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UPCOMING EVENTS

BOLDCAFE MONTHLY DINNER

First Thursday of the Month @ 7:00 pm Central Time

Once a month we meet with some of our popular writers to talk about our favorite articles and more! Bring your own dinner (B.Y.O.D) and sign up via Zoom. The first Thursday of the month at 7 (CDT) We've shared laughter, grief, and wisdom in a community built virtually. Join us! REGISTER: <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/event/boldcafe-monthly-dinner>

NOVEMBER 2022

CHURCHWIDE THANKOFFERING SERVICE

November 5 @ 3:00 pm

Saturday, November 5 at 3 p.m. (CDT) Join women from across the United States and the Caribbean in celebrating God's grace and redeeming love through the 2022 Thankoffering Service. Spanish translation provided. Advance registration required. REGISTER After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Register at <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/event/churchwide-thankoffering-service>

AN ADVENT DEVOTION

November 27 @ 3:00 pm

Sunday, November 27, 3 p.m. Central Join the Rev. Becca Ehrlich as we begin Advent 2022 with "Good Things Come in Small Packages," a devotional she has written for Gather magazine. Spanish translation provided. Advance registration required. REGISTER After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Register at <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/event/an-advent-devotion>

DECEMBER 2022

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

December 21 @ 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 21, 7 p.m. Central Our Blue Christmas Service offers a safe place to bring your grief, fear, and loss. Brief readings. Quiet and reflective music. Prayers. All are welcome. Spanish translation provided. Register now to attend. The service takes place at 7 p.m. CST on Wednesday, December 21, 2022. REGISTER After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Register at <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/event/blue-christmas-service-2>



for your Conference - Who is it? What do they do?

In our Synod a synodical board member is willing to be a **liaison to each conference** and will work with the conference leadership to develop the activities. In some SWOs, each conference leader (often called a coordinator) also serves as a liaison back to the synodical board and attends the synodical board meetings with voice, but no vote. This is an effective tool for involving more women in the synodical organization and its ministries.

Synodical Conference Activities

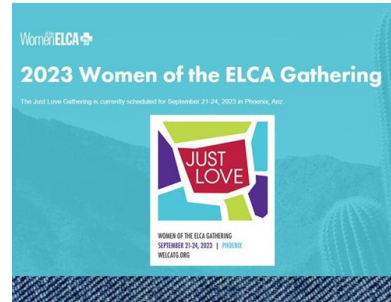
Women of this Synod belong to one of the nine synod conferences. The Conference that you are part of depends on where your church is located. On our WELCA Synod web page you will find a listing of all of the Conferences and which churches belong in that conference. The Synodical Board members have agreed to serve as a liaison to one of the conferences. Please refer to page 2 where the board members are listed and you will see who your liaison is.

Conferences are charged with working interdependently with the synodical women's organization (SWO) and the units to fulfill the purpose of Women of the ELCA through activities. Conferences are designed to be bridges. The activities that are to be carried out must meet five criteria, as established in the synodical constitution. The activities will:

- provide experiences for learning and leadership development,
- build community,
- provide opportunities for joint ministry and action,
- provide opportunities for stewardship education and offerings, and
- establish networks for communication.

Most conferences meet once a year in the spring. There are a few conferences that meet twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall of each year, moving the meeting location around the geographical area of the conference. The activity planned for that meeting would meet the criteria set forth above.

2023 Triennial GATHERING



September 21, 2023 - September 24, 2023

The 2023 Gathering is currently scheduled for September 21-24, 2023 in Phoenix, Ariz.

- Do you plan on attending?
- Will you be traveling with a friend?
- Are you planning on inviting a friend to go with you?
- How are you getting to Phoenix?

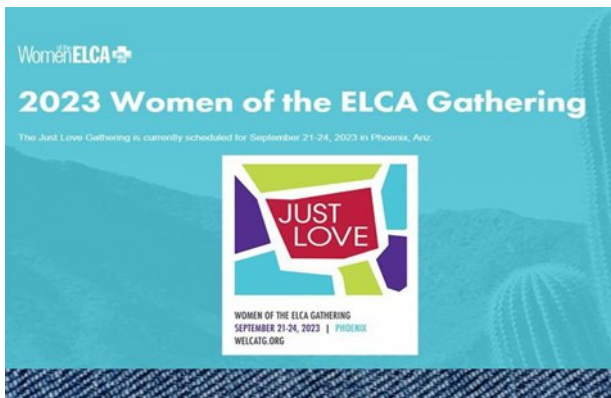
We have a group of women who will be working on those very topics. Please let me know if you interested or are planning on attending the Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering event in September 2023. Your name will only be shared with others who are interested in or planning on attending.

