I hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas with family and friends. We now turn our attention to the new year. The tradition of New Year’s resolutions dates back to 153 B.C. January is named after the mythical Roman god Janus. Janus had 2 faces. One face looking forward and one looking backward. On December 31, the Romans imagined Janus looking back on the old year and forward to the future of the new year. The Romans believed Janus could forgive them for their wrongdoings in the previous year. They would give gifts and make promises, believing Janus would see this and bless them in the year ahead. They would also forgive enemies for troubles in the past.

Many of us continue this tradition and make New Year’s Resolutions. We look back on our accomplishments over the past year as we think about the next year. Then we may decide to make a resolution or a goal regarding something we want to do or accomplish or change in our life. This same practice is good for your women’s group. What did your women’s group do and accomplish this past year? What do you want your women’s group to try or do different or continue in the new year? Your Synodical Women’s board asks you to please share with us what your women’s group has done in 2018 and to whom you have given donations. Please complete the Women of the ELCA Yearly Ministry Report and bring it to the January Update and Sharing Event for the sharing time. Paper copies will be available at the event. If you are unable to attend one of the events, please email or send the report to Helen Sheahan at shearhanl@sbcglobal.net or 1106 Valley Stream Dr., Madison, WI 53711 by Feb. 15, 2019. Please see page 13 for a blank form. More information about the January Update and Sharing Events is on page 2.

Blessings in the New Year, Helen Sheahan, SWO president

Human Trafficking

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Here is a link to a list of petitions for daily use from January 11 through Super Bowl weekend if you would like to observe a time of prayer to end human trafficking as Women of the ELCA has suggested for the past few years.

Another option is to use prayers written by Cherish All Children at www.cherishallchildren.org. Cherish All Children has also recently released a four-session resource for adult education or youth groups called My Neighbor is Not for Sale. It teaches about sexual exploitation and trafficking, about ending the demand, and how to keep children safe from harm. The resource can be downloaded for free at www.cherishallchildren.org or order paper copies for $4 each from Joy McElroy of Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota at joy.mcelroy@lssmn.org.

Submitted by Helen Sheahan

January Reader Question - What was the highlight for your women’s group in 2018?

You can let us know by sending an email to welcatrumpeter@gmail.com or a note to Helen Sheahan, 1106 Valley Stream Drive, Madison, WI 53711. We will share answers in the April Trumpeter.
LOOK WHAT WOMEN ARE DOING!

AWESOME, DEDICATION AND A GIVING HEART!

The Sewing Group of St. John’s Lutheran Church Women, Boscobel, recently completed and sent off with the Lutheran World relief in-gathering, 436 quilts, 70 school kits, 29 health kits and 102 layettes. We meet/sew twice a month (except December) enjoying fellowship and giving to those in need. We call upon the men of our church to assist in transporting the items and we are truly ‘grateful’ for their help. We have several ladies from local churches who come when they can to help sew. God has truly “blessed” St. John’s Lutheran Church of Boscobel.

Submitted by Carolyn Howell, Chairwoman
Women of St. John’s Boscobel

Women of the ELCA January Update and Sharing Event
Join your Sisters in Christ for Update and Sharing Event
1:00 to 2:30 pm

All women are invited, especially leaders and officers of women’s groups
Saturday, January 12, at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 625 E. Netherwood Street, Oregon.

Please RSVP if possible by January 8
OR
Saturday, January 19, at Dekorra Lutheran Church, N3099 Smith Road, Poynette.

Please RSVP if possible by January 15

Snow date is Saturday, January 26, for either location, 1 - 2:30 pm.
A decision to cancel and reschedule to January 26 will be announced between 8:00 - 8:30 am on Saturday morning. Notification will be by email to registered women or a telephone call to those who don’t have email.

Join your Sisters in Christ for a January afternoon to network and share your women’s group’s activities (Bring your Yearly Ministry Report). Information will be provided to assist you in planning events (Spring Gatherings), serving as officers, and starting new women’s groups. The same information will be presented at each location.

Please RSVP if possible to Janna Smith at smithsj@charter.net or 262-473-9719. Thank you.

