

# The Trumpeter

South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization  
Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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## Voices of Color 2022 series

### What are you reading? Who is the author?

Synod Women of the ELCA and the Synod Racial Equity Ministry Team will continue quarterly book discussion by authors that may or may not be familiar. Please join us. All are welcome to participate – men, women, youth. The discussion will be done in the small groups/breakout rooms. You must register to participate

**Tuesday, May 3, 2022 from 7 to 8 p.m. via zoom - Bless Me Ultima -**

**Register in advance for this meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAudu6gqDwtGNKNqeFH3ty1n0BXmdMW6G5V>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Novel by Rudolfo Anaya an American novelist and educator whose [fiction](#) expresses his Mexican American heritage, the tradition of folklore and oral storytelling in Spanish, and the Jungian mythic perspective. Anaya learned to speak English only when he started school. As a teen, he broke his back, and his recovery from that experience affected his worldview. *Bless Me, Ultima* (1972; film 2013), Anaya's acclaimed first [novel](#), concerns a young boy growing up in New Mexico in the late 1940s and an elderly healer who changes his life.

## Spring Women of the ELCA Update meetings

These meetings are open to all women of all ages. You don't have to be an active part of a women's circle, bible study group to attend. Select a location close to you or a date and time that works for you. Bring a friend and join us. Extend a personal invitation to a woman who may be new to learning about Women of the ELCA.

**Blanchardville** – at New Hope Lutheran Church, 305 Madison St, Blanchardville on Saturday, April 30, 2022. Registration 9 to 9:30 with the meeting and lunch from 9:30 to noon. More information in this Trumpeter.

**Loganville** – at St. Peter's, 325 Mill Street Loganville on Saturday, April 9, 2022. Registration 8:30 to 9:30 meeting and lunch from 9:30 to noon. **RSVP before April 4.** More information in this Trumpeter.

**Madison** – at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Rd, Madison on Saturday, May 14, 2022. Registration will be from 8:30 to 9:00 am. Lunch will be served at the conclusion of the updates. More information in this Trumpeter.

**Johnson Creek** - at St. John's, Johnson Creek on Saturday, April 30. More information in this Trumpeter.

### Women of the ELCA Purpose Statement –

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

### PROPÓSITO

Como comunidad de mujeres creadas a imagen de Dios, llamadas a convertirnos en discípulas de Jesucristo, y fortalecidas por el Espíritu Santo, nos comprometemos a crecer en la fe, afirmar nuestros dones, apoyarnos las unas a las otras en nuestras respectivas vocaciones, involucrarnos en el ejercicio del ministerio y la acción, y promover la sanación y la integridad en la iglesia, la sociedad, y el mundo.



# WELCA Dodgeville Spring Update Meeting

This is the in-kind collection of disposable baby diapers and female hygiene products that were brought to the Women of the ELCA Dodgeville Spring Update meeting. All of the items were delivered to the Southwest Wisconsin Community Action Program who has food pantries in Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, and Richland Counties. Rev. Kate Kieckhafer from Grace Lutheran in Darlington provided an interactive Bible study from Isaiah 55. We took a look at The Lord's Banquet and what is be served up for all of us. This was a good way to get us started with Rebuilding and Rebooting our women's groups.



Mikayla Onken and Kendra Kaul of Family Advocates who have offices in Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties talked about Human Trafficking. They provided handouts and hot line flyers and brochures for those in attendance to take back to their communities and post. Half of the offering collected, which amounted to \$255 was given to Family Advocates for the work they do with Human Trafficking as well as helping victims of domestic, sexual, child, and elder abuse.

Mikayla and Kendra also shared that **April 27, 2022 is Denim Day**. Denim is observed on the 4th Wednesday in April. Denim Day began more than twenty-one years ago, after the Italian Supreme Court overturned a rape conviction because the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans, she must have helped the person who raped her remove her jeans, implying consent. The following day, women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the victim. Developed by Peace over Violence, the Denim Day campaign is observed worldwide by millions of people. As the longest-running sexual violence prevention and education campaign, Denim Day asks people to wear jeans as a visible way to highlight misconceptions surrounding sexual violence.

## Join in on Wednesday, April 27, 2022

When millions of people across the world will wear jeans for a purpose, support survivors, educate themselves and others about all forms of sexual violence.

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## Bold Women

On February 20, 2022 the Women of Bonnet Prairie Lutheran Church, Rio, WI honored yet another Bold Woman. The WELCA Bold Woman service was utilized. This was the tenth honoree. Her family was invited to attend the service that day in person or by Zoom. Family members and friends were given a chance to tell stories about her or have a story read that day.

