch before heading on our way. Paul Ohlrogge from Wisconsin Microfinance presented a program about the value of small loans to people starting out in business. As little a thing as money for a weaver to buy thread can change the future for a family. Loan recipients also receive financial counseling. Find out more at <http://wisconsinmicrofinance.com>. Our mutual ministry project, baby blankets for Global Health Ministries, collected 16 blankets this year. The challenge is issued again for next year. The blankets were taken to Synod Assembly on April 29. We need a meeting place for 2017. Traditionally the Spring Gathering would be held the following Easter on Saturday, April 22. Due to the late date, this can be adjusted. If your Women of the ELCA unit would like to host the 2017 Gathering, contact Betsy Baguhn BetsyBaguhn@gmail.com The host church provides morning coffee, lunch & receives the registration money to cover costs. Submitted by Elizabeth Baguhn

**South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization
Fall 2016 Event**

**The Cracked Pots – Garden Getaway”
by Suzanne Bartels and Deanna Shimpach**

Saturday, September 24, 2016 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

**Join women from around the synod for a day of learning and sharing
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – West Campus
7291 County Road PD, Verona, WI**

**Block of hotel rooms for Friday, September 23 at Holiday Inn Express in Verona
see page eight for hotel details**

Morning Program: The Cracked Pots Suzanne and Deanna, sisters in Christ in our synod, are the 'Cracked Pots.' God has intertwined their lives together in various ways. Their friendship is special and in growing in their faith together, God has held them in His hands through cancer, the death of a spouse, and serious surgical procedures. These physical, emotional, and spiritual struggles led them to study the Bible together and they realized that even as their ages, lifestyles, and families differ, they have one common denominator, God.

Come join us as we walk with Jesus through the seasons of life and come to know God. We are cracked vessels among God's garden of seasons - but the Potter is not finished with us yet. During this Garden Getaway we will look at what the Bible says about different seasons of life and explore what it means to walk with God through these seasons. See your life as a garden that God created. He is the Master Gardener who has created our lives, and He is there with us every step of the way.

Attend three 45 minute workshops in the afternoon

Workshop 1 - 12:30 to 1:15	Workshop 2 - 1:25 to 2:10	Workshop 3 - 2:20 to 3:05
Al-Anon	Al-Anon	
Lutheran Social Service Refugee Resettlement	Lutheran Social Service Refugee Resettlement	
Quilting & Lutheran World Relief		
Everyday Yoga		Everyday Yoga
	Conference Officer Guidelines & Sharing	
	Talking about Human Trafficking	Talking about Human Trafficking
	Mindfulness	Mindfulness
		Triennial Planning & Craft

Thank you to Thrivent Financial for funds from the Thrivent Action Team Program

Afternoon Workshop Options (45 minutes each)

1. **Al-Anon** (Workshop offered during Session 1 and 2) – Judy R.

Judy R. was born a Lutheran and has been a Lutheran her whole life. She was also born into and raised in an alcoholic home and has been deeply affected by the disease. She came into recovery at age 49 and has been working an Al-Anon program ever since, however she does not feel she is an expert. The program teaches that we are all equals, who come together to share our experience, strength and hope. Judy will share parts of her story and how she has been transformed by living Al-Anon principles, what a difference it makes in her life, and to give hope to anyone who is living or working with a person whose drinking affects them.

2. **Quilting & Lutheran World Relief** (Workshop offered during Session 1) – Hildy McGown

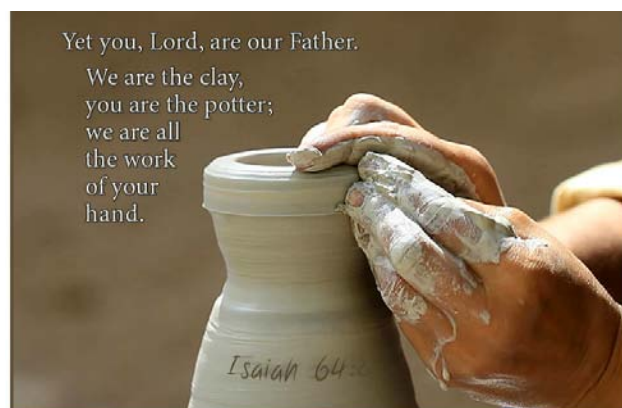
Twenty-one years ago Hildy McGown started a quilting group in her west side Madison congregation. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) quilting is still her favorite activity and she loves to talk with others who feel the same way. So if you are a LWR quilter or would like to start such a group or just learn more about LWR quilts, plan to attend this workshop. View a short film, get a chance to ask questions you might have, pick up some quilting tips from others, and share some tips of your own! We will even keep our hands busy creating a quick fleece blanket while we are talking. Hildy is a member of the synodical board and Advent Lutheran Church.

