

The Trumpeter

South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization
Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Dear Sisters in Christ,

This year we are commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Women of the ELCA. Our 2017 Biennial Convention theme is Reformation! We hope you will join us on **Saturday, September 23, 2017 for our Biennial Convention**. Registration and refreshments start at 8 am, ending at 3:30 pm.

Please encourage women in your church to attend the convention by extending a personal invitation and offer a ride to a friend and the young women (age 18-35) in your congregation. In this issue are convention and in kind offering information, and all the forms. We are offering four **scholarships** to attend the convention and two scholarships, \$500 each, for students who are pursuing education in Called Ministry, such as Pastor, Deacon or in the area of Youth Ministry in a congregation or ELCA Bible Camp. This year the first scholarship will be award to a woman and the second scholarship could be awarded to either gender.

Each women's church group is entitled to send one **voting member** (delegate) to the business meeting on Friday evening, September 22 beginning at 5:45 pm. We will be electing a president and vice president by Ecclesiastical Ballot. Other officers to be elected are board members, secretary and treasurer. Please prayerfully consider serving our organization in this capacity. Remember that only one person from a congregation may serve on the board at a time. Voting member registration, Scholarship and Nomination forms are **due 8/14/2017**. If you have questions, please contact me or any board member.

Grace and Blessings,
Helen Sheahan, SWO President

Conference Gatherings

We hope you found Spring Conference Gatherings inspiring and renewing. Total Gatherings attendance was 215. Thank you to all the conference officers and congregational leaders that helped with the Gatherings. A variety of topics were presented: Caring for God's Creation; Young Adult in Global Mission; Cracked Pots Bible study; Foreign and Native American mission opportunities; scarf tying by Sharing Independent Active Lives (SAIL) and Columbia County's Alzheimer and "Bookworm" programs.

The Barneveld Conference shared activities by their women's groups. They include: children's coloring table at back of the sanctuary; "Therapy Dogs" presentation at a WELCA meeting, Blessing of bikes & bike servicing workshop at the annual bike breakfast for the Horribly Hilly Hundreds bike ride and offering water to riders; Easter Brunch which Confirmation students help serve; and Hope Bear pass along to distressed congregations.

Answers to April reader question: **What** publications and/or materials do you use from WELCA and **How** do you use them? Five Points WELCA circles in Blue Rive use the Bible studies in Gather. They go to the WELCA web site for program ideas. They use and urge the younger women to use Bold Café. First English in Platteville uses the summer Gather Bible study at a summer fellowship potluck evening.

July Reader Question – After the Triennial Gathering, let us know what was your most memorial experience. You can let us know by "posting it" at our Biennial Convention or sending an email to welcatrumpeter@gmail.com or a note to Helen Sheahan, 1106 Valley Stream Drive, Madison, WI 53711. We will share them in the October Trumpeter.

Triennial Gathering and Convention

On Thursday, July 13, 73 women from our synod will gather with over 2,400 women from across the United States for the 10th Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis. To identify women from our synod we will wear large synod buttons. We also have post it swap items to share with women from other synods. Thank you to Sue Buetzer for the buttons and Lynn Mehringer with help from many for making 1000 swap items.

These will be handed out on the bus. If you are not riding the bus, look for our board and voting members at the Gathering. Thank you to Sue Buetzer for all her work on the bus transportation.



Five voting members from our synod will travel to Minneapolis on July 10 to help conduct the business of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. They are Linda Freitag, Jane Harrison, Lynn Mehringer, Donna Peterson, and Helen Sheahan. Please keep these women in your prayers as they elect a new churchwide board and officers and vote on resolutions.

Luncheon with Caribbean Partner Synod at the Triennial Gathering

All women from our synod and the Caribbean Synod are invited to lunch on Friday, July 14, noon to 1:30 pm at the Hyatt Regency Hotel which is two blocks from the convention center. The skyway is available to walk to it. Cost for each individual is \$14 for soup and salad bar plus drink is extra. Please email Jane Harrison at jane788082@yahoo.com if you plan to attend.

Need a Program Idea? Short programs available to small groups within the South Central Women's Organization. Titles include: "Fill Your Cup" "Garden Getaway" "Vintage Christmas" "Faith Testimonies" "Mama's Strings - A History of Aprons" "Sweet Life Cafe" "Lemonade: When Life Gives you Lemons." Contact: Suzanne Bartels [608-533-2801](tel:608-533-2801) or e-mail tomsuzbart@tds.net

Discipleship: All Anew: Ready or Not



No matter how you share or study the three-part summer Bible study written by Kelly Fryer in the *Gather Magazine*, it has already begun. In the June session of *All Anew: Ready or Not: 'Say goodbye to nice'*, the author addressed the question what truths need to be told in the places where you live, work, worship and play? Are you ready? During our July session '*Stand with the least of least of these*', we will attempt to answer the question with whom is God asking you to align yourself? In whose corner are you being called to stand?

Are you ready? The August session '*Upend the tables*' will take us to biblical characters that challenged unjust systems and took action that turned societal norms upside down. Thus, asking us what counter-cultural, justice-making actions are *you* being called to take? Are you ready? Ladies, whether you hold a one day Bible study retreat during the summer or meet and study month by month it is a time of renewal.

