



# DIRECTIONS

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization  
SPRING/SUMMER 2023 Issue



## INVITATION TO THE

35th Annual Convention and Gathering  
Southeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA  
June 9 and 10, 2023

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We hope you have it on your calendar  
and plan to attend. Spread the word and bring another  
woman from your church or bring your mother, your  
sister, your daughter, a friend, or a cousin!

Location: Stoney Creek Hotel Des Moines - Johnston  
5291 Stoney Creek Court  
Johnston, Iowa

Theme Bible Verse: Joshua 24:15b – “As for me and  
my house, we will serve the Lord.”

Find more information on pages 3, 4, and 5

NOTE TO CHURCHES:  
PLEASE HAVE THIS NEWSLETTER VISIBLE  
FOR ALL WOMEN OF YOUR CHURCH TO READ!  
THANK YOU

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## **Words from our President Carol Gruhn**

This has been an exciting time in the Women of the ELCA. First of all we received the grant from Katie's fund for \$1,000.00. Each of the Synodical groups received one to further the education of the WELCA. Our synodical choose to give our grant to the Circle of Freedom which is a home in which women who have been released from prison can go to help them get back into society the right way.

Julie Leeper has done a fantastic job of planning our Gathering to be held this June 9th & 10th at Stoney Creek Hotel in Johnston with a theme of "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" from Joshua 24:15b. This will be an exciting time for everyone attending with Bishop Amy Current doing the Bible Study and Worship service, and IMPACT Community Action Partnership serving people in Boone, Polk, Jasper, Warren, and Marion Counties, and Kim Crawford of the Circle of Freedom Women Center and more. So get your registration in NOW. And lastly registration is now open for the Triennial Gathering to be held in Phoenix, AZ in September. This is where the officers of the Women of the ELCA are elected and a very inspirational time.

Since this will be my last time as your President. I want to thank you for the opportunity you gave me to serve as your President these last two years. It has been interesting, informative and inspiring. So thanks again!

Across the Countryside by Viney Wilder

The plows are turning and the smell of good black earth is strong  
The pussy willows brave the wind to hear the robin's sing.  
Forsythia bushes spill their gold where only yesterday  
The frozen blanket of snow in ruffed splendor lay.  
The frogs are busy tuning up in marshlands everywhere  
Small buds are swelling on the trees that lately stood quite bare.  
And Spring, returning, green with life across the countryside  
Is telling us that faith and hope still walk the earth with pride.

**Thanks again and please say yes if asked to be on the ballot.**

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Make your room reservations by calling (515) 334-9000. Group code for reservations is 2306LUTHERAN – Rate is \$130 per night. Final date to make reservations under the block rate is Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

Speakers: Bishop Amy Current  
Kim Crawford – Circle of Freedom Women’s Center  
Christine Meyers – Church Musician  
Terri Mork Speirs – IMPACT Community Action Partnership  
Pastor Sarah Trone Garriott – Iowa Senate and  
Des Moines Area Religious Council

Registration: \$80 for 2 days or \$65 for 1 day

## OFFICIAL CONVENTION/GATHERING NOTICE

You are hereby notified that the 35<sup>h</sup> Annual Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women’s Organization Gathering will be held Friday and Saturday, June 9 and 10, 2023 at Stoney Creek Hotel Des Moines to conduct the official business and elect new officers. Each congregational unit is entitled and encouraged to send a delegate.

This serves as official notice as required by the constitution of the Women of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Anne Piestcher, SWO Secretary.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Check One

I currently receive E-Mail updates from the SEIA SWO: \_\_\_\_\_

Add my E-Mail to the list to receive updates from the SEIA SWO: \_\_\_\_\_

I do not want to receive E-Mail updates from the SEIA SWO: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

I will service as Delegate for this Congregation Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Cluster Number: \_\_\_\_\_

My Age Range: Select One by placing an "X" next to the category.

