

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

NORTH CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

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ALL ANEW- WOMEN OF THE ELCA – TENTH TRIENNIAL GATHERING – JULY 13-16, 2017 – Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Tenth Triennial Gather calls us with our sisters to experience not only the power of the Holy Spirit, but the power of women gathered – to be women who act boldly on their faith. Bishop Eaton will open the triennial that Thursday evening followed by time to explore personal and communal transformation through Bible study, worship, learning opportunities, song, film and art. We will learn what it means to become All Anew and how we can carry our transformation into a world that seeks renewal.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Leyman Gbowee (LAY-ma Bo-ee) will be one of the keynote speakers. She is known for assembling thousands of women who prayed in the streets of Liberia, eventually putting an end to the Second Liberian Civil War in 2003. Registration is now open. Adult registration is \$310 for the entire triennial. Adult Friday or Saturday registration (one day only) is \$175. Early bird registration ends January 6, 2017.

The North Conference of the La Crosse Synod is planning on getting a bus for a one-day trip to the Tenth Triennial either Friday, July 14th or Saturday, July 15th. WHAT WOULD YOU WANT – FRIDAY OR SATURDAY? **We need to reserve a bus ASAP for one of these days. Please let us know by Halloween what your wishes are. Please inform Ruth Scholtz (escholze@centurytel.net) (phone # 608*526-3064) or Deb Sveen (cmsveen@hotmail.com) (phone # 608-525-3000) as to how many from your unit would go and what day is preferred. (Continue onto next page...)**

WELCA

La Crosse Synod

(Continue from page one) The North Conference has already set aside \$415 and hopes to add to this at our 2017 Spring Event. As far as we can figure it will cost one person anywhere from \$5 to \$15 to ride the bus. It is hoped to have the main pickup be in Galesville with a stop at Alma. The bus holds 55, so reservations are needed. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we needed to get two buses?!

More information about the Triennial can be found at www.welcatg.org.

La Crosse Area Synod WELCA Fall Renewal

“Serving Our Neighbors Together”

Held October 15, 2016, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, La Crosse, WI

A very productive and informative day was planned for our annual Fall Renewal. Those who attended found Our Redeemer's people to be very welcoming and hospitable. Retired Pastor Ron Nowland led us in opening devotions followed by the Call to Order by Kathleen Sumrall, President. From here we attended workshops that included speakers from: Catholic Charities, Couleecap, Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran World Relief, and Thrivent. Much useful information about the purpose and activities of these organizations was gathered. For example, a very useful resource guide of services Trempealeau County from family & children resources, health care, food distribution, legal services, transportation, etc. was made available as well as information for surrounding communities.

The offering collected this day was \$600.00. One half of it was designated for flooding in our area and the other half is to go to Sugar Creek to help with flooding issues. Also shared were totals so far collected from the conferences in regards to quilts made, LWR kits assembled, etc. The Conferences held meetings, too. Our spring event will be June 14 or 21, 2017, at South Beaver Creek Lutheran Church. Our bus to the Triennial was also discussed, and we need to know by Halloween what day we want to go to this.

The last item of the day was a presentation outlining the various activities and opportunities of the 10th Triennial. Our La Crosse Synod WELCA has scholarships available to help with registrations to this convention. Be sure to ask if this is something you'd like to know more about.

LaCrosse Area Synod WELCA

2016 Project Results

(Updated version will be printed in next Crosswinds)

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Quilts to LWR</u>	<u>Personal Care Kits</u>	<u>School Kits</u>	<u>Baby care Kits</u>	<u>Sewing Kits</u>	<u>Quilts to other orgs.</u>	<u>Soap#</u>	<u>Other Projects/Notes</u>
<u>Blair Lutheran</u>	<u>71</u>		<u>20</u>	<u>17</u>		<u>16</u>		
<u>Christ, Arcadia</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>337</u>		<u>10</u>		
<u>Coon Valley</u>	<u>20</u>		<u>103</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>38</u>		
<u>De Soto</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>				<u>Several quilts to area needy</u>
<u>Fish Creek Ridge, Cashton (in Rockland)</u>	<u>56</u>		<u>20</u>				<u>20</u>	
<u>Good Shepherd, La Crosse</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>62</u>		<u>\$1850 Homeless Teens</u>
<u>Good Shepherd, Viroqua</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>50</u>		<u>50 quilts to Toys for Tots</u>
<u>Halfway Creek, Holmen</u>	<u>66</u>							
<u>Holmen</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>11</u>			
<u>Living Hope, Ettrick</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>42</u>			<u>103</u>		
<u>Mindoro</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>37</u>				<u>25</u>	
<u>North Beaver Creek</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>175</u>		<u>25</u>		<u>Lap robes, school supplies, personal care supplies to various organizations</u>
<u>Our Redeemer, La Crosse</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>			<u>51</u>		
<u>Our Savior,, West Salem</u>	<u>230</u>		<u>222</u>					
<u>Peace, Gays Mills (in Readstown)</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>19</u>		<u>2</u>			
<u>St. John, Alma</u>	<u>146</u>		<u>64</u>					<u>12 Prayer Shawls</u>
<u>St. Stephen, Camp Douglas</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>36</u>				<u>10 quilts sold to cover shipping costs; 38 baby caps to Gundersen Premies</u>
<u>St. Paul's, La Crosse</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>36</u>		<u>13</u>		<u>*43 Youth Project</u>
<u>St. Paul's, Wilton</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>230</u>			<u>43</u>		
<u>St. Peter's--Shennington</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>41</u>		<u>74</u>				
<u>Trinity, Sparta</u>	<u>365</u>			<u>41</u>			<u>130</u>	
<u>Westby Coon Prairie</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>41</u>				<u>30</u>	<u>86 bars soap est. 30#</u>
<u>Zion, Galesville</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>34</u>		<u>43</u>		<u>341 Operation Christmas Child Boxes</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>2193</u>	<u>880</u>	<u>1411</u>	<u>854</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>454</u>	<u>205</u>	

