

DIRECTIONS

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization

FALL 2022 Issue



A few pictures from our Gathering that was held at St. Paul Lutheran Church Davenport.











2023 Gathering date is June 9 & 10. See page 4 For details.

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

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Greetings in the name of the one who creates, redeems, and sustains us all. No doubt you've heard of 2122: Growing Katie's Fund for the next 100 years. Some of you were able to attend the online launch party for this campaign that was held June 11. If you couldn't participate, please spend 30 minutes or so watching the recording of the event. You can find it at

https://www.womenoftheelca.org/katiesfund

It's the first video on the page. Please encourage all your synodical board members to watch it too. Share word of it in your synodical newsletter or on your Facebook page.

Among the exciting news shared during the launch party was this: a \$1,000 grant from Katie's Fund to each synodical organization! The women of our organization have so faithfully supported Katie's Fund during its first 25 years. Since Katie's Fund is designed to support resources and activities, the churchwide executive board and the 2122 leadership team are pleased to announce that each of our 64 synodical women's organizations will receive a grant of \$1,000 from Katie's Fund to use in a way of their own choosing for a program or ministry that falls into one of the three areas supported by Katie's Fund: leadership development, global connection, or living theology. As we said during the launch party, it's key that we keep God's money moving, planting seeds for new ministries that support our mission and purpose. This seed money can challenge your thinking about mission today.

Isn't it exciting to imagine the possibilities this grant offers?! You may choose to use it for an existing effort that falls into one of the three areas supported by Katie's Fund. Or you might have a brand-new idea. Perhaps you'd like to pool your resources with another synodical organization and come up with a joint plan. The possibilities are only limited by your imagination.

News from President Carol Gruhn

Hello sisters in Christ,

It's been awhile since I've talked to you but I've been working on our policy, job description of the Missions and our Web site of the Synod. Work continues on. After the Board approves them we will let you know what the new ones are. The transition board has just meant so we are ready to get to work for you. It doesn't seem like it's time for school to start already. Your new officers elected at the Gathering were Glory Reynolds Vice Presidents, Dianne Strickler Treasurer, Board members Teresa Ziegenmeyer and Julie Leeper and Kris Elgin and Heidi Hotvedt were reelected. Myself. Ann Pietscher, Roberta Jurgersen and Judy Munger remain on the board. Also elected to the nominating committee were Virginia Eggers, Sue Mangels and Ardy Proehl so when you get a call from them it is a privilege to be called and think very strongly to say "yes".. So until the next time I leave you with this prayer:

O God of love, O King of peace,
Make wars throughout the world cease;
Our greed and sinful wrath restrain.
Give peace, O God, give peace again,
Where saints and angels dwell above.
All hearts are knit in holy love;
Oh, bind us in that heavenly chain.
Give peace, O God, give peace again.
Amen

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO JOIN US ON JUNE 9 AND 10, 2023 IN DES MOINES!

It seems like the 34th Annual Convention and Gathering just happened – and what a great time we all had!

The Committee is busy working on the 35th Convention and Gathering, and we hope you will put it on your calendar now 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!

Here is some important information about the 2023 Convention and Gathering of the Southeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA

Dates: June 9 and 10, 2023

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."

Watch for more information in upcoming issues of *Directions* and in your email.

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

From the Discipleship Committee:

At the August 20, 2022 Southeastern Iowa Women's Board meeting, there was some discussion of our Women's Groups getting back together. The majority of the board commented that there is a lot of lack of enthusiasm among the women of their church. Some are doing quite well, which is good.

If you would like to send to Heidi Hotvedt, Discipleship Committee, what your church is doing, especially the women's groups; for example, are you meeting regularly for Bible Study, are you having quilting sessions, are you just meeting for coffee and conversation? We all need some new ideas and your input would be most helpful.

