

# Winter/Spring 2023-2024 Directions Newsletter

## SOUTHEASTERN IOWA

### SYNOCDICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION



#### SE Iowa Synod photo at the “JUST LOVE” WELCA Triennial Gathering September 21-24, 2023 Phoenix, AZ

(Left to Right: Dianne Strickler,  
Anne Pietscher, Carol Gruhn, Doris Mack,  
Sue Mangels, Jeanne Crow, Liz Mink,  
Roberta Jurgersen, Carolyn Atthous,  
not pictured-Beth Johnson)

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### WELCA PURPOSE STATEMENT

“As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.”

### DATES

**Lutheran Day on the Hill:**  
February 19, 2024

**Spring/Summer Directions  
Deadline:**  
March 1, 2024

**SWO Board Meeting – All Cluster  
Leaders Invited:**  
March 16, 2024

**Cluster 1 and 2 Spring Gatherings:**  
April 6, 2024

**Cluster 6 Spring Gathering:**  
April 20, 2024

**Cluster 5 Spring Gathering:**  
April 27, 2024

**Lutheran World Relief Pick Up:**  
Saturday, April 20, 2024

**SEIA Convention/ Gathering:**  
June 14-15, 2024

Greetings and Merry Christmas!

Its indeed the Christmas time of year! Activities seem to center around decorating, cooking and baking, buying and wrapping gifts, and anticipating time spent with family and friends. I encourage you also to spend intentional time with Jesus and thinking about His birth. Intentionally spending time with, and thinking about, Jesus helps me enjoy the season by reducing my stress level and bringing me a sense of peace!!

The Synodical Women's Organization Board has been busy. A few important things we are working on are outlined in the rest of this report.

The Board is rewriting Board job descriptions to more accurately reflect the its activities and responsibilities. The updated job descriptions will include Board goals and responsibilities associated with our annual Convention and Gathering. When these job descriptions are finalized, we will share them with you on our web page. In the meantime, several updates have been made to the SE Iowa Women's page on the Southeastern Iowa Synod's website. You can find our information by going to the website at [www.seiasynod.org](http://www.seiasynod.org) then going to the "Ministries" tab and clicking on "SEIA Women's Organization (WELCA)".

Board members attended several Cluster meetings to bring you important information about women's ministries. I hope you were able to attend a Cluster meeting! We look forward to seeing many of you at those meetings.

How can the Board be of assistance to your Unit or Cluster? Please contact me or any of the Board members if you have questions or need help that we can provide. We are always working to ensure that we have a complete list of active women's groups so that everyone can be included in activities and receive informational updates.

Do you want to be added to the SEIA SWO email list? Using the email list, the Board strives to keep everyone informed about activities related to the Women of the ELCA. To be added, simply send an email to [SEIA.WELCA@gmail.com](mailto:SEIA.WELCA@gmail.com) with the word "subscribe" in the subject line.

Please begin to think/pray about nominees for Board elections in June 2024. Would you be willing serve? Do you know someone who would be an asset to the Board? The Nominating Committee will be looking for nominees soon.

Finally, here are some items for your calendar:

- December 31, 2023 – 2nd Pre-Registration deadline for the 2026 Triennial Gathering
- March 16, 2024 – Board Meeting with Cluster Leaders in Iowa City
- June 14 and 15, 2024 – Convention and Gathering, Zion Lutheran, Clinton
- July 12-19, 2026 – Churchwide Triennial Convention and Gathering – DES MOINES!!

Merry Christmas to you and your families! I pray that you will be blessed through the people in your life and through the worship you attend during this wonderful Christmas season!

SEIA SWO Board President - Julie Leeper

## VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

Your Southeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA Synod Board members have been busy updating job descriptions and board goals. We are available to help local congregational units and cluster boards to be successful in meeting the needs of our sisters in Christ. Please reach out to any of the SEIA Synod Board members with your questions and concerns.