10 to 30 \_\_\_\_\_ 51 to 60 \_\_\_\_\_

31 to 40 \_\_\_\_\_ 61 to 70 \_\_\_\_\_

41 to 50 \_\_\_\_\_ 71 & Up \_\_\_\_\_

Check One

I will attend Friday, June 9, and Saturday, June 10, 2023 – Fee \$80. \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend only Friday, June 9, 2023 – Fee \$65. \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend only Saturday, June 10, 2023 – Fee \$65. \_\_\_\_\_

**CONVENTION / GATHERING PAYMENT INFORMATION**

Make checks payable to SEIA Synodical Women's Organization

Mail checks to: Roberta Jurgersen, 3828 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Clinton, IA 52732

**HOTEL INFORMATION – STONEY CREEK HOTEL**

Please make your room reservation by calling (515) 334-9000.

The block rate is provided under the following group code: 2306LUTHERAN

The rate for hotel rooms is \$130 per night.

**The final date for making reservations under the block is Tuesday, May 9, 2023.**

If you have questions about the Gathering and Convention or would like to help with planning, please contact Julie Leeper at [julieleeper@yahoo.com](mailto:julieleeper@yahoo.com)

## GATHERING AND CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Tentative

<b>Friday, June 9, 2023 – Stoney Creek Hotel</b>			
10:00 a.m.		Noon	SEIA SWO Board Meeting
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
7:15 p.m.	--	8:15 p.m.	Hymnody Teaching Presentation and Hymn Sing – Christine Meyers, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Knoxville, Iowa
<b>Saturday, June 10, 2023 – Stoney Creek Hotel</b>			
6:00 a.m.	--	7:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast at Hotel for Hotel Guests
8:00 a.m.	--	8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:30 a.m.	--	9:00 a.m.	Opening and Devotions with General Offering
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 Women’s Center – Kim Crawford
11:45 a.m.	--	12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	--	1:15 p.m.	Claims and Credentials Report Second Business Meeting (if needed)
1:15 p.m.	--	1:30 p.m.	Presentation – To Be Announced
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

Please bring an ELW hymnal with you (the cranberry colored one) for use during the Gathering.

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization  
NOMINATION FORM - Please send in form by April 24, 2023

I believe that this person would be a good candidate for the following position(s):

- 2023-2024 Year: )  Board Member (2-year term)  
 Nominating Committee (1-year term)  
 President (2-year term)  Secretary (2-year term)

Name of nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Cluster \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, state, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of City/Town of Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Experience: Please begin with the most recent and list significant experience in each area over the last five years

If additional space is needed, please use the back of this form, or an additional sheet of paper.

1. Women of the ELCA Congregational Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Women of the ELCA Cluster/Synodical Women's Organization \_\_\_\_\_
3. Congregational \_\_\_\_\_
4. Conference/Synod \_\_\_\_\_
5. Other Organizations (community, school, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Occupational History \_\_\_\_\_
7. Some of the many talents she has to share are: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Age range:  34 and under  35-49  50-64  65 and over

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# Nomination Form cont'd from page 6

Ethnic/Racial Heritage:     American Indian     Asian     African American     Caucasian  
 Hispanic     Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Form Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Check here for permission to be granted for Bio information to be placed on the SEIA web site.

Send form to:

Virginia Eggers

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Clinton, IA 52732

E-Mail: [virginiaeggers1949@gmail.com](mailto:virginiaeggers1949@gmail.com)

## NEW AND SOME FUN THIS YEAR!

*Silent auction* with items contributed from each Cluster (we hope) and others. We will have a table for the items and sign up forms for you to bid to win one of these beautiful items. Monies will go to support our Synod Women.

All Clusters are encouraged to bring something to contribute-it could be a basket of things from your area, a sewn project, maybe some faith-based books or games, the possibilities are endless. We do have some items already which will have the ELCA symbols on them so we have gotten a start.

We look forward to seeing what all is brought. Any questions you can reach out to Dianne Strickler at: [diann3strick@gmail.com](mailto:diann3strick@gmail.com) or call 563-422-8099.

