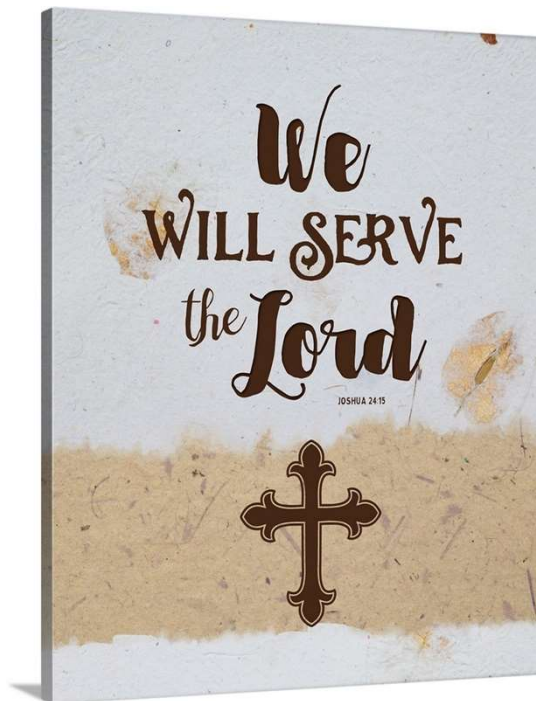


Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization



Gathering Theme: "Serving the Lord"

Bible Verse:

Joshua 24:15b

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.



A COMMUNITY OF WOMEN



ABOUT US

What is WELCA? It's an easy way to say Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Our organization includes Lutheran women who gather in more than 4,000 locations in the U.S. and the Caribbean, for service, study, advocacy, fellowship and more! WELCA embraces ministries that support our mission of mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. We have a place for you in Women of the ELCA.

OUR MISSION

Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

OUR PURPOSE

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.

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35th ANNUAL GATHERING / CONVENTION
SOUTHEASTERN IOWA SYNODICAL
WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
JUNE 9 AND 10, 2023

Stoney Creek Hotel - Des Moines
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Johnston, IA 50131

GATHERING/CONVENTION THEME

“Serving the Lord”

THEME BIBLE VERSE – Joshua 24:15b

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

GATHERING GOALS

1. Conduct the official business of the organization.
2. Discover the reward inherent in our relationship through Christ.
3. Utilize our gifts in developing Christian relationships.
4. Share our enthusiasm for the blessings of Women's ministry.

GATHERING OFFERINGS

1. One-half to the Churchwide Women's Organization (CWO)
2. One-half to IMPACT Community Action Partnership

LOVE GIFT OFFERING

1. Marshalltown Veterans' Home (See Stewardship Report)
 - Monetary Donations for Recreation and Christmas Funds
2. IMPACT Community Action Partnership
 - Personal Care Items – such as shampoo/body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and feminine hygiene products

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GATHERING AND CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Friday, June 9, 2023 – Stoney Creek Hotel			
Unless otherwise noted, all activities will be in the Northwoods Conference Center			
10:00 a.m.		12:30 p.m.	SEIA SWO Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.	--	12:30 p.m.	Vendor Set Up in Northwoods Conference Center
Noon	–	5:00 p.m.	Stepping Stones Christian Bookstore Opens in Pines Room
12:30 p.m.	--	3:30 p.m.	Registration
3:45 p.m.	--	5:15 p.m.	SEIA SWO Business Meeting
5:15 p.m.		6:00 p.m.	Presentation by IMPACT – Terri Mork Speirs
6:00 p.m.	--	7:15 p.m.	Evening Meal and Thrivent Presentation Laurie Gowdy and Derek Trobaugh – Women, Wealth, and Wisdom
7:15 p.m.	--	8:15 p.m.	Hymnody Teaching Presentation and Hymn Sing – Christine Meyers, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Knoxville, Iowa

GATHERING AND CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 10, 2023 – Stoney Creek Hotel

Unless otherwise noted, all activities will be in the Northwoods Conference Center

6:00 a.m.	-	7:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast at Hotel for Hotel Guests
8:00 a.m.	--	8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m.	-	1:00 p.m.	Stepping Stones Christian Book Store Open in Pines Room
8:30 a.m.	--	9:00 a.m.	Opening and Devotions with General Offering – Pastor Tania Schramm, Gathering Chaplain
9:00 a.m.	--	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study and Message/News from SEIA Synod – Bishop Amy Current
10:15 a.m.	--	10:45 a.m.	Break – Hotel Check Out
10:45 a.m.	--	11:45 a.m.	Presentation – Circle of Freedom – Kim Crawford
11:45 a.m.	--	12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	--	1:00 p.m.	Claims and Credentials Report Second Business Meeting (if needed)
1:00 p.m.	--	1:30 p.m.	Freddie Jordan – Women of the ELCA Churchwide Representative
1:30 p.m.	--	2:30 p.m.	Presentation – Pastor Sarah Trone Garriott – Iowa Senate and Des Moines Area Religious Council
2:30 p.m.	--	3:30 p.m.	Closing Worship – Bishop Amy Current Presiding – Including Installation of Board Members
			Have a safe trip home!!

PROPOSED RULES OF PROCEDURES

1 **Delegate Body**

The delegates to be seated at the convention shall include one woman elected by each congregational unit and the Board of the Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization (SWO).

2 **Seating of Delegates**

Delegates must register with the Committee of Credentials before being seated in the section reserved for delegates. Delegates are requested to be in their seats five minutes prior to the time set for the opening of the session. The roll of delegates may not be changed after 3:30 p.m., June 19, 2023, without specific approval of the convention.

3 **Quorum**

A majority of the registered voting delegates shall constitute a quorum.

4 **Privilege of the Floor**

Seat and voice shall be granted to the Bishop of the Southeastern Iowa Synod or the Bishop's representative, Synod staff liaison, members of the SWO Board and the Churchwide Board representative.

5 **Appointment of Parliamentarian and Committees**

At the opening of the business meeting, the presiding chair shall announce the appointment of the following:

- Parliamentarian
- Committee of Claims
- Committee on Credentials
- Committee on Elections
- Committee on Minutes
- Committee on Nominations
- Committee on Reference and Council

6 **Convention Business Agenda**

The presiding chair shall be granted the privilege of adjusting the agenda and calling up any item of business she deems necessary in the light of schedule and time constraints.

