

WHO ARE WE?

The following 18 churches make up the Northern Conference of the La Crosse Synod:

Bells Coulee – Mindoro

Blair Lutheran – Blair

Christ Lutheran – Arcadia

Fagerness Lutheran – Blair

French Creek – Ettrick

Halfway Creek – Holmen

Hardies Creek – Ettrick

Holmen Lutheran – Holmen

Journey Lutheran – Onalaska

Lewis Valley – Holmen

Living Hope – Ettrick

Mindoro Lutheran – Mindoro

Mt. Calvary – Trempealeau

North Beaver Creek – Ettrick

South Beaver Creek – Ettrick



St. John's Lutheran – Alma

Tamarack – Arcadia

Zion Lutheran - Galesville

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WOMEN OF THE ELCA
TENTH TRIENNIAL GATHERING

Minneapolis, Minnesota
July 13–16, 2017

About our logo The joyful, organic shape of a butterfly—or is it a flower?—represents transformation and growth. Splashes of color honoring the four elements (earth, wind, fire, air) spill outside the lines to create an uplifting symbol that is bright, bold and vibrant.

FOR MORE INFO:
welcatg.org

WELCA

La Crosse Synod

La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA “Fall Renewal”

The Fall Gathering was held October 17th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Kathleen Sumrall, President of W-ELCA of La Crosse Area Synod greeted the gathering.

Good Shepherd’s Pastor Harald Bringsjord took the group on a “walking tour” of the Bible. Jessica Zinniel and Michelle Hyatt shared their experiences at the Detroit Youth Gathering. And Pastor Ben Morris, who does Campus ministry at the Common Ground, spoke about the serving of La Crosse college students.

Break-out sessions were held for Officers and Mission Committees to share ideas and concerns. Ministry workshops working on quilts and decorating of cookies for Campus Ministry were also held.

A delightful lunch was served by the Good Shepherd W-ELCA followed by brief afternoon of activities. JoAnn Salava gave a presentation on the upcoming 2017 Triennial in Minneapolis. This was followed by Conference meetings. The offering of \$622.55 was designated by the gathering to be given to the work of the La Crosse Campus Ministry. The “Walk the Word” Fall Gathering closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Everyone who attended went away with fresh ideas and a need to serve.

Upcoming Events:

- 1) October 25, 2015 – **North Beaver Creek Annual LUTEFISK Dinner** – Serving from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. All you care to eat...Family Style! \$14 Adults, \$6 Children 6-12, Free PreSchool Also Bake & Craft Sale!
- 2) November 2, 2015 – **Mindoro Lutheran Fall Bazaar** – Auction of crafts, produce, baked goods, and holiday decorations – Lunch at 6:00 p.m. followed by auction at 7:00 p.m.
- 3) November 8, 2015 – **Lewis Valley Mission Fest** – Follows 10:30 Service – Meatballs & Gravy, Lefse, Mashed Potatoes, Rutabagas, Corn, Coleslaw, Buns, Pie - \$10 Adults, \$5 Ages 5-10, 4 & Under Free
- 4) November 30, 2015 – **Living Hope’s Advent Luncheon** –Invites to be sent to Northern Conference Churches
- 5) July 15, 2016 – Date chosen for Spring/Summer Event – Watch for location and more information

IDEAS TO SHARE

- o **GATHER** used copies – are these being recycled to nursing homes, jails, new members, etc.? How do you reuse the **GATHER** magazines in your units?
- o Would your unit consider buying a one-year subscription to **GATHER** for new members?
- o Do your unit officers get copies of [Crosswinds](#) and [The North Conference Newsletter](#)? Ask your church secretaries to run copies of these newsletters for ALL women leaders.
- o Some units sell quilts for \$35-\$50 to raise money for Project Comfort (funding for sending of quilts/kits to LWR)



Our Purpose:

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.

Connecting serving with Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman or his taking time for children or his comforting of friends moves us beyond charitable activities to relationships.

Jesus calls us to think differently about how and why we serve others – not merely 'doing for' or picking and choosing who gets our attention and when. Serving as Jesus serves brings us closer to Jesus, the one who did not come to be served but to serve.

This message was adapted from the "Lessons for Today's Disciples" resource written by Valora K. Starr and available for free download from the Women of the ELCA website.

It is the goal of this newsletter that the 18 churches of the North Conference of the La Crosse Synod use it for WELCA ministry. The intentions are to have this newsletter come out four times a year: January, April, July, and October. *All items for inclusion are requested by the first of these respective months: December, March, June, and September.*

LEADERS OF THE NORTH CONFERENCE

The North Conference Board Member is Ruth Scholze. She represents our conference at all Synodical WELCA Board Meetings. Her address is N6692 Johnson Coulee Rd., Holmen, WI 54636. Ruth's phone number is 608-526-3064 and her e-mail is escholze@centurytel.net.

The North Conference Coordinator is Deb Sveen. Deb helps coordinate all WELCA activities of the North units. Her address is N24431 Lunde Coulee, Ettrick, WI 54627. Deb's land phone is 608-525-3000 and her e-mail is cmsveen@hotmail.com.

Be sure to contact Ruth if you have concerns that need the attention of the Synodical Board. Contact Deb with any invitations for North Conference WELCA events and/or activities that other churches need to be made aware of.

DAILY GRACE

Serving our neighbors

Serving is at the heart of Jesus' ministry. A disciple's goal is to do as the teacher does. Making the connection between Jesus feeding the 5,000 and setting up food pantries and soup kitchens is easy.

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