As Vice President I need to know who the contact person is for our Clusters so that they can be invited to the March 16, 2024, board meeting to be held in Iowa City at the Synod Office. Together we can work together to discuss ways to meet the changing times.

Carol Gruhn brought the invitation and possible agenda for our 36th Annual Convention and Gathering to be held June 14-15, 2024, at Zion Church in Clinton. Save the Date and plan to attend – we hope to see you there.

I again lift up that the Nominating Committee needs the following nominees to be on the 2024 Convention Ballot – Vice President a two-year term, Treasurer a two-year term and three Board Members for a two-year term, and three Nomination Committee Members to serve for one year. Remember that each congregation is entitled to send a voting delegate to the annual Convention to elect officers and board members and to participate in the business of our Synodical Women. May you prayerfully consider sharing your talents by saying yes to running for the board.

” Christmas and New Years Greetings to you all – may your heart be warmed by the season’s joy, touched by love, and filled with peace as you gather with family and friends to celebrate our Dear Saviors Birth”

SEIA SWO Board Vice President – Virginia Eggers

## TREASURER REPORT

Happy Fall/Winter!! It is getting colder and I am waiting for the snow as I love it! Of course, I am of an age where I can enjoy it more from inside since I don’t have to go out unless I choose too!! THANK YOU to all who have faithfully sent offerings during the past months. The SWO Board works hard to keep expenses low but your support is what keeps us going. The end of our fiscal year is in just a couple of months-while we have been doing okay, I encourage you all to continue sending your offerings.

Directions is an expense that we have been working on to find ways to reduce costs but it is important to continue to produce it. The new format is a step in the right direction. Please consider getting more than one copy for your church to share and encourage women to subscribe to it. Subscriptions are only \$8.00/year. I will be sending reminders when renewals are due. I also want to let you know that if you need help with Cluster funds, I am willing to help. There are a couple of ways to handle those income/expenses if you do not have a Cluster treasurer but are meeting. Please contact me If you have questions [diann3strick@gmail.com](mailto:diann3strick@gmail.com)

<b>Beginning Balance 07/24/23</b>	<b>\$5761.47</b>		
Income to 11/15/23 (offerings, subscriptions, LWR)	\$6147.76	Expenses to 11/11/23 (offerings to CWO, newsletter, board expense, gathering, funds forwarded to LWR and expenses for LWR)	\$6430.96
Total	\$11,909.23	<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$5478.96</b>

SEIA SWO Treasurer - Dianne Strickler

### CLUSTER 1

Cluster One met on October 7 at Bethlehem in Slater. Our guest speaker was Donna Moore, a member of "Dress a Girl Around the World". They sew dresses to be given to girls without dresses all over the world. Brunch was served and the business meeting was held. Our Spring Cluster One Gathering will be April 6, 2024 at Immanuel in Ogden.

### CLUSTER 2

The Cluster 2 ladies gathered on October 7<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity Lutheran in Newton. 16 ladies were present to share fellowship. A very interesting Bible study was led by Pastor Kari Lee on Mark 2:13-21. The program for the day was on pastors' "Stoles" lead by Vickie Bennet and Pastor Kari Lee. The ladies of Holy Trinity have started a stole ministry and this year was helped by St John's Lutheran of Grinnell. A very interesting topic as many of the ladies never thought about the cost and meaning of a stole for the Pastor of their church. In the Spring St John's of Grinnell will host the Cluster 2 meeting April 6, 2024. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

### CLUSTER 5

Cluster Five met on Sept. 30 in Preston at the St. John Lutheran Church with pre-meeting refreshments provided by the Calvary Lutheran women of Sabula. Following a hymn sing we had a Bible study by Pastor Erick Swanson. We also heard from Liz Estilow, who started My GEAR Outreach. This program provides a suitcase/duffle bag of health essentials, pajamas, socks, underwear, pillow, blanket, age-appropriate toys and Bible to minor children being removed from their homes. It was very interesting and located in several counties along the Mississippi River. A business meeting was held followed by a luncheon.

