

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.

Let Me Introduce You

Diane Frederick will represent the churchwide Women of the ELCA board at our convention this June 15 at Wartburg College.



She will be with us as much to listen and learn as to share information regarding updates on churchwide events, programs, resources and finances. She will lead two interest sessions and install new board members and Triennial delegates.

Diane comes to us from the St. Paul area synod where her husband, Ed, serves as senior pastor at St. Phillips Lutheran Church in Hastings, MN. She is an executive board member on our churchwide board (2008–2011, re-elected 2011–2014). Prior to that she served on the St. Paul Synod and the Rocky Mountain Synod boards. She has been recognized for instituting a parenting teen program with childcare in the local high school and also as director of the local “food shelf.” Diane sees Women of the ELCA as another opportunity to share her faith. I enjoyed meeting her at the Presidents’ Conference in Chicago in February and know you will too. *Submitted by Gloria Tollefson*

Hope to See You at Our Synod Convention

Date: Saturday, June 15

Time: 7:30-8:30am Registration and Coffee
Begins 8:30am—about 3:30pm

Place: Student Union, Wartburg College,
Waverly

Highlights:

- Worship service celebrating our first 25 years
- Delicious, beautifully-served luncheon
- Election of officers, Triennial delegates

Interest Sessions:

- Human Trafficking
- Welcome to Liberia
- Knitting as a Spiritual Practice
- Homes and Health for Haiti
- Identity Theft

Offerings:

- Churchwide missions and Malaria Fund
- Sponsoring a Triennial guest from Namibia
- Personal-care items for Bremwood (See May “Good News” for list)

Come to Buy:

- Items for LWR kits
- *Gather* Bible study guides

There’s still time to register:

- Ask your unit president OR
- Go to our website for a form OR
- e-mail me gtollefson@cfu.net and I will forward a form to you.

Fill a car and come. You will enjoy the day.

Gloria Tollefson, your synod president

Of Many Generations

As we get ready for the SWO Convention on June 15 at Wartburg College in Waverly, I can’t help but think about the Triennial Gathering July 24–27, 2014 in Charlotte, NC. I know that the Churchwide staff and board are finalizing the details and the registration booklet will be available in August, just in time for Early Bird registration, which is from September to December



CALENDAR

- June 14 SWO Board Pre-convention meeting at convention site
June 15 SWO Convention, Wartburg College
Aug. 17 Women of the ELCA Bible Study Seminar with Dr. Kay Ward, Grand View University, Des Moines
Nov. 2 LWR pickups, Olson Explosives, Decorah and Redeemer, Waverly
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2013. I hope you have considered taking advantage of this opportunity to gather together with Women of the ELCA from around the country and world. I will be happy to answer all of your questions at the SWO convention. You will have the opportunity to submit questions and I will try to answer all of them during the course of the day. If not, I will make sure you get the answer. If you would like to submit questions in advance, please email NE_Iowa_tgp_2014@yahoo.com, OR you can call me at 507-498-3209. Thank you for your prayers and for considering attending "Of Many Generations," the Ninth Triennial Gathering of the Women of the ELCA. *Submitted by Anna Jetson*

Extending Our Sympathy to Our Past SWO President

Pastor Milton Johnson died Friday, April 26, 2013. He was a missionary and teacher in Papua, New Guinea and St. Paul, MN prior to his ordination June 30, 1974. He then served as pastor for Faith and Immanuel, Harcourt and Burnside, IA; St. Peter (Richfield) and St. John (Stapleton), Sumner and Waucoma, IA; and St. Paul, Thornton, IA. He retired on August 1, 2011, when



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he and Cecil Maureen moved to Stillwater, MN to be closer to their family.

He is survived by his wife, Cecil Maureen, who served on our board for four years and another four years as president, and their four sons. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Mrs. Cecil Maureen Johnson, 2225 Orleans St. W, Apt. 222, Stillwater, MN 55082-6578. Thank you for remembering the Johnson family in your prayers. *Submitted by Gloria Tollefson*

A Special Invitation

to the WELCA groups in the Northeast Iowa Synod to join us for our annual Hymn Festival on July 17. Each summer Lutheran Summer Music Academy convenes 150 talented youth musicians, who audition from 30+ states to attend and to grow in both faith and in their musical gifts. Our focus is to instill in these young people a love for hymnody and liturgy as well as service to the Church through their musical gifts. This summer we will convene our 31st academy program at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

Dr. Karen Black of Wartburg College will conduct the Chapel Choir and our faculty as they lead the Hymn Festival, which begins our final weekend of student recitals and concerts. I would like to formally invite all the Northeast Iowa Synod WELCA groups to join us for this event, which will be free of charge. There will be coffee and cookies following the festival.

If you aren't familiar with our program, you can link to our website

<http://www.lutheransummertime.org/mambo/> to find out more or hear audio clips of the music these high school age students accomplish.

I hope this brief note has peaked your interest in our event. Please communicate this opportunity to your WELCA groups. *Grace & peace to you, Sue*

Good News

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