### Directions Subscription Form

Cost is **\$8** annually payable to:

**Make check out to: SEIA Synod Women of the ELCA**

**Mail to: Lynda Miller**

1808 S. 11th Avenue, Eldridge, IA 52748

If you are sending in a subscription for more than one person; **or** if you are a board or Cluster Leader renewing or new subscriber please put the information on a separate sheet of paper, with names and addresses

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip + 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Church and Town \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cluster \_\_\_\_\_

## Fall Issue

*Deadline: September 1, 2023*



### Publication and Deadline Dates

Issue	Deadline	Mailing Date
Spring.....	Feb. 10.....	March 1st
Summer.....	April 10.....	May 1st
Fall.....	August 10.....	September 1st
Winter.....	November 10...	December 1st



## Spring Cluster News

**Cluster 2** ladies met at Trinity, Malcom for their spring gathering on April 1, 2023. Pastor Catherine Burroughs lead a Bible study on the first 3 commandments.

Love gifts of canned foods, peanut butter, feminine hygiene products, and personal care products were donated by the various churches in attendance. They will be distributed to food pantries in the Poweshiek County area.

The ladies shared what their units have been doing. Sharing our love for the communities we live in.

October 7th the host church is Holy Trinity, Newton.

**Cluster 5** Will meet April 22 at Zion Lutheran Church in Clinton. We are using John 15:5 as our verse. "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those that abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

We will be doing a bible study and hear a program called "To Tree or not To Tree" from Trees Forever. So appropriate after the derecho of 2020. Love gift will go to Information, Referral and Assistance, a local service organization. Both monetary and nonperishable items of food/clothing/cleaning supplies are welcome.

A business meeting will be held to conduct several business items. We encourage all women to come to enjoy some fellowship, good refreshments and lunch, while also growing in our faith.

**Cluster 6** Spring Gathering will be held Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the Vault, 220 W. Davenport Street, in **Eldridge** starting at 10:00 a.m. Dutch Treat lunch to follow if desired. The program will be featuring Humble Dwelling. They provide furnishings and needed items for immigrants coordinating with our friends at Tapestry Farms. Cash/Check donations will be collected for the following: Humble Dwellings, our Women's Synod and Cluster 6 (please bring separate monies for each, thank you). You can RSVP to Barb Spies by April 15<sup>th</sup>: [bjspies@gmail.com](mailto:bjspies@gmail.com) or call/text 563 676-1238.



2023 Stewardship Committee

Roberta Jurgensen

Teresa Ziegenmeyer



## Iowa Veterans Home

Integrity | Service | Honor

**IOWA VETERANS HOME** - SEIA Women's 35 th Convention/Gathering June 9 and 10 2023 at Stoney Creek Hotel Des Moines in Johnston, Iowa. Our Veterans have made sacrifices for us and our country . We are relying on your generosity for the Iowa Veterans Home residents to give a monetary donation for their needs. The **Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown** currently has over 500 residents with a variety of needs in the Marshalltown facility. Please help our veterans and heroes! You are letting our heroes know you are thinking of them and care about their well-being. Announce to your congregations, ladies groups, youth groups about putting together a collection for either the **Recreation Fund** or **Christmas Fund** and bring to the June Gathering. The **Recreation Fund** is used for recreational costs and resident niceties. All funds in this account directly benefit individual and group resident needs. Some ways funds in this account are used:

1. Admission for off-campus recreational outings( zoos, movies, sporting events, museums)
2. Bowling program
3. Gardening program
4. On –campus entertainment (hypnotists, magicians and comedians).
5. Resident niceties(stamps, clothing, and phone cards).

The **Christmas Fund** is to make every resident feel cared about and included. Every year the **Iowa Veterans Home** purchases Christmas gifts for each of their residents with contributions received from this fund. Each resident is given a list of gift choices, and they are able to create their very own Christmas wish list. Once the lists are gathered, the **Iowa Veterans Home** elves do their magic, and gifts are presented to the residents at their unit holiday parties. It brings a little more holiday spirit to the residents, especially those who may not have family or regular visitors.

**At the Gathering look for a small table with a box for donations to be dropped in and information about the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown.**

If your church is saving stamps to help support LWR, please remember to leave a quarter inch around stamps. Do not send forever flag stamps.