Our Spring Gathering will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the St. John Lutheran Church located in St. Donatus, hosted by the St. John/St. Paul Women. Our speaker will be from the Wartburg Seminary (at this time, The Rev. Kristin Johnston Lagen, Ph.D., president of the Wartburg Seminary has been invited to speak).

### CLUSTER 6

Cluster 6 Fall Meeting and Workshop on October 7, 2023 was held at St. Paul Lutheran Church Davenport IA with 12 women in attendance. Cindee Schnekloth opened the meeting welcoming everyone. Shirley Richlen read the devotion. Everyone introduced themselves. Virginia Eggers gave a talk on what the Synod is doing. Saying everyone gets burnt out. We have been pondering whether to dissolve Cluster 6, due to low attendance. It was suggested if we did decide to disband Cluster 6, we would join another Cluster Group. However, all the Clusters groups for our region are several miles away from our area. We will have a meeting in February 2024 to decide what we are going to do. Virginia also mentioned that the 2026 Triennial will be in Des Moines IA. Jeanne Crow gave a talk on a couple of books she wanted to introduce to the group. "Love Without Limits" by Jacqueline Bussi and a book of poems – "Remind Me Again". Barb Spies read the minutes from our Spring meeting. There were no additions or corrections so they were approved. Refreshments were served with coffee, thanks to Paul, the host for St. Paul as well as Cindee and Linda.

Our group decided to make up “goody bags” to give to the fire stations in our area. We used \$150 from our treasury and shopped at Sam’s Club for some of the items. Linda Kortemeyer brought a lot more goodies, the bags, calendars and thank you cards. We gave bags to 7 fire stations in Davenport, Bettendorf and Eldridge.

Spring Cluster 6 meeting will take place on April 20, 2024 at Cafe Express Deli in Davenport, IA starting at 11:00 am with Dutch treat lunch and presentation by the owner of the deli, who does considerable contributions to the community around her, including a community garden, free pantry box, and events for the neighborhood which is needed.

## CLUSTER 9

The Fall Gathering of Cluster 9 was held Saturday morning, October 7, at First Lutheran Church in Chariton. Featured presenters were the Rev. Emily Allen Peasley, who talked about her research and learning of dreams we all have and Jacob’s dream in Genesis 28, and Kim Crawford of Circle of Freedom, who spoke about her experience with jail ministry to women, mentoring and Biblical counseling, and the women’s residential recovery program now operational in Seymour. Cluster 9 annually awards a scholarship to a woman or girl who is continuing her education and is a Cluster 9 congregation member; attendees voted to award three scholarships this year.

## CLUSTER 10/11

The Fall Gathering was held on 11/4/2023 at New Life Lutheran, Norwalk IA. Pastor Nate Liedtke welcomed the 13 women in attendance from 5 congregations by giving a short history of their church and used Daylight Saving Time as his thought for the day. Lavone Heston, followed with a devotion from the Gather Bible Study on Sacred Places.

Sandy Anderson introduced the speaker, Karen Chapman. Karen is a member of Girlfriends in God, the women’s group at New Life. This group meets every two weeks for Bible study, they have service events, collect donations, and maintain a community garden for the food pantry clients in their area. Once a year, they spend a day at a member’s home, studying, working, and being together. They also help support Hope Center, a shelter for women and children, in Des Moines. When asked what keeps the group together (more than 20 years, now), the response was Carrie...she plans, organizes, and contacts everyone regularly.

