



# The Northwester

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## PLANTING YOUR SPRING GARDEN

For the Garden of your Daily Living

Plant Three Rows of Peas:

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul



Plant Four Rows of Squash:

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness



Plant Four Rows of Lettuce:

1. Lettuce be Faithful
2. Lettuce be Kind
3. Lettuce be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another



5.

No Garden is Complete Without Turnips:

1. Turnip for Meetings
2. Turnip for Service
3. Turnip to Help One Another



To Conclude Our Garden, we Must have Thyme:

1. Thyme for Each Other
2. Thyme for Family
3. Thyme for Friends



Water Freely with Patience and Cultivate with Love.

There is much Fruit in your Garden because you Reap what you Sow!



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

To my sisters in Christ –

It really doesn't seem like it was that long ago when I was nervously writing my first article for the *Northwester*. This one is to be my finale! Time does fly when you're having fun!

There's lots of stuff about the convention elsewhere in this issue, so I'm only going to mention a couple of things. One of the required activities at the business meeting Friday night the 20<sup>th</sup> is to elect our delegation for the 2020 Triennial business meeting in Phoenix. So far, we have only three candidates. **HELP!!!** If Eleanor has room in this issue, there will be a voting member (delegate) application. If you don't find one, call me, email me or whatever you do, to communicate that you need one, and I will see that you get it. (Keep in mind that I do not text. Sorry!)

We think we have a good convention planned. However, for most of us it will be the first time for just one day. There is no way we could include everything people have come to expect. We packed a lot into our day, so come ready to be kept busy. One of the decisions we made in that regard was to have nothing for sale – no soap, no jewelry, no books, no Lucinda pins, etc. There really isn't going to be time for anyone to shop! What display tables we have will strictly be for ministry items – ways to put your “faith into action.” (Thank you, Phyllis, for the great name!)



I spent the third weekend of February in Chicago with the other Synod Women's Organization Presidents. The churchwide staff and the Executive Board committee prepare a wonderful weekend of workshops, speakers, activities, food and special recognition. I remember being quite anxious to attend the first one until it dawned on me that everyone is in the same boat! All in attendance are doing the same work, and we certainly have similar issues to share and sometimes to solve.

It was a really nice surprise to have the President of the Green Bay area SWO assigned as my roommate. Those are the gals who wrote the sex trafficking prayers we put in our last issue of the *Northwester*. Their SWO has expanded their newsletter. Each one of their Conferences writes an article about the activities in their conference. We need to think about doing that as it is very informative instead of just a line on a calendar page.

The next big push is to grow Katie's fund beyond the \$1,500,000 currently endowed. In fact, the goal is to get it \$3,000,000 richer by the 2020 Triennial. I wasn't supposed to tell you those big numbers because everyone said they are too overwhelming! But when an organization just uses the interest off of funds to help support a worth-while ministry such as Women of the ELCA, it needs to be richer if the organization is to continue for daughters and granddaughters. Increased funding would also allow for additional grants to solve problems. One of the examples used was how one W/ELCA spent \$15,000 to purchase a rice plantation homestead in Tanzania and turned it into a school to educate girls for a future that included more than herding cows, marriage at 14 years old, and babies.



The break-down is actually very doable. Calculations show that if the W/ELCA unit from every church in our Synod gave \$50 a year for each of the next three years to Katie's Fund, the goal would be met. Ladies, we can do that one. There aren't too many treasuries with less.



The last news from my weekend isn't as fun, but I think I should give you a heads-up. Most of your units filled out a ministry report for 2016 of how many quilts and kits, how much money you gave to various causes and ministries, and what kinds of resources you used for your programs. Well, we get to do it again, this time for what all you did in 2017. Many of you will have that information from the annual reports you submitted to your congregations. For some of you it will be a work of love! For others, sheer tedium. (I guess we shouldn't expect all of life to be a rose garden!) So far, we don't have a due date, but more information was promised to us in March which is past the deadline for this *Northwester*.

On that note, it was interesting to hear the reactions from those who had to make the calls last time and get the information from the churches. One person told me she would resign before she ever had to do *THAT* again. Another told of *how enjoyable* it was to touch base with everyone and find out all the good stuff and just have a friendly chat with people from the various churches. Different strokes for different folks!

