

Newsletter of the La Crosse Area Synod Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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W-ELCA Purpose Statement

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.

The La Crosse Area W-ELCA Syond Spring Convention will be on April 16, 2016, at Westby Coon Prairie Lutheran Church, 500 S. Main Street, Westby. The theme, following the triennial theme of "many generations," will be "Grandma, I've grown up," focusing on the ministry of our generation and future generations. Keynote speaker will be Bishop Emerita April Larson.

Offices to be elected at the Spring Convention are: Vice President, Secretary, Representatives from the East and West Conferences. Names may be submitted to the nominating committee, Ruth Scholze, chair.

The 10th Triennial Gathering will be held in Minneapolis July 13-16, 2017. Voting members to the 10th Triennial Convention (held on the days immediately before the Gathering, July 11-12, 2017) will also be elected at our Spring Convention on April 16, 2016. Each congregational unit may submit the name of one person. Nomination forms for triennial voting members are included in the this Crosswinds. Deadline for nominations – April 1, 2016.

Transportation and rooms are provided for voting members to the Triennial Convention.



To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

President's Letter

Hello Sisters in Christ,

Wow a lot has been going on. I pray that you are all gearing up for the coming year.

First things first, mark your calendar for our Spring Convention, which will be at Westby Coon Prairie Church, in Westby on April 16th, 2016. Our keynote speaker will be Bishop Emerita April Larson, speaking on the theme "Grandma I've Grown-up". Your presence will make it a success. Be thinking of women that you would like to see represent this Synod at the Triennial convention in 2017.

I have just gotten back from the Presidents meeting at Churchwide in Chicago. It was a very inspiring time, with women across the country with issues that are the same as ours. They shared wonderful ideas.

What I would like to see us do this year? My goal is to get a page on the La Crosse Synod's website about us. So that when women go there to find out what we do and how to join us they can easily find out about us. If you would like help plan the contents of this please give me a call. W-ELCA has an e-magazine "Cafe" and it is excellent, it is geared toward younger women. There are so many things happening that we need to share. Our Women of the ELCA Purpose Statement has never been more true.

I would like to say a thank you to all of you who are active members of W-ELCA, who recognize the importance of standing together and help each other through life. Your love is precious, thank you for sharing your time and talents.

Sincerely submitted by,

Kathleen Sumrall

608-487-2799

Registration Form 2016 Spring Convention

Theme: "of many generations: Grandma, I've Grown Up"

April 16, 2016

Westby Coon Prairie Lutheran Church

500 Main St. Westby, WI 608 634-3412

8:00 am Registration

8:45 am Voting Member Orientation

9:00 am Worship

3:30 pm Closing of Convention

Congregation Name _____ **Conference** _____

1) Name _____

Unit Officer? Y/N Title _____ Voting Member? Y/N

2) Name _____

Unit Officer? Y/N Title _____ Voting Member? Y/N

3) Name _____

Unit Officer? Y/N Title _____ Voting Member? Y/N

4) Name _____

Unit Officer? Y/N Title _____ Voting Member? Y/N

5) Name _____

Unit Officer? Y/N Title _____ Voting Member? Y/N

Registration cost is \$12 per person if treasurer receives registration by **April 11, 2016**. Make checks payable to **La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA**. Send forms and funds to Sue Staples, W5549 Southdale Dr., La Crosse, WI 54601.

Registration must be made by phone, (608) 788-8249, after April 11; the fee is \$15 per person with monies payable at the convention. The U.S. mail is not timely enough to guarantee funds being received by convention. Checks should be still be payable to La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA.

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LA CROSSE AREA SYNOD W-ELCA NOMINATION FORM FOR SYNODICAL BOARD

Nomination for the office of: _____

Name _____ Church _____

Home Address _____

Occupation _____ Phone _____

Church Participation:

Community Participation:

Send this completed form to .

Completed nomination forms must be received by April 1, 2016, to be included in our convention booklet; however, nomination will be taken from the floor at convention.

Return nomination forms to the Nominating Committee Chair Ruth Scholze,
N6692 Johnson Coulee Road, Holmen, WI 54636.

Nominees are needed for the offices of Vice-President, Secretary, East Conference Representative, and West Conference Representative Board Members. Elections will be held at Spring Convention on April 16, 2016. Job descriptions are on the following pages.

1 Peter 4:10: As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

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BOARD OF THE SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

There shall be a board of this synodical women's organization consisting of four elected officers together with five elected members, four members elected from the territory of each conference and one elected at large. All board members shall be participants in a congregational unit and members of the ELCA.