Heidi Hotvedt hhotvedtr@msn.com

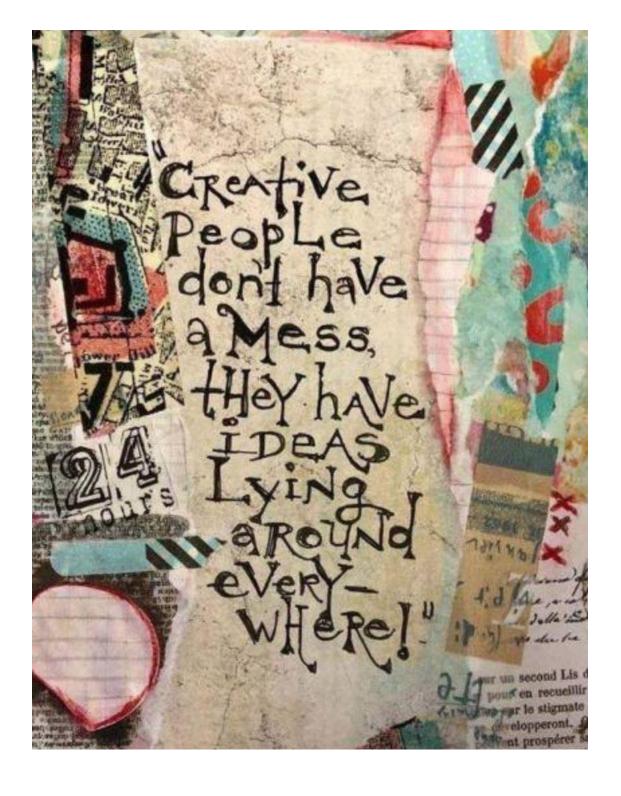
Meet our new board members.

Julie Leeper is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Des Moines. Julie has served as Cluster Leader, SWO Board Member and Officer, GPR Editor, and Chair of the Committee on Reference and Council. Julie's past experiences also include serving as a trainer for churchwide Women of the ELCA, teaching Sunday School, serving on Church Councils, and working with Church youth. Julie is retired and enjoys traveling with her husband, biking, reading, crocheting, and spending time with family and friends.

Glory Ann Reynolds belongs to Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Clinton.

Glory Ann has been a voting delegate for the SEIA. She is currently serving mostly as Chair or co chair for Community Justice, also secretary for the Women of St. Paul. Past member of the Executive Council at St. Paul as Treasurer. At Saint Paul she also serves on the Altar Guild; including communion bread, assisting minister and Lector. Along with the Funeral Guild and Quilting group. Outside of the church she belongs to Masonic, Girl Scouts' past leader and Assistant Leader, school organizer and Day Camp Organizer and Leader. Her occupation for 30 years was in nursing and 12 years at JC Penney. Her talents include Christian Card Ministry, paint and probably all fiber arts. She enjoys sewing and learning the art of quilting.

Teresa Ziegenmeyer is married, 2 children, daughter lives not far away she works from home for a business,has 3 children 15, 11, 7, her husband grain farmer, our son is married both work at a large mfg business as Mechanical engineers, my husband works full time at a Mfg company, I sub as school bus driver and drive for activities, help out with grandkids, do gardening, very active at my rural church.



Please remember this if you are contacted to help your Southeastern Iowa Board Women of the ELCA in someway.

We all have talents.



Information

WINTER ISSUE Deadline: NOVEMBER 1, 2022



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

Fall Cluster News

Cluster 1 Spring Gathering was held on April 23, 2022 at Palestine Lutheran Church in Huxley. There were 28 people in attendance. The hymns were sung by all, 'This is my Father's World" and "Touch the Earth Lightly". Cherilie Vonnahme gave a program on "Let your Faith Grow" and the relationship of lilies and resurrection plants and how they connect with our faith and religion. A business meeting was held, followed by a delicious lunch. Donations were made to the synod and LSI.