7 **Minutes**

The minutes of this convention shall be reviewed by the Committee on Minutes, approved by the Synodical Board, be printed in the GPR, and published in *Directions*; the Synodical newsletter.

8 Voting Procedures

To be eligible to vote, a delegate must be seated in the designated delegate section. No absentee or proxy voting is permitted.

9 Elections

- A All elections will be by written ballot. Please wait to mark your ballots until instructed to do so.
- B The Committee on Nominations shall nominate two persons for each vacancy. Additional nominations may be made from the floor for all elections for which nominations have been made.
- C Nominations from the floor for all officers, board members, and the nominating committee shall require permission of the nominee and biographical information with proper coding format.
- D The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Board Members shall be elected for two-year terms. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary for election to the Board.
- E Three persons shall be elected for a one-year term to serve on the Committee on Nominations. The person receiving the highest number of votes shall serve as committee chair.

10 Motions and Resolutions

Any delegate may make a motion or present a resolution from the floor if the motion or resolution is germane to the question under consideration. If any delegate desires to add any item of new business that is not germane to a pending question, she shall:

- A Write a motion or resolution on the appropriate form.
- B Provide the signature of three delegates.

Deadline for submitting resolutions to the Committee on Reference and Counsel was June 1, 2023. Resolutions pertaining to action that could not have been anticipated prior to June 1, 2023, may be submitted to the Resolutions Committee no later than June 8, 2023.

11 Speeches

All speeches in general discussion, unless otherwise determined by a two-thirds vote of the convention, shall be limited to two minutes. No person shall speak more than twice on the same issue without consent of the assembly and only after all others have spoken. Speakers must use the microphone and identify themselves by name, congregational unit, and city to be recognized by the chair. This includes all addresses made to the assembly, motions, and seconds to motions.

12 Attendance

Delegates shall be present at all business sessions.

13 Distribution of Materials

After the convention is in session, permission to distribute materials not issued from the SWO must be secured from the Committee on Reference and Counsel.

14 Promotional Activities

The wearing of promotional buttons or slogans, the distribution of materials or the carrying of placards to promote one candidate over another is not permitted at the Gathering.

15 Governing Parliamentary Law

Robert's Rules of Order, 11th Edition, shall be the governing laws of this convention, except as otherwise provided in the Rules of Procedures.

BUSINESS MEETING PROPOSED AGENDA

Announcements
Delegate Orientation

Report of the Credentials Committee
Call to Order
Opening Prayer – Chaplain
Appointment of Parliamentarian
Appointment of Convention Business Committees
Adoption of Proposed Rules of Procedure
Adoption of Proposed Agenda

Introduction of the Churchwide Representative

Report of the Nominating Committee
Prayer – Chaplain
Election – First Ballot

Introduction of Synodical Board
Report of the President
Report of the Vice President
Report of the Secretary (minutes)
Report of the Treasurer
✚ Adoption of the Proposed Budget

Call for the Report on the First Ballot

Recommendations from the Synodical Board

Prayer – Chaplain
Election – Second Ballot (if necessary)

Report of the Reference and Council/Resolutions Committee
Board Reports
✚ Discipleship, Justice, and Stewardship

Old Business

New Business

Report of the Claims Committee

- ✚ Congregational Unit Offerings
- ✚ Personal Offerings
- ✚ Love Gift Offerings
- ✚ Distribution of Offerings

Call for the Report of the Second Ballot (if necessary)

Resource Persons' Reports (as time allows)

- ✚ *Directions* Editor
- ✚ *Communications Team*

Announcement of the 2024 Convention/Gathering

Announcements by Cluster Leaders (as time allows)

Worship

- ✚ Installation of Synodical Board Officers and Board Members

Motion for Convention Adjournment

Newly elected officers and board members are asked to remain for a brief meeting after the Convention adjournment.

2023 Gathering / Convention Planning Committees

Chair	Julie Leeper
Registrar	Carol Gruhn and Roberta Jurgersen
Worship/Music	Kris Elgin and Judy Munger
GPR	Julie Leeper
Silent Auction	Dianne Strickler

2023 Gathering / Convention Committees

Parliamentarian	Joyce Carlson
Claims	Dianne Strickler
Credentials	Roberta Jurgersen
Elections	Kathryn Bly, Laurie Kuehl, Marsha Smith
Minutes	Anne Pietscher
Nominations	Virginia Eggers, Sue Mangels, Ardy Proehl
Reference and Council	Julie Leeper
Chaplain	Tania Schramm

Gathering Vendors and Displays:

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Special Guests

We are pleased to have these special guests with us today. We hope you will let them know that we appreciate them for spending time and sharing with us.

Bishop Amy Current – Southeastern Iowa Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Rev. Amy Current is a pastor in The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and has served the Southeastern Iowa Synod in the office of bishop since 2020. She is a graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, MN (B.A.) and Wartburg Theological Seminary (M.Div.).

Prior to her role as bishop, Current served as vice president for admissions and student services at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. She also served in various leadership roles at Wartburg including director for financial aid and stewardship formation, director for public communications, and interim director of the Center for Youth Ministries. Born and raised in North Dakota, Amy was honored to serve as pastor of Maple Sheyenne Lutheran Church in Harwood, ND, as pastor of Golden Ridge Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, and Congregational Lutheran United Church, Gardner, ND.

Bishop Current serves on the boards of Grand View University, Lutheran Services in Iowa, Wartburg College, and Unity Point Health – Des Moines.

Bishop Current is married to Rev. Dr. Samuel Giere, who serves as professor of homiletics and biblical interpretation at Wartburg Theological Seminary. They have two children.



**Pastor Tania Schramm, Gathering Chaplain –
Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church, Adel, Iowa**

Tania Schramm serves as Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Adel, Iowa, where she has been since September 2022. (Fun fact: Grace is also where she served on internship in 2017-18!) Tania received her Master of Divinity from Wartburg Theological Seminary in 2019. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Master of Arts in English from Iowa State University. Previously, Tania served at St. John Lutheran Church in Des Moines as Minister of Pastoral Care, at Windsor Heights Lutheran Church as the Children’s Ministry Coordinator, and for Wartburg Theological Seminary in digital teaching and learning support. Before a calling into ministry, Tania worked as a systems analyst, project manager, and technical writer.

