

Crosswinds



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

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.



Hello Wonderful Women of the ELCA,

It's less than a month until the Fall Renewal! This year has flown by! The Fall Renewal is on October 19, at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Prairie du Chien.

Our keynote speaker will be Chaplain Ann Wales from the La Crosse County Jail Ministry.

We'll have the BOOK SWAP table for all the book lovers out there.

When we break into our conferences at the Renewal, North Conference and South Conference will need to pick/find/ volunteer women to the Conference Coordinator positions. (Both North and South are in need of Conference Reps too!) A job description is on page 4 of this newsletter.

And, we will try our best to provide ample time for fellowship and interaction to share ideas, etc.

Peace & Love,
Mona Van Riper, Crosswinds Editor



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

God's blessings, Women of the La Crosse Area Synod!

If you're like me, I've been looking forward to fall; however, this week summer showed us it's still too early to get out our sweaters, and put away those pedal pushers. We shouldn't be surprised! When I was teaching, the first couple weeks in September usually managed to climb into the 90's, so why should it be any different now that I've retired? Summer clings on, just as winter does in the spring. But...**Fall Renewal is around the corner!**

The ladies on your WELCA board have been busy putting together a day of learning, devotion, and fellowship that will call you into renewed ministry. Ann Wales, chaplain at the La Crosse County Jail, will share her experiences and insight into the workings of our local justice system. A speaker from Lutheran World Relief is penciled in but not yet confirmed. Missy Erickson, who was part of the synod delegation to Peru this summer, jumped at the chance to speak to our gathering. I think you will enjoy her energy and enthusiasm. We are also in the process of confirming a presentation from the new LuMin Campus Minister as well as a representative from Sugar Creek Bible Camp.

North and South Conferences are in need of Representatives and Coordinators. Representatives attend board meetings with a voice and vote, and help plan our Spring Convention and Fall Renewal. Coordinators are not required to attend board meetings; however, if they attend, they have a voice, but no vote. They help with registration at Spring Convention and may plan a conference social gathering. Please prayerfully consider whether you or someone in your conference might be able and willing to fill these positions.

God is calling us to gather at **St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Prairie du Chien on Oct. 19, 2024**. Registration and fellowship will begin at 8 a.m. and we'll adjourn about 2 p.m. Whichever route you decide to travel, it's bound to be a pleasant journey. There's a Great River Road on both sides of the Mississippi River, or maybe you'll travel over hill and dale. Whichever way you choose, I'm hoping for a brilliant autumn display of fall's finest colors, courtesy of God, our Creator.

Though it feels as though I'm still processing the 2023 Triennial Gathering in Phoenix, I'm also looking forward to the **13th WELCA Triennial Gathering that will be in Des Moines, Iowa from July 16-19, 2026**. A Mapquest search reveals that Des Moines is only about four hours away, a very doable bus ride or car trip. Registration doesn't begin until July 2025, but we can put it on our calendar, because we all know that anticipation is definitely part of the joy of any event! No theme has been announced yet, but when Joy Michalski spoke at our Spring Convention this year, she told me that she was on the committee that chose Des Moines. One of the deciding factors was how many bathrooms a site had. Interesting; very interesting!

Within the pages of this Crosswinds, be sure to find the **LWR form** telling how many quilts, etc. your congregation has donated this past year. **Bring the form with you to Fall Renewal**. Also, if you put your milkweed seeds away in a safe spot, now might be the time to sow them in your garden. We'll have another reminder about that at Fall Renewal also.

The **Book Swap table** will be set up, so please **bring books to trade**. Bring some; take some.

The Board is planning a special event that will be announced at Fall Renewal, so hope you can come and join the fun! The ladies at St. Peter are ready to welcome you!

In God's amazing grace!

