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Special Convention Issue



“Transformed Anew”

Be renewed in the Spirit ... Ephesians 4:23

The Women of Bethany Lutheran would like to invite you to join your sisters of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin to the biennial Synodical Women's Organization Convention on April 20-21, 2018 at Bethany Lutheran Church, Rice Lake. Their church is located at 35 W Messenger St, Rice Lake, WI



YOU ARE INVITED TO

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The convention committee invites **YOU** to attend the **2018 SWO Convention at Bethany Lutheran Church**, 35 W Messenger Street, Rice Lake, WI 54868 on April 20-21, 2018. There will be singing, praying, fellowship, laughter, keynote speakers, awareness sessions, Taking Faith Home Action Tables and more! The convention is at a new location because of the closing of the Plaza Hotel in Eau Claire. Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake has graciously offered to host us. **COME ... JOIN US!!!**

Cost – only \$35 until April 7th. Late registration and same day registration \$40. Two scholarships (\$35 each) available to each conference. Deadline for scholarship: March 15, 2018.

Friday evening, April 20 – Every church in our synod with a W/ELCA unit (group) is entitled to send a voting representative to our business session which begins at 7:00 p.m. and will include adoption of the SWO budget, election of SWO Officers and election of voting members (delegates) to the 2020 Triennial Convention to be held in Phoenix, Arizona. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be served from 6-7 p.m.

Saturday, April 21: Our speakers and awareness sessions will be held on Saturday, so put April 21st on your calendar **now** and plan to attend this one-day transformational event.

Saturday Morning Keynote speakers:

- **Deacon Amy Hartman – founding director of Cherish all Children** – Amy ministers to prevent the sexual exploitation of children. As people of faith, we are called to be educated on this issue and we can work in our community/church to prevent sexual exploitation of children.
- **Reverend Laurie Skow-Anderson – “180 Degrees”** - Laurie, an Assistant to the Bishop in our synod, will challenge us to face the future of our organization with transforming ideas. In our synod, her ministry includes Congregational Renewal, Stewardship, and New Mission Starts.

Saturday afternoon: 6 Awareness sessions and closing worship with installation of officers.

Convention Offering: ½ to church wide Women of the ELCA, ¼ to ELCA Disaster Response, ¼ to Benjamin House (homeless shelter in Rice Lake)

In Kind Gifts for Benjamin House – homeless shelter in Rice Lake for men, women, and children (toiletries, towels, cash, gas cards, Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels, socks, gifts cards etc.)

Motels – there are several motels in Rice Lake. See last page with motel information.

In this issue, you will find: 1 - convention poster which lists the awareness sessions, 2 – registration form, 3 - scholarship information, 4 - nomination form to nominate someone from your church as a voting member to 2020 Triennial convention in Phoenix, Arizona, 5 - convention schedule, and 6 - motel information.

Join us for an exciting, uplifting, inspiring and transformational convention.

The Convention Committee:

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Northwest Synod of WI Women of the ELCA

Convention Scholarship Application

April 21, 2018- Bethany Lutheran Church, Rice Lake WI

Two (2) Scholarships per Conference will be awarded - EACH WORTH \$35.00

Preference will be given to 1st time attendees

Deadline: March 15, 2018 - Mail to: Audrey Severson, N6059 – 530th St, Ellsworth 54011

or send to apseverson@gmail.com

Name _____ email address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Congregation _____ City _____ Conference _____

I have _____ have not _____ attended a NW WI Synod Women's Convention.

What Synod or Conference Events have you attended and when?