Submitted by Helen Sheahan

IN-GATHERING

2019 early LWR donations ingathering date - train box car loading will be September 14th, 2019. This date is about a full month ahead of what it has been in the past.
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Save the date for the 2019 Biennial Convention

Friday, September 20
Evening business meeting with election of board officers and members

Saturday, September 21
Full day event
Please select your group’s voting member before summer break.
TREASURER’S REPORT

Thank you to everyone who has so generously given their regular offering of the South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women’s Organization. 50% of this goes to church-wide Women of the ELCA (National) to support various programs. The other 50% stays within our synodical region for programs, conference activities, and the spring updates. To be considered an active unit, your Women of the ELCA group must give a donation for a Women of the ELCA sponsored event or program, i.e.: regular offering, Thank offering, Pennies for Poverty, Katie’s Fund, etc. If you have not given yet, our fiscal year ends January 31st.

Secondly, Remember that this year’s Pennies for Poverty goes to your local designated shelters. Please send me your donation along with the name of the shelter and their address. If no designated shelter is listed, the monies will be sent to the Domestic Abuse Intervention Services shelter in Madison.

Thirdly, If your church is sponsoring a spring Conference Activity, please send the Funding Request form to me before February 1, 2019. I will be gone for part of February and would like to get the money sent out to you. There will be a new form sent with the check to account for how the money was spent. If you have any questions please e-mail me at SCSWtreas@gmail.com.

Hope to many of you at the spring updates in January.
Bonnie Gilbertson, SCSW treasurer

SAVE THE DATE

You are invited to attend the

2019 Elkhorn Conference Spring Gathering
Gather, Praise, Renew
Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. through 1 p.m.
luncheon
(Registration/ refreshments at 8:00 a.m.)
Host church: Trinity English Lutheran Church
314 Barrie St. Fort Atkinson, WI 53558

For lunch - A NEW TREAT—more information to follow
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Elkhorn Conference
(South-Central Wisconsin Synodical Women’s Organization)

Luther Memorial Church (Delavan) ~ Sugar Creek Lutheran Church (Elkhorn)
Trinity English Lutheran Church (Fort Atkinson) ~ St. John’s Lutheran Church (Johnson Creek)
Immanuel Lutheran Church (Lake Geneva) ~ Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church (Poplar Grove)
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church (Sharon) ~ St. Luke Lutheran Church (Rome/Sullivan)
Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (Walworth) ~ First English Lutheran Church (Whitewater)
Williams Bay Lutheran Church (Williams Bay)
2017 Triennial Resolution - Rights of the Child

At the 2017 Triennial Convention voting members approved to support the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child and clearly condemn all forms of corporal punishment of children. I didn’t know much about this UN Convention. There was no discussion about it during the Convention so it was easy to pass it by. Here are some questions that I am now asking myself. What is the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child? Why is it important? What can we do? I will answer the first question here and explore the remaining 2 questions in a subsequent Trumpeter.

What is the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child, which is commonly abbreviated as the UNCRC? The UNCRC is a human rights treaty which sets out the civil, political, economic, social, health and cultural rights of children which is legally binding under international law. Nations that ratify this convention are bound to it. Compliance is monitored by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.

Once a year, the Committee submits a report to the United Nations General Assembly committee. The UNCRC came into force in September 1990. Currently 196 countries are parties to the treaty (some with stated reservations or interpretations). This includes every member of the United Nations (except the United States), plus several non-United Nations countries. Two optional protocols were adopted in May 2000 which restrict the involvement of children in military conflicts and prohibit the sale of children, child prostitution, and child pornography. Both protocols have been ratified by more than 160 nations. A third optional protocol relating to communication of complaints came into effect in April 2014. 26 nations have signed this so far.

The United States government played an active role in the drafting of the Convention and signed it in February 1995, but has not ratified it. It has been claimed that American opposition to the Convention stems primarily from political and religious conservatives. During his 2008 campaign for President, Senator Barack Obama described the failure to ratify the Convention as “embarrassing” and promised to review the issue, but he never did. No President of the United States has submitted the treaty to the United States Senate requesting its advice and consent to ratification since the US signed it in 1995.