Tania is a life-long Iowan and lives in Waukee with her husband Dave, who works at GuideOne Insurance as a commercial lines underwriter and their two children. Joey just graduated from Waukee High School and is headed to Luther College this fall to study computer science and participate in their vocal music program, and Ben will be a junior who enjoys art, singing, and technology. Tania's greatest joy in ministry is sharing the love of God in Christ with people and accompanying them as they live out their faith in their daily lives and relationships.

Kim Crawford – Circle of Freedom



Kim is the founder and Executive Director of Circle of Freedom. In 2012, she was given the opportunity to begin a weekly Bible Study with the women at the county jail. This ministry immediately captured her heart. It quickly expanded to mentoring and discipleship with women after they were released, but there were still women who needed more intensive help. The vision for the women's residential home had been on her heart for several years. In 2019, it was time to move on from her 35-year career with the Farm Service Agency of USDA and step into the vision. Looking back, she says God has been preparing her for this in so many ways all her life. In Kim's words, "It is a humbling privilege to have these women share their lives with me and allow me to share the good news of freedom, a fresh start, and a future that Jesus has for each of them. Just telling them isn't enough. We must walk with them until they have a solid foundation of faith and life re-establishment. I am blessed to have become life-time friends with some of the most amazing women on their journey!"

Kim is an ordained chaplain and is fully appointed with US Missions in Correctional and Specialized ministries. Kim and her husband Rick have been married for 40 years, serving together in their local church, New Beginnings Worship Center in Corydon, Iowa for over 30 years. They have three grown sons, lovely daughters-in-law, and 4 amazing grandchildren. She enjoys spending her free time with her family and friends and being outside.

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- Biblical Counseling
- Coming Soon: Women's Residential Home

Our Mission:
Leading women struggling with life-controlling problems to freedom in Jesus and guiding them towards life reestablishment.

Laws and rules can form a temporary fence around behavior, but they cannot change a heart or the way a person thinks. Consistently replacing wrong thought patterns with the truth of God's Word given in love can transform lives.
"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. . ." Romans 12:2



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Pastor Sarah Trone Garriott – Iowa Senate and Des Moines Area Religious Council



Sarah Trone Garriott has always felt called to serve. Over the course of her life, this call has taken many forms. It was what led her to join AmeriCorps right out of college, to help victims of domestic violence. It was what sustained her as a hospital chaplain, caring for people during times of crisis. It was what inspired her to become a Lutheran minister, to provide leadership to communities of faith. And it was what took her out of the parish and into the nonprofit world, to bring diverse people together around a common cause of caring for our neighbors in need of food assistance.

Sarah Trone Garriott was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the College of St. Scholastica, a Master of Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School, and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Senator Trone Garriott is currently a member of the Iowa State Senate, representing Iowa's District 14. In the State Senate, Senator Trone Garriott has focused on helping working families: good schools, clean water, quality accessible healthcare, economic opportunity, and civil rights. She's sponsored legislation to provide paid family leave, and improve access to quality, affordable childcare. It is her priority that Iowans have a voice in state government and that elected leaders are accountable to the people. As such, she works hard to educate Iowans about state government and their opportunities to take part in the process. She is present in the community and makes every effort to be accessible to her constituents. She serves on the Education Committee, Human Resources Committee, Health & Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee, and is the ranking member on the Natural Resources & Environment Committee.

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Pastor Trone Garriott has served as chaplain at the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia and Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago. She also has

served as pastor at Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bergton, Virginia, and at Faith Lutheran church in Clive, Iowa.

Her career experience includes working as the coordinator of interfaith engagement for the Des Moines Area Religious Council, She co-founded Iowa Interfaith Exchange, which describes itself as “a partnership of interfaith organizations working in the greater Des Moines area.” After earning her undergraduate degree, Garriot worked as a volunteer with AmeriCorps VISTA in New Mexico.

Sarah Trone Garriott is married to William Garriott, a professor at the Drake University Law School. The couple have two sons.

As a parent, Sarah knows why it matters so much that our state invest in child care and public education. As a community member, she has personally encountered how the lack of affordable housing, stagnant wages, and regressive policies have discouraged people from staying in our state or moving to Iowa. As a pastor, she’s seen people of all ages in the community struggle to find mental health care. And as a nonprofit leader, she knows that real change is possible when state government works collaboratively with nonprofits, business leaders, and the people of this state.

Laurie Gowdy – Thrivent – Presentation – Women, Wealth, and Wisdom



Laurie Gowdy has been a financial advisor with Thrivent for seven years. She strives to help her clients achieve financial clarity, and especially enjoys working with women in all stages of life. Empowering women to understand their financial situation, and plan for not only the present but also the future, is one of things Laurie enjoys most about her career.

Laurie has an office in Marshalltown, but also spends time in the Johnston office. She is married to Kevin and is the mother of two children in college. When she isn't at the office, she's helping her family with their Christmas tree farm or mowing the yard on their heritage farm near Melbourne.

Christine Meyers – Church Musician for over 50 Years



A lifelong Lutheran, Christine was born and raised in North Dakota in a music-laden environment. Christine played for churches, choirs, beauty pageants and even horse shows. After acceptance in the US Navy Band, she was stationed in Charleston, SC, where she continued to play for churches on her free weekends.

After service, she returned to North Dakota where she completed her B.A. in Music Education and Elementary Education. She and her husband, Lee, moved to South Carolina where she was Music Minister at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant, raised three children, was a substitute teacher and even went to cosmetology school.

One of her favorite experiences was her monthly community service where she was on a rotation to play at a church service on the air craft carrier Yorktown. There was even a designated parking spot for "church musician" on the pier next to the ship. She played for several years enjoying the experience playing for various pastors who were on a different rotation...very ecumenical!

The family was relocated to Knoxville, IA in 1995 where they still reside. She teaches piano and plays for Good Shepherd Lutheran and First United Methodist churches along with various musical events. Music is still an important part of both her husband and her life.