Anita M. Jensen

President, La Crosse Area Synod WELCA

2024 Fall Renewal Registration Form

October 19, 2024

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

201 S. Michigan Street Prairie du Chien, WI 53821 (608) 326-6411

8:30 am Registration - 2:00 pm Closing of Convention

Congregation Name _____ **Conference** _____

1) Name _____

Unit Officer? Y/N Title _____ Special Diet &/or Childcare _____

2) Name _____

Unit Officer? Y/N Title _____ Special Diet &/or Childcare _____

3) Name _____

Unit Officer? Y/N Title _____ Special Diet &/or Childcare _____

4) Name _____

Unit Officer? Y/N Title _____ Special Diet &/or Childcare _____

5) Name _____

Unit Officer? Y/N Title _____ Special Diet &/or Childcare _____

Mailed registration with \$15 per person must reach the treasurer by **October 10, 2024**.
Make checks payable to **La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA**. Send forms and funds to
Jodi Anderson, W2875 Anderson Road, Mindoro WI 54644.

After October 10, registration **MUST** be made by phone, (608) 857-3550. The fee
remains \$15 per person with monies **payable at the convention**. The U.S. mail is not
timely enough to guarantee funds being received in a timely manner. Checks should be still
be **payable to La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA**.



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

Mona’s version of the Job Description for a Conference Coordinator:

1. Is the Liaison between the W-ELCA board and the conference;
 2. Is not a voting member on the board; but, is encouraged to attend board meetings;
 3. Organizes conference events (example would be a Summer Luncheon);
 4. Works the Registration Desk at the Spring Convention and the Fall Renewal; and
 5. Possibly make a monthly or quarterly newsletter for the units in the conference
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The Conference Representatives shall

- a. Act as presiding officer of the Conference Committee
 - b. Attend Synodical Women’s Board meetings as a voting member.
 - c. Act as a liaison between the individual units and the Synodical Women’s Board.
 - d. Work with the Synodical Women’s Board and Conference Committee to plan the Fall Renewals.
 - e. Plan with the Conference Committee, a special event for conference members. Conference programs could include retreats, a Bible study, a day trip, etc.
 - f. Insure any necessary business of the conference is conducted at the Fall Renewal and/or special event.
 - g. Submit articles to the synod newsletter, “Crosswinds” as appropriate.
 - h. Chair the nominating committee for conference officers.
 - i. Compile a notebook of minutes and events to give to your successor at the transition meeting.
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The following information is from the W-ELCA Churchwide in Chicago.

WHAT IS AN ACTIVE UNIT?

A unit must commit to four items in order to be recognized as active:

1. Come together for study, support, and action.
2. Participate in the ministry of W-ELCA beyond the congregation.
3. Support financially the total program of W-ELCA.
4. Designate leadership that shall be in communication with the synodical and Churchwide women’s organization.

W-ELCA Units'

Projects Completed from November 2023 through September 2024

Item made	Number made	Donated to	Season most items are made
Quilts			
Personal Care Kits			
School Kits			
Baby Care Kits			
Fabric Kits			
Other: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Number made	Other than LWR (which is above) who were they donated to	

Church Name _____ Conference _____

Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Please bring this completed form to the Fall Renewal on 10/19/2024, and hand it in at the registration table. If you won't be attending the Fall Renewal, please mail the completed form to send this completed form of projects (quilts, kits, other... for Lutheran World Relief and/or other missions) to Leslie Peterson N9692 2nd Ave, Camp Douglas, WI 54618.

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MESSAGE FROM BISHOP EATON

As we prepare for the upcoming election season, I commend this guide to you and your congregation. This church understands government as a means through which God works to preserve creation and build a more peaceful and just social order in a broken world.

WE ARE CHURCH. Centered on the cross, nourished by word and sacraments, we find our life and strength. The ELCA social statement *The Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective* guides our public speech and ethical actions as the church in the world. In it we commit to “work with and on behalf of the poor, the powerless, and those who suffer, using [this church’s] power and influence with political and economic decision-making bodies to develop and advocate policies that seek to advance justice, peace, and the care of creation.”



WE ARE LUTHERAN. As Lutherans, we affirm God’s presence in all realms of life, including political life. When we pray to God to give us our daily bread, Luther reminds us, this includes “everything that pertains to the regulation of our domestic and our civil or political affairs.” We understand that Christians are called to be stewards of our common life through serving as faithful and active citizens.

WE ARE CHURCH TOGETHER. As church together the ELCAvotes initiative serves to educate, equip and encourage discipleship through participating together in the electoral process. Casting our ballots is one way in which we live out our affirmation of baptism to “serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus.” We strive for justice and peace in all the earth and serve our neighbor by securing and expanding voting rights to ensure that all voices are valued, and every voice is heard.

