

# *The Open Door*

The Newsletter of the East  
Central Synod Wisconsin  
Women of the ELCA  
Synodical Women's  
Organization

March 2023



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. . . and more!

## **CONFERENCE SPRING EVENTS AT A GLANCE!**

All women are invited to any or all of the Conference Spring Events. Below are the plans as of now. Please share this information in your newsletter or other communication. Thank you!

Appleton / Oshkosh Conference -

Saturday, April 15 - All Saints Oshkosh- 1072 Honey Creek Road

Contact: Deb Martin (815-540-5902 or [debmartin04@gmail.com](mailto:debmartin04@gmail.com) ), Wanda Fischer (920-750-4843 or [frnklu@yahoo.com](mailto:frnklu@yahoo.com) ), Sheri Bradshaw (920-896-2126 or [bradshawsheri@gmail.com](mailto:bradshawsheri@gmail.com) )

Green Bay Conference -

Saturday, April 22 - St. John De Pere - 1700 Lost Dauphin Road, 54115

Theme: The Art of Healing

Contact: Carol Grom (text or phone 920-370-8818 or [carolgrom@aol.com](mailto:carolgrom@aol.com) )

Oshkosh Conference-

With Appleton (see above)

Shawano Conference-

Saturday, March 25 - Immanuel of Cicero - N9580 County X, Black Creek

Theme: Let Us As Bold Women Glorify the Lord

Contact: Patti Lardinois (920-228-0986 or [pattilard@hotmail.com](mailto:pattilard@hotmail.com) )

Tomorrow River Conference-

Saturday, April 29 - Trinity Waupaca - 206 E. Badger Street, 54981

Theme: Women of the ELCA - Who We Are!

Contact: Phyllis Christie (715-340-9201 or [phyllis.christie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phyllis.christie@sbcglobal.net) )

Wisconsin River Valley Conference

Saturday, April 22 - St. John - 901 11th Street , Mosinee

Tentative Theme: Care for Self, Care for Others, Care for Creation

Contact: Lola Doll (leave a message at 715-297-7495 or [LKMGDOLL@aol.com](mailto:LKMGDOLL@aol.com) )

## **Message from the President**

Dear Sisters in Christ,

What I have dreaded for 3 years, happened to me. I have Covid. It is not too bad because I am boosted and have all I need. It is not fun to be forced to stay home, but it is not as bad as my fear imagined.

We may have fear of the future for our churches or WELCA. We do know God is with us and equips us for what we need if we ask. God was with our grandmothers and God is with us now. Look for signs all around you near and far.

God calls us to share our faith stories and gifts in our communities and beyond. We don't need to do everything, but we can do something. Our world needs us to be Bold Women as much now as ever.

Covid has accelerated change, but change has always been part of the church. The constant is God with us through it all. No matter our age, God calls each of us to be God's hands in God's work today. Thank you for your part.

Please pray for our Women of the ELCA and all church leadership as we discern where God is leading us. I hope to see you at one of our spring events.

Blessings,

Deb Martin, East Central Synod Women of the ELCA Board President



*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.*

## **CONFERENCE REPORTS**

### **Appleton and Oshkosh Conference Report**

Appleton and Oshkosh Conferences are planning a joint Spring Event at All Saints Oshkosh on Saturday, April 15. For more information, contact: Deb Martin (815-540-5902 or [debmartin04@gmail.com](mailto:debmartin04@gmail.com) ), Wanda Fischer (920-750-4843 or [frnklu@yahoo.com](mailto:frnklu@yahoo.com) ), Sheri Bradshaw (920-896-2126 or [bradshawsheri@gmail.com](mailto:bradshawsheri@gmail.com) )

### **Green Bay Conference Report**

St. John De Pere will host the Green Bay Conference Spring Event on Saturday, April 22 with the theme of “The Art of Healing.”