The United States has ratified two of the optional protocols to the Convention on the involvement of children in military conflicts and the prohibition of sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

The Triennial Resolution specifically supports the condemnation of all forms of corporal punishment that is in the UNCRC. Protection against corporal punishment is a human rights issue. The UNCRC defined corporal punishment in these words: “any punishment in which physical force is used and intended to cause some degree of pain or discomfort, however light. Most involves hitting (‘smacking’, ‘slapping’, ‘spanking’) children, with the hand or with an implement – whip, stick, belt, shoe, wooden spoon, etc. But it can also involve, for example, kicking, shaking or throwing children, scratching, pinching, biting, pulling hair or boxing ears, forcing children to stay in uncomfortable positions, burning, scalding or forced ingestion (for example, washing children’s mouths out with soap or forcing them to swallow hot spices). In the view of the Committee, corporal punishment is invariably degrading. In addition, there are other non physical forms of punishment which are also cruel and degrading and thus incompatible with the Convention. These include, for example, punishment which belittles, humiliates, denigrates, scapegoats, threatens, scares or ridicules the child.”

Next Trumpeter, read Why this Convention is important and What you can do.

Submitted by Helen Sheahan
Are You Willing To Help Plan The 2019 Biennial SWO Convention?

Do You Have Ideas Of Things You Would Like To See Or Hear At The Convention?

If you answer “yes” to either of these questions, you are encouraged to call or email Helen Sheahan immediately, 608-692-7553 or sheahan1@sbcglobal.net. We welcome ideas for speakers and workshops. The dates are Friday, September 20 and Saturday, September 21, 2019.

Will You Help With The Future Of The South Central Wisconsin Women Of The ELCA?

Each active women’s group can send 1 voting member and 1 alternate voting member to the business meeting of the 2019 Biennial Convention. We will elect officers including a new President and Secretary who have completed their maximum terms. We will also elect 9 board members, of which 8 could be new women.

Please prayerfully consider if this is your time and opportunity to serve the South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women’s Organization as a board member or convention voting member.

Submitted by Helen Sheahan

QUILTS & KITS FOR LWR

We almost ran out of space in the two boxcars on that October Saturday morning in Madison when churches all over south central WI delivered their precious gifts for Lutheran World Relief! It was a glorious testimony to the generosity of hundreds and hundreds of women and men (mostly women!) who, every year, demonstrate their love and concern for less-fortunate families abroad.

Though the quilt total was down 68 from last year (9,055 to 8,987) the kit count was almost 500 greater than in 2017 (8,933 to 9,424)! Congratulations to all the congregations that put skill, time and dollars into achieving those numbers. You realized the need was great and you responded. Thank you.

There were 5 fewer churches who participated this year. We hope to see those missing churches back again. There were also new-to-LWR churches in 2018 (Good Shepherd in Madison comes to mind) and we are delighted to welcome you to this heartwarming mission. Keep up the good work. One church reported such a huge number of quilts delivered that I thought it had to be a typo. I called the church and—sure enough that’s how many quilts they made this year: 540! WOW!

PLEASE NOTE: The train will come much earlier than usual! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019. It may take special planning to be sure that next year’s donations reflect a full 12 months of quilt and kit making. Put this date on your calendar: SEPTEMBER 14, 2019, 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the usual location, 1890 E. Johnson St. in Madison.
**Barneveld Conference Spring Gathering**

The Barneveld Conference Board would like to invite everyone to join us for the Annual Spring Gathering. The program is being developed by Bev Burns of ‘Passages’, a women’s shelter, and Darlene Masters of Family Advocates. Last year, Passages served 535 persons. We will learn more about this organization and possibly develop an action plan to help in their work.

Each unit is asked to promote this Gathering and turn out in numbers. Business of the day includes election of the new board and choosing a site for next year’s Gathering. Talk about these items within your unit to come prepared.

**IMPORTANT DETAILS:**

April 27, 2019
Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m., program begins at 9:30 a.m.
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mount Horeb – 315 East Main Street
Pre-register at elc@mhtc.net or call 608-437-5012 with names of those attending
$5.00 at the door to cover meal costs

**More Dates for our Conference Spring Gatherings**

- Baraboo Conference - 4/27/2019 at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Prairie du Sac
- Beaver Dam Conference - Invited to attend Elkhorn Conference Gathering
- Beloit Conference - 4/27/2019 at First Lutheran Church in Janesville
- East/West Conference - To Be Determined
- Monroe Conference - 4/13/2019 at Primrose Lutheran Church in Belleville
- Southlake Conference - Southlake Conference is invited to any Gathering near your location

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**ELEVENTH TRIENNIAL CONVENTION**

July 14, 2020–July 16, 2020
Phoenix, Arizona

This is the convention that the business of Women of the ELCA is transacted. Be thinking about this NOW because during our Biennial SWO Convention business meeting in September 2019. We will elect four voting-members to attend the Convention. Church-wide pays the expenses of our President and voting-members to attend the Convention.

