



Good News

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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.

From the President:

Having a voice.....

1 Timothy 4:12 "Let no one despise your age, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

I know many people who loudly tell me how much they hate meetings. I admit I was one of them, until I realized these meetings were opportunities to express my opinion and share my thoughts and ideas for the future. Those in charge have no way of knowing what you or I think, unless we put voice to our beliefs. Our upcoming gathering and convention on June 18, is just such an opportunity for all of you to do the same. If you have never been before, think of applying for our "first-time" scholarships. Not only will you have a voice, but you will experience learning sessions as well and be blessed with the unique fellowship of the sisterhood of Christ. It's not too late to get registered. Check the website for forms.

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Come and be filled with the Love of Christ!

Diane Wills

Mission Area: Discipleship

You won't want to miss our upcoming Gathering and Convention! Check out the opportunities available:

1. Service Dogs for those in Need by Retrieving Freedom
2. For One More Girl: Restoration in Motion, by Wings of Refuge (Joy Fopma),

with Pastor Mark Anderson

3. LSI presentation on undocumented minors (do not have an exact title yet) and also, transitioning youth from Bremwood.

4. Chair Fitness Exercise for the Young at Heart by Vicky Jaeger

5. When Generations Collide by Vicky Jaeger

6. Laughing Yoga with Pastor Laura Gentry

7. Help Me!! Hands-on computer help for all!

8. Campus tours

Also, Bible studies by Pastor Mark Anderson and Pastor Laura Gentry; presentations by Triennial promoter Beth Meyers and Churchwide Representative Nancy Giddings

Shopping from World's Window, Cedar Falls; Retrieving Freedom; Wings of Refuge; Nazareth Lutheran, Cedar Falls, LWR kit supplies.

Great Lunch with door prizes and amazing fellowship! Join us!

Mission Area: Justice

A Call to Prayer

So when are we going to say enough is enough? When are we gonna say, "No more!" 27 million SLAVES in today's world, 80% are in the sex trade. That is more than any other time in history. 3.5 million Buyers a day purchase sex. Average age of entry is 11 to 14 years old and the life

CALENDAR

- Jun. 17 Pre-Gathering SWO Board meeting at Wartburg, 5 pm
- Jun. 18 NEIA Women's Synodical Gathering, Wartburg College, Waverly
- Sep. 9–10 Three River Fall Retreat, Camp Ewalu
- Oct. 22 Little Flock Fall Festival St. Paul, Postville
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expectancy at that point is 7 years. These statistics are staggering....

Michael Ferjack, senior criminal investigator with the Iowa Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, has been presenting workshops in our Synod in partnership with our Synod Ministries. Wings of Refuge in Iowa Falls was created by a group of people to help rescued victims recover, restore and rise. Please join me in Prayer for the Church, Wings of Refuge, and other organizations that help the victims. Pray for the victims to be rescued from the life they are in. Pray for Justice: Buyer/Pimps for salvation or judgement, for a cultural/governmental/global shift in thinking, Education and Awareness that lead to action and Change, Human Worth to be sacred in our culture. Pray for families and young persons to know they are important

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and valued. Our world is a disposable world, please don't let our children be disposable!

Submitted by Anna Jetson

Mission Area: Stewardship

I'd like to speak to the giving nature of the Women of the ELCA in Northeastern Iowa.

In my term as your treasurer, I've seen it in many forms—LWR work, In-Kind donations, and in regular and special offerings. There certainly are many hands and hearts willing to give to the causes recognized as important by our congregations, clusters, and the Northeastern Iowa Synod Women's Organization.

Now in June is the Annual Convention and there are opportunities to give at this event. Both monetary and In-Kind donations are sought. Don't forget to bring along the offering from your own congregation. This will be collected before the first business session. Please don't let this slide by—everyone's donation is important. Be assured that 100% of the convention offering is donated and none of it is kept back for ourselves. In-Kind gifts go to "Wings of Refuge," an organization in Iowa Falls that helps women recover from sex trafficking. I know you and your congregation will be generous in both the monetary and In-Kind offerings—I've seen it! *Submitted by Nancy Poppe*

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