Members of the board shall be elected by the convention for a term of two years with one consecutive reelection and may not serve on the board in any capacity for more than seven consecutive years.

The board shall be legislative authority between conventions of this synodical women's organizations and shall carry forward the work of the synodical women's organization, act for it and report its actions to subsequent conventions.

Board members shall attend all board meetings and all meetings of committees to which they have been assigned. They shall read and become familiar with all board and committee mailings prior to the meetings and be familiar with the budget. Board members shall attend synodical conventions and workshops and shall perform the duties as assigned by the president or executive board.

THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL

- a. act in the absence, disability, or resignation of the president. She shall assume the duties of the president until the vacancy is filled by the board of the synodical women's organization at its next regularly scheduled meeting; and
- b. perform such other duties as requested by the president or the board.
- c. Two year term with one (1) re-election.
- d. Compile a notebook of minutes and events to give to your successor at the transition meeting.

THE SECRETARY SHALL

- a. be the secretary of the board and the executive committee of the synodical women's organization;
- b. be responsible for recording and distributing minutes of the synodical convention, the board, and the executive committee;
- c. give the units notification of the regular convention at least three months in advance and of a special convention at least one month in advance;
- d. keep a correct register of the roll of units, along with the names of the officers of these units;
- e. secure from the units such reports as from time to time may be required;
- f. perform such other duties as the board may from time to time direct; and
- g. provide for the gathering and preserving of historical records and documents.
- h. Two year term with one (1) re-election.

THE EAST AND WEST CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES SHALL

1. Act as presiding officer of the Conference Committee
2. Attend Synodical Women's Board meetings as a non-voting member. Four meetings per year held in La Crosse.
3. Act as a liaison between the individual units and the Synodical Women's Board.
4. Work with the Synodical Women's Board and Conference Committee to plan the Fall gatherings.
5. Plan with the Conference Committee, a special event for conference members. Conference programs could include retreats, a Bible study, a day trip, etc.
6. Insure any necessary business of the conference is conducted at the Fall Renewal and/or special event.
7. Submit articles to the synod newsletter, "Crosswinds" as appropriate.
8. Chair the nominating committee for conference officers.
9. Compile a notebook of minutes and events to give to your successor at the transition meeting.
10. Two year term with one (1) re-election.

**LACROSSE AREA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S
Triennial Convention Delegate
Nomination Form
"All Anew"**

**Delegate to the 10th Triennial Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota
July 11-12, 2017 (Gathering July 13-16)**

Check as many as apply:

Under 35 _____ Over 35 _____ First time delegate _____

Woman of Color or Primary Language other than English _____

The La Crosse Area Synodical Women's Organization has been allocated three delegates to the Triennial Convention. The president of the synodical women's organization shall be a delegate to the convention by virtue of office; for a total of four delegates.

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Name and city of congregation she is a member of _____

Name of congregation unit submitting her name _____

Her involvement with the Women of the ELCA _____

Please ask the applicant to answer the following question and sign the application.

Why would you like to serve as a delegate to the Triennial Convention? _____

Signature of Applicant _____

The nominating committee will review this application. Transportation and rooms are provided for voting members to the Triennial Convention.