Terri Mork Speirs – IMPACT Community Action Partnership



Terri is thrilled to join with the 2023 Convention and Gathering of the Southeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA. Terri serves as the chief development officer with IMPACT Community Action Partnership, an organization that assists families with essential needs such as food, utilities, and housing. A hopeful optimist, she enjoys engaging with others in support of the greater common good.

It has been Terri's privilege to work a long career in the nonprofit sector – learning a little bit about a lot of things, such as mental health, generational trauma, foster care, domestic violence, food systems, public health, the coffee industry, and international aid. Previously, she worked with Lutheran World Relief, the Des Moines Area Religious Council, Children & Families of Iowa, Mind & Spirit Counseling Center (formerly known as Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center), and Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota.

Terri is a member of Luther Memorial Church in Des Moines, where her husband Bob serves as associate pastor. She enjoys spending time with their two adult children and is fond of animals, books, nature, podcasts, TV, and the Dave Matthews Band. Terri has an M.F.A. in Creative Nonfiction Writing and a B.A. in Political Science.



IMPACT

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Mission

Reducing the barriers and burdens that families in poverty experience by increasing access to essential needs.



Services

- Food and hygiene products pantries
- Rental, mortgage and deposit assistance
- Utilities assistance
- Emergency needs such as car repair

5 ways you can help

1. Contribute to the "Love Offering"
2. Donate a cash gift
3. Learn more
4. Follow on social media
5. Share information with a friend

2022 by the numbers

- 243,516 services provided
- 55,721 individuals served
- including 22,387 children
- 23,721 families served
- 32 languages used
- 7,462 food packages provided
- 3,338 personal hygiene packages provided
- 1,020 food deliveries to homes
- 2,859 families approved for water assistance
- 29,892 families approved for heat or cooling assistance
- 9,097 families approved for rent/mortgage assistance
- 330 financial supporters
- 141 volunteers

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Spring 2023



Women
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Shalom!

Thank you for all you do for the Women of the ELCA! Your time, talents and treasures are needed now more than ever not only to the Women of the ELCA, but also to the World. You also make a huge difference in our churches and communities. Thank you again for all that you do and continue to do!

So here is what is currently going on:

1. The Triennial Convention is September 19-21. Committee members are needed. If you are a voting member (delegate) and would like to serve on a committee, please email me at jmichali@d.umn.edu.
2. The Triennial Gathering is September 21-24. To register for the Gathering or for information please visit the website at welcatg.org. The Triennial Gathering is held every three years and is our national women's gathering much like the ELCA Youth Gathering. What makes Triennial extra special is there is not a minimum or maximum age. Come one come all!
3. Thank you for all your support and prayers during this triennium. There is no way that the Executive Board and officers could function without your continued support and prayers. In September, we will elect a new Executive Board and officers. Please keep these women in prayer.

God's Special Blessings on your time together! I am praying for you and your time together. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at jmichali@d.umn.edu.

Blessings,

Joy Michalicek,
President, 2020-2023 Triennium
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Freddie L. Jordan, Ph.D – Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – Executive Board Member



Vice President of the Board, '21-23' Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Freddie Jordan was elected as secretary to the executive board of Women of the ELCA in July 2017, serving through 2021 on the programs and communication committee and the executive committee. In 2021, she was elected vice president and currently serves on the budget and finance committee and the executive committee.

Freddie served as vice president of the Southern Ohio Synodical Women's Organization (6F) and supported programs for Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran World Relief, and anti-human trafficking initiatives.

As a resident of Columbus, Ohio, Freddie had been an active member of St. Philip Evangelical Lutheran Church for over two decades. She has served as a member of the church choir, Sunday school education, and works with Women of ELCA's outreach to clients at Twin River Valley Behavioral Hospital, Faith Missions, Lutheran Social Services – Nancy's Place, and other such programs supporting women affected by domestic violence. She has also served on St. Philip's church council in several capacities, appointed and elected, including president of the congregation.

Freddie is a native of Mississippi, where she completed her education in the sciences at Jackson State University. She received her Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Nutrition, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., followed by a postdoctoral fellowship in neuroscience. She has several publications in reviewed peer research articles and abstracts.

Much of her professional career has been spent as a Buckeye at Ohio State University, Columbus, in academic, research, and professional roles. She has served as faculty and administrator at the oldest historically black college in the U.S., Wilberforce University, and adjunct faculty of chemistry at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio. She currently serves as an academic consultant for Paine College, Augusta, Georgia, Ashland University's Columbus Oh campus, and Columbus City Schools.

She is the proud parent of three young adult children and the Glammy of two grandchildren; she is the eldest of five siblings and knows how to twirl a baton. She believes that the most valued investment one can make in self and community is education and family.

**SOUTHEASTERN IOWA
WOMEN OF THE ELCA
PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

My term has come to an end. What fantastic years I have had being your President. Both have been working with a great board, who has been willing to work things out. This year has flown by with the upkeep of job descriptions, policies and goals.

The planning of this Gathering led by Julie Leeper, who has done a great job. The awarding of the \$1,000 grant that churchwide gave to Synodical to promote the growth of women. Our grant went to "Circle of Freedom" which allows women who just come out of prison to adjust to life outside.

Lastly but important is getting ready for the Triennial Convention in September. Oh yeah we lost our Vice-President because she (Glory Reynold) moved to another state to be closer to her daughter.

BUT MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL I want to encourage each one of you if you are asked to take an office on your Cluster or Synodical Board that you say "YES". What a privilege! You make new friends, grow new relationships, and always learn something new. And if not asked you can always volunteer.

So farewell to all of you and I wish GOD's Blessing to all!!!!!!!

Carol Gruhn

DISCIPLESHIP REPORT

What does discipleship mean to you? Women of the ELCA participants are active disciples in many ways.

dis·ci·ple·ship noun [di-'sī-pəl'ship]

a: discipleship is a lifelong journey of living out and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

b: disciples are followers of Jesus who are intent on carrying out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20) and the Great Command (Acts 1:8).

