

# The Trumpeter

South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization  
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Dear Sisters in Christ,

It has been a busy July and September for the Women of the ELCA and our South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization (SWO). About 80 of us traveled to Minneapolis for the Triennial Gathering, joining with 3,300 other participants that included more than 1,300 "first timers." Then in September about 90 of us attended the South Central Wisconsin SWO Biennial Convention and learned more about the impact of Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation on society and the church 500 years ago. We met Katie Luther, learned about her life, and saw Reformation places in Germany. Plus there were many workshops to choose from. Bishop Mary challenged us to embrace and lead changes into the next 500 years. The Women of the ELCA is now 30 years young. Happy Birthday!

Linda Freitag, current board member, was elected to Vice President and Bonnie Gilbertson was elected Treasurer and will assume the duties on February 1, 2018. Thank you to Jane Harrison and Jan Fitzsimons for their service on the board and welcome to Christine Wick and Eleanor Siebert who are joining the board.

Congratulations to Elisabeth Himmelman, second year seminary student at Wartburg Seminary, and Jaime Benson, first year student at Luther Seminary. They received educational scholarships from your SWO. Scholarships to attend the Biennial convention were given to Kay Lange, Diane Luginbuhl, Leta Obenauer, and Darlene Pieper.

The SWO board is planning inspirational activities for you for 2018. In January there will be Update and Sharing Events at two locations. More information is on page 4.

Grace and Blessings,  
Helen Sheahan, SWO President

## Wittenberg Door - Commemorating the Reformation

We asked Biennial attendees to leave "remarks" on the Wittenberg door of the Schlosskirche on any topic of their choice: Christianity, being a Lutheran, religion, the church today, Women of the ELCA, etc. Here are some of the responses:

"I love the ELCA! It is welcoming to all. It is liberal and inclusive! 😊" "Where's the beer?"

"When the power of Love is greater than the love of power, the world will know peace! - Author unknown"

"May the Lord guide us throughout this day and thank you for our Blessings"

"We need to work on keeping our youth + 20 year olds active"

"Bring church to the people by redefining what worship is" "Grace & Peace!"

"Go beyond the walls of the Church building!" "So glad to go way back to Martin Luther!"

"That the world becomes one in Christ" "We are called to Love one Another"

"Why does God let us suffer? Why doesn't he direct the hurricanes away?"

"If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. God bless you, Sister in Christ."

**October Reader Question** - What have you or your women's group or your church done to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation? Please let us know by sending an email to [welcatrumpeter@gmail.com](mailto:welcatrumpeter@gmail.com) or a note to Helen Sheahan, 1106 Valley Stream Drive, Madison, WI 53711. We will share them in our next Trumpeter.

## A LUTHERAN WOMAN'S TAKE ON STEWARDSHIP IN THE 21st CENTURY

We got our stewardship marching orders back in Genesis when God assigned us to "have dominion over" creation. I have come to understand that phrase to be translated, "serve and protect". Everything we need to sustain life is here on earth. But in part because of this abundance, we humans have plundered and wasted resources in extravagant, thoughtless ways. We know better now. As managers of our households we already work to serve and protect our families, so it's no stretch to accept our role as protectors of the health and safety of our planet. We recognize that climate change is happening and we are warned that we must change our lifestyles if we are to avoid the dire consequences that loom--rising sea levels, more frequent and devastating storms, droughts, animal extinctions, and worse! We have educated ourselves about reducing our carbon footprint so we know we have to do even more! Now it's time to have a discussion with our loved ones about what steps we are willing to take to do even better.



Women make a vast number of purchasing decisions, so let's be mindful to make wise consumer choices. We also need to be informed voters. Support candidates who share our values, who make decisions based on good science and who have a heart for the long-term wellbeing of our country and this earth. Become an advocate for causes you take seriously. We make these choices because we care for God's creation!. We can sign up for an energy audit and take steps to decrease our energy use. We can go online and compare our energy or water consumption with households in our neighborhood. The ELCA has a Care of Creation task force with an inspirational website at [www.LutheransRestoringCreation.org](http://www.LutheransRestoringCreation.org). God loves this earth and cares for every single part. I am only one person but I can make a difference. I want to be counted among God's good stewards. ~ Originally Submitted by Hildy McGown to the Biennial Convention book, Edited by Helen Sheahan

## JUSTICE REPORT & 2017 PENNIES FOR POVERTY

What is justice? It is faith in action; mercy, compassion and serving God in ways that bring healing and wholeness to the church, society and the world. Are we up for the challenge?