WE ARE CHURCH FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD. The ELCA is a church called by Jesus Christ to be a public witness to the love of God poured out for all. In 2013, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly adopted a social policy resolution titled “Voting Rights to All Citizens.” This resolution calls on members, congregations and synods of the church to “promote public life worthy of the name” by speaking out as advocates, engaging in local efforts such as voter registration and supporting legislation to “guarantee the right to vote to all citizens.” We live out our mutual responsibility for one another by guaranteeing our neighbor’s right to vote and participate freely and fully in society. This guide will be a useful tool for you and your ministries as you wrestle with faithful responses to difficult issues in this election cycle and those to come. Remember that voting is only one action toward faithful civic participation; many more opportunities to use your voice on behalf of those in need are available at www.elca.org/advocacy.

May the Holy Spirit guide you as you consider how to use the voice given to you by God and the vote given to you by this country.

God’s peace,
Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Hurry! Read these quickly!! The events are happening THIS weekend, October 5 & 6:

FALLWORK DAY

**HELP WITH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PROJECTS
ADULTS - CHILDREN - YOUTH WELCOME!**

OCTOBER 5, 2024

9:30-11:30 AM

AROUND THE SYNOD PROPERTY
& IN THE OFFICE

TREATS - COFFEE -
SYNOD T-SHIRTS
PROVIDED



THANK YOU!

The La Crosse Area Synod is throwing a **Fall Work Day Bash on Saturday, October 5th, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM**, and you're invited to roll up your sleeves!

We'll be tackling all sorts of fun projects around the synod property and in the office.

And guess what? We've got snacks, coffee, and water to keep you fueled!

Plus, every awesome volunteer gets a **FREE** synod t-shirt as a thank-you gift.

Whether you're an organizing pro or just love getting your hands dirty, there are tasks for everyone—inside, outside, young, and young-at-heart! Come join

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

MISSION FEST DINNER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

DRIVE-UP ONLY

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

\$15.00

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY

MEATBALLS, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVEY, CORN,
COLE SLAW, CRANBERRY SALAD, DINNER ROLL

NEED A TICKET?

CALL NALANI BEVER (608-387-2311)

LORI BRUEGGEN (608-435-6512)

EMAIL wiltonchurch@gmail.com

Facebook: St Paul's Lutheran Church Wilton WI

ST. PAUL'S MEMBERS ALSO HAVE TICKETS

Pie and Ice Cream Social

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

12pm-3pm

Bells Coulee Lutheran Church



We will be serving . . .

Pie with ice cream and a beverage* \$5.00

Pie and a beverage* \$4.00

Light lunch items—BBQ and Hot Dogs for additional cost

*beverages include coffee or lemonade

Then Shop at the
Country Store and Bake Sale



All proceeds go to WELCA ministries.

**La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA
SPRING CONVENTION
2025**

**Would your church like to host the Spring
Convention. If so, let a W-ELCA Synod Board
Member know.**



Fall Renewal 2024 In-Kind Offering

***Our in-kind offering on the 19th will be adult sized new and/or
used fleece blankets.***

Please see information on page 16 of this Crosswinds.



**La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA
FALL RENEWAL 2025
Saturday, October 18, 2025
St. Peter's Lutheran Church of
Shennington
33458 State Road 21, Camp Douglas**



**The Lutheran World Relief
Semi-Trailer Load will be in La Crosse on
Saturday, October 12, 2024, from
7:00am to 11:00am, at
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
4141 Mormon Coulee Road.**

The Semi-Trailer will be in La Crosse to load all LWR Quilts, Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits, Fabric Kits, AND School Kits that have been made and gathered in our synod.

Looking for a new idea for your W-ELCA group? Brianna Iverson suggested this:

Here is a new curriculum through Illustrated Ministries.

It has a curriculum focused on Women of the Bible. It says it's a youth curriculum, but some WELCA groups might be interested in it or interested in using something from it in a cross-generational manner to connect with young ladies in their congregations.

https://www.illustratedministry.com/youth?fbclid=IwY2xjawE8U-5leHRuA2FibQlxMAABHR-pWuHVtPU6l15uaQ1azzXZyBylm2kSl3KFI7NbkigY8uEtJPqONV7tVW_aem_gwslax1wsdkQwrmQW5lyMg

COOKIES ON CAMPUS NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

The tradition continues!! of bringing hundreds of cookies to UW-La Crosse each week throughout the school year.