WELCA participants practice seven marks of discipleship:

Praying
Studying
Giving

Worshiping
Serving

Encouraging
Inviting

Let's explore two of these marks of discipleship:

Praying –

1 Thessalonians 5:11 says “Pray without ceasing” What does this mean? We pray to God at all times. Praying is communicating and being in relationship with God. Praying is worshiping and adoring God. Praying is confessing our failures and our sins. Praying is giving thanks, praising God for all the beauty around us. Praying is asking for help when we are frightened, ill, full of worry, overwhelmed, lonely or sad. A helpful prayer acronym is ACTS: adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication. Take time throughout your day to spend quiet time with God in prayer and study of his word. Keep your Bible, daily devotional or Gather magazine close by, grab a cup of coffee or iced tea, put down your cell phone and spend time with God.

Giving –

We give our time, talents and the resources that God has given us. Here are some of the ways we give:

Katie's Fund: Have you heard about **2122**? WELCA is growing Katie's Fund for the next 100 years! Watch this 2122: Growing Katie's Fund video to learn more! youtu.be/jeRpqu9PRN8

Lutheran World Relief Request for Personal Care Kits: Personal Care Kits are one of our most requested items and make a simple yet profound difference to families struggling in poverty. Your congregation is invited to share your love and put your faith in action by making Personal Care Kits.

In a world filled with strife, the demand for kits grows every year and we rely on your generous hearts to make sure those with the very least are not forgotten. To learn more about how your congregation can participate and find the resources available to gather and assemble kits go to <https://lwr.org/lent>

Bold Café: Bold Café <http://boldcafe.org> is an on-line magazine that shares stories written by bold young adult women and friends who write about faith, relationships, advocacy and more. Readers and writers of Café include pastors, seminary and college students, and other young adult women who use Café as a Bible study resource individually or with a group. Sign up for free at <https://www.-womenoftheelca.org/publications>

Equal Exchange: Equal Exchange has been a leader in the U.S. fair trade movement for over 35 years, trading directly with small-scale farmer cooperatives, owned and run by the farmers themselves. Farmers receive a higher price for their crops and advanced credit. And because farmers are paid above market prices, they are able to make investments in community projects, educational programs, and technical trainings. The co-ops keep rural communities healthy and strong and keep local cultures vibrant. Equal Exchange is also committed to supporting sustainable farming methods that help green the earth through reforestation, natural resource conservation, and organic practices.

Through the partnership between Women of the ELCA and Equal Exchange, churches and individuals purchase organic, fairly traded products at wholesale case prices. High quality, ethically sourced coffee, tea, chocolate and grocery staples are available. Many congregations offer sales during the fellowship hour; the sales might be once a month or could even be weekly.

For more information about Equal Exchange go to <https://shop.equalexchange.-coop/pages/congregations>

Heidi Hotvedt
Julie Leeper
Discipleship SWO Board Members

JUSTICE REPORT

Micah 6: 8 – And what does the Lord require of you? To do justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

The Justice Committee tries to educate and support awareness about Human Trafficking. Because of our interstate highways I-80 and I-35 Iowa is one of the main areas that Human Trafficking takes place. Traffickers can have people out of the state in less than 2 hours. We encourage people to be aware of what is going on around you.

If you see something report it.

The National hotline is 1-888-372-7888.

Lutheran Day on the Hill was March 14, of this year. People met at St. John's Church, Des Moines to hear speakers and then boarded buses to go to the State Capital to talk with their Representatives. The Justice committee encourages local units and Clusters to attend.

We distributed pamphlets on Domestic Violence to hang in bathroom stalls in your churches or to pass out at women's and teen's meetings.

We ask that you continue to pray for the people of Ukraine.

The Justice committee encourages the use of electronic media:

SWO email is:	seia.welca@gmail.com
Churchwide is:	www.womenoftheelca.org
Café:	www.boldcafe.org/ .
Southeast Iowa Synod is:	www.seiasnyod.org/

Justice SWO Board Members
Kris Elgin
Judy Munger

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

This is the stewardship report for the past year.

Lutheran World Relief pickup fall 2022:

	Cedar Rapids	Windsor Heights	Total
Quilts	2,597	1,449	4,046
Health Kits	886	186	1,072
School Kits	3,077	1,713	4,790
Baby Kits	496	462	958
Fabric Kits	105	52	157
Churches	50	33	83
Amount Collected	\$4,614	\$1,170.57	\$5,784.57

Truck expenses were paid before total at Windsor heights rental truck was used.

Lutheran World Relief pickup spring 2023:

	Cedar Rapids	Windsor Heights	Total
Quilts	2,121	1,023	3,144
Health Kits	1,199	1,310	2,509
School Kits	4,949	99	5,048
Baby Kits	421	278	699
Fabric Kits	22	3	25
Churches	41	19	60
Amount Collected	\$2,490	\$1,342.87	\$3,832.87

Transportation for each church was \$40 turned in on the day of collection. All monies after local fees went to Lutheran World Relief.

Thank you to Dori Stanek and Jan Grannes for making all arrangements at their churches.

Fall pickup will be October 21, 2023.

You may still collect stamps if you wish. Do not send any flag or Christmas stamps. Mail your stamps to:

Sarah Frank
710 Arrow point Dr, unit 1
Cedar Park, TX 78613

The Stewardship challenge for 2022 was the backpack food program through the ELCA Good gifts – \$1,105 was collected which made 111 backpacks.

This year's challenge is IOWA VETERANS HOME. OUR VETERANS have made sacrifices for us and our country. The Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown currently house over 500 residents with a variety of needs. Monetary donations will be collected at the Gathering from units or personal donations. If no one from your church is attending Gathering, mail the funds to Dianne Sticker. Make checks payable to SEIA WELCA.

THANKS TO EVERY ONE FOR ALL DONATIONS THE PAST YEAR.

Your Stewardship Team:

Roberta Jurgersen
Teresa Ziegenmeyer

DIRECTIONS REPORT

As all things need to come to an end, I will be turning over the duties of Editor of Directions to Dianne Strickler and Heidi Hotvedt with our Fall issue. I have enjoyed being your editor, not sure how many years, and want to thank everyone for your support and input. You help make the newsletter

Here is Dianne Strickler's contact information:

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I know you will continue to support and help Dianne and Heidi with the newsletter.