We need to open our eyes and be aware of human trafficking. These women and girls feel helpless and afraid. We can recognize who needs help and notify authorities. We also help the organizations who are assisting these victims rise to their potential. Your synodical women's organization (SWO) donated \$1000 to Lutheran Social Services in 2016.

Half of your Pennies for Poverty collected at this Biennial Convention goes to **UPAVIM**. UPAVIM (United for a Better Life) cooperative in Guatemala helps provide for families and help community. The women give scholarships for children to attend school. They have an after-school program and library for community members to use to learn. They thank you for your support and for purchasing their products and crafts. The other half of your Pennies for Poverty goes to **Second Harvest Food Program**. Both have received your Pennies for Poverty and additional donations in past years.

We lift up the Women of the ELCA national program of Raising Up Healthy Women and Children. We need to be aware of the affect bullying has on our children. We support jail ministries. We recognize diversity and thank God for making us aware that all of us are precious in His sight. Internationally your SWO has given \$3000 to solar panels for Phebe Hospital in Liberia so they can have reliable and efficient energy.

Your SWO works hard to represent you in helping others and appreciates your guidance and support. Together we can share our gifts and talents to provide a peaceful world for God's children. ~ Originally Submitted by Jane Harrison to the Biennial Convention book, Edited by Helen Sheahan

## RESPOND with DISCIPLESHIP

WELCA describes discipleship as a lifelong journey of living out and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and disciples as followers of Jesus intent on carrying out Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) and Great Command (Acts 1:8).

WELCA are active disciples in many ways. We respond by practicing the seven marks of discipleship: praying, studying, worshiping, inviting, encouraging, serving and giving. We do this by studying the Bible together or assisting in worship; by making quilts, baby care kits, school kits, personal care kits, fabric kits or collecting soap for *Lutheran World Relief*; and through prayer we grow in faith and share what we have learned with friends and neighbors.

The Women of the ELCA website [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org) has many resources to help you in your discipleship role. You can promote the "wellness" campaign for emotional, mental, spiritual, or physical health of women and girls. You can participate in "Celebrating Bold Women's Day" in February. Your women's groups can discuss the Bible study in the Gather magazine or Café, the online magazine. ~ Originally Submitted by Sandy Potter and Janean Hill to the Biennial Convention book, Edited by Helen Sheahan

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**2018 Spring Gathering**  
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#### **Beaver Dam Conference** Inactive

#### **Southlake Conference** Inactive

# Conference Happenings!

Save the date and join your Sisters in Christ for

**January Update and Sharing Event** 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

**Tuesday, January 9, at Our Savior's Lutheran in Sun Prairie, please RSVP by January 2 or**

**Monday, January 15, at Grace Lutheran in Dodgeville, please RSVP by January 8**

Snow date is Tuesday, January 23 for either location.

Program includes: Large group time for sharing your women's group's activities & Information to assist you in planning events, serving as officers, and starting new women's groups. You may bring food to eat after arrival or eat before arriving. Coffee, water, and bars or cookies will be served. Please RSVP if possible by one week before the date you will attend to Janna Smith at [smithsj@charter.net](mailto:smithsj@charter.net) or 262-473-9719. Thank you.

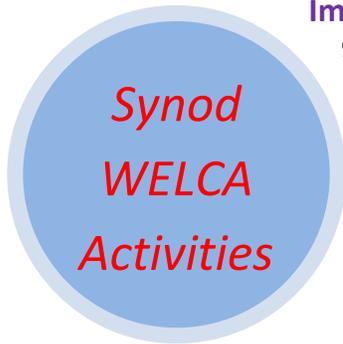
**Service Project Idea for Jail Ministry** Is your women's group looking for a new and different service project for 2018? Why not give subscriptions of the Gather magazine to ministry at your local jail? If interested, please check with your local jail chaplains whether subscriptions would be useful for their ministry. For the Dane County Jail, Chaplains Julia Weaver and Christa Fisher would share the Gather Bible studies and articles of hope and inspiration with incarcerated women as they lead Bible study groups and meet with individuals. Information for subscription ordering using the subscription order card which is in each issue: Name – Chaplains, 115 Doty Street, Madison, WI 53715, Email: theweaver@yahoo.com, Phone: 608-266-4573