Teri Bradford from Brown County ADRC will speak on caregivers and services available at the ARDC, and Pastor Libby Howe from the Wisconsin Council of Churches will speak on advocating for self and others. The morning will close with a service of healing conducted by Pastor Cindy Warmbier-Meyer of St. John and lunch.

### **Shawano Conference Report**

March 25, 2023 at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Cicero  
N9580 County Road X, Black Creek, WI 920-833-2508

“LET US AS BOLD WOMEN: GLORIFY THE LORD WITH ME; LET US EXALT GOD’S  
NAME TOGETHER.” Psalm 34:3

Light Breakfast and Registration 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Worship with Pastor Ben Williams and Immanuel’s contemporary choir

“Chantez” with Congregational WELCA Offering collected\*

Speaker will be President of Synod WELCA Deb Martin: “Be A Bold Woman”

Business Meeting, Basket Raffle, Lunch

2024 WELCA Spring Event – St. John’s Lutheran Church, Little Suamico, WI

Cost is \$5.00

“In Kind” offering will be monetary donations to Imago Dei Camp to purchase new mattresses. Each mattress costs \$250.00. Let’s see how many we can purchase. Each Church is encouraged to bring a basket for the raffle.

Contact Patti Lardinois at 920-228-0986 or [pattilard@hotmail.com](mailto:pattilard@hotmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to let us know how many are attending.

\*Please make checks payable to Immanuel of Cicero WELCA as there is no Shawano Conference Treasurer.

## **Tomorrow River Conference Report** by Phyllis Christie, TRC Representative

The Tomorrow River Conference Spring Event will be held Saturday, 29 April from 8:15 am to 1:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waupaca. The theme verse is Isaiah 58:12. The theme is: "Women of the ELCA – Who We Are!" Registration information and more detail will be sent to each congregation in the conference in March. Watch for it to arrive. Contact your church office to be alert for this important packet for the women of your congregation.

As the TRC Representative, I have been trying to call and collect information from each of the congregations in our conference. This has been a task with some challenges as many of the congregational units have dissolved because of the Covid epidemic or other reasons. If your unit is currently participating in any of the missions of Women of the ELCA, please email me, text me, call me, or write me a letter with your women's regular events, your Bible Study resource ("*Gather*" or something else), and the name of a contact person for your church women. I may already have information from some congregational units, but it is always a pleasure to connect with women of the ELCA .

This is also my last year of eligibility for a position on the Synodical Women's Board. The Tomorrow River Conference has been so fortunate to have women who have stepped forward into leadership roles in their home congregations and into the conference and churchwide arena. Our Biennial Convention is upcoming this fall, and we will need a woman to boldly step forward as a candidate for Conference Representative for the Tomorrow River Conference. Please discuss this among your women's groups and encourage a bold woman to prayerfully consider representing this conference. I am available to you for more information on the responsibilities of the position at [phyllis.christie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phyllis.christie@sbcglobal.net) or at 715-340-9201.

## **Wisconsin River Valley Conference Report**

Wisconsin River Valley Conference Spring Event

Date – Saturday, April 22 St. John Lutheran Church

Location – St. John Lutheran Church 901 11<sup>th</sup> St. Mosinee, WI

Theme Verse – 1 Corinthians 3:16 "Surely you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you."

Speaker – Lyn Weis – "One in the Spirit" Devotional Yoga

Additional information and Registration forms will be available in mid-March. For questions email [LKMGDOLL@aol.com](mailto:LKMGDOLL@aol.com) or call 715-297-7495 and leave a voicemail. (Please post the poster at the end of this newsletter. Thank you!)