Our Fall *Gather* Bible study will focus on the Apostles' Creed. Author Julia Seymour, a pastor at Lutheran Church of Hope, Anchorage, Alaska, will share a three-part study which will explore what creeds are for, what we're saying about God and Jesus, what's missing but still might be encompassed and how we can still have questions and *ask God to help and guide us*. Why is the Apostles' Creed the most basic of our 'ecumenical' documents? And what are our other statements of faith? We hope you not only find the Bible studies interesting and helpful but that you will find a *renewal* that will fill your personal life. Submitted by Sandy Potter

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Southlake Conference

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Conference Happenings!

Baraboo Fall Conference Saturday, September 16, 2017 at St John's Lutheran, Leland on Hwy C. Pastor Don Glazer will be the speaker. Before becoming a pastor, Don was a detective in the FBI. The church basement is handicap accessible. Registration is 8:30 to 9:30 am with lunch at noon. Please share and add to your church newsletters. Submitted by Jeanette Yanke 608-544-4961

Monroe Fall Conference Saturday, September 30, 2017 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Brodhead, WI. Registration 9:00 to 9:30 am; Program 9:30-11:30 am; program is Celebrating 500 years of 'The Reformation'; 'Getting to know Martin Luther'; Lunch at 11:30; Cost is \$5.00/person. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND. Submitted by Sandy Potter



PINE LAKE WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT AUGUST 18, Friday pm, through AUGUST 20, Sunday noon at **PINE LAKE CAMP, WAUPACA; BIBLE STUDY LEADER,** Pastor Kathy J. Jacobson, of Peace Bethlehem in Cobb and Crystal Rock in Fennimore. Kathy has worked in various forms of ministry over the past 20 years, from youth and Christian education coordinator to campus ministry, rural parish ministry to hospice chaplain. Her true passion is writing. She has published 4 books in the Noted! "Faithful fiction" series. She has a husband and 3 "twenty something" children.

Theme: *Peace, More than Meets the Eyes*; Romans 8:28, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

We have all gone through difficult times. Why? We ask God. We just want someone to make sense of what is happening in our lives, our world. We don't always get the answers. Maybe we need to be released from having all the answers. It's when we're released that we are able to see there may be more going on here than we realize. More than meets the eye.

Program: *Whirlwind* by Rob Bell (NOOMA series); During times of trial, we want answers, don't we?

Book Selection: *The Shack* by WM. Paul Young

Plan to join your sisters in spirit for the word, fellowship, and fun. Sunset Sing and Meditation at Sunset Point, Bible Study, Candlelit Taize Service, Guided Meditations, Worship with Communion.

Register Early! A receipt will be sent to you confirming your reservation including suggestions of what to pack and what you might need to know. Questions - Kathy Holat, 414-258-6362, address 625 N 104th St., Wauwatosa, WI 53226.

Retreat **Scholarships** are available. Call Nancy Sack, 414-545-5434 or nsack@att.net. Due by 7/15/17

Complete form and make check payable to WI Christian Women's Retreat Group.

Mail with payment in full to Kathy Holat, 625 N 104th St., Wauwatosa, WI 53226

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Medical/Disabilities or Food Concerns: _____

Church Affiliation: _____ Registration postmarked by July 24 cabin @\$120, Evergreen Lodge @\$155; registrations after July 24 cabin @\$130, Evergreen Lodge @\$165. Evergreen Lodge includes bedding and towels in a semi-private room, air controlled. Limited number available.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Women of Waupun, WI are a very busy and active group of ladies.

One of the major ways we serve our Lord is through our work for Lutheran World Relief. We made 213 quilts this past year. We also assembled 44 personal care kits, 37 baby care kits, 48 school kits, and sent soap. The quilters also sent baby quilts to PAVE and Solutions House which are shelters for abused women and children. We collect monies to ship the quilts and kits also. We are also active in our community to help others. We host a birthday party at the Christian Home for the elderly, serve meals at the Community Table (this is a free meal served at our food pantry), collect items for our local food pantry, participate in World Day of Prayer, serve funeral lunches at our church, have a Thankoffering Service with gathering of monetary gifts and have a prayer chain to accept prayer requests. Two very

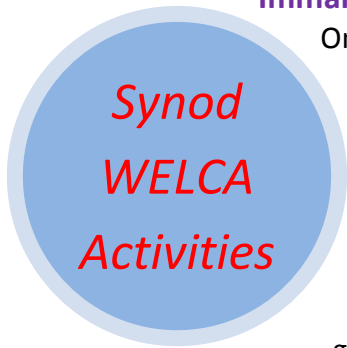
important summer projects for our women are to help make bag lunches for the children of our community. These lunches are distributed through our food pantry and are needed during the summer. Our group also participates with Church Women United to collect and distribute school supplies to children in our community who need them. We are privileged to serve our Lord in so many ways in our church and community. Submitted by Linda Aide