Address where to send

Sarah Frank

710 Arrow Point Dr unit 1

Cedar park, Texas 78613.

## JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Justice Committee of the Women of the ELCA tries to raise awareness to end Human Trafficking. January was Human Awareness Month. There are resources on the WELCA web site you can use in your unit.

Women of the ELCA also, work to end gun violence. Rachel's Day is observed the first Sunday in May, but can be observed any time of the year. The 2015 Rachel's Day resources includes a litany for use in a special Rachel's Day service.

Lutheran Day on the Hill is LSI's biggest advocacy event of the year. This year it will be held Tuesday, March 14. It will begin at St. John's Lutheran Church, Des Moines at 9:30. There will be a welcome and keynote speakers. Afterwards the group will head to the Iowa State Capitol to talk with the legislators. You can register on the LSI website. This is offered at no cost to you.

Justice committee,  
Judy Munger  
Kris Elgin





Vice President Report:

Greetings! I am prayerfully requesting that if you are contacted by the nomination committee that you will say yes. We are in need of a President, Secretary and three Board Members. And actually if you are interested in filling any of these positions, please contact me and I will forward your information to the nomination committee. I thank you in advance for considering any of the jobs.

Glory Ann Reynolds  
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**Report from the Nominating Committee:**

**WE NEED YOU TO SAY YES!**

With out you your Synodical Board will not be able to continue.

The positions we need to fill are President, Secretary, 3 board members. These terms are for 2 years. Also in need of 3 for nominating committee, this is a one year term.

Please contact the ladies on the Nominating Committee:

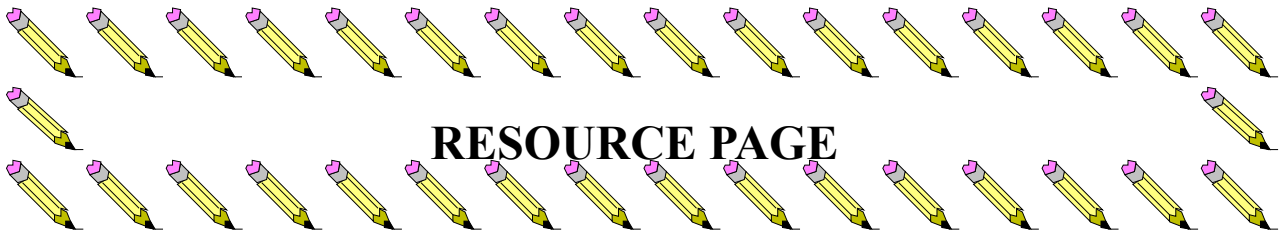
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They can give you more information and a job description for the above positions.

Nomination Forms can be found on Pages 6 and 7 of this issue.



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### Southeast Iowa Synod Website

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To get to our web page-click on About-then click Southeastern Women's Organization  
to get to our page

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2022-2023**



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**SOUTHEASTERN IOWA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION  
RESOLUTION GUIDELINES**

Any Convention delegate may submit a resolution using the appropriate format (see following page). Each submitted resolution **must** include the signatures of three delegates.

The deadline for submitting resolutions to the Committee on Reference and Council is June 1, 2023. Resolutions pertaining to action that could not have been anticipated prior to June 1, 2023 may be submitted to the Committee by June 8, 2023.

- 1 Definition: A resolution is a request for action brought to the convention by a delegate.
- 2 Resolutions should be clearly and concisely stated.
- 3 The "Whereas" section should state the reason for the resolution. Each reason should be given as a separate "Whereas".
- 4 The "Resolved" section should clearly state the action desired, who is to implement the action, and who is to bear the cost. Each action should be described with a separate "Resolved".
- 5 Resolutions should be tested against questions such as:
  - o Is the information complete and accurate?
  - o Is this a matter which pertains to the life, goals, and ministries of the SEIA SWO?
  - o Is this a matter of significance requiring consideration of the entire assembly?
  - o Is the action requested one which the SWO can appropriately and effectively implement?

