

News from the Northeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization

Statement of Purpose

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.



The 2010 – 2011 Bible study *The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity*, looks at what unites us and defines us as people of faith with the goal of focusing on our common faith in Jesus Christ. This study written by the Rev. Linda Johnson and The Rev. D. Jensen Seyenkulo, Ph.D. helps us understand how our different backgrounds, life experiences, and perspectives can be shared and heard as we study the Bible together.

The April issue ... An Easter People
Session 8: Barriers to Resurrection
Theme verse: Mark 16:3 - 4

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Bible Study Seminar

The annual Bible Study Seminar is being held at Wartburg Seminary on Monday and Tuesday May 23 & 24, 2011. The Study is entitled *To Lead and to Serve: The Gospel of Mark* by Rev. Patricia Lull. This is a good event - hearing from the author of the Bible Study and enjoying the fellowship of other women. You can go online to wartburgseminary.edu and click on Lifelong Learners for more information.

submitted by Cecil Maureen Johnson, NEIA SWO President



From Your President

HAPPY SPRING

We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on April 24. The Alleluia's are back in our worship. We sing:

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!
Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

I wish all of you a Joyful and Blessed Easter!

I hope to see you at one of our Cluster Spring Events in April.

submitted by Cecil Maureen Johnson, NEIA SWO President

NEIA SWO Convention

Date: Saturday June 18, 2011
Place: Wartburg College, Waverly
Theme: Renew, Respond, Rejoice
Theme verse: Philippians 4:4-7 (New RSV)
Theme hymn: *Rejoice Ye Pure of Heart*
Bring: A Health Kit, School Kit, or Sewing Kit for LWR

We will have a staff person from Lutheran World Relief with us for our Convention.

Come for a Full Day of Inspiration, Bible Study, Interest Groups, Luncheon Displays, and our Business Sessions

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New LWR Kit Requirements

Lutheran World Relief is publishing a new pamphlet describing their quilts and kits for 2011. There are major changes. The booklets are not published yet, but in the meantime you can access the information at www.lwr.org/beinvolved.

The names of some of the kits have changed as well, so please click on each one to see the changes in the contents of the kits. If you have left over items, you can continue to make up kits according to the 2008-2010 brochure as long as you mark the outside of the packing boxes "2010". Any kits made with the new requirements should be packed in boxes clearly labeled "2011" on the outside.

Do not pack 2010 kits with 2011 kits in the same box.

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submitted by Donna Kirschenmann, SWO Mission Action Chair

Summer Bible Study News

The Bible Study for June, July and August is the study that will be used at the Triennial Gathering.

The **June** Study is entitled "Renew"
We will explore the issue of hardness of heart.

July's Study is entitled "Respond"
We are gifted to serve.

In **August**, our Study is "Rejoice"
Rejoice in the Lord.

You can plan to use a different setting for your summer Bible Studies - a retreat, a restaurant setting and others. Make your summer Bible Study plans now. Try something different. Change is good!

You can still register for the Triennial Gathering and hear the authors of the Bible Study in person.

submitted by Cecil Maureen Johnson, NEIA SWO President

Upcoming Events



- Apr 2 Cluster 3 Spring Gathering @ St. Petri, Story City
- Apr 9 Clusters 4,5,6,7 Spring Gathering @ Immanuel, Independence
- Apr 12 Cluster 1 Spring Gathering @ Salem, Lake Mills
- Apr 16 Cluster 2 Spring Gathering Location to be announced
- Apr 30 Cluster 8 Spring Gathering @ Canoe Ridge, Decorah
- Apr 30 Cluster 9 Spring Gathering @ St Paul, Guttenberg
- Apr 30 Cluster 10 Spring Gathering @ Zion, West Union
- May 1 NE IA SWO Scholarship applications due
- May 7 Synod Board Meeting @ Wartburg
- May 23-24 Bible Study Seminar @ Wartburg Seminary
- June 18 SWO Convention @ Wartburg College
- July 12-14 Triennial Convention @ Spokane, WA
- July 14-17 Triennial Gathering @ Spokane, WA
- July 22-23 Glocal Mission Gathering @ Decorah Lutheran
- Aug 5-6 Synodical Board Transitional Retreat
- Sept 24 Fall Leadership Location TBA
- Sept 27 Fall Leadership Location TBA
- Oct 1 Fall Leadership @ St. James, Allison



*8th Triennial Gathering
July 14 - 17
Spokane, Washington*

Good News for Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene
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