Southwest Conference Spring Gathering was held Saturday, April 22, 2017 at First English Lutheran Church in Platteville. Brunch at 9:00 was followed by roll call, reports, and elections. The ladies of the conference then shopped at the Fair Trade Marketplace hosted for the community of Platteville by the ladies of First English Lutheran. Hymns, devotions, and Fair Trade program topics were presented including updates and information on UPAVIM, SERRV, BeadforLife, and Lifting Families out of Poverty. In-kind gift items were collected by the participants for the Hospice and Newborn Kits to be taken to Synod Assembly. The monetary offering was sent to Global Health Ministries for shipping costs and the South Central Synodical treasury. The morning was enjoyed by all attendees. St. John's Lutheran, Boscobel will be the 2018 Spring Gathering host. Submitted by Suzanne Bartels

St. Peter's Loganville Sometimes we forget that basic necessities in life are not always a given for everyone. The women of St. Peter's Lutheran Church have given hundreds of quilts to various charities over the years. A local charity called Touched Twice, a program to help families before the school year starts, is held in Reedsburg every August. Last year 175 quilts were donated for this one-day event to anyone requesting a quilt. Needless to say, we ran out of quilts by noon and so many kids went without that day. This year, we want everyone who requests a quilt to receive one.

The women of St. Peter's Loganville making these quilts have dwindled reflecting a decrease in the number of quilts made each year. The question became how to involve others in the church community. It was decided to make a very fun "string" quilt enticing anyone willing to sit and sew for a day to join us. "St. Peter's Creative Christians" held a one day sit and sew on April 8th with 13 sewing machines humming away making string quilt blocks. We had 23 participating (aged 7 to 91) and made a total of 30 quilt tops, tied fleece blankets and tied sandwiched quilts that day. In fact, so much fun was had, we'll likely repeat the event to keep the growing sewing interest. This is just one of the many charities quilts are given throughout the year. Fellowship and community continue to be touched by the grace of God. St. Peter's Creative Christians rock! Submitted by Nancy Schuette

Women of Perry have had a busy spring, we have completed 200 quilts for the missions, now working on the other kits. May is a busy month honoring our Sunday School Staff, Graduating Seniors and Serving our Annual Memorial Day Dinner, which served around 200. June and July are the months we have to celebrate summer with the Summer Soltis Campfire. We help support the Bible School Program and other students going onto Bible Camps. We will be busy getting ready for our Bazaar held in November. We hope everyone enjoys summer and looks forward to fall for another season and year ahead. Submitted by Janis Hiltbrand



Barneveld Conference Spring Gathering was held at Grace Lutheran Church in Dodgeville on April 22. Thirty-four women and men attended. Rev. Mae Jean Zelle and Rev Nick Utphall, on behalf of The Care of God's Creation synod ministry team, brought us a program explaining global warming and gave us ways to take action. This program is well worth the time. Eighteen baby blankets for Global Health Ministries and 22 Food Pantry items were collected as an in-kind offering. These offerings will be repeated next year. A \$403 cash offering was split between World Hunger and Women of the ELCA. Jane Harrison brought us news from the Synodical Board and an update on the Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis. The next Spring Gathering will be April 7, 2018, in Richland Center. Submitted by Betsy Baguhn

Advent FREE - an oversupply (70, to be exact) of plain white 8" dinner plates and will donate them to anyone willing to pick them up at our church on Madison's west side: 7118 Old Sauk Road. 608 836-1455. Submitted by Hildy McGown

UPAVIM FIFTH YEAR OF UPAVIM BILINGUAL PROGRAM IS GOING STRONG

Exciting things are happening this year, making the program stronger and helping students reach their goal of learning English as a second language. We need to raise \$12,000 to keep the doors open in 2018 and continue providing quality services to the young minds of UPAVIM. Every year we raise money to support UPAVIM and the costs incurred specifically by keeping the school open for a full day to provide Montessori style teaching and immersive English classes. The costs include materials, books and supplies used in class by the students, stipends for the volunteer English teachers, a fund for special events and educational excursions for the children and training expenses for both English teachers and the Guatemalan teaching staff. The UPAVIM school is now in its 5th year of the full-fledged, full day bilingual program.



Last year the students were so excited to move into their new spacious classrooms and this year the teachers are taking advantage of the extra space and materials to provide a more enriching education to their learners! The students are excited to speak in English and love singing songs in English. The older students are working on important projects such as identifying their dream jobs and mapping out ways to successfully reach their goals. The group of native English-speaking volunteers and the dedicated Guatemalan teaching staff are working hand in hand to provide quality education and hope for a better future to the students of UPAVIM. Please consider supporting education and the opportunity for a better life for the UPAVIM students and their families! Donate to the UPAVIM bilingual school and make a difference in the lives of so many young learners.

UPAVIM MISSION TRIP - COME AND SEE As a previous participant commented "My life at UPAVIM was absolutely life changing for me". Another commented "The women were an inspiration. They had so little, yet gave so much. They were never without a smile and a hug." You too can feel this way as you journey to our synodical mission project and meet with these women. We are putting together a ten-day trip for February 2018. Besides staying a few days at UPAVIM, we will also travel to other women's cooperatives and learn about these organizations as well as Guatemalan culture. Besides visiting several communities around Lake Atitlan, we will spend part of a day in historic Antigua. Stop by our triennial booth to receive information and express your interest. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Harrison Jane788082@yahoo.com.