Five hundred (about 42 dozen!) cookies are needed each week.

Our synod congregations have lovingly provided home-baked goodies so students can have a little taste of home.

The cookie slots are all full for October but there will be openings to sign up in November –May.



**Sign Up to bake cookies for
LuMin to provide
Cookies on Campus**

You love baking. Students love cookies.
It's a win win.

tinyurl.com/LuMinCookieSignUp





Relax and enjoy time away at Sugar Creek Bible Camp!

Cost includes lodging, meals and work space.

Thursday - Sunday: \$250

Friday - Sunday: \$225

Whatever your craft, you'll enjoy time and space to get it done. Bring your own projects and supplies, for a weekend of friends, faith, and phenomenal crafting.

Contact the camp office to register.

Registration closes a week before retreat.

13141 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Rd - Ferryville, WI 54628

SugarCreekBibleCamp.org - (608)734-3113 - office@sgrcreek.org

South Beaver Creek Lutheran Church

Fall Dinner

Sunday, October 20, 2024

W16679 County Hwy D Ettrick
Between Melrose & Ettrick

MENU

Meatballs & Mashed

Potatoes with Gravy

Lefse, Dinner Rolls

Corn

Cranberries, Coleslaw

Coffee, Milk

Dessert

*All you care to eat
in house!*



Serving from

11:30 AM—1:30 PM

\$15 Adults

\$8 Kids 6-12

Free for Kids 5 and under

Purchase Tickets at the door

Join Us!

All are Welcome.

Carry Outs

Available



Featuring a Bake Sale & Raffle, too!

2024 CRAFT RETREATS

October 10 - 13

"Molded by Hand"



Come and Eat!

Wilmington Church Dinner Sunday,
October 20th 10:30 - 1:00 pm
@ Spring Grove Fest Building
Drive through only



Beef Tips in Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Dinner Roll & Lefse
Cranberry Relish & Apple dessert \$15 per meal

Sponsored by Wilmington Lutheran Church with support from
Thrivent Financial
Proceeds go toward local and worldwide charities and church
improvements.

We hope to see you there!

Lewis Valley Lutheran Church
W5402 County Road V, Holmen (Stevenstown), WI 54636

Mission Fest Sunday October 20, 2024

10:00am Worship Guest Speaker,
Kathryn Thompson from Lutheran Campus
Ministry - La Crosse

Mission Fest Dinner Menu:

Meatballs, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes,
Lefse, Rutabagas, Green Beans,
Coleslaw, Cranberries, Buns, Apple
Pie, Pumpkin Pie, Milk, Coffee



11:00am - 1:00pm

Dine-In, Drive-Thru, and Carry-Outs

\$15.00

Pre-orders Only

*Pre-order for all Dine-In,
Drive-Thru, and Carry-Outs by October 13, 2024.*

All proceeds will go to local and global missions.

Call Mona at 608-857-3474 to reserve your dinner.

Trunk or Treat



Join us at

Halfway Creek Lutheran Church

W6016 County Rd W

Holmen, WI 54636

for

Community Trunk-or-Treat

Saturday, October 26

1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Wear your costumes and enjoy

Trunk-or-Treating, games, snacks and more.

Bring your friends!

North Beaver Creek Lutheran Church

Invites you to their annual

LUTEFISK DINNER



Join us downstairs... for a real home-cooked Norwegian meal!

Sunday, October 27

11:00am-4:00pm

\$20

Kids 6-12: \$15
Under 6: Free

**ALL YOU CAN EAT:
LUTEFISK • MEATBALLS**

RUTABAGAS • POTATOES • GRAVY

LEFSE • CRANBERRIES • PIE

CARRYOUTS AVAILABLE

BAKE SALE



W10767 County County Rd. C, Ettrick, 4.5 miles east of Beaches Corner



**TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH**



FALL FESTIVAL

612 North Water Street - Sparta

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
9 AM - 2 PM**

Get a Head Start on Your Holiday Shopping!