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# MONROE CONFERENCE



## SPRING BUSINESS MEETING

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**

NEW HOPE LUTHERAN in  
BLANCHARDVILLE

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 - 12:00 Meeting/Lunch

Lunch \$5.00; plus a Free will offering will be taken to support

Our Conference, Synodical & Churchwide

**The church is handicap accessible**

The business meeting includes:

- ✚ Voting on our updated constitution/guidelines
- ✚ Election of officers 2022-24 / Installation of Officers
- ✚ Conference Mission Reports
- ✚ Reports from each unit
- ✚ Vote on elimination of Fall Gathering
- ✚ Synodical Updates
- ✚ Review of upcoming events in the Monroe Conference
- ✚ "SHARING & LEARNING" moving forward together

2022 Elkhorn Conference  
Spring Gathering  
April 30, 2022 from 9:00a.m.  
–12:30p.m. Luncheon to  
follow  
(Registration/Refreshments  
beginning at 8a.m.)

### ***Wrapped In Love***

Hosted by: St. John's Lutheran Church  
129 N. Watertown St., Johnson Creek, WI  
53038

Morning agenda

Fellowship • Synodical women's update •  
Elkhorn Conference Business Meeting •  
Worship & Song

An offering will be collected to be donated  
to "Johnson Creek Helping Hands" and the  
Synodical board. You may bring a freewill  
offering to the luncheon to be put toward  
food expenses if you wish.

### **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

Please RSVP the number attending from  
your church group by April 10th to Julie  
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# COMMUNICATION

## *Through the eyes and thoughts of Lawanna Schieldt:*

In 1992 the twelve-year war had ended in El Salvador. I was asked by then Pastor Tom Lee if I would be interested in going with other lay people and pastor/ministers of the South Central Synod of Wisconsin. I felt a calling to go and decided to answer that call. There were fifteen of us that took this trip.

While in El Salvador I had the opportunity to meet Reverend Santiago and his daughter Gloria. I am still in communication with those individuals.

One of the activities that I remember doing while we were there was a walking Bible Study. Reverend Santiago walked us through the valley and streams of El Salvador. We made stops along the way reading the Bible and doing discipleship to the people we met and seen along the way. When I read out of the Bible it made me feel that I was with Jesus. That I was a disciple reaching out sharing and spreading the word.

I made several return missions visits to El Salvador. During my second visit I went with Mary Kay Baum and her daughter. As part of this visit, we traveled from church to church doing discipleship. We took medication supplies to a doctor in the mountains. Our group met with Bishop Gomez of El Salvador.

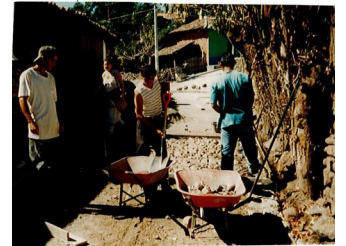
As a result of these two trips, I had met a number of El Salvador folks and considered them my friends. I then began to organize and take groups nine different times. Activities these groups did while in El Salvador: painted the inside and outside of churches, digging wells, building fences, demonstrated/showed how to keep yards clean, fed the community. The group helped financially with putting in septic systems for households.

The groups also helped to educate the El Salvador people how to plant corn. Corn is a staple in their diet. They use corn to make their flat bread. The bread is made daily.

During and after each trip I felt I was following Jesus' calling.

Unfortunately, at this time it is not safe for Americans to be traveling/doing mission work in El Salvador.

Please watch the weekly Synod e-newsletter What Matters for local mission opportunities. <https://scsw-elca.org/news/> go to this link to sign up for What Matters.



## **Baraboo Conference Spring Gathering**

St. Peter's, 325 Mill Street, Loganville  
Saturday, April 9th.

At this time, we require masks be worn at all times, except when eating or drinking.

The speaker will be from Sugar Creek Bible Camp at Ferryville. The focus will be on the impact Christian outdoor ministry has on our youth. Consider letting your youth leaders know about this also.

**Registration is from 8:30-9:30.** Lunch is included for \$10. If anyone has special dietary needs, let Lorinda Broughton know when you make your reservations.

**RSVP before April 4.** 608-727-2200  
or [broughton.lm@gmail.com](mailto:broughton.lm@gmail.com)

## Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering - Madison

Please mark your calendar to attend our spring gathering on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Rd., Madison, WI. Registration with light refreshments will begin at 8:30am, and the morning program will begin at 9:00am.

We will have a speaker from Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin present a program titled: "Addressing the Crisis of Human Trafficking." Human trafficking is big business for organized crime and for local traffickers. The average age for recruitment into the commercial sex industry is about 13. People experiencing hunger and homelessness and/or who have a history of trauma are particularly vulnerable. Learn about ways people are coerced, resources to discuss anti-sex trafficking with youth and adults, and advocacy for just public policies.