UPAVIM WHEN YOU EMPOWER WOMEN YOU GROW A COMMUNITY UPAVIM strives to provide opportunities for women to recognize their potential and to create a better life. They believe that when women acknowledge their own capabilities and have the space and structure to develop their own talents, they begin to empower themselves. One way you can help is to visit our synodical sponsored UPAVIM booth at the Triennial. They will have many new items for sale. Another way is to offer items on consignment at an event at your church. Fall is a great time to host this with our many festivals. Items will also be available at our synodical biennial convention September 22-23. Help make a difference in the lives of many.

**Call to the Thirteenth Biennial Convention of the
South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization of the
Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
September 22 & 23, 2017**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – Verona Campus
7291 County Hwy PD, Verona, WI

Theme: Reformation

Keynote speaker Reverend Brad Pohlman - Luther's Impact on Church and Society

The Biennial Convention is open to all Women of the ELCA and guests.

Friday: 5:45pm Official business of the Thirteenth Biennial Convention will be conducted.

Visitors are welcome to the business meeting.

Saturday: 8 am to 3:30 pm will be worship experiences, workshops, vendors to visit and fellowship.

Convention Goals 2017

1. To encourage members to pray, find peace and joy through workshops, worship, and fellowship.
2. To have the day's activities embrace the commemoration of the Reformation and look to the future of the church and the women's organization.
3. To conduct the official business of the South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization.

This newsletter contains the forms and applications for the 13th Biennial Convention:

- Registration form
- The Workshops being offered and their descriptions
- Convention Scholarship Application
- Luther Rose Trivet Opportunity
- Biennial Offerings & In kind gifts & Pennies for Poverty
- Biennial Convention Resolutions & Nomination
- Synodical Board Nomination Form
- Resolution submission form
- Seminary and Lutheran College Student Scholarship Application

**Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's
grace, so sure and certain that a man
could stake his life on it a thousand
times.
Martin Luther**



Registration Form

**South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women’s Organization Thirteenth Biennial Convention
Friday, September 22 (business meeting), and Saturday, September 23, 2017
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-Verona Campus (West), 7291 County Road PD, Verona, WI, 53593**

Name _____ Name on Badge _____ Phone _____

Street _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Church _____ City _____ State _____

Special Needs _____

Is child care needed?(Saturday only) ___ If yes, what is the age of child(dren), specific needs? _____

Box lunch sandwich choice -- Beef _____ Turkey _____ Vegetarian _____ Gluten Free _____

Check One-- Voting Member (Delegate)* _____, Alternate Voting Member* _____, Participant _____, Pastor _____
(1 Voting Member per congregation, Alternate Voting Member is optional)

Workshops: Please circle 3 that you would like to attend. Note some workshops are only offered once.
See next page of registration for workshop schedule.

Reformation Places Everyday Yoga My Super Power is Invisibility (Transition Education Program)

Protecting Yourself from Fraud Healing & Forgiveness Our Piece in the Racism Puzzle

Katie Luther, the Runaway Nun Behavioral Finance – Beliefs not Budget Women & Incarceration

UPAVIM Mission Trip Climate Change – The Real Story

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*Voting Members should return their registration form and payment by Monday, August 14, 2017.**

***Voting Members and Alternates will attend the business meeting starting at 5:45 pm on Friday night.
Supper is on your own before the meeting. Social time and Vespers after the meeting.**

Deadline to return registration form and payment, other than Voting Members, is Monday, Sept 11, 2017

**Saturday -- 8:00 am registration and refreshments; 8:45 am to 3:30 pm program, lunch, and workshops
Cost including morning refreshments and box lunch is \$25**

Please make your checks payable to: **Women of the ELCA**

Return your registration and payment to: **Helen Sheahan 1106 Valley Stream Drive, Madison, WI 53711**

Questions: 608-692-7553 or sheahan1@sbcglobal.net

All registrations will be acknowledged by email, if email address is provided.

By registering for this event, you give Women of the ELCA permission to use your image (picture) and comments in educational, informational, and promotional materials in a variety of media, including electronic media.

Biennial Workshop Choices for Saturday afternoon, September 23, 2017

For Workshop #1, choose one of these –

Reformation Places: A Pictorial View of Luther's Reformation
Behavioral Finance – Beliefs not Budget
Everyday Yoga
Healing & Forgiveness
My Super Power is Invisibility (Transition Education Program)
Protecting Yourself from Fraud
Women & Incarceration

For Workshop #2, choose one of these –

Climate Change – The Real Story
Healing & Forgiveness
Katie Luther, the Runaway Nun
My Super Power is Invisibility (Transition Education Program)
Our Piece in the Racism Puzzle
Protecting Yourself from Fraud
Women & Incarceration

For Workshop #3, choose one of these –

Behavioral Finance – Beliefs not Budget
Climate Change – The Real Story
Everyday Yoga
Katie Luther, the Runaway Nun
Our Piece in the Racism Puzzle
Protecting Yourself from Fraud
UPAVIM Mission Trip

***** Hotel Information for Friday, September 22, 2017 *****

Women who wish to stay overnight Friday night need to make their own reservations directly with **Holiday Inn Express in Verona, 515 West Verona Avenue, Verona, WI. Phone: 608-497-4500**

Room rates are \$119.95 plus tax for a room with two queen beds.