Lavon started the business meeting. Jane White presented the minutes, the roll call, and the treasurer’s report, in Carol’s absence. Lavon presented a request for new board members. Julie Leeper brought news from the Synodical Board and requested nominations for board members. Cluster leaders are invited to attend the March 16th Board meeting; the Synod Gathering in June 2024 will be at Zion in Clinton, and the Triennial Gathering in 2026, which will be held in Des Moines. Lavon gave the LWR report in Jan Grannes’ absence. She went on to explain a scheduling conflict at Windsor Heights Lutheran which caused the fall pick-up to be held at the neighboring United Methodist Church. Redeemer Lutheran in Indianola has been contacted regarding hosting of the Spring 2024 Gathering. The meeting closed with a prayer presented by Wanda Miller.

# LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) SPRING PICKUP

SATURDAY, April 20, 2024 8:30 TIL 11:00

**Two pickup sites:**

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH DES MOINES, 1240 66<sup>TH</sup> ST. DES MOINES, IA

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1363 1<sup>ST</sup> AVE SW, CEDAR RAPIDS, IA

Please Complete This Sheet and Bring It Along with Your Items (Keep a copy for your records)

ELCA	LCMS	OTHER

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
QUILTS		
PERSONAL CARE KITS		
SCHOOL KITS		
FABRIC KITS		
BABY CARE KITS		

**NO BOX SHOULD WEIGH OVER 35 POUNDS!**

QUESTIONS TO DORI STANEK 319-845-3030 OR 319-558-9773 - CEDAR RAPIDS

JAN GRANNES 515-279-8017 - WINDSOR HEIGHTS



## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) SPRING PICKUP

### 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 kits.
4. Place a label (sample below). Make copies for each box.
5. Please fill you donation forms completely and bring to pickup site.
6. As of May 15<sup>th</sup>, the Quilt and Kit Tracker is out of service. To see a full list of countries that received quilts and kits this past year go to <https://lwr.org/downloads/quilt-kit-distribution-map-2022> For more information about Lutheran World Relief go to <https://lwr.org/>
7. Please note the change in donation amount (at least \$40.00 from each church donating quilts/kits).
8. Know that your efforts will be blessed by God in His service.

## SHIPPING LABELS

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My trip to the Triennial Gathering in Phoenix was divided into two parts. The first part was the business meeting in which we elected the officers for the next three years and they are:

- Myrna Wells-Ulland President from Phoenix, AZ
- Lori Garcia, Vice President from Corpus Christi, TX
- Gwen Edwards, Secretary from Bellevue, NE
- Jennifer Armstrong-Schaefer, Treasurer from Latrobe, PA
- nine executive board members from throughout the United States.

They will serve until the next Triennial to be held in Des Moines, IA in 2026. Linda Post-Bushkofshy Executive Director of WELCA said not to worry about “dying out” because what dying out organization would launch a one-million-dollar campaign. The four items of business were:

- 1) Encourage Women of the ELCA to participate in the Truth and Healing Movement
- 2) That the Women of the ELCA participate and engage in the “Now is the Time” a study guide for the ELCA declaration to the people of African descent
- 3) A second time it was defeated to reduce the number of voting members to the Triennial Convention
- 4) The budget was approved for 2024 = \$1.9 million

The second half was the Gathering. This was a time of speakers and workshops on the theme of “Just Love”, Human Trafficking, and the mistreating of the American Indians. It was an enjoyable and an educational experience.

Carol Gruhn, SEIA SWO Past President

## PRE-REGISTER FOR THE 2026 GATHERING IN DES MOINES, IOWA!

Early pre-registration for TG2026 is available now at a special discounted holiday rate of \$315, available through December 31, 2023. What a great Christmas gift a registration would make!

The next Gathering is scheduled for July 16-19, 2026.



Pre-register at <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=763420&>



## JUSTICE REPORT

Lutheran Day on the Hill is **Monday February 19, 2024**. Each year, Lutheran Services of Iowa and the three Iowa Synods join together for Lutheran Day on the Hill, an annual day of advocacy to lift up the needs of our neighbors. For information about the event go to <https://lsiowa.org/ldh/>

### Tips on Writing to Your Legislators:

Writing legislators and public officials is one of the most effective means for a local congregation member to participate in the government decision-making process. Letters are one of the primary means for legislators to learn how their constituents feel about an issue. Often, a carefully composed letter can change a legislator's mind. Although writing a letter of advocacy is not difficult, many congregation members have never written one. Moving congregants to action can be an effective tool in your advocacy training. Here are a few points to remember when writing to local, state, or federal officials.