Send me your

- Name -
- Best way to contact you - email? Text message? Phone call?
- Your mailing address -
- Any other information that would be beneficial to know about for travel or while attending the Gathering -

Watch the Trumpeter, the Synod Women of the ELCA webpage <https://scsw-elca.org/welca/>, and Women of the ELCA webpage:

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/events> for details as they are released.



The 12th Triennial Gathering is ONE year away!

WHAT'S THE DATE? September 21 – 24, 2023

WHERE IS IT BEING HELD? Phoenix, AZ

Every three years Women of the ELCA - churchwide, come together to meet for business, and to meet in fellowship. It is always great to hear the speakers, be inspired, and meet new women. More information will be coming in the months ahead the 12th Triennial Gathering through our quarterly newsletter, and Conference Spring Gatherings in 2023. We hope you will consider joining other women for this faith building event. welcatg.org Gathering event website.

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During the Women of the ELCA - churchwide Gathering each Synod brings with them "favors" to share with women from other Synods. This is a great way to meet other women and share stories.

In 2023 our Synod would like to share **Badger Fabric Coasters**. We need your support. Could you -

- Make/construct a 4 ½ inch square coaster
- We are looking for 20 from each church in the Synod
- Mail/deliver the completed coasters to Donna Peterson, 4966 St Rd 23, Dodgeville WI 53533
- **Return by Tuesday, September 5, 2023**



For directions on how to make the coaster go to the Synod WELCA web page. <https://scsw-elca.org/welca/>

Women's offerings: A brief history

The idea of gathering women's Thankofferings together goes back to the early 1800s, when women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to raise money for ministry.

Learn more about the history of Thankofferings in [All About Thankofferings](#) (available [en español](#)).





THANKOFFERINGS

Thankofferings are a [long-standing custom](#) among Lutheran women. We give in Thanksgiving for blessings received—and we do receive so many blessings, don't we? And we are so grateful. That's why we give Thankofferings.

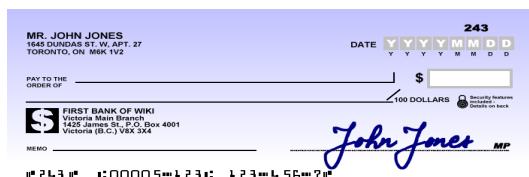
<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/thankofferings> The link to the Thankoffering webpage.

What do our Thankofferings support?

The founders of Women of the ELCA decided back in 1988 that Thankofferings are to support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization. Our founders would be amazed to see what that covers these days!

Our ongoing ministries include our many online and printed communications channels (including this website), our justice and advocacy work, training and development for elected leaders throughout the women's organization, our constant work in support of congregational and synodical women's organizations, the administration of our grants and scholarship programs, all that goes into our triennial convention (the business meeting, that is), and so much more.

Individuals giving online Individuals may make Thankofferings online with a [credit card here](#).



Individuals giving by mail Please make out your check to Women of the ELCA and write Thankoffering on the memo line. Then mail it to:

Women of the ELCA
ELCA Gift Processing Center
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield VA 22116-8009

Congregational units giving by mail Please make out your check to Women of the ELCA and write Thankoffering on the memo line. Download and print out a copy of Form B in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) and fill it out according to the directions on the form. Then mail the check and form to:

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Fall Retreat Highlights

“Rise Up – Overcoming Life’s Obstacles”



Pictures by Becky Wornson
and Peggy Schaub

The day started cold and gray, but the women arriving at the 2022 Fall Retreat had plenty of energy and warmth. The buzz in the lobby during registration was contagious. The displays of UPAVIM crafts for sale, Days for Girls kits, chocolate sampling from Equal Exchange, and Sugar Creek Bible Camp were enjoyed along with morning coffee and treats. Information about Women of the ELCA Gather Magazine and Trumper, 50th anniversary of women ordination, our partner and companion synods, and zoom book discussion in November were just some of the displays. Thank you to the Retreat Planning Committee of Lynn Mehringer, Peggy Schaub, Lawanna Schieldt, Helen Sheahan, and Tana Zeich.