FEATURING

SCANDINAVIAN BAKED GOODS
CRAFTS * PIES * BARS * AND GRANDMA'S
CUPBOARD OF TREASURES

All proceeds go to local and national charities.
Make Sure To Register for the Door Prize!

**BARBEQUE LUNCH Served
by Church Women**

**Includes - Barbeque, Chips,
Pickle, Salad and
Homemade Pie \$10.00**




LWR SCHOOL KIT BAGS

THERE WILL BE SCHOOL KIT BAGS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE FALL RENEWAL ON 10/19/2024 AND AT THE 2025 SPRING CONVENTION.

EASY DIRECTIONS TO ST. PETER FALL RENEWAL:

There are three roundabouts in a row in Prairie. On the second roundabout,

take the first right onto East Wisconsin, go two blocks and turn left onto

North Michigan. Go one block and you're there!

Our Savior's Lutheran in La Crosse supports a consistent flow of individuals experiencing homelessness, with some attending Come for Supper, others seeking refuge from the rain, and some finding rest near our entrance. Our Savior's offers assistance within their means and capabilities. The most

common request they receive is for blankets, and while they have some available, their supply of fleece blankets is dwindling. Therefore, **Our Savior's is reaching out for donations of new or gently used fleece blankets.** These blankets are primarily **needed by adults**, so they kindly ask that donations exclude children's blankets or prints

The Women's Clothes Closet, also at Our Savior's, is in need of like-new women's scrubs in all sizes.

Fleece Blankets Needed

at Our Savior's in La Crosse, WI



 La Crosse Area Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Quilts and Kits that we make for Lutheran World Relief mostly go overseas, but they also stay right here in the USA. Below is an article from LWR.

The Rev. Joshua Messick, an Episcopalian minister and chaplain, is the executive director of the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center. The center welcomes, supports and advocates for crews at the port every day during normal circumstances. Following the Key Bridge collapse, they became the primary point of contact for aid and support — making them an ideal partner for managing the distribution of your LWR Quilts & Kits.

And these supplies were a big hit. Rev. Messick explained, "Most seafarers are men. They tend to have [one] towel, and they tend to not be able to wash them as much as they want to, because fresh water is quite the commodity when you're surrounded by saltwater. So, their towels get really grungy. **You'd think we've handed them a bar of gold when we give them these Personal Care Kits.** Because it's got everything they don't think about needing until they don't have it. And the towels in particular have been an incredible gift."

COMFORT AND SUPPORT FOR SEAFARERS FAR FROM HOME

In total, **more than 150 quilts and Personal Care Kits were distributed across seven ships.**

One was the JY River, a coal carrier whose crew hasn't been home since July 2023.

"A seaman's life is very difficult," says Zhu Cong Xiang, 59, the ship's crew master. "It's a long time away from family."

The JY River arrived in Baltimore on March 23 and was scheduled to depart for Singapore on March 26. The crew awoke that morning to chaos in the port and news that their departure was delayed indefinitely.

The 19-person crew was thrilled to receive their LWR Quilts & Kits on delivery day. On the same day, they also welcomed a fresh shipment of drinking water and a cake to celebrate the birthday of one of the crew members. In addition to the supplies, they also expressed gratitude that strangers would offer them kindness and a friendly face after so many weeks of waiting and uncertainty.

Hu Xin Peng, 37, the ship's chief officer says he's looking forward to returning home to China later this summer because he misses his wife and baby. His son was born last May and was only two months old when Peng embarked on this trip. The Key Bridge disaster added an extra six weeks to his journey, and **he is looking forward to wrapping his son in his new quilt when he gets home.**

Rev. Messick says, "On behalf of the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center, and all of the seafarers that we have been able to serve over this last month, **thank you for your generous donation. It has meant so much to the men who have been stuck here this whole time.** They have been so thankful and appreciative of everything that you've done."

Until your love reaches every neighbor.

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Submission/Mailing dates for future Crosswind publications:

Submission of Articles/Info:	Emailing to W-ELCA:
02/15/2025	03/01/2025
08/15/2025	09/01/2025

With the Crosswinds being published only two times a year now, please watch for important emails that may be sent/received between Crosswinds. It may be a short email, with or without an attachment, but know that it is important. Please let all the Women of the ELCA know what is happening.

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