**Format:**

1. If a resolution requires one action, the following format is used ...  
RESOLVED, that \_\_\_\_\_
2. If a resolution requires more than one action, the following format is used ...  
RESOLVED, that \_\_\_\_\_; and be it further  
RESOLVED, that \_\_\_\_\_.
3. If the resolution is preceded by one reason for submitting the resolution, the following format is used ...  
WHEREAS, \_\_\_\_\_); therefore be it  
RESOLVED, that \_\_\_\_\_.
4. If a resolution is preceded by two or more reasons, the following format is used ...  
WHEREAS, \_\_\_\_\_; and  
WHEREAS, \_\_\_\_\_; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, that \_\_\_\_\_.

**Why submit a Resolution?**

You have probably said, "Why don't they ... ?"

What do you want the SWO to do?

What would you like the Churchwide Women of the ELCA to be doing?

Resolutions present an opportunity to discuss ideas and to participate in making the organization function well.



Whereas, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ; and

Whereas, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ;

therefore be it

Resolved, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ;

and be it further

Resolved, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ .

Submitted for recommendation by the Committee on Reference and Council by the following convention delegates:

_____ Delegate's Name	_____ Delegate's Congregation
_____ Delegate's Name	_____ Delegate's Congregation
_____ Delegate's Name	_____ Delegate's Congregation

# GATHERING 2023 REGISTRATIC

Every person attending the Gathering must complete this registration form or register online at [welcatg.org](http://welcatg.org).

## 1. YOUR INFORMATION

This is my first Gathering.

MRS  MS  MR  REV  SISTER  OTHER (\_\_\_\_\_)

LAST NAME FIRST NAME PREFERRED BADGE NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP COUNTRY

CELL PHONE NUMBER OTHER PHONE NUMBER

I wish to receive text messages about the gathering. Information for Women of the ELCA use only. Your number will never be shared or so. This is a free service from Women of the ELCA, but standard text messaging rates may apply.

EMAIL ADDRESS

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME CELL PHONE NUMBER OTHER PHONE NUMBER

SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION NAME REGION NUMBER AND SYNOD LETTER (for example: Western Iowa, 5E)

CONGREGATION NAME CITY STATE COUNTY

SIGNATURE

By providing my signature, I authorize Women of the ELCA permission to send the *Bold Connections* monthly e-newsletter to my email address and to share my contact information with my synodical women's organization if requested for purposes of receiving updates and information pertaining to the Gathering. Parents or guardians must sign for children 17 and under.



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SEPTEMBER 21-24, 2023 | PHOENIX  
WELCATG.ORG

## 2. OTHER INFORMATION

Check the box if you need...

- Information on childcare
- Information on the blood drive
- To rent a wheelchair
- To rent a mobility scooter
- To arrange wheelchair-accessible shuttle service
- To have translation services. Specify language (including ASL): \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Check any boxes that apply. You will be contacted later regarding your specific assignments.

- Gathering Volunteer (to be assigned)
- Translator? Specify language (including ASL): \_\_\_\_\_
- Bilingual greeter? Specify language (including ASL): \_\_\_\_\_
- Gathering Choir for Sunday closing worship:
  - soprano  alto  tenor  bass
- Worship Volunteer
- Usher for Thursday opening worship

**MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS TO:**

Make checks payable to **Framework Meetings** and send your Gathering 2023 registration forms and payment to:

Framework Meetings and Destinations  
Attn: Registration Gathering 2023  
2192 E. Grandview Drive  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

A \$100 cancellation fee will apply if the cancellation request is received by August 1, 2023. From August 2-8, 2023, a cancellation fee of \$200 will apply. No refund will be given after August 8.

Registration cancellations must be submitted directly to Framework Meetings either by phone or email.

**QUESTIONS:**

10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. CST, Mon – Fri  
(208) 651-2230 or (208) 771-0661  
[info@frameworkmeetings.com](mailto:info@frameworkmeetings.com)

**Only completed forms will be accepted.**

As a part of the 2023 Gathering, we will have an attendee directory available online. Please indicate if you would like your name to be included in the online attendee gathering.