Cluster 5 will meet at Faith Lutheran in Andover on Saturday, October 1, 2022. Our program will be by Camp Shalom located near Maquoketa Caves. We hope that many will join us for this day. It is a good time to connect with others, share ideas and enjoy great fellowship. Lunch will be provided and registration should be sent to Faith Lutheran for planning purposes by September 23. Here is there address: Faith Lutheran Church, 1364 Washington St., Andover, IA 52701. Phone: 563-682-7629.

Our Bible Verse is: "Above all, clothes yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." Colossians 3:14-15

Cluster 6 Fall Gathering will meet on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at St. James Lutheran Church in Bettendorf starting at 9:00 a.m. with a light breakfast and ending at 11:30 a.m. We are planning to provide crocheted or knitted prayer squares for our five delegates from our SEIA women's synod and other ladies going to the Triennial in Phoenix in September of 2023. Ideally we need a total of 250. We will also be collecting quilts for Lutheran World Relief, and will be tying quilts at the workshop, along with rolling bandages for Global Health. Many hands make light work! Hope you can join us. Please contact Linda Kortemeyer-Korte4m3@gmail.com or 563-271-3309 to let her know if you are interested in working on doing the prayer squares, and if you need needles or yarn, as we will provide these items. Doris Mack will help teach the pattern for the crochet squares and plan to have someone for the knitting as well. Hopefully, once you have the instructions, more squares can be completed after the work day to be collected at our Spring meeting. We will plan to collect hygiene items for St. James Food Pantry and cash donations are also appreciated for supporting our Cluster and Synod and the Food Pantry.

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Fall Cluster News Continued

Cluster 8 met Saturday April 3, 2022 at Peace Lutheran Church in West Burlington. Deb Whitford gave an interesting update on what LSI is doing. We plan to meet again next Spring.

Cluster 9 Our Fall meeting will be held at St. Paul's Evangelical Church in Albia on Saturday, November 5, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m



MISSION JUSTICE

Speak out for those who cannot speak
For the right of all the destitute speak out
Judge righteously
Defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Proverbs 31:8-9

There are many poor and needy in our communities. Some of those have no one to speak out for them. We as Women of the ELCA, can step up and defend their rights. We need to be advocates for the poor, the needy, those who are a different race than us or those from the LGBTQ Community.

WELCA continues to emphasize anti-racism and educate and support awareness about Human Trafficking. Several churches have had speakers discussing Human Trafficking, if there is one near you go and see what can be done to stop this horrible crime.

Continue to check the churchwide <u>www.womenofthe elca.org</u>, <u>seia.welca@gmail.com</u> and the Southeast Iowa Synod <u>www.seiasynod.org</u>, to find out what is going on in our organization.

Sisters in Christ, Judy Munger Kris Elgin

Treasurer's Report

At the Convention in June a new treasurer was elected, Dianne Strickler. She will officially take over February 1, 2023. In the meantime I am winding down and getting everything ready to turn over to her. In the Winter issue of Directions I will post her contact information. I know Dianne will do a great job.

The Gathering in June was a great event, and financially we did well. Here is the breakdown of the Offering and where it went to. Along, with registration report. The Saturday morning offering brought in: \$2,677.45. That was divided among the following: 50% to churchwide-\$1,338.73

25% to Tapestry Farms \$669.36 25% to Madison Pantry \$669.36

Thank you to everyone for your generosity

Total Registration: \$5,190.00 income. Expenses \$3,599.01. The profit from this Gathering will help with our 2023 Gathering.

Thank you to all of you who have supported your SEIA Board financially through the years. I know you will continue to support them and help be part of this great organization.

Blessings, Lynda Miller

SWO 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).

At WELCA, participants practice seven marks of discipleship:

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

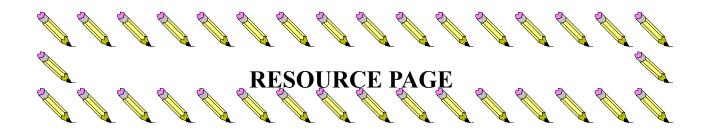
Let's explore two of these marks of discipleship:

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 frighted, 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. 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! VOUTU.be/jeRpqu9PRN8

Blessings!