The new synodical board was installed at the biennial worship service after being elected at last night's business meeting. Those serving from 2017-2019: Helen Sheahan, President; Linda Freitag, Vice President; Janna Smith, Secretary; Bonnie Gilbertson, Treasurer; Board Members include Margo Holzman, Sandy Potter, Arnell Jorgensen, Janean Hill, Hildy McGowan, Christine Wick and Eleanor Siebert

South Central Wisconsin Women delegation at the opening of this year's Triennial Gathering





## **Immanuel's Women's Retreat** Marquardt Village Town Center; Saturday, **October 21, 2017;**

**9:00 am to 3:00 pm** Join us for a Bold & Powerful Day with Other Women

\$10 per person Includes Lunch and Activities;

(Limited space, register now at Immanuel's Church office)

Speakers: Retired Moravian Bishop KAY WARD; "Power, Love & Self-Control"

Pastor & Author KATHY JACOBSEN "Be Bold"

AMY DINGLER Are You Sleeping? Board Register Sleep Educator

Bring a friend! Bring an item for the Personal Essentials Pantry Examples: Facial Tissues, Soap, Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Shampoo, Sanitary, Pads, Tampons, Shaving Cream, Razors, Deodorant, Band-Aids, Dish, Soap, Laundry Detergent

## **Fall Harvest Festival**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church 749 Bluff Street, Beloit, WI; **Saturday, Oct 29; 9:00am to 1:00pm**

Lunch menu: Scalloped Potatoes and Ham, Green Beans, Glazed Carrots, Cole Slaw, Rolls

Dessert: various pies for a free-will offering

Raffle Prizes: Handmade Quilt, Swedish Weave Throw, \$50.00 Gift Certificate at The Butterfly Club, Two \$50.00 Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce Gift Checks *Plus crafts, baked goods, greeting cards, jewelry, household items, small furniture, antiques*

Proceeds go to: VetsRoll, Caritas, 16:49 House, Sparrow's Nest, Lutherdale Bible Camp, Skaalen Home, ☒ Beloit Domestic Violence Survivor Center *Sponsored by: Women of Our Savior's Lutheran Church*



**St. Peter's, Loganville,** distributed 261 quilts and fleece blankets at the Touched Twice event in Reedsburg. We wanted to make sure this year that anyone who wanted one was able to have one. There were 6 left over, so we felt really good about that. In September, 78 Baby Care Kits and 50 School Kits were packed and taken to the boxcar.

Our annual Chili Supper was Wednesday, Oct 11. The funds raised from this event were distributed 50% to our sister synod in Puerto Rico, 25% to our youth attending the convention in Houston and 25% put aside for a future kitchen remodeling at the church. A bazaar is also held with garden produce, baked goods and crafts.

Our Thankoffering Service is **November 19.** Carissa Peterson, Director of Camp Respite Services at Camp Wawbeek, Wisconsin Dells will be our speaker. Camp Wawbeek is affiliated with Easter Seals.

The first Sunday of Advent is when our cheer pails with home baked Christmas cookies, candy and fruit are packed and distributed to congregational members 85 years and older. We also remember those who have been ill, are homebound and our church staff. Submitted by Carolyn Meyer

**St. John's Lutheran Church of Prairie du Sac** has been quite busy making kits and quilts this year. We were able to send 101 Hospice Kits and 94 Newborn Kits to the Global Health Ministries collection at the Synod Convention this past spring. We sent 358 Quilts, 23 Sewing Kits, 228 School Kits, 123 Personal Care Kits and 44 Baby Care Kits to Lutheran World Relief in October 2017. All of this was made possible by our very generous congregation members and the volunteers who did the packing. We thank them all! Submitted by, Eunice Yanke, WELCA Chairperson

**Bethel Lutheran in Madison** had a congregation wide event on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday to pack LWR kits. Our final numbers were 341 school kits, 216 health kits, 81 baby kits, and 99 quilts. On Soap Sunday we collected 230lbs in 818 bars. Submitted by Deacon Lisa Huber

**ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response** brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. Our news has been inundated with catastrophic natural events of earthquakes, hurricanes, flooding and wildfires. We recognize that every disaster is local. Because of this, we believe every response needs to be rooted in the community; we work to accompany that community from immediate relief through long-term recovery. Please visit <http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>

## Luther Rose Trivets Still Available

There are a few Luther rose trivets still available for purchase for \$15 each. Luther saw the seal, also known as the Luther rose, as an expression of his theology and faith. He used it to authorize his correspondence. The Luther rose featured on the trivet is from a stained-glass church window in Cobstadt, Thüringen, Germany. The trivet measures 6" x 6" and can be displayed or used as a hot plate. Trivets will be available for purchase at the January Update and Sharing events or contact Janna Smith at smithsj@charter.net or 262-473-9719. Checks are payable to Women of the ELCA.



