

The Trumpeter

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

As we move through this season of Lent towards Easter and our Spring Gatherings, I pray it is a time of reflection and growth for you. Gatherings for me are an opportunity to renew friendships, make new friends, learn about ministries in local communities, share experiences and projects dear to my heart, and be instilled with enthusiasm by learning about the ministries and projects of other women.

I encourage you to attend a Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 22. I pray that you receive rich blessings and renewal from the time you spend with your Sisters in Christ. Thank you to all the conference leaders and churches that make these gatherings possible. If your conference is not meeting, maybe attend a neighboring conference gathering.

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Most registrations begin at 8:30 am
Grace and Blessings,
Helen Sheahan, SWO president



Resources from the Women of the ELCA

Are you reading your Gather magazine and discussing the monthly Bible Study with your friends? Do you receive Daily Grace on your phone for an on-the-go companion for your faith journey? Does Café or Bold Connections flow into your email every month? Looking for a devotion to share at a Bible study or how to have a Conversation about Race?

Have you checked out the Lenten resource called "Looking in the Mirror"? How about the "Interchange" which provides leadership news from Women of the ELCA? Many of the materials are also in Spanish. These are just some of the resources and publications that you can find on the Women of the ELCA website at www.womenoftheelca.org.

Have you been to the Women of the ELCA website lately? I encourage you to explore the website. Check out the Publications and Resources sections (and everything else). You will be amazed by all the information and materials available for retreats, one session studies, specific seasons of the year and much more.

This issue's question for our readers is:

- **What** publications and/or materials do you use from Women of the ELCA?
- **How** do you and/or your women's group use them?

Please let us know by sending an email to welcatrumpeter@gmail.com or a note via mail to Helen Sheahan, 1106 Valley Stream Drive, Madison, WI 53711. We will share them in our next Trumpeter

Discipleship: Thoughts from a Diakonia student

While I was thinking about what to write in this article, I reflected on the journey I embarked on 18 months ago, the journey of a Diakonia student. And, as so often happens when I'm pondering, I came up with questions. I'll answer two of them here.

What is Diakonia and what does it have to do with discipleship?

Where do I want to go and what do I want to do after graduation?



The Diakonia program consists of 12, 5-week courses. Participants do not earn professional certification or ordination, but will receive a strong foundation of Biblical and theological knowledge as well as skills for ministry. The current class, the first one held in the South-Central Wisconsin Synod, meets on Saturday morning.

On any given Saturday, you'll find us practicing most, if not all, of the 7 marks of discipleship praying, studying, worshipping, inviting, encouraging, serving and giving. We open each class with a devotion and prayer. We discuss what we've read and learned over the past week. We encourage each other when we're struggling in any aspect of our lives. We eat together at break time. We invite each other to join us for worship at our home church.

Four of us will be completing this leg of our journey in a couple of months. Although we will graduate on June 3, we will always be Diakonia students. After graduation, we can retake any of the courses in any of the synods where they're offered. Even if we don't take advantage of that privilege, I know that we'll take with us the things that we've learned and a desire to dig deeper, to go to the edge of our faith "comfort zone" and then go one step further.

Where do I want to go and what do I want to do after graduation? I want to continue to do whatever God calls me to do and go wherever He asks me to go. The way I learned about Diakonia is by saying to a former student, "I feel like God is calling me to do something. I don't know what it is, but I don't feel qualified to do it." If you feel the same way, I encourage you to look into the program scsw-elca.org/diakonia.aspx. What have you got to lose? Nothing of value – just things like insecurities, doubts, fears. What have you got to gain? You'll gain knowledge, a better ability to listen for God's voice, new ways of thinking, confidence, friendships and a deepened faith. Submitted by Janean Hill

Stewardship: A Calling to carry on

In 2017, we are starting over like in every other year as we continue life. Whether in the daily mode of routine, weekly schedules or lifelong patterns. I especially want to notice the needs we have that are sometimes interrupted by unforeseen changes like: bad health, accidents, job losses, disasters, children aging and parents aging, marriage crisis.