**ELEVENTH TRIENNIAL GATHERING**

July 16, 2020–July 19, 2020
Phoenix, Arizona

Has anyone preregistered for this event? If so, please let Helen Sheahan know. These Gatherings are always fun and we learn so much. Yes, Phoenix will be hot in July but the buildings are all air conditioned. The SWO will provide scholarships so start thinking now about attending. The application form with be available with the Biennial Convention information in the April Trumpeter.

Submitted by Helen Sheahan
What Does Our Logo Mean?
Our logo—with the cross, water and a white lily—identifies women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as children of God; baptized, forgiven, adopted into God’s family, full of grace and hope in eternal life. It is a reminder of the growth, beauty, and vitality that rises out of that life-giving baptismal water. It is also a reminder of the mission of the church to ‘Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit’ (Matthew 28:19).

Submitted by Helen Sheahan

World Day of Prayer scheduled for March 2019

“Come—Everything is Ready!” This invitation from Jesus also serves as the foundation for the 2019 World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 1, “a worldwide, ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year.” Celebrated by thousands of women and women’s groups, including Women of the ELCA, in over 170 countries for over 90 years, the World Day of Prayer seeks to facilitate “informed prayer and prayerful action” by gathering “women of different races, cultures and traditions together in fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.”

To learn more go to http://worlddayofprayer.net/slovenia-2019.html

This information is from the December issue of Bold Connections

Submitted by Helen Sheahan

LET’S GET OUR BOLD ON!

Bold Women’s Day is Sunday, February 24th,

Bold Women’s Day, observed annually on the fourth Sunday of February, celebrates all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. In 2019, the day set aside to observe Bold Women’s Day is Sunday, February 24th, but you can plan it on any day that works best for you and your congregation.

How are you celebrating Bold Women’s Day? You can start by visiting welca.org/bwd and downloading our updated resources. The celebrate Bold Women’s Day resource, available in English and Spanish, offers a starting point for planning your special day.

It is important to realize that women are bold in different ways. Some women are bold in their unceasing prayers. Other women are bold in their service to those in need. Still other women are bold in their advocacy or through their hospitality.

If you want to celebrate the day in your congregation, start with the section, “When you gather in community,” which offers several ideas for observing Bold Women’s Day. If you want to celebrate the day in quiet contemplation and study, look at the section, “Ways to celebrate on your own.”

We offer several resources on our website suitable for observing Bold Women’s Day. Some of those include, “Finding Your Bold: An Icebreaker,” “A Bold Life of Faith: Katharina von Bora Luther,” and two three-session Bible studies, “Act Boldly for Mission” and “Act Boldly for Health.”

The website also offers free downloadable certificates, promotional posters, bulletin ads and a Facebook cover photo.

Whether we live out our bold story of faith in the workplace, family home or community, our faith compels us to make a difference in the lives of others. It’s all about living out our baptismal call, about being a disciple of Christ.

Let’s get our BOLD on!

Submitted by Helen Sheahan

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The UPAVIM School is Growing!

This is an exciting time for the students and community of UPAVIM. We have grown so much in recent years and are truly providing a quality education to primary students that is not available elsewhere in the surrounding area. The pre-Kinder daycare is equipped with three different classrooms, 6 Montessori-trained teachers from the community and a native English-speaking teacher. The elementary school is now providing Montessori classes for grades K-2nd with six Montessori-trained teachers from the community. Grades K-6th all receive English classes by native English speakers for 1-2 hours per day in addition to their core classes in Spanish. The school director, daughter of one of the founders of UPAVIM, brings all the teachers and volunteers together to create one cohesive team of educators passionate about the growth and development of each child that walks through the doors of the UPAVIM school.