Julie Leeper and Heidi Hotvedt



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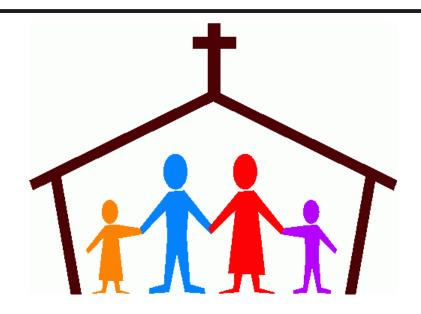
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http://seiasynod.org/
To get to our web page-click on About-then click Southeastern Women's Organization to get to our page

2023 Nominating Committee Virgnia Eggers, Sue Mangels, and Ardy Proehl

If they contact you, please say yes.



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TRIENNIAL CONVENTION & GATHERING

The 12th Triennial Convention, "Just Love," will be held the week of September 18, 2023, in Phoenix, Arizona. Many have asked what the difference is between the Convention and Gathering....

The Convention precedes the Gathering. The Convention

conducts the business of the organization such as electing new officers, approving the budget, passing resolutions and other business that concerns the WELCA. This is done by voting members from the Synods worldwide. Each Synodical Women's Organization is able to send a set number of voting members (determined by the Churchwide Organization) to the Convention. We are

allowed 3 voting delegates from our Synod.who were elected at our Gathering/Convention in June, 2022. There air fare, hotel, and some meals from September 18 — 21 paid by churchwide.

Expenses for the Gathering from September 22 — 24, is paid for by the person themselves, not Churchwide, During the Convention, you will hear guest speakers and you will have free time in the evening to relax and explore.

The Gathering will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 22 — 24. This event is open to every woman of the ELCA and will consist of guest speakers, Bible studies, worship, workshops, and much more. You could help sew quilts, sort and fix Health Kits. Workshops will include topics that affect women and girls today, such as human trafficking, world hunger, building up your church units or circles, and vendors selling items. Usually, everyone is housed in the same hotel. It is recommended toregister as soon as possible once the hotel information comes out in September.

What to expect for cost — registration fee, travel to and from Phoenix, hotel, food, and any site seeing tours you would like to do before or after the Gathering. They usually organize a tour of the hosting city, which is very enjoyable

Both events are a learning experience and fun, and spouses are also welcome!



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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

1.0 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

2.0 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

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

15.04 <u>Justice Report</u>, (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

<u>Directions</u> 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. <u>Directions</u> 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

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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



TRIENNIAL CHALLENGE

The Twelfth Triennial Convention/Gathering will be held in Phoenix, AZ during the week of September 18, 2023.

Your Southeastern Iowa Women's Synodical Board is putting to all women of Southeastern Iowa Synod a \$500.00 Triennial Challenge to help your board with expenses to purchase/make items for ladies going to the Triennial to give out to other women from other places. Along with other expenses that may occur.

Please consider part of your Cluster, Church Women's Meetings offering to go towards this challenge. Or even a special offering. This will continue through our June 2023 Gathering being held in Des Moines.

Money can be sent to your SWO Treasurer, Lynda Miller

Kits & Quilts Donations October 15, 2022 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Bring a copy of this sheet along with your items

Keep a copy for your own records

Name of Church donating items

Church Affiliation: _____ELCA ____LCMS ___Other

Shipping Donation \$_____ \$30.00 is required

Cash only for Cedar Rapids.

To donate more to LWR make checks out to Southeastern Iowa Synod Women Org. (SEIA SWO)

Directions:

Church Address

Trinity Lutheran Church, 1363 1st Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA

- Contact Dori Stanek (319) 845-3030

Take the Business 151 exit off of Interstate 380 follow 151 (1st Ave. NW) west. Church is on the left.

Or take Business 151 (1st Ave SW) off of Highway 30 going North. Church is between 15th Street and Murray Drive SW on Business 151 (1st Ave.)