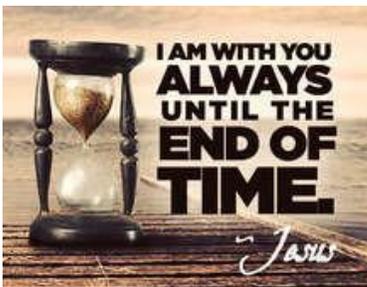
All of life brings changes to our sequences of time patterns. We need to get ready for these new and uninvited changes. I heard in a sermon some 50 years ago, daily we get up and get in our boats and row through the daily order of events. We do this methodically without thought. This repeated pattern of doing prepares us for whatever eventually comes. If the day brings in a new happening, we are practiced and prepared to go on rowing and continue fulfilling the call for duty and service.

This is what I'm going to call stewardship today. A Calling to carry on. We get trained and practice, so ready or not we follow through on our missions. Set our sights ahead to the shore we want to land and get off. Don't let the happening of each day hamper our goals. In stride, we pick up those crosses of extra duties, challenged patterns, new and confusing ideas. To carry on is a stewardship Jesus followed. Not looking backwards, but forward. He comforted, taught, fed, healed, listened, challenged and loved.

That is our stewardship mission also as we learn of His love for us. He will never stop loving us even when we go astray or are lost and weary. "I am with you to the end of the age" were His words and we must carry those words with us in

the boat daily rowing as we take on the new changes. We are to be with people in their personal crisis. Be beside them. Help support and encourage. Stewardship is a promise to uphold and share.

Think of the times when you are down and someone stood beside you. They were there so you were not alone. You may have been afraid and not knowing where the day would lead you. But NOT alone. "Comfort, comfort, oh my people" God said. As we reach out and hold firm with His love. "I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore, my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure." Psalm 16:7-9. Submitted by Margo Holzman



Tenth Triennial Gathering July 13–16, 2017 Minneapolis, MN

Register now! Registration is \$350 and available online. [Download a registration book here](#) If you have roommates, please make sure only one person makes the room reservation. For those looking for roommates please contact Sue Buetzer buetzerhillfarm@wekz.net (608)966-3362. Check out the website for the list of speakers and workshops www.welcatg.org

Bus Information: Reservations and payments are due to Sue Buetzer by **Monday, May 15**. The cost of the bus is \$80.00 per person which includes a tip for the bus driver. The bus fee is nonrefundable unless someone takes your place. Make your check out to South-Central Synodical Women's Organization and send to Sue Buetzer, W8891 Smock Valley Road, Browntown, WI 53522. Click here to download the bus brochure for pick up times and places.

Begin Collecting In-Kind Gifts now The following list was determined in community with the agencies and partners that will receive them. Requests for In-kind Gifts for the Triennial Gathering include 1) fabric and thread for making quilts. The quilts will be made and the kits will be assembled at the Gathering during Servant Events 2) material and items for making feminine hygiene kits 3) gift cards 4) hygiene items 5) socks and underwear. Please [Download an In-Kind Gifts information sheet and](#) read it to get all the details. You will have a chance to meet the 2017 in-kind gift recipients in the exhibit hall where they will lead servant events.



***Save the Date* — Saturday, September 23, 2017**

The 13th Biennial Convention

South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Verona Campus (West). Registration starts at 8:00 am, closing at 3:30 pm Cost is \$25
The Theme is the Reformation.

- The keynote will be “Luther’s Impact on Church & Society” By Rev. Brad Pohlman, pastor at Luther Memorial
- Bishop Mary Froiland is preaching at worship
- Voting Member registration is due August 14, 2017.
 - Please select your voting member before summer if your women's group does not meet in the summer.
- The business meeting will be Friday evening, September 22, 2017, 6 pm
- The workshop topics will be Katharina von Bora, Places of the Reformation, Everyday Yoga, Jail Ministry, Transition Education Program (Homeless children), Protecting Yourself from Fraud, Racial Equity/Anti-racism, Healing & Forgiveness, Behavioral Finance-Belief not Budget and UPAVIM Mission Trip
- Click here to download Registration, Biennial Scholarship, Seminary & Lutheran College Student Scholarship, Resolution, and Board Nomination forms. These forms will be printed in the July Trumpeter.
- We will need to elect a new Treasurer and board members at the business meeting. Please give prayerful thought to joining the board and sharing your talents and gifts. If you want more information about the board’s activities and projects, please talk with a current board member or officer. Contact information is listed on page 4. Visitors are always welcome at the board meetings. The next board meeting is Saturday, May 6, 1 pm, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-Verona Campus.
- All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Child care will be available.