Please mention **South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization** when making reservations.

Reserve your room by August 22, after which these prices and block of rooms expire.

Directions from Holiday Inn Express to Good Shepherd-Verona Campus

- Right turn out of hotel, heading east on West Verona Road
- Make a U turn at Todd Road (first cross street) so that you head west on West Verona Road
- Turn right onto North Nine Mound Road, go 1.3 miles
- Turn right to stay on North Nine Mound Road, go 0.7 miles
- Turn right onto County Road PD, church is within sight

Workshops and Bios

Bishop Mary Froiland – Worship Sermon

The Reverend Mary Froiland was elected Bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin on September 28, 2013. She served most recently as the pastor of Luther Valley Luther Church in Beloit, WI, from 2000 to 2013. Bishop Froiland earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Philosophy from Augsburg College in Minneapolis, MN, in 1979, and a Master of Divinity degree from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, MN, in 1985. Mary and her husband, the Reverend John Froiland, live in Edgerton, WI. They are the parents of three adult children and happy grandparents of Isaac and Elsa.

Churchwide Women of the ELCA Representative

– The Reverend Gwendolyn King

The Reverend King was elected to the Women of the ELCA churchwide board in July, 2011, and re-elected in July, 2014. She served as chair of the constitutional review committee and was worship leader for churchwide Today's Dream: Tomorrow's Reality (TDTR) training. After thirty years of ordained ministry in a wide variety of settings, she now serves as a supply pastor within the ELCA's Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod and the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. Gwen served as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force Reserves for many years, retiring at the rank of colonel, the first African American woman to do so in the U.S. Air Force Chaplaincy. In her local congregation, Calvary Lutheran Church in West Chester, PA, she participates in ecumenical outreach ministry to homeless women, in youth mission through Appalachian Service Project, and her synod's Anti-Racism and Racial Justice Advocacy Team. Gwen has been honored to serve on the executive board of Women of the ELCA. She knows that this women's organization makes a difference in God's kingdom and among God's people. When women are empowered locally, nationally, and globally to live out the gospel, speak out for justice, use our gifts and resources, study God's word, and are open to the living presence of God's Spirit in their lives, we become instruments of God's love and grace.

Luther's Impact on Church and Society

– The Reverend Brad Pohlman (Keynote speaker)

The work and writing of Martin Luther had wide ranging impact on the church and society both in Germany and throughout the world. We will look at some of the major impacts of Luther and the Reformation and ask questions about his impact today.

Reformation Places: A pictorial view of Luther's Reformation (Workshop #1)

– The Reverend Brad Pohlman

We will look at some of the major places of the reformation to better understand Luther. We will see the Wartburg Castle, Wittenberg, and other important sites that shaped the Protestant Reformation. The Rev. Brad Pohlman currently serves as senior pastor of Luther Memorial in Madison, where he has been on staff for over 10 years. Prior to his current position, he served on staff of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA coordinating interim ministry. As part of Brad's work in the synod, he served 11 different congregations as an interim pastor. Brad has also led several trips to Germany in areas rich in the history of Martin Luther and J.S. Bach.

Behavioral Finance – Beliefs not Budgets (Workshops #1 & #3)

– Jennifer Prinz

Financial wellness is more than budgets, balance sheets or investment portfolios. Our emotions and money beliefs greatly impact our financial decisions. The field of Behavioral Finance helps us identify these beliefs and understand why we flourish or struggle with money. This workshop is designed to help you understand the impact your emotions have on your financial decisions, identify how to align your values with your financial decisions, learn how to begin to change "beliefs" that do not help you meet your financial goals, and review resources and ideas that support manageable next steps. Jennifer Prinz is Portico Benefit Services' regional representative covering the ELCA Region 5 (Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Upper Peninsula of Michigan). Portico Benefit Services provides health, flexible spending, retirement, disability, and survivor plans to rostered and lay leaders. Jennifer has more than 25 years of communications and relationship-building experience, in both faith-based and health care organizations. She previously worked for the ELCA Foundation. She recently moved to Waverly, Iowa, where her husband is an ELCA Pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School.

Climate Change -The Real Story (Workshops #2 & #3)

– **Bob Lindmeier**

Learn how humans are causing climate change, the many impacts from climate change locally, nationally, and globally, the consensus in the scientific community, what you can do to be part of the solution, and the need to put a price on carbon. Bob Lindmeier is the Chief Meteorologist at WKOW-TV in Madison and has been presenting the weather for the past 37 years. Bob holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Meteorology from UW-Madison. Bob is a member of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin's Care for God's Creation team.