## Biennial Offerings & Hurricane Relief Resolution

The Biennial Convention Offerings were \$2,377.00 as of September 23 at the close of the convention.

- ½ of the offerings are given to Women of the ELCA churchwide for support of their resource development and ongoing Ministries = \$1188.50
- ¼ of the offerings are given to Katie's Fund, an endowment fund that supports ministry of the Women of the ELCA in three areas: leadership development, global connections, and living theology = \$594.25
- ¼ of the offerings are being divided among 3 workshop causes. \$200 to the Synod Racial Equity Team for the workshop of Our Piece of the Racism Puzzle, \$200 to the Synod Care for Creation Team for the workshop of Climate change – The Real Story, and \$100 each to Greater Sauk County Foundation K-9 Fund and Defibrillator Fund for the workshop Protecting Yourself from Fraud.

The Caribbean synod is our partner synod and has been devastated by several hurricanes in 2017. At the Biennial business meeting a resolution passed that we encourage all women to pray for our sisters in the Caribbean Synod and that women's groups and women consider giving financial support to help the Caribbean Synodical Women's Organization by giving through the WELCA to the ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response program for Synod 9F and possibly directly to the Caribbean Synodical Women's Organization. A special offering of \$805.50 was collected during the Biennial worship service for hurricane relief for the Caribbean Synod. Thank you for your generosity.

## Triennial Gathering observations from Minneapolis

The South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization gave the registration fee as a scholarship to four women to attend the Triennial Gathering. Here are thoughts and observations about their experiences at the Gathering.

"Thank you so much for the scholarship to the Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis. I enjoyed it so much. Every event I attended was awesome. Thanks again." Nancy Spearing

"It was good to meet you at the Triennial Gathering. Just want you to know I am so grateful for the SCW-SWO Scholarship! I really enjoyed the gathering of women from all over the United States and the world. Leymah Gbowee was such an inspirational speaker--as were the women in the opening and closing services and plenary sessions. The documentaries showed all of us the needs in the world. The hands-on servant events were meaningful (Walking in Her Shoes, Beloved Community, and helping to pack items for LWR). Meeting women from so many places and sharing the SCW-SWO note pads was fun. The music of the organ recital and the National Lutheran Choir of Minneapolis was beautiful. The breakfast for first time attendees was enjoyable. (Can you believe 1,100 first timers?) The justice issues raised were challenging. Being with global, national, and local women of the ELCA was inspiring and fun. Thank you!" Jerry Philip

If you were not able to attend the Gathering you can still experience some of the presenters and preachers. Videos of presenters and preachers can be found on line at <https://www.welca.org/triennial-videos>  
Plans are underway for the Eleventh Triennial to be held in Phoenix, Arizona, in July 2020. Will you be there? Begin planning and saving now. The special pre-registration rate of \$265 plus \$5 processing fee is available until December 31. Register at <https://www.welcatg.org/pre-register-for-2020>

## End of year Gift Giving & Active Units

Audrey Novak Riley, Director for Stewardship for Women of the ELCA loves “gift-giving occasions, from Christmas to birthdays to plain old Tuesdays, don’t you? It’s fun to think about gifts that will bring a smile to some you love, and it’s even more satisfying to know that your gift will not only warm a heart, but change a life.” What sort of gift does that? Your year-end gift to Women of the ELCA does.