Traditionally, the school is funded with the profits of the hand-made, artisan crafts program. With the exciting growth of the school however, we are seeking donations to continue this impressive progress in 2019 while the crafts program transitions to a bigger business model to increase its support for the school in future years.

We are looking to our amazing base of UPAVIM supporters to help us raise the $50,000 necessary to continue the outstanding education provided by the UPAVIM School.

Become a proud sponsor of the UPAVIM school by making a donation of any amount designated to the school! Every donation helps make this dream a reality for hundreds of students. Below are some ideas that may help you decide how you can best support the UPAVIM community.

Set up a recurring donation:
$45/month sponsors the costs of one child’s education for a month
$30/month sponsors school-wide classroom materials for a month
$20/month sponsors a child’s lunch Monday through Friday for a month

Contribute with a single donation:
$50 funds one month of English class materials
$60 funds one month of Montessori classroom materials
$100 funds an English teacher’s stipend for one month
$150 funds a one month stipend for a Montessori coach
$200 funds 2 teacher bonuses
$250 funds one month of a Guatemalan teacher’s salary

Become a Platinum Donor:
Support the school with a donation of $1,000 or more to cover infrastructure and operational costs

Thank you for your continued contributions to UPAVIM’s many programs. This amazing organization would not be the beacon of hope for the community that it is today, without loyal supporters like you!
**DISCIPLESHIP**

“Do this in remembrance of me”

When we do something in memory of someone who was important or influential in our lives, we do it to honor them.

“This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” We hear these words, as many Christians do, on Sunday mornings. They’re the words of institution/consecration before communion. They remind us of the great sacrifice that Jesus made for each of us, the price he paid so we could be forgiven and have eternal life.

I ‘heard’ these words again for the first time recently and they’ve come to mean so much more. They keep echoing in my brain. To me, “Do this in remembrance of me,” isn’t just for communion anymore. It’s important to remember that Jesus died for us, but it’s also important to remember how and why he lived. On one of my many Sunday drives, I stopped by a cemetery and walked around. Someone had put a secondary stone on the back of their father’s headstone. On that smaller stone was written,

“He didn’t tell us how to live our lives. He showed us.”

Doesn’t that sound like the way Jesus lived? He didn’t practice what he preached, he preached what he practiced. He didn’t just sit around and tell us how to live our lives or say as many parents do, “Because I said so!”. He showed us how to live. He taught by example. He lived love, acceptance, generosity and patience.

If we follow his example, not only when it’s convenient or easy, we too can spread his good news without ever preaching a word. If we live our lives - to the best of our ability - the way Jesus lived his, we will be honoring him. We will be doing it, “in remembrance” of him.

**WELCA SYNOD**

Women of the ELCA Resources for the New Year

As we enter the new year, I would like to encourage you to explore and use the resources that are available free on the Women of the ELCA website at womenoftheelce.org or welca.org. The short WELCA acronym will also take you to the website. Your gifts and offerings to Women of the ELCA support these resources.

Do you like to read a devotion each day? If so, then you should sign up for “Daily Grace” which is found in the top white ribbon on the website. Daily Grace offers a faith reflection every day via email or through an app on your phone or device. You can encounter God’s extravagant, boundless and often surprising grace every day.

When looking for something for your next retreat or group get together search the “Resources” section in the dark blue ribbon on the website. There is a Resource Library of 80 items that are in categories of Personal (31 resources), Retreat (28 resources), Short (14 resources) and Multi (8 resources) Sessions, racial justice issues (6 resources), Spanish (28 resources), and more. Some studies are recent and some were written about 8 - 10 years ago. Timeless topics include hospitality, grief, Katharina von Bora, wellness, Lent, Advent, knitting, human trafficking, starting a book club, and more.

Resources that you may already be receiving and using are in the top white ribbon in “Publications”. Here you find the Gather magazine, Bold Café, Interchange, and Bold Connections. Not familiar with some of these resources? Then check out the welca.org website.

And share these great resources with friends. Thanks be to God.

Submitted by Helen Sheahan
Winter Gather Bible Study 2019
The Gospel of John:
Meetings with Jesus

Throughout John’s Gospel, Jesus engages people in honest and sometimes difficult conversations that lead to faith, renewal, and transformation. Over the course of this four-session study by Julie A. Kanarr, we will meet Jesus through his interactions with various characters within the gospel. Their conversations beckon us to explore and grow in faith. The Rev. Julie A. Kanarr serves as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Belfair, WA.