3. **The Hope & Healing of Refugee Resettlement** (Workshop offered during Session 1 and 2) – Mary Flynn

Join Mary Flynn, Program Manager of LSS Refugee Resettlement to learn how refugees come to the United States and the hope experienced by both refugees and the Americans who welcome them. Questions welcomed! Mary Flynn has been with Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan since 1992 and has worked in Refugee Resettlement since 2009 along with volunteering at Wisconsin Public Radio since 1988.

4. **Everyday Yoga – Improve balance, strength & flexibility with yoga in a practical, user-friendly style** (Workshop offered during Session 1 and 3) – Sue Levetzow

Understand the mental and physical health benefits of yoga as we go through the stages of our lives. Yoga can be helpful to everyone no matter their age or ability. *Class participants* – no special equipment/clothing requirements. This class will use simple movements modified for this venue. We will explore the benefits of yoga and utilize standing and chair movements so you can learn easy methods to releasing stress and feeling better. Participants will receive a handout for a practice they can do at home. Sue Levetzow has over 10 years of practical yoga experience, now teaching for several years under the training of the YogaFit methods; based on hatha yoga, it blends a fitness format into the traditional movements, allowing for an accessible, user-friendly style for individuals of any fitness level.



5. **Conference Officer Guidelines and Sharing** (Workshop offered during Session 2) – Janna Smith
If you are new to a Conference board, come for some training on how to organize a Gathering. If you have ever served on a Conference board, please come, learn and share your experiences. Conferences are designed to be a bridge between the synodical women’s organization and the individual church Women of ELCA units to fulfill the purpose of Women of the ELCA through activities that will provide experiences for learning and leadership development, build community, provide opportunities for joint ministry and action, provide opportunities for stewardship education and offerings, and establish networks for communication.

Janna Smith is currently serving as secretary on the Synodical Women’s Organization board. Formerly she served as coordinator (president) and recorder (secretary) on the Elkhorn Conference board.

6. **Talking to Youth and Adult Church Members about Human Trafficking - A New Lutheran Office of Public Policy in Wisconsin (LOPPW) Resource**

(Workshop offered during Session 2 and 3) – Reverend Cindy Crane

As congregational leaders, learn how to discuss the problem of human trafficking to adults and youth using our new LOPPW resource. The resource focuses on the problem of sex trafficking of young people and includes discussion questions about healthy relationships versus unhealthy and abusive relationships.

Reverend Cindy Crane began her position as Director of the Lutheran Office of Public Policy in Wisconsin on January 9, 2014. She has ten years of experience as a parish pastor and spent several years managing secular nonprofits, where some of her duties included working as an advocate and familiarizing herself with government officials.

7. **Mindfulness for Lutherans** (Workshop offered during Session 2 and 3) – Reverend Chris Lee-Thompson
Mindfulness seems to be everywhere – the Seattle Seahawks do it, Google does it, even the U.S. Military does it. It touts a variety of benefits – lowered stress, greater focus, a stronger immune system, and a faster recovery from illness. But does mindfulness offer anything to Lutherans?

Rev. Chris Lee-Thompson, pastor of Hope Lutheran in McFarland is part of a group that teaches mindfulness meditation in state prisons in Wisconsin. He has also spoken to providers and patients in healthcare settings about the practice of mindfulness. He himself has been meditating for almost 20 years. In this presentation, you will get a taste of mindfulness, hear about what it is and is not, and ask your questions, so you can decide for yourself if this is just a passing fad or something that might have a lasting benefit for your spiritual life.

8. **Triennial Gathering Planning and Craft** (Workshop offered during Session 3) – Jane Harrison

Learn about the plans for you and women from our synod to travel to and attend the tenth national Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 13 - 16, 2017. The theme is “**all anew**”. We will also make items to share with new friends at the Gathering. This is the closest gathering for the next seven years.

Triennial Planning Committee members are our voting members (delegates) at the Triennial business meetings. They are Jane Harrison (women’s synod board member), Sue Buetzer, Linda Freitag (women’s synod board member), Lynn Mehringer, and Marjorie Schmidt.

*****Event Registration *****

Name _____ Phone _____

Street _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Church _____ City _____

Special Needs (Dietary or Other) _____

Box lunch sandwich choice Turkey _____ Beef _____ Vegetarian _____ Gluten free sandwich _____

Workshops: Please circle 3 that interest you to help with event planning.

Note some workshops are only offered once. Please check workshop schedule.