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Conference Happenings!

All conference spring gatherings are on April 22

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Barneveld Conference * SPRING GATHERING April 22, 2017 * Grace Lutheran Church, Dodgeville

Registration & coffee will begin at 8:30 am. The day will close with lunch served by the ladies of Grace Lutheran Church. To pre-register, please contact Chris Wick 608-482-2861 (leave a message), or wick.chris.78@gmail.com

For our Earth Day Theme the Care for Creation Team has agreed to celebrate with us. Pastors Nick Uthphall (Advent) and Mae Jean Zelle (Spring Green) will be presenting. Opening devotions will be based on the "Renewal of Creation" devotion prepared for the Triennial Gathering. Please bring a food pantry donation. Blankets for Global Health Ministries can be brought or sent to the Synod Assembly on April 29. The days offering will be divided 50% to World Hunger and 50% to the Women of the ELCA. We look forward to reports and updates from the Synodical Organization liaison and the Triennial Gathering planners

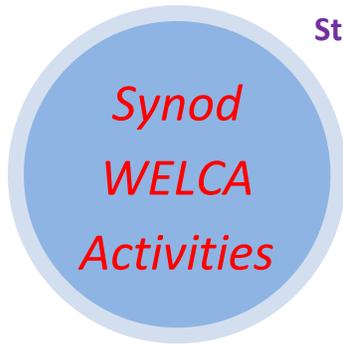
Beloit Conference Luther Valley Lutheran Church, 7107 S Luther Valley Rd, Beloit on Saturday April 22nd from 8:30am to 12:30pm. The program will be presented by Lily Zeich who spent a year in Rorke's Drift South Africa with the ELCA program called Young Adults in Global Mission. Lily is currently employed by Lutherdale Bible Camp as Assistant Director. Submitted by Tana Zeich

EAST/WEST Conference Our spring gathering will be on Saturday, April 22nd at Advent Lutheran Church, 7118 Old Sauk Rd., Madison. Registration begins at 8:30 am. We will get updates on the Triennial Gathering in July and details on our synod Biennial Convention in September. We will also have a time of sharing among our churches in the conference and will end the morning with a noon salad luncheon. Please contact Polly Carter with questions at 608-271-7912. Also, please WATCH for a flyer that will be forth coming to the East/West churches with further detail on our spring gathering. Submitted by Polly Carter

Elkhorn Conference Spring Gathering Please join us Saturday, April 22 at Faith Lutheran Church 420 Read Street, Walworth, WI Registration/ refreshments at 8:30am. Program 9:00 – noon. For lunch, bring a salad to pass (one for every two attendees). Our program is "Caring For God's Creation" presented by Bob Lindmeier Chief Meteorologist at WKOW-TV, member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Oregon, and a member of the synod's Care for God's Creation team.

Morning agenda Fellowship • Synodical women's update • "Caring For God's Creation" • Worship & Song • Raising awareness on the problem of Human Trafficking • Election of Officers.

A freewill offering will be collected to be donated to "LSS Housing for Human Trafficking Victims" and the Synodical board. Please RSVP the number attending from your church group by April 16th to Susie Schaid 262-275-6995 or church office 262-275-3445 or email: slschaid@gmail.com HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



St. John's Lutheran Church Annual Salad Luncheon, The Women of St. John's will host their annual Salad Luncheon on Thursday May 4th, located at 625 E Netherwood St., Oregon. Serving at noon, it features almost 90 different selections such as meat, pasta, fruit, vegetable, and seafood salads, plus deviled eggs. Dessert is an assortment of cookies and bars.

The program starts at 1:00pm with author, speaker and newspaper columnist Rochelle Pennington presenting her research on The Endurance, History's Greatest Shipwreck. The program will detail the extraordinary acts of determination used by Sir Ernest Shackleton and crew on their 1914 travels over the frozen Antarctic expanse. Everyone is invited. Tickets are \$9 adult and \$3 child. An express line and carry-outs will be available. Submitted by Karen Gipp.