Blessings,
Lynda Miller

Directions

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Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____

Phone _____

Church and City _____

E-mail Address _____ Cluster # _____

REFERENCE AND COUNCIL REPORT

The Committee on Reference and Council is charged with collecting, reviewing and making recommendations on all Resolutions submitted by members of the Southeast Iowa Synodical Women's Organization. The opportunity to write resolutions gives all women a voice in determining the activities and direction of the organization.

According to the Churchwide Women of the ELCA document: A resolution should be thought of as:

- A way to participate in the democratic process and have your voice heard;
- A means of educating women about a need or concern;
- A vehicle for inspiring others to take action.

Resolutions are a way to plan and think ahead and to hold ourselves accountable for the decisions we make. To see more information about Resolutions, go to <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/tools-for-leaders>

If you want to write a Resolution but are intimidated by the process, feel free to contact the Committee on Reference and Council which is appointed each year by the Board.

The Resolutions presented for discussion during the 2023 Gathering and Convention are printed on the following pages.

Blessings,
Julie Leeper, Chair
Committee on Reference and Council

**WOMEN OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization**

Resolution 2023 – 1

Courtesy Resolution – Thanks and Recognition

WHEREAS, many hours were spent in planning, meeting and organizing activities for the June 2023 Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American Convention and Gathering; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers show great leadership, faith and collaboration in working together;

WHEREAS, the staff at Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center in Johnston have been very generous in their service and hospitality; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the women on the Gathering Committee for the 2023 Convention are recognized and thanked for their time, talents and dedicated work for the Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization Convention and Gathering. And further be it

RESOLVED that the staff at Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center are thanked for their service and hospitality.

Submitted and recommended for adoption by: Committee on Reference and Council.

Minutes of the 34th Annual Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization
Convention Business Meeting
Friday and Saturday, June 10-11, 2022
At St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2136 Brady St, Davenport, Iowa

5. CREDENTIALS REPORT, Lynda Miller– Friday June 10, 2022 4:00PM

Number of the SWO Officers	3
Number of SWO Board Members	5
Number of delegates	<u>15</u>
Total eligible to vote	23
Number of non-delegates	44
Program presenters	1
Guests	5
Total in Attendance	73

1.1 Credential Committee Report adopted; quorum has been established

6. CALL TO ORDER

President Carol Gruhn called the Business Meeting to order at 4:15PM, adjourned at 5:30, reconvened at 12:30 Saturday until 1:00PM.

Opened with Prayer and recited our Purpose Statement together

3.0 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Joyce Carlson appointed

4.0 APPOINTMENT OF CONVENTION BUSINESS COMMITTEES

- 4.1 Claims: Lynda Miller (Roberta Jurgerson?)
- 4.2 Credentials: Dianne Strickler and Lynda Miller
- 4.3 Registration: Doris Mack, Lynda Miller, Artie Simms
- 4.4 Elections: Marcia Smith, Doris Mack
- 4.5 Reference and Council: Kris Elgin, Julie Leeper
- 4.6 Nominations: Ardy Hinds, Ardy Proehl, Teresa Ziegenmeyer

5.0 ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RULES OF PROCEDURE

5.1 Secretary Anne Pietscher read aloud the proposed rules as written in the 2022 Gathering Program and Reports, (GPR); rules of procedure were adopted

6.0 PROPOSED AGENDA: Secretary Anne Pietscher moved the adoption of the agenda with the flexibility of the Chair to reorder items as necessary, motion passed

7.0 INTRODUCTION OF CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE Diane Henning from MN; she will speak to the assembly tomorrow morning

8.0 REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Bio - Information on candidates running for election can be found on pages 43,44 of the GPR and Nominating Committee advisor Teresa Ziegenmeyer gave the following report. Dianne Strickler has accepted nomination for Treasurer; Teresa Ziegenmeyer has accepted nomination as a board member. Beth Stuffelbeam, who had been nominated for Vice President, is no longer available. Discussion included that the VP may but does not necessarily become President; there could be 2 persons serving as co-VP or any as office; and there may be an officer and a board member from the same congregation. The ballots were filled by nominations from the floor; nominees accepted.

8.1 Nominated for Vice President - (2 year term) Glory Reynolds

8.2 Nominated for Treasurer- (2 year term) Dianne Strickler

8.3 Nominated for Board Members - (2 year term, need 3) Teresa Ziegenmeyer, Kris Elgin, Heidi Hotvedt

8.4 Nominated for Board Member – (1 year term) Julie Leeper

8.5 Nominated for Triennial Delegates (need 3) Roberta Jurgerson, Susan Mangels, Judy Munger, Dianne Strickler

8.6 Nominated for Nominating Committee - (3 for 1 year term) Ardy Proehl, Virginia Eggers, Sue Mangels.

9.0 INTRODUCTION OF THE SYNODICAL WOMEN'S BOARD

9.1 Executive Board Members 2022-2023

President Carol Gruhn

Vice President Glory Reynolds

Secretary Anne Pietscher

Treasurer Dianne Strickler

10.0 PRESIDENT REPORT (pg 19) Carol says Thank you to the board, for successful LWR pickups, amending the constitution; Giving Offerings encouraged to carry on the work of the Women of the Church.

11.0 VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (pg 20) Ardy has been blessed by her experience as our VP; thanks to all who have been involved, and pray for our sisters around the world.

12.0 SECRETARY'S REPORT is found on pages 29-36 of the GPR. The SWO Board has approved the minutes of the 33rd Annual Convention Business Meeting

13.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

20.01 The audit for 2/1/2021-1/31/2022 was performed 3/31/2022 (pg 37-38)

20.02 The proposed budget for 2022-2023 is found on page 41-42 of the GPR.

20.03. Proposed budget was adopted

20.04 Checking account balance as of 5/31/2022 \$10,647.39

14.0 ELECTION RESULTS – given by Teresa Ziegenmeyer

14.01 Vice President – two year term: Glory Reynolds

- 14.02 Treasurer – two year term: Dianne Strickler
- 14.03 Board Members- two year term: Teresa Ziegenmeyer, Kris Elgin, Heidi Hotvedt
- 14.04 Board Member - one year term: Julie Leeper
- 14.05 Triennial Delegates: Roberta Jurgerson, Susan Mangels, Dianne Strickler
Alternate: Judy Munger
- 14.06 Nominating Committee – one yr term: Ardy Proehl, Virginia Eggers,
Sue Mangles
(paper ballots were collected and are in the secretary's possession)

15.0 BOARD REPORTS - Continued

15.01 Stewardship Report (pg. 21, 22) Roberta Jergerson reported on the LWR kits and quilts that were collected in the fall and spring in-gatherings. Stamps can still be collected to help with LWR shipping expenses; groups may send stamps to the address listed in the report. She also reported on the Backpack program to help feed students in the U.S.; a quick survey of collections at our current Gathering is over \$1,000. Well done!