WOMEN OF THE ELCA GATHERING  
SEPTEMBER 21-24, 2023 | PHOENIX  
WELCATG.ORG

## Twelfth Triennial Gathering Women of the ELCA

September 21-24, 2023  
Phoenix, Arizona

**Registration Opens March 1**

Go To

[www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org)

## RACIAL EQUITY

### Lenten Devotions, Land Acknowledgements, Milwaukee Bus Trip

*The ECSW Racial Equity Team seeks to educate, equip, and empower individuals and congregations to work for racial justice. See below for recent actions. As always, we encourage you to start where you feel comfortable and do as Cherish All Children suggests: pray, educate, connect, act.*

#### Lenten Devotions

Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras, Rev. Barb Girod, and Horace Davis from the synod Racial Equity Team are creating devotions for lent to be shared on the synod website. See the February 22 synod e newsletter *The Wave* for the Ash Wednesday meditation.

#### Land Acknowledgement Panel Discussion

The Racial Equity Team is partnering with other groups to lift up Land Acknowledgements as a way to recognize and honor the original inhabitants of the land on which we stand. On March 11 from 4 to 5:30, a Land Acknowledgement Panel

Discussion will be livestreamed.

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvd-2urTstE9LRZ\\_w5V66Vv0wz9CClhOB](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvd-2urTstE9LRZ_w5V66Vv0wz9CClhOB)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. You may want to arrange to view the livestream at your church so that others may join you for viewing and discussion.

The panel discussion will include the history of Land Acknowledgements, what they are and are not, and how they can help build community. A video of the discussion will be made available for free use by congregations and others.

Panelists will include Bishop Anne Edison-Albright; President Shannon Holsey of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians; Ron Brooks, CEO of Brooks Family Farms, Waupaca and Member of Waupaca Schools Board of Education; Guy Reiter (Anahkwet), member of the Menominee Nation, Director of Menikanaehkem (Community Builders) Organization on the Menominee Reservation in Wisconsin; and two national leaders in this work. George Tinker is an Osage Indian Scholar, professor emeritus of American Indian Culture and Religious Traditions at Iliff School of Theology in Denver. His best known book is *American Indian Liberation: A Theology of Sovereignty* (2008). Steven Newcomb is a Shawnee-Lenape scholar and author, co-founder of the Indigenous Law Institute. He wrote *Pagans in the Promised Land: Decoding the Doctrine of Discovery* (2008). Panel moderator will be Randy Johnson of St. John's Ashwaubenon.

### **Milwaukee Bus Trip to GGMB and America's Black Holocaust Museum**

A one day coach bus trip is being planned for a Sunday in June. We will worship at Greater Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, have lunch, and then visit America's Black Holocaust Museum. The tentative date is June 11. Watch for more information.

### **Now is the Time Study of the Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent**

Thirty-five people participated in this five-week study in three groups - two via Zoom and one in person. The discussions were thought-provoking and the learning deep. The synod Racial Equity Team will offer this study again as well as others. If you would like to co lead the Now is the Time study, Randy Johnson has prepared materials to help you do so.

## Ideas to Learn More about Racism:

- Participate in a virtual or in person book or film study. Contact Shirley Paulson ([spaulson1949@gmail.com](mailto:spaulson1949@gmail.com)) if you would like to be informed of when training for leading a study is offered or if you'd like to be informed about other opportunities to learn about racism and what we can do.
- Watch a documentary on racism such Ava DuVernay's *13th* or a movie such as *Twelve Years a Slave* or *Just Mercy* - the story of Bryan Stevenson - either as an individual or in a group.
- Read as an individual or in a group a book such as *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson. This historical fiction book, recommended by Pat W. from the Now is the Time virtual study, tells the story of a young girl who suffers brutality as a slave. The book includes a study guide for family, school, or adult groups. Still on the list of good books are *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* by Drew G.I. Hart, *White Fragility* by Robin DeAngelo or, another good historical fiction book, *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd.

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## How Can We Help? One Congregation's Story of Learning About an Important Need and Working to Meet that Need

By Cheryl Kruschke, Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Suring

After reading an article in *The Christian Century* magazine about Period Poverty, there was a discussion at Our Redeemer's women's group meeting about how expensive feminine hygiene products are. There was much discussion and many stories about how bad the situation is for some women who cannot afford these products. During the discussion it was stated that these products are not covered by the food stamp program or any other program because they are deemed non-essential. Lists of state and federal representatives were distributed for people to write to them and let them know that these products are essential. Menstruation supplies are expensive and stigmatized. Many people just go without. In addition to causing stress, this is a health problem.