When we give to Women of the ELCA, we help mobilize women throughout our church, and even beyond, to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ in so many ways. Our gifts—yes, yours and mine!—make a real difference in people’s lives. So let’s give together! Now, if you’re wondering what kind of gift to Women of the ELCA would be the handiest and most versatile, wonder no longer. Thankofferings, regular offerings and “Where Needed Most” gifts are amazingly useful. Reprinted with permission from Interchange, the churchwide newsletter of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

But what about size? Every women’s group and individual is different and different amounts will fit different groups. When should you give your gift? End of the year Regular Offering gift giving should reach our Synodical Women’s Organization (SWO) Treasurer, Donna Peterson, by January 15, 2018 at 4966 State Road 23, Dodgeville, WI 53533. The Synodical Women’s Organization gives ½ of all your Regular Offerings to Churchwide Women of the ELCA. Your offering benefits both the churchwide Women and of the ELCA and your synod.

Financially supporting Women of the ELCA is one of the criteria of being an Active Unit. Another criterion is providing the SWO with contact information of your church unit leader. Women of the ELCA Active Units is about being part of something bigger that can accomplish more than each individual alone. Our SWO voting strength at the Triennial Conventions are based on the number of Active Units in our synod. In January and February 2018 your Synodical Board will be updating our list of Active Units. Thank you for supporting Women of the ELCA.

## Year End Ministry Report

Your Synodical Women’s Organization and churchwide Women of the ELCA want to know what your women’s group has done in 2017. What activates have you held or assisted with? What did you send to LWR? Save a copy of the LWR Donation report. What Women of the ELCA resources do you use? Please complete the Women of the ELCA Yearly Ministry Report and bring it to the January Update and Sharing Events for the sharing time. If you are unable to attend one of the events, please email it or send it to Helen Sheahan at [sheahan1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sheahan1@sbcglobal.net) or 1106 Valley Stream Drive, Madison, WI 53711 by Feb. 15, 2018. The form is attached to this email. Helen will send all reports to churchwide office.

## Faithful Friends - Become a Faithful Friend of Women of the ELCA!

Do you know someone who gives regularly to Women of the ELCA, rain or shine, no matter what? Someone who’s a faithful friend and steadfast supporter of the organization we all love? What does the Bible say about people like that? Sturdy shelter. Beyond price. Life-saving medicine. Yes, we thought, those phrases certainly describe the many steadfast supporters of Women of the ELCA. So that’s what we’ve named our new giving program: “Faithful Friends.”

“Faithful Friends” is an easy way for you (or your congregational unit or your synodical organization) to give monthly to Women of the ELCA by automatic withdrawal from your checking account or by automatic charge to your credit card. The “Faithful Friends” program supports the Women of the ELCA General Fund, which makes it possible for your churchwide organization to act quickly and flexibly in response to any need that may arise. The prophet Isaiah tells us that God says, “I am about to do a new thing” (43:19a). And “Faithful Friends” is one way you can help Women of the ELCA be ready for whatever new thing God has in store.

### To Get Started

All you need to do is use the form on the next page or download at <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/faithfulfriends> and mail it to: ELCA Gift Processing Supervisor 8765 W. Higgins Road, 5th floor Chicago IL 60631. You can start giving on-line <https://community.elca.org/faithfulfriends> right away, and you can stop any time with just a phone call to Women of the ELCA, 773-380-2730, or by email at [women.elca@elca.org](mailto:women.elca@elca.org).

**GIVE MONTHLY**

Make a monthly recurring gift and join  
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who provide consistent, sustaining support for our many ministries.



**YES! I want to join Faithful Friends of Women of the ELCA!**

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

My voided check is enclosed.

Signature

*My signature authorizes Women of the ELCA, through ELCA Gift Processing, to initiate and continue monthly deductions as indicated on this form. I understand that I can cancel my recurring gift at any time by calling Women of the ELCA at 773-380-2730 or emailing women.elca@elca.org.*

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*Thank you!*

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To give by credit card, please fill in and mail the bottom half of this form.

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*Thank you!*

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What is WELCA? It's an easy way to say Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. *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](http://www.boldcafe.org)

**SCSW Bishop Mary** has a goal of connecting to every member of every congregation through our weekly e-news: What Matters & our quarterly magazine, "Walking Together." If you are currently not receiving the free, e-newsletter of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, please click on the link and request to be added. The newsletter is chock-full of important news from Bishops Eaton and Froiland, upcoming synod events, resources, events, mission trip invitations from other congregations and groups, fun fellowship events such as concerts and church bazaars, job openings, youth gatherings and much more! Walking Together has wonderful stories of our shared work in Jesus' name. Email Deacon Vicki Hanrahan to sign up [vickih@scsw-elca.org](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.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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