15.03 Discipleship Report (pg. 23) Heidi Hotvedt encouraged women to join the monthly giving program "Faithful Friends"

15.04 Justice Report, (pg.24) Kris Elgin: Pray for Ukraine, Human Trafficking victims. Read the Gather and Directions publications and display them at your church.

Voted to Approve all board reports

16.0 REFERENCE AND COUNCIL 2022 Courtesy Resolution-Thanks and Recognition to the Gathering Committee and the women of St. Paul Lutheran church; approved as adopted by the Committee on Reference and Council

17.0 DIRECTIONS & COMMUNICATION TEAM REPORT

Directions is our quarterly newsletter. Lynda Miller will continue as editor but would turn it over to any willing individual. It is edited, printed and mailed by Lynda Miller; Julie Leeper emails this to 100 addresses and she occasionally uses this email list to send timely information. Directions can also be accessed on our website (<https://seiasynod.org>).

18.0 BUSINESS

- 18.01 Old Business- none
- 18.02 New Business- none

19.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2023 GATHERING/CONVENTION

June 9-10, 2023 at Stoney Creek Hotel DesMoines-Johnston Theme:
"Serving the Lord"

20.0 CLUSTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 20.01 Andover will meet October 1
- 20.02 St. James Bettendorf: October 8

21.0 BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNED 5:30 to reconvene on Saturday, June 11

SATURDAY, June 11, 2022 BUSINESS RECONVENED 12:30 PM by President Carol Gruhn

22.0 CREDENTIALS REPORT, Lynda Miller- Saturday 6/11/2022

Number of the SWO Officers	3
Number of SWO Board Members	5
Number of delegates	<u>15</u>
Total eligible to vote	23

Number of non-delegates	43
Number Guests	4
Total in Attendance	70

31.01 Adoption of the Credential Committee Report

31.02 Credentials Report Approved

23.0 REPORT OF CLAIMS by Lynda Miller treasurer reported Offerings to date of \$2,677.45

Adjourned business meeting 1:00 PM

24.0 CLOSING WORSHIP AND INSTALLATION OF SWO OFFICERS AND BOARD
Bishop Amy Current led the worship and installed the SWO Officers and Board, done by 3PM

Respectfully submitted by,
Anne Pietscher, SEIA SWO Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

February 9, 2023

Board of Directors
Southeast Iowa Synod Women's Organization
Lynda Miller, outgoing treasurer
1808 S. 11th Avenue
Eldridge, Iowa 52748

RE: Annual Review of Finance Records

To Whom it may concern:

The review committee met on Thursday, February 9, 2023 and reviewed the financial records for the SEIA SWO from February 1, 2022 through February 1, 2023.

Our review consisted of reconciling cash received with deposits recorded in the bank statement and disbursements made with check copies and the checkbook register. The accounting records are in good order and were up to date.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us through Joyce Badrick at 563-682-7337.

The review committee:

Joyce Badrick

Joyce Badrick

Harriet Kukkuck

Harriet Kukkuck

SOUTHEASTERN IOWA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

Proposed BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

INCLUDES INCOME AND EXPENSES AS LISTED

Year starts February 1, 2024 Ends January 31, 2025

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1000 BUDGETED INCOME RESOURCES	ACTUAL	APPROVED	PROPOSED
1010 Congregational Units Offerings to SWO	5649.75	6,000.00	6000.00
1020 Cluster Offerings to SWO	1144.62	1,000.00	1200.00
1030 Convention Offerings from Gathering Events	2677.45	3,000.00	3000.00
1040 Convention Gathering Registrations/Extras	5190.00	4,000.00	6000.00
1050 Newsletter Subscriptions	72.00	300.00	300.00
1060-Discipleship/Justice/Stewardship	1114.37	400.00	400.00
1070 Banking/Interest Credits	0.25	5.00	5.00
1080 2023 Triennial Challenge	50.00	500.00	150.00
TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME	15898.44	15,205.00	17055.00
2000 OFFERING DISBURSEMENTS			
2010 CWO 50% OF CU Offerings	2824.88	3000.00	3000.00
2020 CWO 50% of Cluster offerings	572.31	500.00	600.00
2030 Convention Offerings Distributed	2677.45	3000.00	3000.00
3000 CONVENTION EXPENSES			
3010 Convention SEIA SWO Gather Expenses	4742.10	4000.00	6000.00
3020 Triennial Expense		500.00	150.00
4000 COMMUNICATIONS/PRINTING EXPENSES			
4010 Newsletter printing	1580.38	2500.00	2000.00
5000 Discipleship/Justice/Stewardship			
5010 Stewardship/Discipleship/Justice	1105.00	400.00	400.00
6000 BOARD EXPENSES			
6010 Mileage	2596.00	4000.00	3500.00
6020 Postage/copies/office supplies	58.40		200.00
7000 Insurance and Banking Fees			
7010 Insurance Coverage	60.00	60.00	60.00
7020 Banking Fees	51.00	40.00	40.00
8000 OFFICE COMPUTER SUPPORT			
8010 Program Support: computer/equipment	50.00	400.00	300.00
9000 Accounting and Audit Expenses			
9010 Audit/End of Year	100.00	200.00	200.00
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	16417.52	18600.00	19450.00
Beginning Checkbook Balance 2/1/2022	5963.52		
Cash Balance 1/31/2023	8687.94		

1/31/2023 balance includes the Church Unit/cluster offerings not sent until current fiscal year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following candidates for the offices of: President, Secretary, Board Members, Nominating Committee.

