



# Good News

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*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.*

## ***From the President***

Now that our season of Lent is over, a new season has begun. In our community the women of all the 6 different churches hold a 30-minute program each Wednesday morning. This year we did something different, we moved Good Friday up a couple of days and did a service entitled "Wrapping the Cross." Because a lot of the women are older, and our community Good Friday service is 7 pm, they can't get there. We got so many compliments on the service, and it was very moving. It was based on the 15th chapter of Mark and on Psalm 22. You can find it by going to Google and typing in Wrapping the Cross by Marci Glass. He is Risen, Hallelujah!

Now it is time for your board to really buckle down and get our convention in order. If the nominating committee calls, don't forget to put your bold woman foot forward and think about saying yes to a new experience or renewing an old one. We are planning a wonderful half day of business, fun and fellowship for you to enjoy.

Be sure and think of some of the women who may not be able to get themselves there and invite them to ride along. God loves a helping hand.

I am in the middle of packing up 28 years in the country and moving into town. So on this Thursday our house goes on the market and with the help of St. Joseph who will get buried by our sale sign upside down and facing East and God's blessings, hopefully the right family will want to share all of the memories that we have made here, into new ones for their family. Please pray for us in this new adventure!

Easter Blessings continue and see you in a couple of months.

*Cindy Pogge, President*

## ***Introducing Shirley Retz***

I am a member of Peace Lutheran in Ryan. My husband and I have been married for 66 years and are blessed with six children, twelve grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. I have held each of the offices in our local WELCA, served on the church council, Unity of the Cross council and altar guild. I have served on the Cluster board and as treasurer of the Synod Women's Organization. Now retired, I have been a County Nurse and later spent many rewarding years working in local nursing homes. Thanks be to God for the opportunities to serve!

*Welcome to the Board, Shirley!*

## ***Justice Committee***

The Lord has from Old Testament times reminded people to practice justice. Looking up the word justice in my 1950s dictionary, several definitions are found. The one most easily understood is "the principle of rectitude (undeviating adherence to moral standards; uprightness) and dealing of people with each other." Gad, a son of Jacob, was said to have ruled with the justice of the Lord. David ruled and administered justice and equity (the quality of being fair) to all his people. Micah 6:8 tells us what God requires of us, "Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God." Lord, help us always to treat others as we wish to be treated, with justice and fairness.

*Submitted by Shirley Retz*

## ***Discipleship Committee***

I was recently reminded of the promise we make when we make our affirmation of baptism or when we are confirmed in the Lutheran Church. We are asked the question "Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?" Our response was "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me." In promising these things, it summarizes the meaning of discipleship. It gives me food for thought. I need to continue to live, hear, share, proclaim, serve, and strive. It is my prayer that we all continue to live out our faith, hear, share, and proclaim God's Word, serve God's people, and strive to make this world a better place for our children and grandchildren.

Let's all grow to be better disciples of our Lord and Savior.

*Submitted by Karen Weltzin*



NE IA Women of the ELCA- Check us out and give a like or post about your church's activities!

## **Stewardship Committee**

Here is the long-awaited list for in-kind gifts for the June Gathering. If it is possible the committee requests each person or group contributing gifts create a list with the items given and who is giving them. If you are not a shopper, feel free to bring gift cards.

## **For Wright County Public Health**

Baby Wipes, Diaper Rash Cream, Blankets, Onesies, Socks, Burp Towels, Children's Books  
All hygiene Items for Babies, Children and Moms  
Simple home cooked recipes for moms; if you would like you can add the recipes to the back and place the nonperishable ingredients in a bag to go with a voucher for perishable items.

## **For Colts Day Care:**

Glitter glue, White play sand, Washable school glue, Washable chubby markers, Foam patterns block stickers, White, Black, and colored Card stock, 6 x 9 Felt Sheets, Playdough, Colored pompoms, Colors Washable purple glue sticks, Colored satin ribbon, Colored pipe cleaners, Regular and jumbo craft sticks

Monetary offerings will be equally divided between ELCA World Hunger (as part of the Bishop's participation in RAGBRAI) and CW Women of the ELCA, as designated by the SWO board. Please make checks payable to NE IA Women of the ELCA. These can be brought to the gathering or mailed in advance to Nancy Poppe, 2775 Durham Ave, Nashua IA 50658.



## **CALENDAR**

- May 6 SWO Board Meeting, Waverly, 9 am-12 pm  
Decorah LWR Ingathering, Olson's Explosives
- June 16 SWO Board Meeting @ gathering site @ Trinity, Belmond
- June 17 35th Annual NE IA WELCA Gathering @ Trinity, Belmond
- Sept 18 2023 Triennial Convention & Gathering
- Oct 14 C/E/H LWR Ingathering @ Redeemer, Waverly
- Oct 16 LWR Ingathering @ Southport Mall, Mason City

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## ***Gathering Information***

For a registration form: <https://neiasynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2023-Registration-Form.pdf>

For board nominations: [2023-Nomination-Form-Officers-Board-Members.pdf \(neiasynod.org\)](#)

For gathering poster: [Gathering-poster-2023.pdf \(neiasynod.org\)](#)

For in kind donation form: [In-kind Gifts lists pdf:2 \(neiasynod.org\)](#)

For Nazareth Lutheran kit items preorder: [Nazareth-LWR-form-2-address.pdf \(neiasynod.org\)](#)

For resolutions: [2023-Resolution-Form.pdf \(neiasynod.org\)](#)