- Timing can be crucial. The earlier a letter is sent, the better your chances of influencing your legislator's position on an issue. A follow-up letter just before a key vote also may be helpful.
- Write on your personal stationery if you are expressing your own view. Use business letterhead only if you are presenting a company position.
- A handwritten letter is acceptable and often welcomed, provided it is legible. Stories are often effective. Your purpose in writing should be stated in the first paragraph. If your letter pertains to a specific piece of legislation, identify it accordingly (House bill: H.R. \_\_, Senate bill: S.\_\_).
- Address the letter correctly. A legislator is referred to as "The Honorable" (The Honorable John Doe) on the envelope and inside address. "Dear Senator" or "Dear Representative" (Dear Representative Doe) is permissible for the salutation.
  - To a Senator:
 

The Honorable (full name)  
 \_\_ (room number) \_\_\_\_\_ (name of) Senate Office Building  
 United States Senate Washington, DC 20510  
 Dear Senator:
  - To a Representative:
 

The Honorable (full name)  
 \_\_ (room number) \_\_\_\_\_ (name of) House Office Building  
 United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515  
 Dear Representative:
- Be sure that your name and address are on both the letter and the envelope.
- Limit your letter to one subject, and if possible, limit the letter to one page (or two at the most).
- Refer to a specific issue or request. Include a bill number (for example, House Bill \_\_ or Senate Bill \_\_) when writing about a specific piece of legislation.
- Be courteous, get to the point, and use examples to support your position.
- Be factual and relate your viewpoint to local conditions, the need, the impact, and costs.
- Be polite and reasonable. A positive-sounding letter is an effective tool even when you are asking your legislator to oppose a piece of legislation.
- Write thank-you letters when legislators have voted in accordance with your wishes. When they vote to the contrary, you may want to voice your displeasure; do so tactfully.

Your opinion is important. Legislators cannot be the voice of the people unless they know what their constituents are thinking. Use your voice to make sure that legislators have the information they need when making important decisions.

### Tips on Sending an Email:

Email doesn't replace a personally signed letter, but when time is of the essence, it is a good way to get your message through. In general, the same guidelines apply for writing email messages as for writing letters to members of Congress. You can find a legislator's email address <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials/>

- Write to your legislator. Copying all members of Congress is not helpful. Your letter bears weight when you are in that member's district.
- Make your letter simple. Remember that members of Congress get hundreds of letters for each issue.
- Use a simple format.
- Call to confirm the legislator's email address and ask if the email is checked daily.
- Do not include attachments. These are often deleted without ever being opened.
- Include your full name and address in your email so that the member will know you are a constituent.
- Ask for a response to your message. Some members no longer respond directly to email but use an auto-response. Always follow up your email message with a hard copy.
- Call first to find out the importance of the issue for that particular legislator.

Adapted from Equipping Advocates to Empower Others (Pittsburgh, Pa.: Division for Church in Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 2001)

[https://www.womenoftheelca.org/filebin/pdf/resources/StandUpfor\\_Justice.pdf](https://www.womenoftheelca.org/filebin/pdf/resources/StandUpfor_Justice.pdf)

## DISCIPLESHIP REPORT

What does it mean to be a disciple? Being a disciple is not knowing more information about Jesus or being an expert about the Bible. It's knowing and having faith by the grace of God, being transformed through God's Word that has the power to change us from the inside out, transforming our hearts, minds, and lives. But what if you don't feel "comfortable" sharing about what God has done for you? Romans 12: 5-8 encourages us to use the gifts that God has given us.