Al-Anon

LSS Refugee Resettlement

Everyday Yoga

Mindfulness for Lutherans

Quilting & Lutheran World Relief

Human Trafficking

Conference Officer Training

Triennial Gathering Planning

8:30 am registration and refreshments; 9:00 am to 3:30 pm program, lunch and workshops

Cost including continental breakfast and box lunch is **\$15**

Please make your checks payable to: **Women of the ELCA**

Return your registration form and payment by **September 9** to:

Helen Sheahan 1106 Valley Stream Drive Madison, WI 53711

Registration form is also available on our synod website http://scsw-elca.org/women_of_the_elca.aspx

*****Hotel Information for Friday night, September 23*****

Women who wish to stay overnight Friday night need to make their own reservations directly with

Holiday Inn Express, 515 West Verona Avenue, Verona, WI Phone: 608-497-4500

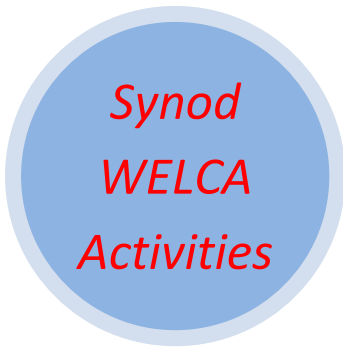
Room rates are \$99.95 plus tax for a room with one king bed and \$119.95 plus tax for a room with two queen beds.

Please mention South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization when making reservations.

Reserve room by August 23, 2016, after which these prices expire.

Directions from Holiday Inn Express hotel to Good Shepherd –West Campus

- Right turn out of hotel, heading east on West Verona Ave
- Make a U turn at Todd Road (first cross street) so that you head west on West Verona Road
- Turn right onto North Nine Mound Road, go 1.3 miles
- Turn right to stay on North Nine Mound Road, go 0.7 miles
- Turn right onto County Road PD, church is within sight



Primrose Summer Luncheon will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2016. The bazaar and bake sale will start at 11:00am in Fellowship Hall, lunch will be served downstairs at noon, and the afternoon will conclude with entertainment by Ron Kittleson and Rosalie Huntington at 1:00pm. Cost is \$7.00. The church is located at 8770 Ridge Drive, Belleville, WI. Phone 608-832-4435 with questions. A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to Sugar Creek Bible Camp. We would like to thank the Thrivent Action Team program for their support. Submitted by Deb Jameson

Wiota Lutheran held W-ELCA Spring Salad Luncheon Our theme was “Favorite Songs over the Decades” held on Saturday, April 23rd. Twenty eight ladies joined in our program. We began with a welcome from Chris Meyer; devotions and prayer from Pastor Mae Jean Zelle. Everyone joined in a ‘sing along’ with pianist and song leader Diane Updike. Ladies were asked to write down the names of the tunes as Diane played; then we joined in singing a verse or two as we named the songs. Lots of singing and laughter filled the room. We, also, sang the table prayer together prior to lunch.

Ramona Komprood, Leona Meyer, Lenita Stark, Sue Nethery, Ronda Sweeney, Margie Olson, Chris Meyer, Marlene Rygh, Carole Broge and Sandy Potter made and served our luncheon of ham, egg, and chicken salad sandwiches; with a variety of seven homemade vegetable and fruit salads. “Diet of Worms” dessert, in preparation for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, was served with coffee and punch.

Margie Olson gave recognition to our four graduating high school seniors. Carole Broge and Marlene Rygh awarded eight door prizes to our guests. Sandy Potter extended a very special thank you to Diane Updike and to everyone who came and/or helped in any way with the luncheon. We closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Submitted by Sandy Potter

Wiota Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA BAZAAR & AUCTION
Wednesday, September 21st Supper served - 4:30 - 6:30 pm

BBQ, Ham Salad, and Chicken/Dressing Sandwiches; Baked Beans; Veggie Salads; Pies, Cookies, & Fruit Salads; with a bottomless cup of Coffee or Lemonade



AUCTION begins at 6:30 p.m. Craft items, canned goods, homemade jellies, quilts, fresh produce, woven rugs, blankets, toys, Norwegian baked goods and much more. Bring the family and join us for the evening. Submitted by Sandy Potter

Coloring Devotionals Color, pray, explore ‘All Anew’ This series of five devotionals is designed to help you prepare for the Tenth Triennial Gathering, deepening your understanding of the All Anew theme and accompanying verses. Enjoy the meditative practice of coloring as part of the devotionals. Whether used in a congregational setting, at a synodical event or in the quiet of one’s home, these five devotionals are important groundwork for women coming to the Tenth Triennial Gathering.

ELCA pastor Melissa Bills, associate pastor at First Lutheran Church, Decorah, Iowa, wrote the five devotionals that accompany the theme verses. The theme verse in each devotion is based on The Message, a contemporary biblical paraphrase written by Eugene H. Peterson.