Session one: Come and see: Seeking and finding faith -- We meet John the Baptist and we share in the invitation to “come and see.” At the wedding in Cana and during the cleansing of the temple, we reflect on how God’s character is revealed in Jesus.

Session two: By night and day: Coming to faith in Jesus -- We meet Nicodemus who comes to Jesus at night, the Samaritan woman who talks with Jesus in the middle of the day, a royal official, and a paralyzed man.

Session three: Friends for life in Christ -- We meet a woman caught in adultery, a man born blind, Jesus’ friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus, and share in Jesus’ final conversation with his disciples before his arrest.

Session four: Seeing the risen Christ -- We encounter the Risen Christ through his appearances to Mary Magdalene, Peter, the Beloved Disciple, and Thomas.

CLEAN WATER

CLEAN WATER & LEAD

“Three years after a public health crisis in Flint, Michigan many school districts are not testing their water for the toxin. A government watchdog report released in JULY found that in 2017 less than 1/2 of all school districts tested their drinking water for LEAD. And among the tested districts more than 1/3 detected elevated levels of LEAD. LEAD in blood can cause “learning disabilities, behavioral problems and mental retardation” according to the World Health Organization.”

Quote taken from October 2018 edition of neaToday (NEA TODAY for NEA-RETIRED MEMBERS an edition of NEA Today)

WOMEN OF THE ELCA CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
LEARN WHAT YOU CAN DO TO MAKE OUR WATER CLEAN
Justice - Doctrine of Discovery (Part 1)
by Janna Dykstra Smith

"Go west, young man!" was a widely used expression in the late 1860s. Civil War veterans were encouraged to take advantage of the Homestead Act to colonize public lands. A century later, Manifest Destiny was still taught in school that Americans were destined, by God, to govern the North American continent.

The Doctrine of Discovery is a theologically grounded legal reasoning that European kings and the Pope developed to justify the conquest and evangelization of non-Christian lands. What does a papal bull from 1494 have to do with Manifest Destiny?

George E. Tinker is a son of a Lutheran mother and an Osage father. In the Journal of Lutheran Ethics, he writes that the Doctrine was "the legal principle used by every protestant christian group who made claims to Native land in north America, from the episcopalians at Jamestown to the puritans and pilgrims in new England—and lutheran immigrants who swept across the northern tier of the U.S. claiming Indian land as their own properties."

To ensure possession of the Louisiana Purchase, President Jefferson sent the Lewis and Clark Expedition to mark this territory as the legal expansion of American under the guise of Discovery – and even to extend the American claim to that territory of the Pacific Northwest that was as yet unclaimed by any other Christian nation.

I am from Iowa, part of the Louisiana Purchase, and am a descendant of Dutch immigrants. When the Dutch acquired all the farmland near Pella, a daughter colony was formed in Orange City, the county seat where I was later born. My great-grandfather was a homesteader and we still own farmland in Sioux County. The western branch of the Floyd River flows through our farm. The river is named for Sergeant Floyd, the only white man who died on the Lewis and Clark expedition.

It is easy to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery when it is a long ago medieval agreement decided two decades before there even was a Reformation. What does it mean, however, to disclaim Discovery when our farms, our homes, and our churches are located on this land? I find myself keeping quiet and feeling a bit uneasy to see how this decision will affect me personally. It is not a very noble sensation.

To repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery is to acknowledge the harm that occurred due to European colonization and the resulting displacement and suffering of indigenous peoples. It is to recognize the ways in which this legacy still affects us today, and to seek ways to address past injustices and promote reconciliation and healing. It is to commit to learning from history and working towards a future that is just and equitable for all.

St. Peter’s Loganville

Our annual Chili Supper was held in October with funds distributed to the Sugar Creek Bible Camp to help alleviate the great need they have to care for the horses, UPAVIM scholarships, and the Weston and Reedsburg School District’s school lunch programs.