I am not nearly as anxious about leading the meetings at this convention as I was in 2016 for the first time. Hopefully I have learned as we've travelled this road together. At my first installation in 2014, I set some goals for myself and this seems like a good time to see how things turned out:



- Become a *better* cheerleader for W/ELCA than Pastor Greg Kaufmann. Impossible!
- Reach out to younger women. I'm afraid nothing more than the same old-same old, such as preference in scholarships to first-timers.
- Activate our Lake Superior Conference women. Yea! They have had gatherings in *each* of the last two years for the first time in lots of years.
- Practice better hospitality. I hope you see evidence of that at the convention.
- Welcome newcomers. Someone else will have to answer to this because I really don't know if we've made any progress.
- Timeliness in my presentations at your events - I was really good at this one!
- Meet with other denominations and increase our ecumenicalism. Not done.
- Have more fun. Your gatherings certainly lead me to believe this one happened.
- Accountability in prayer - I started out okay on this but dropped the ball.

I have no clue about the 10<sup>th</sup> one – can't even find out what it was! Good thing my tenure is drawing to a close, as the age factor is moving faster than just creeping up on me! I have enjoyed the ride, I will continue to enjoy many new friendships, and I will do my best to keep active in this organization as well as keep its events and people in my prayers.

Sincerely, Sue Saarem

## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

### Pay It Forward

*'And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds....'*  
(Hebrews 10:24)



We were moving from Walnut Grove, MN, to the Twin Cities. With four small children underfoot, packing boxes, saying goodbye to neighbors and friends, and trying to clean my house for the next occupants, I was bone tired. Since our household goods were in the moving van, my friend Patty had invited us for an evening meal and an overnight stay at their home.

After supper that night, Patty told me that she would put our kids to bed. She had drawn a bubble bath ready for me to jump into, and I had a relaxing soak with no interruptions. I have never forgotten that simple act of kindness. It was years before I could tell that story without getting all emotional. And it was much later that I finally told Patty how much that act of kindness had meant to me.



I have never drawn anyone's bath water since that day, but I have had many opportunities to "Pay It Forward." That is exactly the theme of my church's Lenten challenge this year. Trinity Lutheran Church in Spooner is "paying it forward" in response to God's love and forgiveness in our lives. Through our stewardship and service, we respond to the needs of the poor, to those living in crises, to the sick and homebound, the tired and the grieving. And sometimes it may be paying it forward to our own family and our friends. This time of Lent is an opportunity for all of us to be intentional about sharing kindness and good works with others and watching God's hand at work through each of us. My hope is that this challenge will continue throughout the whole year! Indeed, it is what Jesus taught us, "...just as you did it to one of the least of these..., you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40).

Dawn Olson  
SWO Vice-president

## FROM THE TREASURER

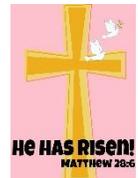
I hope you are making plans to attend our Synod Women's convention on [Saturday, April 21](#) in Rice Lake. Because we moved the location to Bethany Lutheran Church, we were able to keep the registration cost very low at \$35. Your registration covers your attendance at the one day gathering on [Saturday](#). If you are a voting member from your W/ELCA unit, all such business will be conducted on [Friday](#) evening only. Our board adopted an amended budget for 2018 of \$25,060. At the [Friday](#) evening meeting, the financial reports from the last two years will be presented and the budget for 2019 will be adopted. As offerings have shown a slight increase this past year, we were able to continue our priority ministries of seminary scholarships, Bible Camps support, Lay School



scholarships, and Northwester newsletter communications. The SWO thanks all the faithful church W/ELCA units that sent their offerings and \$30 each year for the convention expense fund. I will have a printout of your contributions at the convention for the last two years.

Please use the registration form for the convention and mail it to me by [Friday, April 7th](#) to get early bird discount of \$35. After [April 7th](#), the cost will be \$40. Two full scholarships are available in each conference for a total of 14 scholarships, so I encourage anyone who needs it to apply.

Early Easter Blessings,  
Audrey Severson  
N6059 530th Street  
Ellsworth, WI 54011



As you plan for your SWO convention offering, the Convention Committee has designated the offering to be distributed accordingly:



$\frac{1}{2}$  to the Women of the ELCA. This offering helps with the daily operation of the organization, it provides scholarships, new materials created to be used for programming for groups and self-study, as well as, the publishing of the Gather magazine. It is financially independent and responsible for its own financial affairs. Financial support comes from individual and group offerings and gifts.

$\frac{1}{4}$  to the ELCA Disaster Response. This offering is given to continue the ongoing mission of the relief response program in working with local agencies, providing emotional and spiritual care, coordinating volunteers and providing long term care. Remember that the ELCA is one of those first on the scene and one of the last to leave.

$\frac{1}{4}$  to Benjamin's House Emergency Shelter. This offering is given to continue the ongoing ministry of providing to the immediate needs of those who are homeless in Barron County and striving for a positive outcome for those who are committed to start anew.