Windsor the Heights Lutheran Church 1240 66th St. Windsor Heights, IA

- Contact Jan Grannes (515)279-8017

Take 235 W to the 63rd Street exit to University Ave. go north on University Ave. (3 blocks) to 66th Street. The church is behind the Strip Mall on 66th Street. Parking lot on the west side the church.

ITEM	NUMBER OF ITEMS	# OF BOXES
QUILTS		
HEALTH KITS		
SCHOOL KITS		
FABRIC		
BABY KITS		

Boxes may weigh no more than 35 pounds. See packing information on the following page.

LWR Packing and Shipping Instructions:

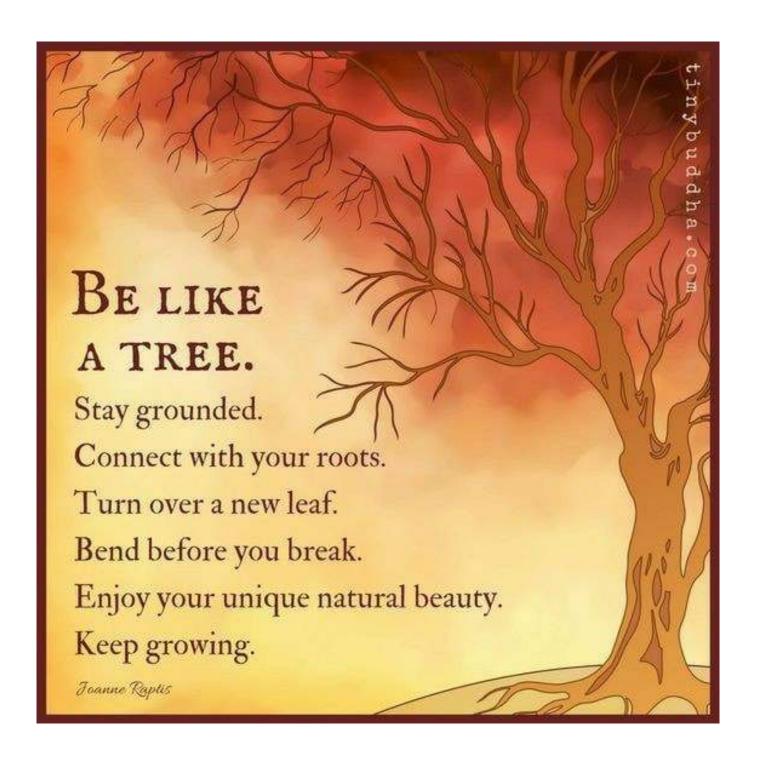
- 1. Use strong boxes!! Packed boxes should not weigh more than 35 pounds.
- 2. Please completely fill boxes or cut to fit packed goods.
- 3. Sort goods, packing one type of item per box. Keep a record of packed items for filling out your LWR society report.
- 4. Place label on box with contents (see sample below), and your church address on label. (Suggestion Put your church name and address on a label, make copies, then fill in the contents and affix to boxes.)
- 5. Please fill out your Kits & Quilts Donations form completely and bring it to the pickup site.
- 6. For instructions on tracking your donations, please go to Track Your Quilts and Kits | Lutheran World Relief (lwr.org)
- 7. If you wish to ship direct, contact LWR on the internet for shipping instructions.
- 8. Know that your efforts will be blessed by God in His service.

Thank you for your help with the details.

Label Sample (to be attached to each box) --

Contents:	
From Synod: Southeastern Iowa Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	
Donor Church Name:	
Donor Church Address:	

ITEM	NUMBER OF ITEMS	# OF BOXES
QUILTS		
HEALTH KITS		
SCHOOL KITS		
FABRIC		
BABY KITS		



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CHECK TO SEE IF YOU HAVE AN EXPIRATION DATE NEXT TO YOUR NAME.

IF IN DOUBT WHEN YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IS UP FOR RENEWAL CONTACT

ME. THANK YOU