

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.

HAVE YOU MADE PLANS TO ATTEND?

WHAT? Women of the ELCA NE Iowa Synodical Convention

WHEN? June 21, 8:30 am—about 3:30 pm/last session ends

WHERE? Student Center at Wartburg College in Waverly

WHO? Every unit should be represented by

- a voting delegate
- an alternate
- other interested women from every active church in our synod.

We are planning for 150 women! Help us reach our goal.

WHY? Your synod board has planned a wonderful day filled with

- a worship service with communion
- election of new board members
- adopting our 2015 budget
- enjoying a delicious served luncheon
- attending interest sessions of your choice
- purchasing Gather Leader guides and companion Bibles
- buying items for your LWR kits at a reduced cost
- shopping at World's Window
- learning more about our organization
- seeing old friends

HOW DO I REGISTER? Registration forms can be obtained by

- contacting your unit president

- going to our synod website (neiasynod.org)
- The 1st ten “first timers” will be our guests!
JUST FILL A CAR AND COME!

OUR CONVENTION OFFERINGS will be shared with

- Churchwide missions 50%
- Lutheran World Relief Shipping 25%
- Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach, U of Iowa Hospitals 25%
- In-kind gifts of prayer shawls and prayer fleece blankets for U of Iowa Chaplaincy Outreach (see May *Good News* for more information,)

CHOOSE TWO INTEREST GROUPS TO ATTEND

- Quilts—Our Father's Arms on Earth
- Passing Your Legacy to Future Generations
- School Bullying—What can be done?
- Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach at U of Iowa Hospitals
- Your Legacy: Family, Church, Charity
- Listening Event for ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice

MEET OUR CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE—Jackie Wilson



Jackie Wilson was elected to the Churchwide Executive Board as secretary of the Women of the ELCA in July 2011. She serves on the constitution review committee.

She has been very active in the women's organization in two (Continued on [page 2](#))

CALENDAR

2014

- June 20 Board Meeting 4 pm–8 pm
June 21 NEIA SWO Convention, Wartburg College,
Waverly
July 22–24 Ninth Triennial Convention,
Charlotte, NC
July 24–27 Ninth Triennial Gathering,
Charlotte, NC
Aug. 16 Bible Study Seminar, 9–3, Grandview
University, Des Moines
Sep. 6–7 Fall Retreat, Three River/H at Ewalu
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synods—Virginia and Arkansas/Oklahoma. She was elected secretary in both synods.

As a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Hot Springs, AR, Jackie is secretary-treasurer of her home W-ELCA unit, treasurer of the altar guild, a church council member, and part-time secretary at the church. While being a member of different congregations, she has taught Sunday school and been very active in each congregation's women's organization.

Jackie married Bob 43 years ago and has two sons, four grandchildren and a pet dog, Chorkie. Bob was in the Air Force and they were stationed in Louisiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Japan, Washington, and Virginia before retiring. Jackie worked as a civil servant executive secretary for the Air Force. She retired from Little Rock Air Force Base after 30 years of civil service. She loved every minute of her job.

In her community, Jackie is involved in a feeding ministry at Jackson House. She prepared “angel trees” at her church to help support the children's home in her town.

Jackie sees the Women of the ELCA as another opportunity to witness and share her faith. Her

challenge is to see Christ in everyone she meets. She looks forward to meeting more women as they celebrate their oneness in Christ through the triennial gathering theme, “Of Many Generations”.

OUR 2014 SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Can be found on-line and also in our June and July/August Gather magazine. The theme is the same as our Triennial—“Of Many Generations.” Throughout the summer we will become better acquainted with Hannah, Mary and Elizabeth.

This study will be presented at the Triennial in Charlotte, NC by the author, Diane Jacobson.

DON'T MEET IN THE SUMMER? PLAN A RETREAT

All three Bible studies can be used in one day. Choose a scenic spot, a place to enjoy the scripture, the friendship of the group and the beauty of a summer day. (Pray for a nice day!)

- Invite **all** the women in your congregation and other congregations in your area to join you.

All three lessons can be found on the Women of the ELCA website by the end of May and copied for each participant. Or wait until August when most women will have received the study in their *Gather* magazine. You might want to choose a different leader for each session.

Leader guides are available in the magazine and on the website. Get others involved with publicity, refreshments, decorations and leading hymn singing. You might start in the morning with the first session, have a coffee break, follow with the July lesson and after lunch the August lesson. End with a blessing to close your time together. Let us know how it went!

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Good News

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