Thank you for giving so generously towards these projects who work in spreading God's gracious word and uplift women in their daily life, providing helping hands to those devastated by natural disasters and providing temporary shelter to those who are in desperate situations

In-kind gifts will be going to Benjamins House Emergency Shelter located in Rice Lake. This emergency shelter is named after Mother Mary Benjamin who generously welcomed another order of sisters to their convent who were poor, homeless and faced with disbanding.



Over the years after the convent closed, it was used for many purposes; a woman's shelter, a halfway house, County Resource Center, and an alternative school. Through a group of dedicated individuals who came together over a two-year period, representing twenty Barron County public and private agencies, who were concerned with the growing number of homeless in the county and how it impacted the health and well-being of those without shelter, an idea of an emergency shelter came to life in 2011.

In 2017 Benjamin's House served 90 adults - 52 children - 43 families, providing shelter, food, support services and a way for self-sufficiency.

Barbara Garling, SWO Convention Co-Chair -HON SWO Representative

## Updated information for Convention Speakers and Awareness Sessions

When we sent the preliminary convention information in January, we primarily knew only the topic for our Speakers and Awareness Session leaders. Below you will find more descriptive information about their sessions. This information along with presenter's pictures and bio's have also been added to our SWO website under the convention information. <http://www.nswiswo.org/>

Our two speakers Saturday morning will address the whole assembly. You will be able to attend **only one** Awareness Session after lunch on Saturday.



**Amy Hartman, Deacon – God's Children. Your Journey.** Children throughout our country and world are trafficked and enslaved. What is your role in preventing child trafficking? We will explore that question together through Bible study, personal reflection, conversation, and prevention stories.

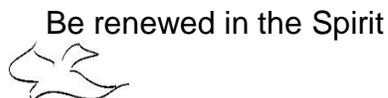


**Laurie Skow Anderson - 180 Degrees** - Pastor Laurie will challenge us to face the future of our women's organizations with transforming ideas.

### Awareness Sessions: (offered only once)

- **Story, Culture, Identity, and Stereotypes** (formerly titled Doctrine of Discovery) presented by Gail Lando and Mary Meierotto.  
Consider the sacredness of your story and how it forms your identity, and how your "family myths" inform your thoughts, feelings, view of yourself, other individuals, and groups of people. Ponder what it means to open your heart and minds to the diverse stories within cultures and people. This is important conversation as we continue to understand the obstacles created by white privilege and stereotypes
- **The Politics of Wisconsin Conservation** presented by Kate Beaton  
Wisconsin's natural resources—water, air, and land—are rapidly deteriorating as our policy leaders continue to weaken environmental protection laws. From water protections, to air quality measures, to land stewardship bills, state and local policies are impacting the health of our environment. It's up to us to empower our neighbors to take action to advocate for good environmental policy and to elect conservation champions.
- **Human Trafficking in Rural Wisconsin - presented by Jodi Emerson**  
Human Trafficking is the fastest growing crime in the world today. Find out more about this crime that is happening in all 72 counties of Wisconsin. What does it look like, how does it happen, and most importantly, what can you do to fight it?
- **Domestic Abuse presented by Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald**  
Sheriff Fitzgerald will discuss domestic abuse in Barron County and how drugs in the area take a role in these events. He will also discuss what you can do to help stop this because even one time is too many when it comes to domestic cases.
- **In Your Backyard – Understanding Poverty and Homelessness in Rural America presented by Lori Bowman**  
Homelessness and poverty are hard to see in rural America. We don't often see panhandlers or individuals sleeping under bridges. We don't realize that many people are suffering in poverty just one step from becoming homeless. We don't realize the many barriers affecting those trying to rise above and be part of society. The first step to fighting poverty is to educate oneself. Come and listen and learn about the struggles for those in poverty and facing homelessness and join in the discussion to find out what **YOU** can do to make a difference.
- **CONVERSATION WITH BISHOP HOYME**  
Come - ask Bishop Hoyme questions or simply have conversation with our Bishop, who has chosen to retire in June. Another Bishop will be elected at the Synod assembly June 2-3 at UW-Eau Claire.  
Oh, so many wonderful Awareness session topics and you can only attend one. **Bring carloads of women so you can share the information from all the Awareness Sessions.**  
**Remember to indicate on the Registration form 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 session.

# “Transformed Anew”



Ephesians 4:23

Our speakers and Awareness Session leaders are excited and look forward to sharing with **you** at our SWO convention on April 20-21 at Bethany Lutheran Church, Rice Lake, WI. Here's a sample of what some of the sessions will address:

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These are tough issues we often want to avoid. But they are issues that affect women, children and families, issues for which we are to raise awareness, encourage education, promote action, or provide support. They are issues that we have been called to address.

