

News from the Northeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization

Statement of Purpose

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.

Women of the ELCA Resources

There is a great number of resources available through the Women of the ELCA website. We used one at our Fall Leadership Training Events - *Living a life of daily bread*. Here are some examples:

Epiphany: Unfolding the Discovery
Finding Your Bold: An Ice-Breaker
Hospitality: More Than Warm and Friendly
Out of the Mouths of Babies -
Devotions inspired by children
Sacred Spaces
Welcoming the Stranger

These and more are available for downloading free at:

women.elca@elca.org

They are good resources for programs.

You can sign up to receive the Bold Connections Newsletter online which gives more information about Women of the ELCA.

submitted by Cecil Maureen Johnson, NEIA SWO President

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From Your President

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

May your year be filled with blessings as we look forward with hope to a New Year!

It is time to ACT BOLDLY on our faith!
Invite someone to your worship service.
Invite someone to your Bible Study.
Invite someone to help assemble quilts or kits.
Invite someone to participate on a committee.
In choir, help with youth program and more.

INVITE SOMEONE!

Gather in community to praise, give thanks, study, and share. Thank you for all you do in faith.

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*Churchwide Women of the ELCA
Scholarships*

Women of the ELCA offers scholarships to Lutheran women of all ages. Whether an undergraduate, graduate, a seminary student, you or someone you know may be eligible. Scholarships are also available for leadership and Christian service. Scholarship guidelines and application materials are available at www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Women-of-the-ELCA. Applications must be received by February 15.

Information on Northeast Iowa SWO scholarships will be in upcoming newsletters.

Women of the ELCA Website

Upcoming Events



LutheranWoman
TODAY

- Feb 11 Women of the ELCA Scholarship applications due
- Mar 4 World Day of Prayer
- Mar 9 Ash Wednesday
- Mar 12 Board Meeting @ Synod Office (9:00 am)
- Mar 26 Snow Date Board Mtg
- May Synod Board Meeting
Date & location TBA
- May 15 NE IA SWO Scholarship applications due
- June 18 SWO Convention
@ Wartburg College
- July 12-14 Triennial Convention
@ Spokane, WA
- July 14-17 Triennial Gathering @ Spokane, WA
- Aug 5-6 Synodical Board Transitional Retreat



*8th Triennial Gathering
July 14 - 17
Spokane, Washington*

Join a community of women for Bible Study, Workshops, Servant Opportunities, Speakers and Worship that will impact your life. You can go online to receive more information at women.elca@elca.org.com/triennial

All women, whether attending the gathering or not, are invited to create prayer shawls that will be collected at the gathering and distributed locally in Spokane, Wash. You can also participate in the quilt challenge: Create a quilt interpreting the theme *Renew, Respond, Rejoice!*

Colette Dunham is our Triennial Gathering Promoter and can answer to questions. Her phone number: 1-563-920-4470 e-mail: cadunham@iowatelecom.net

The 2010 – 2011 Bible study “The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity,” looks at what unites us and defines us as people of faith. This study helps us understand how our different backgrounds, life experiences, and perspectives can be shared and heard as we study the Bible together.

This study is written by the Rev. Linda Johnson and the Rev. D. Jensen Seyenkulo, Ph.D. Currently Johnson serves as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Park Forest, IL, and Jensen is director for rostered and authorizes ministries in the ELCA’s churchwide Vocation and Education unit.

January - February issue ... In Spirit and Truth
Session 5: Worship
Theme verse: John 4:23-24

Women of the ELCA - Website

Synodical Women’s Organization Convention

Saturday June 18, 2011
Wartburg College
Waverly

Theme: Renew, Respond, Rejoice
Theme verse: Philippians 4:4-7

We will have a staff person from Lutheran World Relief with us for our Convention.

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Good News for Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene
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