



Good News

June 2022

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

What does it mean to be part of the Women of the ELCA? How do we get back to normal? When can we get back to normal? What does the Women of the ELCA do for me? I'm just not into quilting or serving funerals. I get these questions and others quite often.

- 1) First, let me say, I don't think we can go back to normal. I say we need to focus on the future and what works for you and your group. For example, the board meetings will continue to use zoom or some type of video conferencing. Partially due to expense savings for travel and partially because it allows those who may not feel comfortable to be in person to continue to participate from their location.
- 2) There is way more to the Women of the ELCA, than just quilting and serving funerals. There are stewardship and learning opportunities, doing for others, and advocating to ensure all have what they need.
- 3) When women join together to accomplish a task, we can succeed.

Please join us for our June 18 Gathering at St. John in Nashua to find out more!

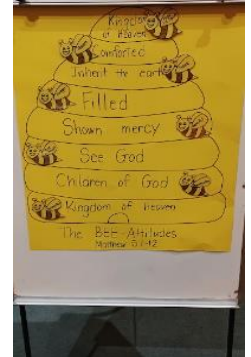
Blessings, Anna Jetson

Gathering Information

Our Annual SWO Gathering will be on Saturday, June 18 @ St John Lutheran in Nashua, 8 am - 1 pm and a luncheon is included. Our theme is *One Body in Christ* and our theme verse is I Corinthians 12:27, "Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it." The focus will be on how each of us has a very important part in the function of the Body as a whole. The designated In Kind Offerings for June 18 Gathering are for Friends of the Family. They serve 27 counties in Northeast Iowa. Our monetary offerings will be split between the CW WELCA and Lutheran Disaster Response-Ukraine. See you in June!

Cluster B Gathering

Little Flock Cluster B, held their Spring Fling at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Garnavillo April 23. Our Rejoice and BEE glad devotion and program was attended by 11 churches in our flock. Bill Johnson was our guest speaker from the Honey Farm in Guttenberg, sharing his interpretation about the land of milk and honey through nutrition and purity.



Discipleship Committee

A disciple is to be an imitator, living our lives like the leader. You can pick out whose child it is as you watch them. They imitate a parent. A boy may walk like his dad and a girl may giggle like her mom. When did you and I become disciples? At our baptism, whether infant, child or adult. I remember my baptism as I was a young girl. There was no Lutheran church in the town where we lived. My parents and others in the community organized and went through the steps necessary to belong to the synod. The Sunday it was official my brother 7, sister 3 and myself 5 were baptized along with other children. So began my journey as a disciple of Christ. Can others tell that I (you) imitate my (your) leader, Christ? Can you (we) recognize Christ in me (us)? Our leader and king Jesus Christ has left us thousands of examples showing compassion. A smile, pat on a back, hug or any form of love will show that you and I have a great King we love and imitate. In all the loving things we do others will know you and I are disciples of the one who loves the entire world enough to give his life for all. Jesus Christ our Lord and King.

Submitted by Bonnie Dralle

CALENDAR

Jun 17 SWO Board @ St John, Nashua, 8 am- 1 pm
Jun 18 NE IA SWO Gathering @ St John, Nashua
Oct 1 Cluster D Fall Gathering @ Burr Oak
Oct 8 LWR Ingathering @Immanuel, Independence
Oct 10 LWR Ingathering @Southport Mall, Mason City
Oct 22 Cluster B Fall Gathering, St John, Guttenberg
Nov 5 LWR Ingathering @Olson's Explosives, Decorah
Sept 18 2023 Triennial Convention & Gathering

LSI Challenge Update

We are over the \$4000 mark, on our way to \$5000. We are almost there!!!! To contribute to the LSI Spiritual Life Challenge, please send donations directly to LSI, 106 16th St SW, PO Box 848, Waverly IA 50677. Please include Spiritual Life Challenge on the memo line.

Justice Committee

How do I model justice for others in the world? Justice can be making donations to food pantries, so that those in need have the necessities to survive. Justice can be joining peaceful rallies to ensure everyone has the same privileges. Justice can be reading books, magazines, listening to podcasts, to educate yourself on a topic, then sharing the information with others. Justice can be aware of your surroundings and reporting things that don't seem quite right to law enforcement or Polaris foundation. Justice can be donating to a reliable organization providing for the needs of others. How will you model Justice to your friends, family and neighbors?

Submitted by Anna Jetson

Stewardship Committee

When we think about our health holistically, including our financial health makes sense. When we consider health in mind, body, and spirit, pondering how financial health and *giving* may be integral to our wellbeing. Many women are motivated to make choices that create a better world. This can be accomplished by giving back based on their blessings, particularly to help those who have less or as a sense of stewardship for God's creation. God calls us as people of faith to take care of one another. We can do good in "our church, society, and the world."

In Kind gifts are collected at our annual SWO. This year 'Friends of the Family' was chosen

as the recipient of these gifts. Their website is: fofia.org. Let's shower them with our generosity!

Items needed most:

Bath towels and washcloths, twin XL sheets
Notebooks, mop, broom
baby wipes and diapers (especially sizes 4 & 5)
baby formula and food
new bras, underwear and socks (any size)
toilet paper, paper towels
hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes
laundry soap, dish soap, all-purpose cleaner
shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion.

If you are not a shopper, we also accept cash or gift cards from major retailers. If you are an Amazon shopper they do have an Amazon Wish list that delivers it directly to them.

Submitted by Alice Greimann

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