St. Peter's Loganville Our W/ELCA unit sent \$200 to church wide to help defray the cost of the 2017 Triennial Gathering. Five women will be attending the Triennial Gathering. We will be having a bake sale in May to help defray travel expenses and for an offering at the Triennial.

Something new our W/ELCA members are doing during Lent is partnering with the Faith Night serving of the Community Meal on Wednesdays during Faith Night. Faith Night has replaced our traditional Sunday school for our children. The women serve a soup and sandwich meal from 5-5:45 p.m. each Wednesday night. We will provide the sandwiches and bars, while our Council president, Lorinda Broughton, makes the soups. A free will donation is taken to cover the expense of the meal and 50% percent will be given to World Hunger. We served 80 people at our first meal. Items have been collected for LSS's Program Serving Girls Victimized by Human Trafficking. We are currently collecting items for Global Health Ministries Kits which will be taken to the Synod Assembly. Submitted by Carolyn Meyer

UPAVIM's HELP NEEDED FOR THE ENGLISH PROGRAM AT THE UPAVIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Every year we raise money to support UPAVIM and the costs incurred specifically by keeping the school open for a full day to provide Montessori style teaching and immersive English classes. The costs include materials and supplies used in class by the students, stipends for the volunteer English teachers, a fund for special events and educational excursions for the children and training expenses for both English teachers and the Guatemalan teaching staff.

Keep a look out for the UPAVIM newsletter coming soon with an exciting update from the school! It's incredible to hear about the great progress that has been made so far and the plans to build on that for the future!

It's so easy to feel overwhelmed and short on time and money with life, work, school and family. Keep reading for some ideas of easy ways to stay involved with the UPAVIM Bilingual School, make a difference in the lives of others and help us reach our goal of raising \$12,000.

Plan to see UPAVIM items on consignment at an event at your local church. Hold a no-bake bake sale with the proceeds sent to UPAVIM to help with the English project.

Plan to visit the UPAVIM booth at the Triennial Gathering to see the many products. Our synodical women's group is fulfilling the resolution to assist them financially by sponsoring the booth. Encourage other women you meet to visit it also.

This year has brought a brand new team of dedicated English teachers working hard to provide quality ESL classes to their students. The students are excited and the younger grades love singing songs in English and using their English vocabulary as much as possible! The older students are working on important projects such as identifying their dream jobs and mapping out ways to successfully reach their goals.

The group of native English speaking volunteers and the dedicated Guatemalan teaching staff are working hand in hand to provide quality education and hope for a better future to the students of UPAVIM.

Please consider supporting education and the opportunity for a better life for the UPAVIM students and their families! Donate to the UPAVIM bilingual school and make a difference in the lives of so many young learners.

If you have any questions contact Jane Harrison (Jane788082@yahoo.com or 608-330-0368) or Kay Falk (kfalk@charter.net). Submitted by Jane Harrison



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What is WELCA? It's an easy way to say Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Quite a mouthful, we know. Our organization includes Lutheran women who gather in over 7,000 locations in the U.S. and the Caribbean, for service, study, advocacy, fellowship and more! WELCA embraces all kinds of ministries that support our mission of mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. There is a place for you in Women of the ELCA.

Gather, magazine for Women of the ELCA, offers a mix of articles, theological reflections, devotions, a bible study and stories of comfort and challenge that help readers grow in faith and engage in ministry and action. Gather is published 10 times a year for \$19.95; Digital access (computer, iPad, Android) is free to print subscribers. Visit Gather Magazine to subscribe online or call (800) 328-4648

Café is a free monthly online magazine for women whether or not they identify as Lutheran. It explores topics that are relevant to women and how faith relates to these issues. Many use it to learn more about what the Lutheran Church has to say about issues and to start discussions with friends or classmates. *Café*, the monthly publication and podcast, are made possible through offerings donated by women from over 7,000 active WELCA units in congregations of the ELCA. See more at: www.boldcafe.org

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Purpose of the Women of the ELCA

As a community of women

Created in the image of God

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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