Our Creative Christian ladies sold quilts and recycled plastic totes at the church during the Farm Art DTour. The funds raised will be used for materials to make more quilts in 2019. The Yarn Craft Ministry sold their yarn crafts and those funds are going toward an ELCA Good Gift. We also sold over $400 of UPAVIM fair trade items.

Quilts (24), Personal Care Kits (32), New Born Kits (111), and School Kits (50) were delivered to the box car in Madison. Several quilts were given to flood victims in the LaValle, Reedsburg, Cross Plains and Black Earth areas by Lutherans United Assisting After Disasters (LUAD). The remaining quilts in our inventory will be provided to local elementary schools for distribution to families in need.

Our Card Making Ministry provided handmade cards for 36 Cheer Pails to those members over the age of 85 and folks on our Prayer Chain.

The Thank Offering Service was held the third Sunday in November, with Hailey Bonilla, site coordinator of the Reedsburg Boy’s & Girl’s Club as our speaker. We were invited to tour the Club on December 13.

Submitted by St. Peter’s, Loganville, W/ELCA
WOMEN OF THE ELCA YEARLY MINISTRY REPORT - 2018

Help us celebrate the collective work of each congregational unit in our synod. Please complete this form and provide information about gifts and projects completed between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018.

Please email this form or send it to Helen Sheahan at sheahan1@sbcglobal.net or 1106 Valley Stream Drive Madison, WI 53711 by Feb. 15, 2019.

Church __________________________ Women's Conference (if known) ________________________
City __________________________ State ____________________________________________

Person completing Report _________________________________________________________

Church-wide

Donations and in-kind gifts to LWR:

Quilts _____ Baby Care Kits _____ Personal Care Kits _____ Fabric Kits _____ School Kits _____

Fleece Tied Blankets _____ New soap (4 - 5 oz.) _____ Financial support $__________

Donations to church-wide or global ELCA ministries (e.g., ELCA missionaries, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA Good Gifts, ELCA Malaria, etc.)

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Donations to other national or global ministries (e.g., Global Health Ministries, PV for Phebe, Current for Curran, Cherish All Children, Lutheran Social Services, etc.)

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Synod or Local Ministries

Donations and in-kind gifts to local or synod ministries (e.g., food banks, women’s shelters, Pennies for Poverty, local nonprofit groups, LUAD (Lutherans United assisting after Disaster), Campus Ministry, etc.)

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Did your group have a Thankoffering service this year? __________________________________

Thank you to each participant who has contributed and supports the mission and purpose of Women of the ELCA. Our Mission: Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.
Which Women of the ELCA resources have you used in your unit?

- [ ] Gather Magazine Bible Study
- [ ] Thankoffering Service
- [ ] A Place for You _____Booklet _____Power point
- [ ] Bold Women’s Day
- [ ] Human Trafficking
- [ ] Conversations about Race
- [ ] Devotions
- [ ] Rachel’s Day
- [ ] Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls
- [ ] Spiritual Gifts Assessment
- [ ] Other ____________________________

Has your women’s group acted on any of the Resolutions/Memorials from the Tenth Triennial Gathering and 2017 Biennial? (This is a survey question, not an expectation for your women’s group.)

- [ ] Prayer and financial support of our Caribbean Partner Synod & Synodical Women’s Organization
- [ ] Awareness and Prevention of Human Trafficking
- [ ] Awareness and Prevention of Domestic Abuse
- [ ] Awareness and building relationship with Native Americans
- [ ] Awareness of the need for clean water
- [ ] Awareness and advocating for care of God’s creation
- [ ] Support of women seeking ordination and leadership roles in the ELCA
- [ ] Prayer for Bible Women of India
- [ ] Awareness of the U.N. Convention on the Rights of a Child and condemning child corporal punishment

If so, what have you done? ________________________________________________________________

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News from around the synod is in “What Matters”, the weekly synod enewsletter, and “Walking Together”, quarterly synod magazine. The newsletter is chock-full of important news from Bishops Eaton and Thomas-Breitfeld, 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. To sign up for synod news, please email Deacon Vicki Hanrahan, Assistant to the Bishop for Media, Communications, and Leadership Development at vickih@scsw-elca.org.

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Called to disciples in Jesus Christ
Empowered by the Holy Spirit;
We commit ourselves to
Grow in Faith
Arm our girls
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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