Everyday Yoga – Adapted Chair / Standing Yoga Class (Workshops #1 & #3)

– **Sue Levetzow**

Yoga can be helpful to everyone no matter their age or ability. Experience the mental and physical health benefits of yoga as we go through the stages of our lives with the ease, matching movement and breath. Learn how to become rooted in your foundation in order to grow your branches! This class will use simple movements modified for this venue. **No special equipment or clothing** will be required. In this class, we will explore the benefits of yoga and utilize standing and chair movements so you can learn easy methods to release stress and feel better. Participants will all receive a handout for a practice they can do at home. Sue Levetzow has over 10 years of practical yoga experience, and 200HR Certification from YogaFit training program. Based on hatha yoga, it blends a fitness format into the traditional movements, allowing for an accessible, user-friendly style.

Healing & Forgiveness (Workshops #1 & #2)

– **The Reverend Kelli Fisher**

Come and discuss how we as Christians are called to forgive those who differ in religion, politics, age, sexual orientation, ethnic background, ... (you get the idea). We are called to forgive and that's hard enough, but then there is the healing that is needed personally and corporately. How does this happen? (I don't have the answer, so be ready to leave with more to think about than a definitive answer.) The Reverend Kelli L. Fisher has been serving God's people as an ordained pastor for 27 years. Pastor Kelli has worked with God's children in congregations in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin and as a hospital chaplain in Ohio. She is currently working with her sisters and brothers in Christ at Perry Lutheran Church in Daleyville.

Katie Luther, the runaway nun (Workshops #2 & #3)

– **Janna Smith**

This session will focus on Katharina von Bora, the woman who first proposed marriage to Martin Luther. He was reluctant at first, but by all accounts, it was a happy marriage. He called her 'my darling' and 'my morning star of Wittenberg' as well as the 'boss of Zulsdorf' (their farm) and 'Herr Käthe' (Lord Kathy). By his adversaries, she was referred to in less exalted terms...a 'vestal virgin' and a 'cloister whore.' Regardless, Katie Luther was a remarkable woman. In 1552, she is reported to have said on her deathbed, "I will stick to Christ as a burr to cloth." Janna Smith, secretary of the South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization board, lived in Germany for seven years with her husband, a U.S. military officer, and recently returned from a trip this spring to the Wartburg near Eisenach with her high school students. After teaching for 40 years, she has recently retired as a library media specialist in the Elkhorn Area School District.

My Super Power is Invisibility (Transition Education Program) (Workshops #1 & #2)

– **Jani Koester**

Working with students that are experiencing homelessness is challenging and rewarding. On a daily basis, our students and families face barriers to housing, racism, human trafficking, and the simple challenges of survival. Knowing that education is a key to moving forward in our society, the McKinney-Vento federal law gives guidance and support to schools to help students experiencing homelessness with access to education. Supporting about 1500 students who have experienced homelessness in the Madison Schools brings many opportunities for conversations, support and interventions. These students often feel invisible and alone. Building awareness and support in our communities is key to connecting them with a future. Jani Koester has been a TEP Resource Teacher in the Madison Transition Education Program since March of 1989. Before that, she was a Special Education Teacher for 7 years in Polo, Illinois. She actively supports 4K - 12 programs in the Madison schools. These supports include: identification, enrollment, after school, summer school programming, community outreach, shelter connections, advocacy within the district and without the district, and professional development. One of her favorite projects is the "Who We Are" program that provides students experiencing homelessness an opportunity to share their voices. At this event students get to know each other, share common experiences, participate in a community art project and collaborate in writing for a book about "Who They Are."

Our Piece in the Racism Puzzle (Workshops #2 & #3)

– Mary Nervig

Racism is an ugly word! As followers of Jesus, who loved the whole world, that label is not one that we find personally descriptive of ourselves. This workshop is an invitation to explore our unintentional participation in practices and perspectives that have foundations in distinctions based on concepts of race and the “other.” Our piece in the racism puzzle is complicated and the journey to become intentionally “anti-racist” begins with self-awareness. Mary Nervig is a member of the Synod Racial Equity/Anti-racism Team. As a mother of 3 adult biracial African American children and 1 white sibling to these 3, Mary has participated as a learner about the impact of racism for the past 40 years, mostly through life experience but also as a participant at numerous anti-racism training events.

Protecting Yourself from Fraud (Workshops #1, #2, & #3)

– Detective Clay Lins

Fraud and identity theft is considered to be one of the fastest growing crimes in the country. Identity theft alone affects approximately nine to ten million Americans each year. Many of these frauds are difficult for law enforcement to investigate after the fact because many of these frauds are conducted from overseas. Detective Lins will present ideas to help you protect your identity and money from fraud. Detective Clay Lins has been a deputy for the Sauk County Sheriff's Department since 2003. In 2007 he was promoted to detective. Since that time Detective Lins has handled the majority of the fraud cases investigated by the Sauk County Sheriff's Department. He graduated from Edgewood College in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology.