We looked into whether the food bank could distribute the feminine products and then went looking for other places we could supply the feminine products to. There are two public libraries in our community and a women's shelter that were approached to see if they would be interested in having these products available in their facilities. We found most were receptive to the idea. It was decided that we would look into purchasing supplies. After some searching, we found Aunt Flow was willing to help us supply feminine products at a cost we could afford. Aunt Flow information was also in the article in *The Christian Century* magazine. [www.AuntFlow.com](http://www.AuntFlow.com) is a website with the goal of ensuring that everyone has access to menstrual products. There is another



organization called Period.org that is a global group powered by youth.

Since then, there have been other articles out there telling the need. The schools have supplies through the health nurse. It seems so simple and is such a needed program to help struggling people. Menstruation has been a subject that for a long time has not been discussed or showed concern over. People felt they could not talk about a normal bodily function and ways to help people with limited resources to meet this need. Our program was begun to address this need on a local level.

Below are photos of some other projects we have done.







## Listening to God by Phyllis Christie

Many of our congregations are experiencing the process of transition now, some have just completed the process, and others will need to complete it in the future. Discernment (coming to know or to recognize) is commonly the first part of the journey in transition. In the process of discernment, time and patience are probably the most important concepts to remember.

These concepts can also be utilized in daily devotional practices. In our busy, cluttered lives it is often hard to take time out, to be patient. We read our "daily devotion" then hurry off to do all the other things on our "TO DO" list. We feel good as we check off all those items on our lists. But have we accomplished, on a spiritual level, the "daily devotion"? Have we taken time and been patient during our conversation with God or have we had a one-sided conversation with us doing all the talking/praying?

Consider time and patience in your next daily devotion. Try reading the passage three times with time between to listen and to ponder. Or read the passage from three different translations to hear variations from time and culture. In a group devotion, have three different voices read aloud to hear incremental differences of tone and emphasis. With each reading, find a phrase or word that touches your heart or your soul. Lean into those words and phrases as you would in a conversation with a friend. Are they God's portion of your conversation with Him? Take time, be patient, let go, let God speak too. Isn't that why we put "daily devotion" on our "TO DO" list in the first place?

Footnote: The Scriptures are a reference book and a book for meaning and yet they are more than that. When you let the words wash over you, like reading them three times through a practice called **lectio divina**, sacred reading, something different occurs. The phrase lectio divina means “**divine reading**” in Latin and is a fitting name for this prayer practice of listening to Scripture with the ear of the heart. Lectio divina (often called “lectio” for short) is a dialogue with God through Scripture that includes the whole self: thoughts, images, memories, desires, etc.

## See you WHERE? WHEN?

Does this luggage tag look familiar?

If you attended the 2017 WELCA Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis, you may have received one of these as a gift from the women of the Grand Canyon Synod.

The Gathering was postponed because of Covid 19, but it is back on for September 2023! Go to [welcatg.org](http://welcatg.org) for news.



A Recipe from the Cooking with Crossways Cookbook submitted by Lois Hilger

### Zucchini Cranberry Bread Muffins

Mix: 3 eggs (beaten), 1 cup canola oil, 1 ¾ cups sugar, 2 cups zucchini (peeled and grated), 1 tsp. vanilla

Add and mix until well blended: 3 cups flour, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. soda, 3 tsp. cinnamon, ¼ tsp. baking powder, ½ cup chopped nuts, 2 cups fresh cranberries

(sliced), zest of one orange

Pour into 24 muffin cups. Bake for 30 minutes at 325 degrees.