Click each devotion to explore the theme:
[Renewal of Creation](#) (Psalms 104:30) [Renewal of Sight](#) (Isaiah 43:19) [Renewal of Spirit](#) (Romans 12:2) [Renewal of Hope](#) (2 Corinthians 4:16) [Renewal of Life](#) (Titus 3:4-5)



Lutheran World Relief Boxcar Loading SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016 7:00 am – 12:00 noon This year’s boxcar loading will occur at the Southern Wisconsin Railroad Yard at the intersection of East Johnson Street and First Street in Madison (Same location as last year). Please fill out the donation form to bring

with your quilts and kits. <http://www.malc-online.org/lutheran-world-relief-boxcar-loading>

UPAVIM WORK CONTINUES Now is the time that the women's co-op is busy creating new products to display at the international fair trade fair held in Guatemala late summer. With their creative endeavors, many new products are being designed. Who are these women?

Upavimas are STRONG, Upavimas are creative. Upavimas are wives, artists, mothers, caretakers, businesswomen, administrators, breadwinners. Upavimas are INNOVATORS. Upavimas work every day to push back against the violence and poverty that exists within their neighborhoods & homes.



You can help them by selling their products at events at your church. We invite you to also purchase items at events such as the fall synodical retreat or a conference gathering. You can help the women make a difference in their community of La Esperanza. Also consider joining us on our next mission trip to Guatemala. Submitted by Jane Harrison

JANE DOHLER - A LEADER AND FRIEND, 1938 to 2015 Sometimes a person falls into your life to help and encourage. That is what Jane was like when I first met her. She was very involved with establishing our synodical group for Women of the ELCA. I met her at my first convention, having just turned 40 and learning that a nursery was being provided, so I brought my three year old daughter. Jane got us both settled, gave us directions around the hotel and looked for us the next morning. That was the caring type of person she was. She and her husband had begun printing the Trumpeter in their home.

Throughout the years we kept in touch, even between conventions. She got me to the airport when my brother-in-law suddenly died. Without hesitation she volunteered to lead a retreat at Bethel Horizons for our local unit when funds were low and payment was a bouquet of flowers. She shared resources for programs and ideas of how to get others involved. I treasure a picture of us together at the 2013 convention (her last).

Jane filled many roles at her church over the years, from Sunday school and VBS teacher to Church Council president. She coordinated Stewardship and capital campaigns, volunteered with the Food Pantry, coordinated funeral luncheons and was active in the Lutheran Church Women circles and synod gatherings. She enjoyed music and sang in the church choir for many years. In 1988, she received the St. Stephen's award for "Appreciation of her Dedicated Service to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church." Jane was a true servant-leader and mentor to many women.. She will be missed by all who knew her. Submitted by Jane Harrison

Goodbyes
are not forever,
are not the end;
it simply means
I'll miss you
until we meet again.

Message from our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton I’m writing with exciting news – Living Lutheran, the new flagship publication of the ELCA, has officially launched. The Lutheran magazine is now called Living Lutheran. Our new name signifies this church’s living, daring confidence in God’s grace. It has a bold, modern look and will continue to offer stories, reflections and news that illuminate Christ’s presence in the world. Visit www.livinglutheran.org today for:

- Stories & commentary from the 3.7 million members, 9,300 congregations and partner organizations that make up the ELCA
- An exploration of issues important to Lutherans
- Resources to help deepen your faith through worship, stewardship, arts, music and more
- Best practices and ideas for mission and ministry
- Opportunities to witness our church at work in this country and around the world
- Monthly reflections from me and others
- Ideas and resources for parents, grandparents and families who are passing faith on to children and youth
- Coverage of ELCA religious news and events
- A free e-digest highlighting the latest and most popular stories, an introductory offer on new print subscriptions and more!

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[Check out Café](#), our award-winning, web-based magazine for young adult women who are interested in how faith relates to current cultural issues.

[Subscribe to Bold Connections](#), a free monthly e-newsletter featuring the latest news from Women of the ELCA.

Download the [Daily Grace](#) smartphone; app available from iTunes and Android stores. The app offers daily devotions, reflections, prayers and more. Or you can receive it by email each day. Sign up from the homepage of Women of the ELCA. www.womenoftheelca.org

Discern God's call by discovering your spiritual gifts with our [spiritual gifts assessment](#) (*Gifts for You: Opening your spiritual gifts*) available online under our resources tab.

Encourage not-for-profit organizations to apply to our [grants program](#), both domestic and international.

The WELCA mission statement—**mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ**—inspires us to serve and support women of all ages in new ways. Visit www.womenoftheelca.org to learn about how you can join the important work women do.

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Called to discipleship in Jesus Christ

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

Promote healing and wholeness in the Church, the society and the world.

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