UPAVIM Mission Trip (Workshop #3)

– Jane Harrison

COME AND SEE - In 2006, our synodical organization voted to sponsor UPAVIM (United for a Better Life) for our mission project after hearing how these indigenous women living on the outskirts of Guatemala City pulled themselves up with hope to create a cooperative for employment with the help of an American nurse, Barbara Lorraine. Consider a visit to help with their many projects, see where and how they live, and visit other women's co-ops in remote areas of the country where few Americans have gone. We'll leave Wisconsin behind in February and travel to Guatemala where sunshine awaits us in the dry season. Temperatures are 75-80 degrees in the daytime and 45-50 at night. We will be gone for ten days. More details will be available at the workshop. Since meeting the founder of UPAVIM in 1995, Jane Harrison has traveled to Guatemala eight times to help lead a mission trip and/or help at the co-op. She finds these women an inspiration and full of hope. She has learned the meaning of giving from these sisters in Christ who have so little but are willing to share much.

Women & Incarceration (Workshops #1 & #2)

– The Reverend Christa Fisher

Did you know that the rate of incarceration among women has grown by 700% in the past twenty years? Did you know that women and men are arrested and incarcerated for different reasons? Do you know what sort of impact the escalating rate of incarceration of both men and women is having on children, families and communities? In this session, which will mimic jail-style worship, you will receive answers to these and other questions. You will learn about the unique experience of being an incarcerated woman and the ways in which the Jail Ministry support women during and following release from jail. The Reverend Christa Fisher is the Chaplain at the Dane County Jail. She officially assumed this position in September, 2015, after graduating from Wartburg Seminary. While a seminary student, Christa served as a chaplain intern and later as a substitute chaplain. She is the grant administrator for the Backyard Mosaic Women's Project, an art-based spirituality group for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women. Christa began the Sisterhood of Saints and Sinners, a worshipping community for women with histories of incarceration and she continues to lead projects which help identify and heal both victims and perpetrators of human trafficking.

The Southwest Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's is offering four scholarships
to offset the registration cost of attending the
13th Biennial Convention on Sept 22 & 23, 2017
At Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – Verona Campus (West)

Anyone is encouraged to apply.

Applications must be postmarked or emailed by August 14, 2017 to

Helen Sheahan, 1106 Valley Stream Drive, Madison, WI 53711 or sheahan1@sbcglobal.net

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____Email_____

Congregation_____Conference_____

Age Range 34 or under 35 - 49 50 - 64 65 or older

Ethnic Racial Heritage

Native American Asian Black Caucasian Hispanic Other

First Time Biennial Convention attendance? Yes No (Circle one)

Please list Women of the ECLA and church involvement and community activities.

Applicant's Signature_____

Luther Rose Trivet

Lutherans are commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation year. The Reformation is the theme of our upcoming women's Biennial Convention. The SWO board has a limited supply of Luther rose trivets available for purchase (\$15) during the Biennial Convention. The Luther rose, also known as the Luther seal, was designed for [Martin Luther](#) at the request of [John Frederick of Saxony](#) in 1530, while Luther was staying at the [Coburg Fortress](#) during the [Diet of Augsburg](#). Luther saw the seal as an expression of his [theology](#) and [faith](#). He used it to authorize his correspondence. The Luther rose featured on the trivet is from a stained glass church window in Cobstadt, Thüringen, Germany. The trivet measures 6" x 6" and can be used as a hot plate holder. Checks may be made payable to Women of the ELCA.



Biennial Offerings & In-kind gifts & Pennies for Poverty

The **Offering at the 13th Biennial Convention** will be given ½ to Women of the ELCA churchwide, ¼ to Katie's Fund, and ¼ to workshop organizations.

In-kind gifts will be collected for the Dane County Jail Ministry and Transition Education Program for homeless children in the Madison Metropolitan School District.

Jail ministry

Sharpened pencils that are colorful, but no political or advertising slogans; Sharpened Colored pencils; and/or Reading Glasses (1.0 - 3.25 which can be purchased for \$1/pair at the Dollar Store)

Transition Education Program - school supplies

Spiral notebooks, colored pencils, 3X5 index cards, glue sticks (no bottles), markers (wide or narrow point), highlighters, small staplers, pencil sharpeners, scissors (Middle & High school size), pencil boxes (hard plastic and soft side), and/or purse size facial tissue

Pennies for Poverty in 2017 will continue to be given to Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin. In order to fight hunger, they have three main methods – food distribution, promotion of government programs, and spreading hunger awareness. Second Harvest Food Program has a number of programs. One program is Mobile Pantries which operates in 14 southwest Wisconsin counties. At mobile pantry sites 70 – 600 families per month receive a minimum of 60 pounds of food. Other Second Harvest Food programs that benefit women and children are Summer Food Service Program, Kids Café program, and Food Share Outreach Program which helps people understand and apply for government food assistance programs.

Biennial Convention Resolutions & Nominations

One very important way for you to get something you want accomplished through the Synodical Women's Organization is to submit a RESOLUTION to the 2017 Biennial Convention.

The goal of a resolution is to inform and educate readers so that they are inspired to take action and approve the resolution. Therefore, it should have a clear, concise title and address only one issue. A RESOLUTION begins with a WHEREAS. After you have written one or more WHEREAS... you will complete the resolution with: THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED .. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED... The WHEREAS is the current situation. The RESOLVED is the action part of what you want to do for your issue/cause to make a difference.

The Nominating Committee is searching for ladies to answer God's call to serve on the board of the South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) of the Women of the ELCA. We need ladies with different gifts and backgrounds to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. At this year's Biennial Convention we will be electing board members, secretary, and a new treasurer to two (2) year terms. You can encourage another woman or nominate yourself.