*So, in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.*

Being a disciple is as easy as building relationships with others and showing and sharing your love for God in all that we do!

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!



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The October Lutheran World Relief pickup went well with so many volunteers helping! A big "Thank You" to Windsor United Methodist Church for use of your location for pickup! In the Cedar Rapids location there were over 1200 boxes handled from over 56 congregations (including 2 nonaffiliated Lutheran churches). In Windsor Heights, 31 congregations participated!

Dori Stanek has organized a pickup in Decorah for NE Iowa churches. Those pickups are the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of May and November. The Spring pickup in Decorah will be May 4, 2024 7:30-10:30am. Contact Anna Jepson at 952-240-9569 for more information.

	Windsor Heights Pickup	Cedar Rapids Pickup
Quilts	1405	3312
Health Kits	552	706
School Kits	1490	4448
Sewing Kits	41	20
Baby Kits	437	373

*Jesus, You're My Guiding Star*  
By Dennis and Valerie Rousseau

Jesus, You're my guiding star  
Shining Brightly from afar...  
You light my path when it is dim  
Restoring my soul when life seems grim.

You're my beacon in the night  
That gives me strength and hope to fight.  
Your quiet counsel gives me rest...  
When I am weary from life's tests.

Jesus you're my ray of hope  
That calms my fears and helps me cope.  
And when anxiety plagues my heart...  
Your healing words makes stress depart.

Thank You, Savior, for mercy and grace,  
That by Your death my sins are erased.  
Your resurrection has given me...  
Salvation and life eternally!



## **36th Annual Convention and Gathering Southeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA June 14th & 15th, 2024**

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

**Theme:** "JUST LOVE"

**Bible verse:** 1 John 3: 11b "We should LOVE one another"

**Early Registration Fee:** \$70.00

**Speaker:** Bishop Amy Current

**Presentations:** Sleep in Heavenly Peace

My Gear Outreach

Human Trafficking

and others

**Offering:**

½ to Churchwide

¼ to Sleep in Heaven Peace

¼ to Human Trafficking

Love Gifts to My Gear (details in the next Directions Newsletter)

## REGISTRATION FORM

**Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women Organization  
36th Annual Convention/Gathering — June 14th & 15th, 2024**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Add my E-Mail address to the list Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation

Name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

I will serve as a Delegate from this Congregation Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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

Age range: 10 - 30 \_\_\_\_\_ 51 - 60 \_\_\_\_\_

31 - 40 \_\_\_\_\_ 61 - 70 \_\_\_\_\_

41 - 50 \_\_\_\_\_ 71 & Up \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to attend both Friday and Saturday, June 14 & 15 \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to attend Friday only \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday only \_\_\_\_\_

Fee is \$70.00 if paid before May 18th, 2024 after the 18th it is \$75.00. Make your checks out to SEIA Synodical Women's Org

**Mail your registration to:**

Roberta Jurgersen  
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\*Hotel details will be in the next Directions Newsletter\*

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## PLEASE HELP ME OUT!

As both the co-editor of the Directions and the SEIA SWO treasurer, I am asking for some assistance from all our church members/groups. So, if you get this newsletter, please get the following to Dianne Strickler:

1. Check your records for when you last renewed your subscription and if it is over a year ago, you need to send a renewal. I have a list of subscribers but think that this would be a help. Renewal forms for the Directions newsletter is on the next page. Note: one copy is sent to each church in the Synod, if you haven't seen it check with your church office/pastor/etc. for it.
2. I need contact information for the treasurers in our Synod Women's group/churches. I know some of you send offerings from the regular church accounts and many from WELCA groups. Name, address, emails, phone would all be nice to have.

Also, speaking for both Heidi and myself, we would like any ideas/suggestions you have on updating, improving, adding to the Directions newsletter. How to make it more relevant? What type of information do you want included? Our new format can be easily read online and emailed too! Are you interested in receiving it both in print and digitally?



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