Have you received a scholarship from the Synodical Women of the ELCA? If yes, list event(s) and year(s)

Activities: (Please list activities from the past three years only)

Local Congregation

Women of the ELCA: Unit, Conference, Synod

Community

I am applying for this scholarship

because:

**REGISTRATION FORM
NORTHWEST SYNOD OF WISCONSIN
SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION CONVENTION
APRIL 20-21, 2018**

WHERE: Bethany Lutheran Church, 35 W Messenger St, Rice Lake, WI 54868

FEE: \$35 until April 7th (includes beverages/lunch - Cider House Grilled Chicken Salad with fresh garden greens, juicy breast of chicken, crisp apple slices, dried cranberries, toasted pecans, shaved Parmesan served with apple cider vinaigrette, & baguette slice)
\$40 after April 7th and same day registration

Two (2) \$35 scholarships will be awarded in each conference – complete the scholarship application for a scholarship. Scholarship application deadline: March 15, 2018

Friday Registration: 6:00 p.m. Business meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Registration: 8:00 a.m. with opening of convention at 9:00 a.m.

Please make your own motel reservation in Rice Lake. See sheet with motel information.

Please send check payable to Women of the ELCA and registration form to:

Audrey Severson phone 715-273-5019
N6059 530th St
Ellsworth, WI 54011

Please detach and mail section below:

Name _____ *Delegate _____ Non-delegate _____
*(each unit is entitled to one voting delegate for Friday evening business session)

Address – street and city _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Conference you are in _____

Your congregation _____ church address _____

Please indicate if you have food allergies or special needs for Saturday lunch:

Awareness sessions will be offered only once Saturday afternoon. Please indicate which awareness session you are most likely to attend (you are not obligated to this session) but it will assist in selecting the appropriate space for the awareness sessions.

- _____ Doctrine of Discovery – Gail Lando and Mary Meierotto
- _____ Water Quality issues in our area/test kits – Kate Beaton
- _____ Human Trafficking - Fierce Freedom, Eau Claire
- _____ Domestic Violence in our area – Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald
- _____ Benjamin House - homelessness in the Rice Lake – Laurie Bowman
- _____ Conversation with Bishop Hoyme, Bishop of the NW Synod of Wisconsin

_____ \$35 Registration _____ I have been notified I received a scholarship
_____ \$40 Late registration and same day registration (After April 7th)

(make copies as needed)

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Awareness sessions:

- Doctrine of Discovery – Gail Lando and Mary Meierotto – Our Synod and the ELCA have repudiated this doctrine. What it is? What does this mean for me? What's next?
- Water Quality issues in our area/test kits – Kate Beaton
- Human Trafficking in our area - Fierce Freedom, Eau Claire, recognize signs of trafficking
- Domestic Violence in our area – Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald
- Benjamin House - homelessness in the Rice Lake – Laurie Bowman
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Faith in Action Tables:

- **Bring In kind gifts** for Benjamin House – homeless shelter for men, women, and children (toiletries, towels, cash, gas cards, gift cards, Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, socks, etc)
- Test your water – take home a water testing kit
- Sign letters to our legislators to ratify the UN ban against corporal punishment of children
- Hotline numbers for trafficking and domestic violence - kits to take home and post at church
- Bold Generosity brochures – information/support of the NW Synod of WI capital campaign

(copy and post)

2018 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Friday, April 20, 2018

- 6:00 p.m.** Registration and snacks/beverages for voting members (delegates) Narthex
- All evening - Take Faith Home Action Tables Narthex
- 7:00 p.m.** Business meeting Gathering Hall
- Treasurer's Report – Audrey Severson
 - 2019 Budget
 - Secretary's report – Connie Anderson
 - Election of SWO Officers
 - Election of SWO Representatives from NW Synod of WI conferences
 - Election of Triennial Voting Members (delegates for 2020, Phoenix triennial)
 - Resolutions
- 9:00 p.m.** Holden Evening Prayer Gathering Hall
- Led by Amy Brekke, Ruth Aaseng, Sue Saarem, Phyllis Beastrom

Saturday, April 20, 2018

- 8:00 a.m.** Registration, coffee Narthex
- All day Take Faith Home Action Tables Narthex
- 9:00 a.m.** Plenary Gathering Hall
- Opening and announcements
 - Churchwide Representative's Report
 - The State of the NW Synod of Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization
- 10:00 a.m.** Keynote I – Deacon Amy Hartman, "Cherish All Children" Gathering Hall
- 11:00 a.m.** Break Narthex
- 11:15 a.m.** Keynote II – Reverend Laurie Skow-Anderson, "180 Degrees" Gathering Hall
- 12:30 p.m.** Lunch Lower level fellowship hall
- 1:30 p.m.** Awareness Sessions Various rooms
- 2:30 p.m.** Transition break to Worship
- 2:45 p.m.** Worship with Holy Communion, Reverend Luci Sesvold Sanctuary
- Installation of newly elected SWO Board, Conference Reps and
 - Blessing litany for newly elected 2020 Triennial voting members
- 3:30 p.m.** Closing