Biographical information about each nominee is listed according to the following numerical order:

1. Service to the Congregational Unit, Women of the ELCA
2. Service to Cluster and Synodical, Women of the ELCA
3. Service to Congregation
4. Service to Conference or Synod of ELCA
5. Service to Community and other Organizations
6. Occupational History
7. Some talents to share
8. Age group, Ethnic Heritage

* Incumbent

** Person with ethnic heritage

President – 2-Year Term

No Nominees presented.

Vice President – 1-Year Term

No Nominees presented.

Secretary – 2-Year Term

Anne Pietscher – First Lutheran Church, Keokuk

1. I'm currently serving as President of our unit, although my term has technically expired. I initiated a monthly Gather Bible Study and encourage use of the resources on the WELCA website and blog. I help tie quilts and assemble kits for LWR.
2. I am currently in my first term on the SWO, and I am serving as Secretary.
3. I attend the SWO Gatherings and encourage others to do so.
4. In my congregation, I sing in our choir, lector, children's message, re-started fellowship/coffee time. Between pastors, I assisted leading worship.
5. I have not been involved in conference/synod activities in the last 5 years, although I have previously attended Synod Convention as a delegate, and I recommend this to anyone interested.
6. Retired as Registered Dental Hygienist in 2022.
7. I am President of the Keokuk Concert Association, member of Keokuk. Association for Right and Equality. I can cook, sew, read, and teach swimming
8. 65 and Over. Caucasian.

Board Members – 2-Year Terms – 3 Positions

Jeanne Crow – Zion Lutheran, Clinton

1. Synod Delegate for Zion.
2. Cluster 5 past Co-President and past President of Cluster.
- 3.
- 4.
5. First Circle Friends, YWCA.
6. Retired teacher after 38 years.
7. Bible Study.
8. 65 and Over, Caucasian

Julie Leeper – St. John’s Lutheran Church, Des Moines

1. Past service includes leading Gather Bible Studies. I have helped with quilting projects, making prayer shawls, collecting items and assembling LWR kits.
2. Past President of Cluster 9 and active in Cluster activities. I am currently serving a one-year term on the Board and am the Chair of the 2023 Convention/Gathering. I have served as Vice President and Board member in the past.
3. I assist with monthly meals by providing food for Central Iowa Shelter and Services. In the past, I have been Sunday School teacher, Confirmation teacher, Youth leader, and Congregational Council member.
4. Have served as congregational representative to Synodical meetings.
- 5.
6. Retired from position as personnel director, program administrator, and Legislative Liaison for a state agency.
7. I love to cook, read, and crochet. I am an avid bicycle rider and rode RAGBRAI many times.
8. Age range: 50-64. Caucasian.

Beth Stufflebeam – St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Bouton

1. I am President of our WELCA for the 2nd year. We are a small rural church and just surviving.
2. My Mother attended almost all of the WELCA gatherings, and I am thrilled that I am able to do so now.
3. I have been Vice President of our church for about 2 years. I have also served as deacon on church council. I have been organist/pianist at my church since 1977. I have been a vocalist since Sunday School and continue to do so.
- 4.
- 5.
6. Retired Registered Nurse after over 40 years.
7. I like to sew, crochet, and do crafts.
8. Age range: 50-64. Caucasian.

Nominating Committee

No Nominees presented.

Election Results – President:

Number of Ballots Cast: _____
Number of Ineligible Votes: _____
Votes Cast for _____: _____
Votes Cast for Others: _____
Votes Needed for Election: _____
Declaration of Elected: _____

Election Results – Vice President:

Number of Ballots Cast: _____
Number of Ineligible Votes: _____
Votes Cast for _____: _____
Votes Cast for Others: _____
Votes Needed for Election: _____
Declaration of Elected: _____

Election Results – Secretary:

Number of Ballots Cast: _____
Number of Ineligible Votes: _____
Votes Cast for **Anne Pietscher**: _____
Votes Cast for _____: _____
Votes Needed for Election: _____
Declaration of Elected: _____

Election Results – Board Members – 2-Year Terms:

Number of Ballots Cast: _____
Number of Ineligible Votes: _____
Votes Cast for **Jeanne Crow**: _____
Votes Cast for **Julie Leeper**: _____
Votes Cast for **Beth Stufflebeam**: _____
Votes Cast for Others: _____
Votes Needed for Election: _____
Declaration of Elected: _____
Declaration of Elected: _____
Declaration of Elected: _____

Election Results – Nominating Committee:

Number of Ballots Cast: _____

Number of Ineligible Votes: _____

Votes Cast for _____: _____

Votes Cast for _____: _____

Votes Cast for _____: _____

Votes Needed for Election: _____

Declaration of Elected: _____

Declaration of Elected: _____

Declaration of Elected: _____

**36th ANNUAL
CONVENTION/GATHERING**

Southeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA

June 14 and 15, 2024

**Zion Lutheran Church
439 3rd Avenue South
Clinton, Iowa**

Gathering Theme: "Just Love"

Bible Verse:

1 John 3:11b

"We should love one another"

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
SOUTHEASTERN IOWA WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS – 2022-23

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Term: 6/2021 to 6/2023 (officer 2-year term)
6/2020 to 6/2021 (board 1-year term)
6/2018 to 6/2020 (board 2-year term)
6/2017 to 6/2018 (board 1-year term)

VICE PRESIDENT



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SECRETARY



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TREASURER



Dianne Strickler
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Term: 2/2023 to 2/2025 (officer 2-year term)
6/2021 to 1/2023 (board 1.5-year term)

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
 SOUTHEASTERN IOWA WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
 BOARD MEMBERS – 2022-23

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 9/2021 to 6/2022

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 9/2021 to 6/2022



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 Term: 6/2021 to 6/2023
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 6/2018 to 6/2020

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 6/2020 to 6/2021
 6/2018 to 6/2020



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Thank You!

To the women who have given their time and talents to serve on the 2023 Gathering/Convention planning committee who provide a valuable ministry to us.

Their gifts and willingness to serve ensure our convention is successful. We are extremely grateful to them and appreciate their service to the Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization.

Also, thank you to the employees of Stoney Creek Hotel for their generous hospitality!

Thank You for all you have done!
