

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.

SEE YOU AT THE FALL PEP RALLY!

It's a Team Effort: Churchwide + Synod + CLUSTERS Supporting Your Unit

How can the Churchwide staff and board, your synod board, and clusters work together to help your congregational unit? Our synod board coaches will present a PowerPoint™ Pep Talk that will lead to sharing ideas and planning events between clusters. We will sing “peppy” hymns, chat with friends from other churches, spend lots of time in huddles, sharing ideas and planning for our new season. This is for EVERY interested person in your congregation!

For all of you who know (and for those who don't!) our synod conferences are being “regrouped.” To form new teams it is necessary to make lots of decisions:

- What shall our new clusters be named?
- Who will lead our new clusters?
- How should we regroup current cluster treasuries?

- What cluster activities/events might be planned?

So it is important that every unit be represented at one of the Fall Pep Rallies we have planned for you. Fill a car and come to the Pep Rally closest to you (or another date that works).

- Saturday, October 12, 9:00 – 11:30 am, Emanuel Lutheran in Strawberry Point
- Tuesday, October 15. 6:30 – 9:00 pm, St. Peter in Rockwell
- Saturday, October 19, 9:00 – 11:30 am, St. Peter in Denver
- Sunday, October 20, 2:00 – 4:30 pm, First Lutheran in Decorah

A registration form will be sent to each unit in the mail or it can be found on our website, www.neiasynod.org Gloria Tollefson, Synod President

ALSO AT OUR FALL RALLIES—

At each rally, there will be a table for women to share items for kits and quilt supplies with other congregations who can use them for their Lutheran World Relief mission work. Bring to share and take what you can use. Our offerings will go to enable a woman leader from a Lutheran church in Namibia, Africa to attend the Triennial in Charlotte, NC next July. Namibia is one of our synod's companion churches.

CALENDAR

- Oct. 12 LWR Ingathering, Albert Lea
Oct. 12 Fall Rally, 9-11:30 a.m., Emanuel,
Strawberry Point
Oct. 15 Fall Rally, 6:30-9 p.m., St. Peter, Rockwell
Oct. 19 Fall Rally, 9-11:30 a.m., St. Peter Ev.,
Denver
Oct. 20 Fall Rally, 2-4:30 p.m., 1st Lutheran
Decorah
Oct. 26 Cluster IX Fall Gathering, 9am-2pm, Hope
Lutheran, Littleport
Nov. 2 LWR pickups, Olson Explosives, Decorah
and Redeemer, Waverly

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June 21 NEIA SWO Convention, Wartburg
College, Waverly

Meet New Board Members

My name is *Vicky Jaeger* and I live in Decorah. I have been married to Roger for 35 years and we have three grown sons and two granddaughters. I work at Luther College where I am the Director of Recreational Services and the Legends Fitness Center. I have lived in Decorah for 33 years after having spent two years at Waldorf College in Forest City. Since Roger and I were from WI, we thought we were on our way back to the state when an opening at Luther occurred and we stopped here for a "brief" stay! We visited First Lutheran on our first Sunday in Decorah and the pastors both had WI connections so we knew we had found our home! I am currently the president of W/ELCA as well as the Miriam Circle and serve as an usher, communion server, worship assistant, reader and greeter.

I look forward to serving on the board and getting to know more wonderful women. Thank you for this privilege.

Sheryl Moeller, child of God, baptized and confirmed in Owatonna, MN. Graduate of Wartburg College. Married to my wonderful husband, Jim, for 39 years. Family includes son, Michael, high school band instructor, daughter-in-law, Rachel, editor/publisher, and daughter, Anna, nurse. Member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Denver since 1974. Enjoy music, quilting, reading, and spending time with friends and family. Currently serving on NE IA Synod Council and secretary of St. Peter WELCA. Church organist and quilter for LWR for many years. Currently employed as a life underwriter for CMFG Life Insurance Company. Blessed to be selected to serve on the NE IA WELCA Board and looking forward to making many new acquaintances in our synod and beyond.

Triennial Coaster Update

At last count I have 300 pinwheels in my possession. Thank you to all the busy sewers!!!! (especially from my Mom who is happy I am not bugging her to make me more. I have heard from a few other groups/individuals that they are making some. The goal is 500 by next June. If you have some done, feel free to bring them with you to the Fall Rallies. I will be there with the latest news about the Gathering in Charlotte. If you prefer, you can mail them to me at Anna Jetson, 21249 Viking Drive, Spring Grove, MN 55974. If you are in the Decorah area I am more than happy to make arrangements to pick them up. Thank you!
Anna Jetson, Triennial Promoter



Good News

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Articles are due the 1st of the month for the next month's newsletter. Please put WELCA in your subject line. (You can also send paper copies by "snail" mail.)

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