NOMINEE FOR THE BALLOT
as VOTING MEMBER (delegate) to the 11TH
TRIENNIAL CONVENTION of the WOMEN of the ELCA
July 13-16, 2020

Election of Voting Members plus Alternates will be April 20th, 2018
at the NW Wisconsin Synod of W/ELCA Convention
at Bethany Lutheran Church, Rice Lake

Women of _____ Name of Church _____
 _____ Address of Church _____

 From the _____ Conference submit the name of
 Name of Nominee _____
 Address of Nominee _____

 Phone Number _____
 Email Address of Nominee _____

To be considered by the Nominating Committee as a voting member (delegate) to the 11th Triennial Convention of the Women of the ELCA to be held in Phoenix, Arizona.

Please check appropriate box below concerning nominee listed: Attended/Voting Delegate

1987 Constituting Convention, Milwaukee, WI	_____ / _____
1990 1 st Triennial, Anaheim, CA	_____ / _____
1993 2 nd Triennial, Washington, D.C.	_____ / _____
1996 3 rd Triennial, Minneapolis, MN	_____ / _____
1999 4 th Triennial, St Louis, MO	_____ / _____
2002 5 th Triennial, Philadelphia, PA	_____ / _____
2005 6 th Triennial, San Antonio, TX	_____ / _____
2008 7 th Triennial, Salt Lake City, UT	_____ / _____
2011 8 th Triennial, Spokane, WA	_____ / _____
2014 9 th Triennial, Charlotte, NC	_____ / _____
2017 10 th Triennial, Minneapolis, MN	_____ / _____

Person of color or whose primary language is other than English: _____yes _____ no

This nominee would be a good candidate because she has been involved with the Women of the ELCA at the local, conference and synod levels. She has a good understanding of many issues within WELCA. She would also be available to present to other groups within our Synod.

Return by April 1, 2018 to: Susan Saarem, 1315 B 120th Ave, Amery, WI 54001 OR
email to pmssaarem@yahoo.com

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**MOTEL INFORMATION
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There are 2 exits for Rice Lake from Highway 53. The north exit is Highway 48 and the Holiday Inn Express is at this exist.

The south exit is County Rd O. Microtel Inn and AmericInn are on the County Rd O exit. Main Street connects County Rd O to Highway 48. Motels at the south end of Main Street near County Rd O are AmeriVu Inn, Best Western, and Super 8.

Holiday Inn Express	\$129	\$ 123 if book early
824 Bear Paw Ave, Rice Lake, WI 54868		
Phone: (715) 736-7444		

Microtel Inn & Suites	\$ 79
2771 Decker Dr, Rice Lake, WI 54868	
Phone: (715) 736-2010 1-888-202-4223	

AmericInn Hotel & Suites	\$114	\$102.60 AARP
2906 S Pioneer Ave, Rice Lake, WI 54868		
Phone: (715) 234-9060 1-800-634-3444		

Best Western Inn	\$89.99 AARP
2835 S Main St, Rice Lake, WI 54868	
Phone: (715) 234-7017 1-800-528-1234	

Super 8	\$ 75
2401 S Main, Rice Lake, WI 54868	
Phone: (715) 804-4103 1-800-800-8000	

AmeriVu Inn and Suites	\$ 86
1710 S Main St, Rice Lake, WI 54868	
Phone: (715) 234-4444 1-800-992-1669	

All serve continental Breakfast
Check in: 3 p.m. Check out: 11:00 a.m.
Tax is 11%.

NOTE: Prices may have changed since we obtained rates in October.