

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.



Just a reminder --- the annual Bible Study Seminar will be held at Wartburg Seminary on Monday and Tuesday May 23 & 24, 2011. The Study entitled: *To Lead and to Serve: The Gospel of Mark* is written by Rev. Patricia Lull. You can go online to wartburgseminary.edu and click on Lifelong Learners for more information.

May concludes the 2010 – 2011 Bible study, *The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity*. During the summer months we will be looking at *Renew, Respond, Rejoice!* More information was in the April newsletter and will be reprinted next month.

The May issue ... *Telling the Story*
Session 9: *Witnessing and Evangelism*
Theme verse: Acts 1:8

Women of the 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.

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From Your President

HAPPY SPRING!

I hope you have registered for our Synodical Women's Convention on June 18th at Wartburg College in Waverly.

We start early with registration at 7:30 A.M.
Our day will include:

- Worship - Morning Prayer
- Bible Study - Pastor Ginny Olson
- Interest Groups
- Luncheon
- Displays
- Singing
- Business Sessions
- Fellowship

THEME: RENEW, RESPOND, REJOICE

COME FOR A FULL DAY OF INSPIRATION

submitted by Cecil Maureen Johnson, NEIA SWO President

NEIA SWO Convention

Date: Saturday June 18, 2011
Place: Wartburg College, Waverly
Theme: Renew, Respond, Rejoice
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

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

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

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Upcoming Events



- May 1 NE IA SWO Scholarship applications due
- May 7 Synod Board Meeting @ Wartburg
- May 23-24 Bible Study Seminary @ Wartburg Seminary
- 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
- Sept 27 Fall Training
- Oct 1 Fall Training @ St. James, Allison



8th Triennial Gathering

July 14 - 17

Spokane, Washington

Have you made your quilt? Word has been received that the first quilt arrived! Quilters of all abilities were invited to create a quilt interpreting the gathering theme, *Renew, Respond, Rejoice!* This display will be a highlight of the upcoming gathering.

Staying In Touch

Do you "tweet?" Are you a "friend?" Maybe you "surf?" All of these terms refer to the electronic communications that are available from the Women of the ELCA. If you have a *Twitter* account you can follow the Women of the ELCA; you can be a friend on *Facebook*, or you can log on to their homepage and explore the contents. In addition, there is now an iPhone app that will keep you connected. Up to date newsletters, resources, and information can be just a "click" away. (The notice of the first quilt arriving for the Tri-Annual Gathering was sent out via *Twitter!*) The web page is also a great way to stay in touch and share ideas with women from around the country.

The new ways of staying in touch have not eliminated the traditional means. You may still phone or write the organization, and of course paper copies of information are still mailed. No matter your choice of communication, it is available! See the contact information on the front page of this newsletter.

New LWR Kits Requirements

Editors note: Because of many questions concerning LWR Kits, this is being reprinted from last month's newsletter. If there are still questions, contact Donna Kirschenmann (information below).

Lutheran World Relief has published a new pamphlet describing their quilts and kits for 2011. There are major changes. These booklets have been distributed at the Spring Cluster Events, but you can also access the information at www.lwr.org/beinvolved.

The names of some of the kits have changed as well. If you have left over items, you can continue to make up kits according to the 2008-2010 brochure as long as you mark the outside of the packing boxes "2010". Any kits made with the new requirements should be packed in boxes clearly labeled "2011" on the outside.

Do not pack 2010 kits with 2011 kits in the same box.

If you have questions, please contact Donna Kirschenmann at: dkirschenmann@mchsi.com or 319-483-1994.

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