Need Fundraiser Ideas?

Here is a list of ideas shared by *Thrivent Financial* to generate funds.

1. Benefit for someone with high medical bills
2. Chili/barbeque cook-off
3. Community rummage/garage sale for charity
4. Create/sell recipe books
5. Local restaurant tasting/competition
6. Car/dog wash
7. 5k fun run
8. Walk/ride for a cause (e.g., cancer)
9. Community fair/carnival
10. Sadie Hawkins or other dance
11. Art show or auction
12. Fashion show
13. Dancing with the local stars
14. Book fair
15. White elephant silent auction
16. Murder mystery dinner
17. Iron Chef cook-off
18. Aluminum can recycling drive
19. Local talent show
20. Penny wars
21. Charity head shave
22. Calendar art competition/sale
23. Golf or miniature golf open
24. Run a "Bowlathon"
25. Team sport tournament (softball, basketball, etc.)

Save the Date!



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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

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Need Ideas and Resources?

Check out women.elca@elca.org – find out how to make global connections, leadership development, plan local events, etc.

Does your unit have any ideas it can share with the other WELCA groups of the North Conference? Please share them here!

Is your unit making plans to attend the 2017 Triennial? Don't forget that the Northern Conference has started to put aside funds to help with transportation costs. So far we have collected \$415 toward the cost of a bus.

Upcoming Events:

- **October 16, 2016 – South Beaver Creek Lutheran Meatball Dinner – 11-1:30**
- **October 23, 2016 – North Beaver Creek Lutheran Lutefisk/Meatball Dinner – 11-?**
- **November 5, 2016 – Blair Lutheran Lutefisk/Meatball Dinner - Bake and Craft Sale – 11-6:00- White Church**
- **November 13, 2016 – Lewis Valley Lutheran Mission Fest – Worship/Meatball Dinner – 10:00 am**
- **November 19, 2016 – Zion Lutheran of Galesville Coffee/Lunch – 9:30-3:00**
- **November 19, 2016 – Zion Lutheran of Galesville Parsonage Tour featuring history of home along with decorated Christmas trees – 9:30-5:00 - \$2 tickets**
- **November 28, 2016 – Living Hope's Annual Advent Luncheon – 11:00**



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.

DAILY GRACE

Where Do Spiritual Gifts Come From?

Perhaps you've written a note to encourage a young person early in her career, to affirm her gifts and reassure her that she has the skills to meet challenges. Paul writes such a message to Timothy, the young evangelist who faced many challenges. Paul encourages and reminds him that he is responsible for rekindling his own spiritual gifts and using them well. Paul also tells Timothy that his gifts are connected to the spiritual gifts of other people. Timothy's "sincere faith" is the faith that first lived in his mother and grandmother; and, he received a gift of God through the hands of Paul, his contemporary and mentor.

From "Providing for Our Spiritual Gifts" by Emma Crossen in the October 2012 issue of Interchange

It is the goal of this newsletter that the 18 churches of the North Conference of the La Crosse Synod use this 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.

All items are to be sent to Deb Sveen, NC Coordinator, N24431 Lunde Coulee, Ettrick, WI 54627. Phone number is 608-525-3000. E-mail: cmsveen@hotmail.com

WHAT KIND OF CHARITABLE PROJECTS HAS YOUR UNIT DONE THAT CAN BE SHARED IN THIS NEWSLETTER? WE'D LOVED TO KNOW!

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.