Yes  No

**Do you have any dietary restrictions? Please list them here:**

**GATHERING 2023 HOTEL INFORMATION**

Rates listed below are based on single/double room occupancy. Rates do not include applicable state and local taxes of 12.57%, subject to change.

**SHERATON PHOENIX DOWNTOWN**

**\$179**  
**1-4 people per room**

340 North 3rd Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85004

**Reservation phone number:**  
(800) 325-3535

**Online reservation link:**  
<https://book.passkey.com/e/50488458>

When making your reservations, use group reference code: **WELCA2023**

**HYATT REGENCY PHOENIX**

**\$169**  
**1-4 people per room**

122 North 2nd Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85004

**Reservation phone number:**  
(877) 803-7534

**Online reservation link:**  
<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/PHXRP/G-WELC>

When making your reservations, use group reference code: **G-WELC**

Maximum room occupancy is four (4), per city code.

**GUARANTEE / CANCELLATION POLICY**

A major credit card number or a check for the room plus tax is required to secure each room before a reservation can be processed. Payment in full is due at the time of registration. Early departures are subject to penalty fees set by the hotel. A charge of one (1) night's room and tax will be applied or forfeited if you do not cancel and do not arrive (no-show).

Cancellations after August 24, 2023, will be charged a \$35.00 cancellation fee. Cancellations within 72 hours prior to the day of arrival will be charged first night's room and tax. **Credit cards will only be charged if cancelled within the penalty period.**

**Hotel reservation deadline:**  
**Thursday, August 24, 2023**

## 4. OPTIONAL TOURS AND TRIPS

(Check the box and circle the time slot for your tours)

	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24	# PEOPLE	COST	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Tour the Apache Trail	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.		X	\$159	
<input type="checkbox"/> Earth Science and Oil	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.		X	\$169	
<input type="checkbox"/> City Tour: Phoenix & Scottsdale	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	X	\$119	
<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of the Heard?	10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	X	\$89	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedona Sites	7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.		X	\$149	
<input type="checkbox"/> Queen Creek Olive Mill		12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	X	\$109	

### ▶ POST-GATHERING TRIP

	SINGLE-OCCUPANCY	DOUBLE-OCCUPANCY	# PEOPLE	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Explore Arizona (5-day trip) September 24–28. Departs September 24 @noon. Back in Phoenix September 28 around 4:00 p.m.	\$2,239.00	\$1,589.00		

Tours require a minimum of 40 guests; post-gathering trip requires a minimum of 25 guests. Tours and trips are subject to change.

Full tour refund if cancelled prior to June 30, 2023, less credit card transaction fees. A 50% tour refund if canceled between July 1-31, 2023, less credit card transaction fees. No tour refund cancelled on or after August 1, 2023.

## 5. REGISTRATION FEES AND OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ADD-ONS

All registration categories include all gathering activities scheduled for September 21–24, except optional activities and add-ons below.

REGISTRATION CATEGORIES	MARCH 1 TO APRIL 30, 2023	AFTER APRIL 30, 2023	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Registration	\$375	\$425	
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Friday Registration (one day only)	\$200	\$225	
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Saturday Registration (one day only)	\$200	\$225	
<input type="checkbox"/> Digital Streaming (all plenaries)	\$225	\$250	
<input type="checkbox"/> Girls 13-18	\$125	\$125	
<input type="checkbox"/> Child under 13	FREE	FREE	

### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ADD-ONS

	QUANTITY	COST	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Night Bold Cafe Event, September 21		\$35	
<input type="checkbox"/> Run, Walk and Roll, September 23		\$40	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commemorative Communion Ware		\$150	
<input type="checkbox"/> "Just Love" T-shirt (circle size) S M L XL 2XL 3XL Deadline to order shirts is Tuesday, July 27, 2023. Find sizing information at <a href="http://welca.org/sizing">welca.org/sizing</a> .		\$30	

## PAYMENT

- Check (made payable to Framework Meetings and Destinations)  
 VISA  MasterCard  Discover  American Express

Name as it appears on card (PLEASE PRINT)

Account #

Expiration Date

Registration Processing Fee	\$ 5.75
Be a Friend of the Gathering (A gift of any amount is appreciated)	\$
Total from Parts 4 and 5	\$
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>	<b>\$</b>

# LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF FORM

Please bring a copy of this sheet along with your items – be sure to keep a copy for your records.