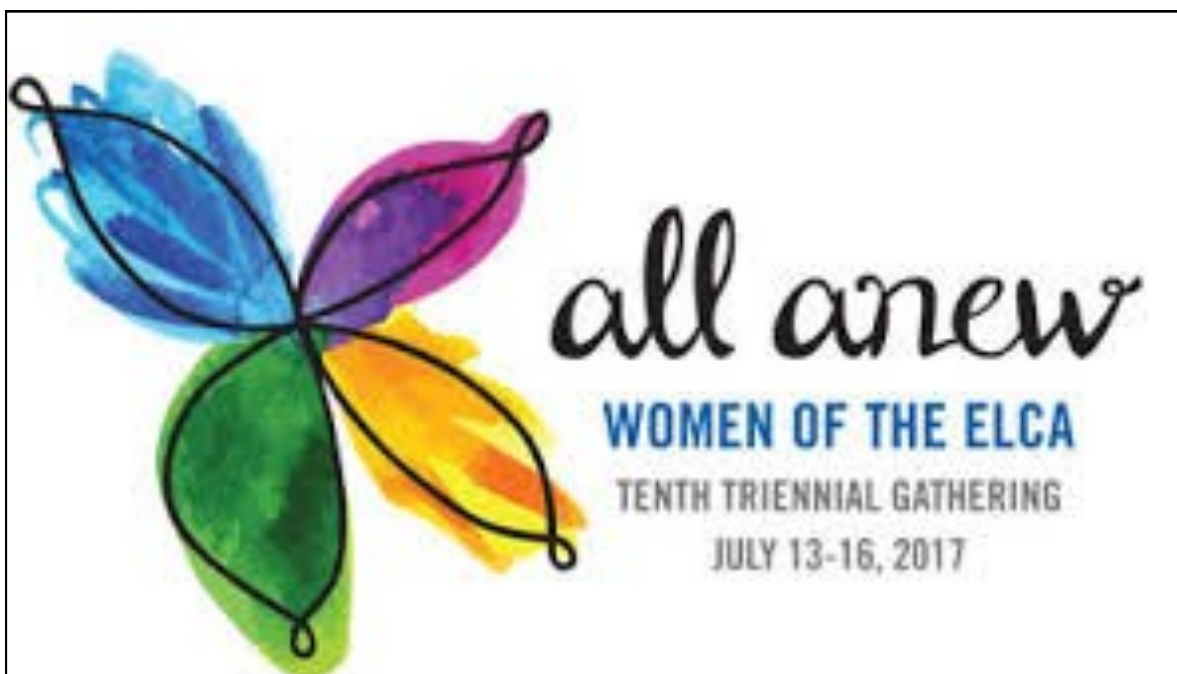
Please return this form by April 1, 2016, to: Kathleen Sumrall

411 Pearl Street, Sparta, WI 54656

Upcoming Events

Please make copies of the attached flyers to use in your church newsletters, website, bulletins, bulletin boards, etc. to promote one another's events.

Submit your upcoming events to monavanriper@gmail.com so they can be in future Crosswinds.



Salad Luncheon

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Westby Coon Prairie Lutheran Church

Serving from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm



Theme:

Collections of Bells & Angels



Tickets may be purchased at the door

Carry-outs available

*Sponsored by
WCP Women of the ELCA*

Adults:	\$ 7
Children, age 5-12:	\$ 3
Children under 5:	Free

~ Everyone Welcome ~

Spring in the Valley

Plant & Bake Sale

Hanging Baskets, Pepper Plants, Tomato Plants, Potting Soil,
Perennials, Raffles, Baked Goods, Cinnamon Rolls, Lunch

Saturday, May 14, 2016

8:00AM to 1:00PM

Lewis Valley Lutheran Church

W5402 County Road V

Holmen, WI

(at the intersection of "V" & "T" in Stevenstown)

For more information call: 608-769-1509 (Cathy Gabrielson) or 608-857-3474 (Church Office)



**WOMEN OF THE ELCA
LA CROSSE SYNOD NORTH CONFERENCE
SUMMER EVENT**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016

HALFWAY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

W6016 County Rd W, Holmen, WI

8:30 AM Coffee & Registration, \$10.00 covers lunch

9:15 AM Opening Music & Devotion

Presidential Gardeners Program:

This presentation will focus on a few of our past U. S. Presidents who were gardeners. You will be surprised at how our country's founding fathers took both pride and pleasure in growing vegetables, herbs, importing exotic plants, and designing elaborate gardens at their homes before and after the time they spent at the White House. Focusing mainly on the efforts of Jefferson, Adams, and Washington, pieces of their personal plant preferences, gardening philosophy, and lasting horticultural legacy will leave you with even more appreciation for these men that formed our country. The session will be led by Carol Labuzzetta, a Bluff Country Master Gardener Volunteer, who has held certification since 2004 and developed a local after-school garden club for students at Evergreen Elementary in Holmen.

RSVP by June 1, 2016 to Ruth Scholze

Call 608-526-3064 or email escholze@centurytel.net

WEST CONFERENCE SUMMER EVENT

POTLUCK SALAD LUNCHEON &

HISTORIC HOMES TOUR

Wednesday, June 29, 2016

11:00am-3:30pm

Beginning at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

359 N. Leonard Street, West Salem, WI

Purchase tickets at Our Savior's \$5.00; Brochure & Map Available

Please try to carpool from the church

Tour the 2 Octagon Homes 11:00am-Noon

Salad Luncheon Noon-1:30pm; Errol Kindschy will speak on

"Why We're Proud to be from West Salem"

Tour the Hamlin Garland & Thomas Leonard Homesteads 1:30pm-3:00pm

Return to Our Savior's for Strawberry Shortcake

If you don't wish to tour in the afternoon, bring handiwork or join Our Savior's Dorcas ladies in cutting squares and tying mission quilts.

Questions? Call Connie Blunck at 608.786.0684

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