## **All About Thankofferings...**

by Phyllis Christie

The concept of Thankoffering celebrations dates back more than 100 years and beyond Lutherans. The Episcopal Church Women held their first recorded Thankoffering service in 1889, and the World ThankOffering service of the United Methodist Women has been a tradition for over 100 years as well. In the Lutheran tradition, the first Thankoffering service was held in 1889 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the organization. At that first Thankoffering, \$6,100 was collected. Today, Women of the ELCA collects more than \$1 million in Thankofferings annually for the ministries and mission of our women's organization. Our founders would be amazed to see what that covers these days!

Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, of meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us. Thankofferings have always been, and still are, our opportunity to say thank you to God in both significant and ordinary moments.

Giving Thankofferings is grounded in scripture and in The Women of the ELCA constitution: "... Thankofferings shall be gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings. These offerings shall be received ... and transmitted in full to the churchwide organization for the support of the ministries of this organization and the church" (Article X, Churchwide Women's Organization Constitution, Section 4, Item 1).

Thankofferings are to support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization. Our ongoing ministries include our many online and printed communications, our justice and advocacy work, training and development for elected leaders throughout the women's organization, our constant work in support of congregational and synodical women's organizations, the administration of our grants and scholarship programs, our triennial convention and gathering, which will be held this coming September in Phoenix, and so much more.

Women of the ELCA's website, [www.welca.org](http://www.welca.org), has more information about the organization's structure, the publications available and how to subscribe either on-line or by mail. And there is also information about the many resources and Bible Studies available, free for the asking, provided in part by these Thankofferings.

It's been shown time and again that gratitude is good for us – spiritually, mentally, and even physically. Making a Thankoffering is gratitude in action. And Women of the ELCA is grateful to you for taking this action. Thank you.

## Minutes of the January 2023 Retreat

### *Generations of Sisters in Christ*

Winter Planning Retreat January 13 – 14, 2023 at Crossways - Pine Lake

*“Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.” - Micah 6:8*

Attendance: Sheri Bradshaw, Phyllis Christie, Lola Doll, Carol Grom, Lois Hilger, Deb Martin, Pam Schulke

Excused: Wanda Fischer

Gloria has resigned from the SWO Board because of health reasons. Thank you for your service Gloria!  
5:03 Welcome - By Deb and supper provided by camp, board paid.

**Business Meeting** 6:21 called to order by Deb and read our purpose.

Prayer Concerns and Thanksgivings - Devotions given by Lois. Agenda approved M/ 2nd Sheri & Phyllis. Secretary's Report Approved M/2nd Lola & Pam

Treasurer's Report – Approved M/2nd

- We are going forward with the ELCA Credit Union as approved last meeting effective February 1, 2023. Loose cash and bills will be processed through the treasurer's church in their Women of the ELCA account.
- Audit for fiscal year 2021- Jan 2022 has been approved. Shirley Paulson and Marilyn Quirk did the audit.
- The Expense voucher form will be saved to Google Docs.  
Budget 2023 - 2024 was approved M/2nd Pam & Carol to accept the budget as

presented.

- 3 Scholarships are paid for the 2023 Triennial
- Headings were consolidated for clarity.
- \$13,250 checking account balance. \$6,700 could be spent. M/2nd by Lola & Pam  
\$5,000 will be dispersed from our current treasury to support ministries of the ELCA to the following organizations:
  - \$1,000 for scholarship support for an international woman leader through ELCA
- Good Gifts
  - \$1,000 to UW Oshkosh campus ministry
  - \$1,000 to UWGB campus ministry
  - \$1000 to AMMPARO Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities
  - \$1000 to Crossways Camping Ministries
- M/2nd Pam & Carol to accept the budget as presented.
- Donations to Katie's Fund from the Board Members will be made on a quarterly basis. M/ 2nd by Lola & Phyllis
- Monthly report was presented. M/2nd Phyllis/ Pam to accept the Treasurer's report.

Our 2022 goals were met by supporting and participating in Synodical Advocacy Events at The Church of the Wilderness, Allyship focus at the Fall Retreat, and our Spring Events. Improved communication included using FaceBook more, Synod Weekly Wave and the Synod Website.