**Saturday – April 15, 2023 8:30 am til noon**

Two pickup sites available

**Trinity Lutheran Church Cedar Rapids, IA 1363 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S W,  
Cedar Rapids, IA**

**Windsor Heights Lutheran Church Des Moines, IA 1240 66<sup>th</sup>  
St. Des Moines, IA**

**ELCA**

**LCMS**

**OTHER**

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Each church bringing items should make a cash donation of at least **\$40.00** for the trucking expense. We encourage those congregations that can do more, please send more.

Church donating items \_\_\_\_\_

Church address \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	# OF ITEMS	# OF BOXES
<b>QUILTS</b>		
<b>PERSONAL CARE KITS</b>		
<b>SCHOOL KITS</b>		
<b>FABRIC KITS</b>		
<b>BABY CARE KITS</b>		

**No box should weigh over 35 pounds.**

**Questions-- call Dori Stanek 319-845-3030 or 319-558-9773**

**-Cedar Rapids**

**Jan Grannes 515-279-8017 -Windsor Heights**

Lutheran World Relief 2023

## Packing and Shipping Instructions

1. **USE STRONG BOXES!!!** Packed boxes should weigh no more than 35 pounds.
2. Please fill boxes completely, cut down boxes if necessary.
3. Only one type of kit in each box. Do not mix.
4. Place a label (sample below). Make copies for each box.
5. Please fill your donation forms completely and bring to a pick-up site.
6. For instructions on tracking your donation, please go to Track Your Quilts and Kits/Lutheran World Relief ([lwr.org](http://lwr.org))
7. Please note the change in donation amount.
8. Know that your efforts will be blessed by God in His service.

Thank you for your help!

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## SWO Mission Discipleship Report March 2023

Women of the ELCA are active disciples in many ways. We practice the following seven marks of discipleship:

1. Praying
2. Studying
3. Worshiping
4. Inviting
5. Encouraging
6. Serving
7. Giving

Let's explore two of these marks of discipleship:

**Studying:** Are you like me when you receive the new Gather magazine, you read it in one sitting? We are so blessed to have such a wonderful resource that is full of faith-filled stories, devotion, prayers and Bible studies that you can do alone or with others (using the included leader guide)! The Gather magazine has stories of comfort and challenge that help readers grow in faith and engage in ministry and action. Print subscription is \$19.95 a year. Digital access (computer, iPad, Android) is free to print subscribers. For more information go to <http://www.gathermagazine.org/> or to subscribe by phone, call 1-844-409-0576.

Another resource for studying God's word is Daily Grace. Daily Grace is an on-the-go companion for your journey, offering a faith reflection every day. Encounter God's extravagant, boundless and often surprising grace by signing up for a daily email message at <http://womenoftheelca.us7.list-manage1.com/subscribe?u=38d837d7f50973ead605ee94e&id=2aa8313408> or you can also download the newly updated app for your IOS and Android devices. Look for the Daily Grace app in your app store!



**Serving:** We serve in so many ways!

- By making quilts, personal care kits and baby care kits for Lutheran World Relief
- Serving countless church meals, snacks for Sunday School and Wednesday youth activities, bars and cookies for fellowship hour, bringing supper for new parents
- Praying for those who are sick, lonely, or struggling
- Visiting shut-ins
- Driving our friends and neighbors to medical appointments, to the store, and to church

We serve others using the many talents God has given us! Let your LIGHT Shine!

Blessings!

Julie Leeper and Heidi Hotvedt



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**The SWO 35<sup>th</sup> Gathering will be held at Stoney Creek Inn, Des Moines, June 9 and 10, 2023**

**2023 Triennial Convention/Gathering Sept. 18-23 in Phoenix,AZ**