Board Member – Attend five (5) board meetings annually usually on Saturday; serve as a liaison to a conference by assisting as needed to plan and attending their gathering(s) and presenting information from the board; represent one of the mission areas (Discipleship, Stewardship, or Justice) and submit articles on the programs for issues of the Trumpeter; help in planning the next Biennial Convention.

Treasurer – Attend five (5) board meetings annually usually on Saturday; present a financial report at board meetings; receive offerings and submit them to churchwide Women of the ELCA; record and pay expenses as decided by the board; arrange for the annual financial review. Knowledge of Quick Books is helpful. The Treasurer term officially begins February 1, 2018. There is opportunity to learn from our current Treasurer, Donna Peterson, who has completed the maximum of 2 terms.

Secretary – Attend five (5) board meetings annually usually on Saturday; record and distribute meeting minutes; assist with keeping an accurate register of active congregational units and contact women; help in planning the next Biennial Convention.

Resolutions and Nominations are **due 8/14/17**.

Nomination Form for South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization Board

For our Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) to function to its fullest potential and carry out our Mission Statement, **YOU ARE NEEDED** to step forward and volunteer your services or be prepared to say "YES" when contacted to serve on the Board. The women's synod board is comprised of 4 officers and 9 board members. The election will be held during the business session of our 2017 Biennial Convention. We will need to elect a new Treasurer and Board Members. The election of the President and Vice President will be by Ecclesiastical Ballot. Prayerfully search your soul, think of your gifts, and be prepared to say "YES" when contacted to serve our God and the women of the South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization and beyond.

Positions needed to be filled at the 13th Biennial Convention, Sept 22 & 23, 2017 -- all are 2 year terms

Treasurer Board Member Secretary

Name of Nominee _____

Address of Nominee _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Age Range 34 or under 35-49 50-64 65 or older

Ethnic Racial Heritage

Native American Asian Black Caucasian Hispanic Other

Congregation _____ Conference _____

Address of Congregation _____

Experience - Beginning with the most recent, please list significant experience in each area

Participation as a Woman of the ELCA

(Congregational Unit, Conference, Synodical Women's Organization, Churchwide)

Service and Experience (Community, Organizations, Vocational)

Special Gifts and Talents

Signature of Nominee _____

Completed Nomination Forms must be emailed or postmarked by August 14, 2017 to

Polly Carter, 2818 Prairie Road, Madison, WI 53719 or cutey@chorus.net

Seminary and Lutheran College Student Scholarship Application

The South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is offering a scholarship to help students who are pursuing education in Called Ministry, such as Pastor, Deacon or in the area of Youth Ministry in a congregation or ELCA Bible Camp.

Two (2) scholarships of \$500 each will be offered for the 2017-2018 academic year. You must be enrolled and be a full time student attending classes during the 2017-2018 school year to be eligible. Our purpose is to support one another in our callings.

These scholarships will be announced to the recipients by September 5, 2017 and presented at the Thirteenth Biennial Convention held on September 22 & 23, 2017 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – Verona Campus.

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Congregation/City _____

School Attending _____

Graduation Date _____

What has been your experience with the Women of the ELCA?

How would this scholarship assist you in financing your education?

How do you anticipate using your gifts in your future ministry?

Have you previously received a scholarship from Women of the ELCA? Yes No (Circle one)

Please include 1 letter of reference.

Email or Mail (postmark) the completed form and reference by August 14, 2017 to

Helen Sheahan, 1106 Valley Stream Drive, Madison, WI 53711 or sheahan1@sbcglobal.net

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Gather, magazine for Women of the ELCA, offers a mix of articles, theological reflections, devotions, a bible study and stories of comfort and challenge that help readers grow in faith and engage in ministry and action. Gather is published 10 times a year for \$19.95; Digital access (computer, iPad, Android) is free to print subscribers. Visit [Gather Magazine](#) to subscribe online or call (800) 328-4648

Café is a free monthly online magazine for women whether or not they identify as Lutheran. It explores topics that are relevant to women and how faith relates to these issues. Many use it to learn more about what the Lutheran Church has to say about issues and to start discussions with friends or classmates. *Café*, the monthly publication and [podcast](#), are made possible through offerings donated by women from over 7,000 active WELCA units in congregations of the ELCA. See more at: www.boldcafe.org

SCSW Bishop Mary has a goal of connecting to every member of every congregation through our weekly e-news: What Matters & our quarterly magazine, "Walking Together." If you are currently not receiving the free, e-newsletter of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, please click on the link and request to be added. The newsletter is chock-full of important news from Bishops Eaton and Froiland, upcoming synod events, resources, events, mission trip invitations from other congregations and groups, fun fellowship events such as concerts and church bazaars, job openings, youth gatherings and much more! Walking Together has wonderful stories of our shared work in Jesus' name. Sign up today! <http://www.cvent.com/en/event-management-software/membership-management.shtml>

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As a community of women

Created in the image of God

Called to discipleship in Jesus Christ

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

Promote healing and wholeness in the Church, the society and the world.

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