

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.

NEIA SWO Convention

Date: Saturday June 18, 2011
Place: Wartburg College, Waverly
Theme: Renew, Respond, Rejoice
Bible Study: Pastor Ginny Olson
Theme verse: Philippians 4:4-7 (New RSV)
Theme hymn: *Rejoice Ye Pure of Heart*

Bring a Health Kit, School Kit, or Sewing Kit for LWF **and/or**
Non-perishable food items for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank

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

Interest Groups

Churchwide Representative
Passing on Faith Milestone by Milestone
Hunger in Northeast Iowa
LWR Quilt and Kit Ministry
Identity Theft

Offerings

50 % to Churchwide
25 % to Project Comfort
25% to Northeast Iowa Food Bank

Come for a Full Day of Inspiration, Bible Study, Interest Groups, Luncheon Displays, and our Business Sessions

submitted by Cecil Maureen Johnson, NEIA SWO President



From Your President

It was my honor and privilege to attend many of the Spring Cluster Events in April. They were all filled with enthusiasm and good fellowship. The programs were varied and interesting. Thank you to all of the Cluster Leaders for your work.

The month of June is here. That means I will be seeing you at our Convention at Wartburg College on June 18th. We will come together under the theme:

RENEW, RESPOND, REJOICE

I wish all of you a great summer!

submitted by Cecil Maureen Johnson, NEIA SWO President

Seeking a Board Member

Will you consider serving the synod on the SWO board? This year we are looking for women to take the role of president, secretary, and four board members. Most of these positions have names for the ballot, but we still need at least one more board member. This is a positive way to meet new people, share ideas, and spread the ministry of women in our synod.

If you would like to be considered for one of these positions, contact Judy Kelly, SWO Vice-President at 641-228-6271 or cjkelly@hughes.net.

(Ed. Note: you may also contact Linda Groe, editor - contact information on the bottom of page 2.)

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Upcoming Events



- June 18 SWO Convention
@ Wartburg College
- July 12-14 Triennial Convention
@ Spokane, WA
- July 14-17 Triennial Gathering @ Spokane, WA
July 22-23 Glocal Mission Gathering
@ Decorah Lutheran
- Aug 5-6 Synodical Board Transitional
Retreat
- Sept 24 Fall Training @ Our Savior's, Osage
Sept 27 Fall Training @ Nazareth,
Cedar Falls
- Oct 1 Fall Training @ St. James, Allison

LutheranWoman TODAY

Bible Studies are an important part of our Women's Groups. We have finished our Study on "The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity." Those lessons had good insights into our lives today as we face challenges. Now we move into the summer series which will be used at the Triennial Gathering so everyone can be focused on the same lessons.

June Renew
July Respond
August Rejoice

Read, Study and Enjoy!

The June issue
Session 1: Renew
Theme verse: Psalm 51:10-12

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

Glocal Mission Gatherings Connecting Global and Local

God's work in mission always propels us to encounter the neighbor, particularly *in the stranger*. ELCA Glocal Mission Gatherings equip us for God's work in today's global and local realities as well as their "glocal" intersections.

What is mission? Who is the neighbor? Let's consider these questions together as they relate to our migrating and immigrating world. Come, join some of the most relevant mission conversations of our time.

Genesis 4.9: Then the Lord said to Cain, 'where is your brother Abel?' He said, 'I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?'

The Glocal Mission Gathering (GMG) gathers congregational leaders for a day and a half of worship, workshops and sharing around global and local mission.

July 22 – 23, 2011
Decorah Lutheran Church
Decorah, Iowa

ELCA Website

Job Opportunity

Have your circumstances changed? We are still looking for an editor for *Good News for Mary, Martha and Mary Magdalene*. Contact Cecil Maureen Johnson or the Synod Office if you are interested in serving the Northeast Iowa Synodical Women in this way.

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