Conference Reps need to contact each church in their conference to find out if they have an active women's ministry. What are they doing? Are they associated with the WELCA? What is your congregational number? These calls should be completed by Feb 28, 2023. Deb will send out the spreadsheet for each conference rep. to collect this information.

We will continue our Theme **for 2023: Generations of Sisters in Christ** and *“Do justice, love mercy,*

*walk humbly with your God.” - Micah 6:8 M/2nd by Pam/Lola*

**Spring Events:**

Tomorrow River- Trinity in Waupaca April 29, 2023 8:30 am -1:00 pm

Wisconsin River Valley will be at St. John in Mosinee 4/22

Shawano: March 25, 2023

Sheri gave a closing evening devotion.

**Saturday** Call to Order 1/14/2023 8:30 am Devotions led by Phyllis based on Psalm 139 and discernment

**Request** from Deb: Each board member is requested to visit a church that is thriving. Look for new ideas and find out their best practices. Find what we don't know and look for new ideas.

**Triennial Convention and Gathering in 2023**

Attendees of Gathering only: Lois Hilger, Carol Grom, Wanda Fischer, Pam Schulke, Judy Natz, Bishop Anne

Voting Members to Triennial are Shirley Paulson, Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarras PH.D. Cathy Sell, President Deb Martin. Pamela Schelke will be the alternate. Judy Natz and Bishop Anne are the recipients of the scholarship for registration for the Gathering. We decided that the Gift to bring to swap with other synods will be a bookmark.

**Women of ELCA Katie's Fund Campaign** – Table this until our March meeting.

**Fall Retreat/Event:** We do this for time away and connections. Combine with Biennial business. Have a **Just Love** report from the Triennial.

Board meeting **Calendar** set for 2023 Nominating Committee for 2024 will be Deb, Phyllis, Lola, and Wanda

**Open Door Articles from Conference Reps are needed February 15.**

- Assignments: Deb will edit the Responsibilities of Conference Reps for hosting a spring event and insert it into the shared drive.

**New Business:**

1. **Bold Woman Award** - Think about whom to recognize
2. **Goals for 2023:**

1 - To empower women to engage in ministry and action to do justice through advocacy in order to heal and make whole the church, society, and the world. Action items toward accomplishing this goal could include hosting an advocacy summit; creating or finding programming such as Bible studies on social issues; and encouraging women to act on issues about which they feel most passionate such as domestic abuse, human trafficking, or sexism in the media.

2 – To connect and unite women through improved communication. Action items include learning about and using modern communication methods such as social media; recruiting women who have technology skills; and visiting all congregations to connect them with Women of the ELCA at the synod and churchwide levels.

2:36 Adjournment -Pam/Phyllis M/2nd to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Hilger  
January 28, 2023

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**Coming Events**

- March 11 - Land Acknowledgement Panel Discussion - register for Zoom at [ecsw.org](http://ecsw.org)
- March 25 - Shawano Conference Spring Event - Immanuel of Cicero in Black Creek
- April 15 - Appleton/Oshkosh Conference Spring Event - All Saints Oshkosh
- April 22 - Green Bay Conference Spring Event - St. John DePere
- April 22 - Wisconsin River Valley Conference Spring Event - St. John Mosinee
- April 29 - Tomorrow River Conference Spring Event - Trinity Waupaca
- September 21-24 - 12<sup>th</sup> Triennial in Phoenix, AZ

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**1 Corinthians 3:16:**

*Surely you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you.*

# Wisconsin River Valley



# Spring Event

Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Registration will begin at 8:30a. Program will conclude at 12:45p

Hosted by St. John Lutheran Church  
901 11<sup>th</sup> St. Mosinee 54455

Additional information and registration forms will be communicated in mid-March. In the meantime, for any questions please email [LKMGDOLL@aol.com](mailto:LKMGDOLL@aol.com).

All women of the ELCA are welcome to attend.