

**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.**

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## CONSIDER BEING A DELEGATE TO OUR 2014 TRIENNIAL

We will be electing six delegates during our June 15, 2013 convention, who will represent our synod at the Triennial being planned for Charlotte, NC July 22-24, 2014. The Triennial Convention is the highest legislative authority of Women of the ELCA. As a delegate you will represent all the women in our synod and cast votes on their behalf. Actions taken will shape the future of our organization. This is a great responsibility!

You are expected to be at all convention business meetings, where you will:

- Be attentive to discussion on issues that require a vote.
- Help set the budget.
- Elect the executive board and officers who will carry on the business of the organization between conventions.
- Hear committee reports and vote on their recommendations.

Prior to the convention, you will receive the convention program and reports. You will need to read through the materials so you can arrive prepared to thoughtfully vote on the issues.

Churchwide will be responsible for your transportation, most meals and room (shared with another delegate from your synod). Most stay at their own expense for the Gathering that follows, but your responsibility ends when the business meetings are over. Priority will be given to women of color, those whose primary language is other than English and women who have not previously served as a delegate.

I have been a delegate to the convention in San Antonio ('05) and led our delegation as synod president in Spokane ('11). It helped me

gain an appreciation for churchwide and its leadership, along with an awareness of all the ways we are serving our Lord throughout the world. It is also a great way to get acquainted with women from around the synod. Talk to the women who represented us in Spokane—Cecil Maureen Johnson, Cindy Pogge, Marjorie Lewis, Carol Burnikel, Andrea Wrage, Cheryl Moore, Anna Jetson, Syd Brinkman and myself. I know they will encourage you to nominate yourself. Ask your unit president for a copy of the form that has been sent to her.

*Submitted by Gloria Tollefson, NE IA Synod President*

## Can you sew?

Do you have fabric scraps tucked away, waiting for the perfect project? I am looking for some volunteers to assist me with making the item for the Triennial Delegates to trade at the Triennial Convention in Charlotte, NC. I have designed a simple coaster to make using 2 or 3 different fabrics. The front is a “pinwheel” representing the Wind Energy Windmills in NE Iowa. The back is one piece and will identify our synod as NE Iowa Synod. Finished size is 4 ½”. The goal is to have between 400 and 500 by July 2014. Which is a bit of an undertaking, but if we break it down. If there are 20 volunteers, that would be 25 per person, but if there are 50 volunteers it would only be 10 per person, and if there are 100 volunteers it would only be five per person. Or, one person in each congregation could make 5. If you are willing to make some, please let me know how many you are willing to make. This is what the front should look like:



You can reach me at Anna Jetson, 21249 Viking Dr, Spring Grove, MN 55974, 507-498-3209 or email: [NE\\_Iowa\\_TGP\\_2014@yahoo.com](mailto:NE_Iowa_TGP_2014@yahoo.com)

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## CALENDAR

- April 9 Cluster 1 Spring Retreat, St. Paul's, Hampton  
April 13 Clusters 4, 5, 6 and 7 Spring Gathering and LWR pickup, Redeemer, Waverly  
April 20 Cluster 3 Spring Gathering, Bergen, Roland  
April 20 LWR Pickup, Trinity, Cedar Rapids  
April 27 Cluster 1 and 2, LWR pickup in Manly  
April 27 Cluster 9 Spring Gathering, St. Johns, Guttenberg  
April 27 Cluster 8 Spring Gathering (location to be determined)  
May 4 SWO Board meeting at convention site LWR Pickup, Olson Explosives, Decorah  
May 22 - 23 Women of the ELCA Bible Study Seminar with Dr. Kay Ward, Wartburg Sem.  
June 14 SWO Board Pre-convention meeting at convention site  
June 15 SWO Convention, Wartburg College  
Nov. 2 LWR pickups, Olson Explosives, Decorah and Redeemer, Waverly
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### Urgent!

Our friends at Bremwood are in need of towel bundles ASAP. They have been caring for more young people for shorter stays, and their supply is completely depleted.

Towel bundles are made up of

- 1 bath towel
- 1 wash cloth
- Body wash
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Solid deodorant

Other optional ideas are dental floss, chapstick, lipgloss, a comb or brush.

If you can drop these off at Bremwood, that would be wonderful, or contact Shilotte Epley, Advancement Assistant, Advancement & Church Relations, Lutheran Services in Iowa, P.O. Box 848, 106 16th Street Southwest, Waverly, Iowa 50677,

Phone: 319-859-3522, Fax: 319-352-0773, [www.lsiowa.org](http://www.lsiowa.org). Often LSI Advancement officers are out in the churches on Sundays and could pick them up. *Submitted by Jan Harbaugh*

### Aebleskiver!

The Fredsville youth annual aebleskiver supper will be March 10 (this is a change from tradition—please note) at Fredsville Lutheran church from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 for a serving of aebleskiver, sausage, applesauce, dessert and drink for adults. Children 2-10 \$2..All are welcome. *Submitted by Carol Andersen*

### Triennial Gathering

Have you started saving for the Triennial Gathering?

Have you started making plans to attend? Are you ready to spend the weekend surrounded by other women joined together by the mission of Women of the ELCA? I set a goal for our Synod: I said I wanted every congregation in



our Synod represented at the Triennial Gathering. I request that you pray and ask for guidance as to who may be inspired by the weekend in Charlotte. Share with them what has inspired you to seek them out and suggest they attend the Triennial. And do not feel selfish if the person is yourself. Then share with others what has inspired you to say “yes” I am going to the Triennial Gathering in Charlotte, NC, July 24-27, 2014. They may be inspired to join you. They may find ways to support you, spiritually or financially. Also note that the synod does have a few scholarships for first-time attendees to the Triennial Gathering. *Submitted by Anna Jetson*

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### Good News

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