**So, have you registered for the Synodical Women's Convention**, so you can be *Transformed Anew* by what our speakers and presenters have to share? The cost is only \$35 (by April 7th). For Friday evening, April 20th, each church women's group is entitled to send a voting representative to participate in the business session. Saturday is our day for learning, inspiration, worship, and participating at the Faith in Action tables. Come...listen....be part of the discussion....be transformed anew.

**Where can you get a registration form?** Right here, following this article...it was also in the January Special Convention issue of the *Northwester*, and can be found on the SWO website along with more convention information. <http://www.nswiswo.org/> Or you may contact me.

Phyllis Beastrom, Co-Chair of the SWO convention  
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**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:**

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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)**

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 1<sup>st</sup> time attendees

Deadline: March 15, 2018 - Mail to: Audrey Severson, N6059 – 530<sup>th</sup> St, Ellsworth, WI 54011-5107

or send to [apseverson@gmail.com](mailto:apseverson@gmail.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

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:

PLEASE COPY AS NEEDED

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

**Election of Voting Members plus Alternates will be April 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Triennial, Anaheim, CA	_____ / _____
1993 2 <sup>nd</sup> Triennial, Washington, D.C.	_____ / _____
1996 3 <sup>rd</sup> Triennial, Minneapolis, MN	_____ / _____
1999 4 <sup>th</sup> Triennial, St Louis, MO	_____ / _____
2002 5 <sup>th</sup> Triennial, Philadelphia, PA	_____ / _____
2005 6 <sup>th</sup> Triennial, San Antonio, TX	_____ / _____
2008 7 <sup>th</sup> Triennial, Salt Lake City, UT	_____ / _____
2011 8 <sup>th</sup> Triennial, Spokane, WA	_____ / _____
2014 9 <sup>th</sup> Triennial, Charlotte, NC	_____ / _____
2017 10 <sup>th</sup> 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 120<sup>th</sup> Ave, Amery, WI 54001-4800  
OR - email to [pmssaarem@yahoo.com](mailto:pmssaarem@yahoo.com)**

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# 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**2018**



## **MARCH**

- 15 – **Deadline** to apply for April 21 SWO Convention Scholarship (\$35) application due to Audrey Severson. Two Scholarships per conference are available.
- 17 – “Walking Together” at the Davies Center, Lower campus at UW-Eau Claire
- 24 – SWO Board & Convention Committee Meeting, Bone Lake Lutheran, 1101-225<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Luck

## **APRIL**

- 1 – **Deadline** to apply to be a voting member (delegate) to the 11<sup>th</sup> Triennial of W/ELCA in Phoenix - July, 2020. Your church women’s group is entitled to nominate a woman to be a voting member to the 2020 Triennial Convention. Nominations are to be sent to Sue Saarem by April 1. Election of voting members and alternates will be at the business session Friday evening of our SWO Convention (April 20).
- 7 – **Early Bird registration for SWO Convention of \$35 due.** After April 7, and on-site registration will be \$40.
- 7 – Apple River Spring Day of Renewal, Zion Lutheran, 11841 County Rd Z, Frederic
- 7 – Chequamegon Conference Spring Rally, St John Lutheran, W1000 County Rd N, Edgar
- 7 – Heart of the North Conference Day of Renewal, Trinity Lutheran, 1790 Scribner Street, Spooner
- 7 – St Croix Valley Conference Day of Renewal, Mt Zion Lutheran, 505-13<sup>th</sup> Street, Hudson
- 18 – Dairyland Conference Spring Day of Renewal, Evangelical Lutheran, 115 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Black River Falls
- 20 – SWO Convention **Business** Meeting (evening), Bethany Lutheran, 35 Messenger St, Rice Lake
- 21 – SWO Women of the ELCA Convention, Bethany Lutheran, Rice Lake, for ALL women of NW-WI Synod

## **JUNE**

- 2-3 – NW-Wisconsin Synod Assembly, with election of new Bishop - Trinity Lutheran, 1314 E Lexington Blvd, Eau Claire

## **JULY**

- 19 – St Croix Valley Conference Summer Retreat, Bethany Lutheran, 415 Bridge Avenue, Star Prairie

## **AUGUST**

- 4 – Apple River Conference Retreat, Our Savior’s, 217 Deronda Street, Amery
- 13-14 – Heart of the North Conference Summer Retreat, Luther Park, Chetek
- 15-16 – Chippewa Valley Conference Summer Retreat, Luther Park, Chetek
- 16-17 – Dairyland Conference Summer Retreat, Luther Park, with invitation to Lake Superior Conference to join them



**JOY**

“Jesus, Others, Self

# NORTHWEST SYNOD OF WISCONSIN

## SYNOD WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION 2016-2018 BOARD MEMBERS

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