We will also have updates from our synodical women's board, and will end the morning with a salad luncheon at noon. Please bring a salad to pass. A free will offering will be collected with one-half to Women of the ELCA, and one-half to Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin.

It would be appreciated if you can RSVP the number attending from your church. Please email Polly Carter at: [pfcart48@gmail.com](mailto:pfcart48@gmail.com)

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## **Save the Date - Saturday, September 24, 2022, 8:30 – 3:30** **Women of the ELCA 1 Day Retreat** **At Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Sun Prairie, WI**

Keynote - "Rise Up – Overcoming Life's Obstacles" presented by Tricia Clason & Ginger Shomberg  
We will have a photo display telling the story of what BOLD women are doing in and around our synod. Start snapping pictures and looking through your photo albums.

A special invitation to Women Clergy in the Synod. We will celebrate 50+ years of the Ordination of Women in the Lutheran Church.

Worship 8 workshops \* lunch \* service project \* fellowship \* and more

More details in the July Trumpeter



*South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's*

## South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) Volunteer Task Force

**Are the men in your congregation looking for an opportunity?** If the men in your congregation are feeling left out because there is no men's ministry like Women of ELCA for them to be part of, share this information with them. As Women of ELCA you and/or your Circle/Bible Study group could be a resource.

**Mission Statement:** We, the SCSW-LMM Volunteer Task Force, by God's grace, will provide and facilitate communications to congregations about opportunities that will allow them to network, link, share and grow their men's ministries with their brothers from other congregations of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin.

**What is the ministry of Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM)?** Lutheran Men in Mission is a men's ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are building a dynamic ministry addressing the needs of men of all ages. The program is clearly focused on men only, and creates an environment that is "safe" for men. The program allows men to build trusting relationships with other Christian men, and is open and non-threatening to un-churched men. For more information about LMM events, resources and ministry ideas, go to [www.lutheranmen.org](http://www.lutheranmen.org).

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### Men's Squirrel at Our Savior's.

Does your congregation have an active men's group? A few years ago some of the men at Our Savior's in Sun Prairie were discussing the fact that the women met regularly in circle Bible study groups and through that had the opportunity to grow in their faith, to build strong fellowship and to support each other through life's journey. These men asked why let the women have all the fun?

On a Tuesday evening in January of 2019 the first meeting was held. All men were welcome. "It's a place where we can learn more about our faith and life together," commented one participant. At that first meeting they decided on a name for the group. "They didn't want to call it a Circle but "calling ourselves a Square didn't really sit well either, so it's a "Squirrel"!, commented Pastor Seth Hecox.

The group met regularly once a month with a short Bible study at church followed by fellowship at one of the local establishments. It had a great start with 8-10 attending each Tuesday. Then Covid came on the scene.

Much like the women's circles, the men began meeting through Zoom. It was a new experience but it kept the Squirrel going through the long shut down and quarantine periods. Steve Olson, one of the members of the group said, "It has been a great way to build community and support for the men that attend. We have a short study and then just talk about life and listen to one another."

The group has recently begun meeting in person once again.



## Giving to Women of the ELCA changes women's lives every day.

When you, as an individual or church group, give to Women of the ELCA, you support ministries that include our ground-breaking racial justice advocacy, our award-winning publications, and so much more. Every generous gift you make helps Women of the ELCA continue to inspire, support, and mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

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**Triennial Convention Offerings:** The offerings are shared equally between the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization and a partner ministry. This year, our partner ministry is Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest, a beacon of hope for thousands of people in Arizona.

**Katie's Fund and Katie's Fund Current:** Named for Katharina von Bora Luther, the wife of Martin Luther, our endowment and its corresponding current fund support leadership development, living theology, and global connections.

**Women of the ELCA General Scholarship Fund:** Our scholarships for women seeking education for rostered leadership or other fields are another longstanding custom of Women of the ELCA.

**Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls:** This innovative program supports seed grants to congregational units in order to promote better health -- physical, mental, or spiritual.

**Café** is the free online magazine for young adult women published by Women of the ELCA. You can sponsor an entire issue with a gift of just \$400!

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### By mail

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***Thank you!***

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.

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*Gather* offers a mix of articles, theological reflections, a Bible study, and stories of comfort and challenge that help readers grow in faith and engage in ministry and action. *Gather* is published 6 times a year with combined issues in January/February and July/August. A print subscription is \$19.95 a year. Digital access (computer, iPad, Android) is free to print subscribers. [For more information](#), or to subscribe by phone, call 1-844-409-0576. Intro offer for new subscribers: One year of *Gather* for just \$9.95.

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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)

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