Our main presentation by Tricia Clason and Ginger Shomberg introduced us to meditation and surrendering our challenges to God as we overcome obstacles in our lives. We can listen to where God is calling each of us. He will provide the support and courage to accomplish what he is calling you become. Trust the Lord. They shared examples of God’s calling and support in their lives. Their presentation and workshop is recorded on our Facebook page.

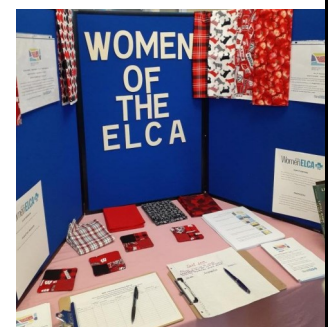
After lunch women enjoyed 2 workshops chosen from 5 different topics for Mind, Body, and Spirit enrichment.

We especially thank Our Savior’s women for their help with the Retreat in so many ways.

We learned about Our Savior’s women’s service project of Days for Girls, which helps girls and women around the world with menstrual health solutions, education, and supplies so they can continue their daily routines during menstruation, such as going to school and being out in public. In-kind gifts received were 122 washcloths, 187 panties and 9 yards of fabric”. The total money received was \$867 which will provide at least 86 kits, the lives of 86 girls or women will be changed! The Our Savior’s women self-fund this service project. They are “so absolutely blown away and grateful to receive such a windfall and will put everything to good use”.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and making the Retreat a memorable day.

Submitted by Helen Sheahan



FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL



Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church

749 Bluff Street, Beloit, Wisconsin

When: Friday-Saturday
November 4-5, 2022

Time: Friday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday Lunch Menu:

Scalloped Potatoes & Ham
Vegetable
Cole Slaw
Roll

Saturday Lunch
served from:
11:00am-12:30pm
for \$8.00

Dessert: variety for a free-will offering

Raffle Prizes:

Raffle tickets
\$1.00 each or
6 for \$5.00

Handmade Lap Quilt
Afghan
Wooden Barn Quilt
Garden Bench
\$50.00 Geronimo Gift Card

Theme Baskets: Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Proceeds go to:

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LWR INGATHERING OF QUILTS AND KITS

Trumpeter Article by Hildy McGown

Saturday, September 17, 2022 was another festive morning of truck loads and car loads and trailer loads of quilts and kits being stowed into a railroad boxcar in Madison for shipment to Lutheran World Relief in Baltimore, MD. Most, but not all, were coming from churches of the South Central Synod of the ELCA. (There are other Ingatherings all over Wisconsin and churches use the one most convenient for them. There are also many Missouri Synod churches using the Madison site.) But it is still interesting to compare year-to-year statistics. The quilt numbers are still down from pre-Covid years, but it is evident that Lutheran women are finding ways around those church-gathering restrictions and are not going to be prevented from fulfilling this MINISTRY OF LOVE!

	QUILTS	KITS
2020	7242	5551
2021	6915	8476
2022	6850	6907



Sad to say, there were about 20 church names missing compared to last year's tally of congregations; some of the churches in our synod delivered their load to a different site.

Some numbers jump out. Churches delivering more than 300 Quilts:

St. John's, Evansville.	398
Bristol, Sun Prairie	359
St. John's, Boscobel	320
St. John's, P. du Sac	310



Churches delivering 200 or more Kits

Bethel, Madison	413
St. John's, P. du Sac	356
First, Platteville	352
Burke, Madison	291
Hope, Milton	283
First English, Whitewater	281
Bristol, Sun Prairie	258
West, Daleyville	233
McFarland, McFarland	205



Thank you to all of the churches who created the kits and quilts. We also know that there are churches who deliver their LWR items to a pickup point other than Madison. With the price of gas and mileage that makes the most sense.

Save the date for 2023 LWR Ingathering

We do know the date for the Madison LWR Ingathering for 2023. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 16, 2023, It will be the same hours as this year, 7 to 11 a.m. We have posted that information on the Synod website <https://scsw-elca.org/welca/> You will also find the intake form on that same website.

South-Central Synod Women of the ELCA

<https://scsw-elca.org/welca/>

go to this link for information and resources related to Women of the ELCA events and materials in our Synod.

WELCA WWW.WOMENOFTHEELCA.ORG

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.

Like the South Central Wisconsin Women of the ELCA
[Facebook](#) page

GATHER, the magazine of Women of the ELCA

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.

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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THE TRUMPETER

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