Welcome to our new year, that began February 1, 2020. I have been working on our budget for the year, February 1, 2019 to January 31, 2020, and we are down on giving. And as I work on next year’s budget our dollars will be dropped. As the editor of this newsletter, I send out a newsletter to 138 churches in our synod. Along with sending out 75 subscriptions to women in our synod. Now, here is the sad part, as treasurer, I have received from only 45 churches 50% of their offerings they receive in their Women’s Bible Study Groups. I realize that a lot of churches do not have Women’s groups anymore, and that is sad. But, I would like to know if your church is active. I also received a letter from Audrey Riley, Director of Stewardship at church wide, letting Synodical Treasurers’ know that over the past year they (church wide) have received offerings that should have gone directly to their synod’s treasurer. And as she put it, isn’t their job, to forward the money to the correct person. As, they are short staffed at the Merrifield office, and at the end of the year they have directed the problem to Audrey to try and find where the money should go. As she put it-“All this redirecting and returning slows things down, we want the Regular Offering go to the SWO Treasurer, as that’s where SWO gets the money to support our own ministries. So, remember, regular offerings from your church use Form A and send to me, Lynda Miller. The Form B is for Thank offerings and that gets mailed to Merrifield, VA.

I would very much like to hear from the treasures, if you no longer have a women’s group or treasure, I would like to hear from someone at that church to help me update my files. You can contact me through email or snail mail

Lynda Miller
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Dear Sisters in Christ,
Lenten Season can be like a New Year’s Resolution. You give up something or have good intentions to do something. This year my resolution was to get my birthday cards mailed out on time to arrive before or on the persons day. Well, that lasted a month.

God gave us something. He gave up his beloved son to an earthly death. Lent is our season to prepare ourselves for the sacrifice Jesus gave of himself. He was denied by his chosen disciples, humiliated, abused, belittled and killed by his enemies. Jesus could have stopped the events but He was doing His Fathers' will. Jesus gave us the beautiful gift of everlasting life. We can never give up or do anything even close to what Jesus did. But we can celebrate his resurrection on Easter morning.

All Cluster board members are invited to our Saturday, March 7, Synodical Women’s Board meeting at the synod office-2635 Northgate Drive, Iowa City, our meeting will start at 9:30, with lunch provided. We are usually done by 3:00 p.m.

As we celebrate 50 Years that women have been able to serve as pastors I will be having a little information in each edition of our newsletter about some of the women instrumental in our history.
Your sister in Christ,
Ardy Proehl, President

Welcome to Women of the ELCA's Store
on Lands' End Business Outfitters!
https://business.landsend.com/store/womenoftheelca/

Here you'll be able to:
• Shop for quality Lands' End apparel
• Select from a variety of styles and colors
• You'll even have an opportunity to apply our Women of the ELCA or Triennial Gathering 2020 logo!

Even if you've never shopped on the Web before, you'll find this site easy to use and convenient. Just select a category above to start shopping. When you've found something you like click on the image and select size, color and quantity. Make sure to add a logo if you want by clicking the blue "Add logo button" at this stage.
Spring, also known as springtime, is one of the four temperate seasons, following winter and preceding summer. At the spring equinox, days and nights are approximately twelve hours long, with day length increasing and night length decreasing as the season progresses.

Make note of the events coming up this year:

March 7th – Synod meeting with the Cluster leaders at 9:30 at Synod office in Iowa City.
June 26th and 27th – SEIA Annual Gathering at Hotel Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids
July 16th to 19th – 11th Triennial Gathering in Phoenix, Arizona. Please contact Karen Miller if you are planning on attending. We can get together and keep in touch. Please let me know if you are looking for a roommate.

Nominations
At the gathering in Cedar Rapids this June we will be electing a vice-president and a treasurer for two-year terms; two board members for two-year terms and 3 for nominations board for one year terms. If you are interested and would like more information, contact nominations chair, Lavon Heston at lavonheston@msn.com or 515 490-3074.

C.O.F.F.E.E.
Christ Offers Forgiveness For Everyone Everywhere
Women in History

Anna Sarah Kugler

Born in 1856 to Charles Kugar and Harriet Sheaff, she attended Women’s Medical College of Pennsylvania graduating in 1879. She applied to the Women’s Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in America. They sent her to India as a teacher for Muslim women living in harems. She also practiced medicine for the local women. As a white woman, she was regarded as “unclean: by high caste Hindus. The first year she treated 185 patients at their homes and 276 at the Zenana Home where she lived. Her motto was “Ourselves Your Servants for Jesus’ sake”.
She opened a dispensary in 1893 and later that year the cornerstone for the American Evangelical Lutheran Mission Hospital was started, opened June of 1897. It was a 50 bed hospital, she was instrumental in raising funds to open children wards, maternity wards and operating rooms in other parts of India. She fell ill of exhaustion in 1925 and returned to the United States for 2 yeas to recuperate, she then returned to India to carry on her work despite having pernicious anemia. She died in 1930 after 47 years serving the Lord.

THERE ARE MANY EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING THAT YOU WILL WANT TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR.

33rd Annual Convention Southeaster Iowa Women of the ELCA will be June 26 and 27, 2020 at The Hotel at Kirkwood College, Cedar Rapids

The Women of the ELCA Triennial will be in Phoenix, AZ July 16-19, 2020
SPRING CLUSTER NEWS

Cluster 1 The Spring Gathering will be April 25, 2020 at Palestine Lutheran Church in Huxley.

Cluster 2 April 4, 2020 Event will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church on 6th Ave. In Marshalltown Elections will be held.

Cluster 5 Our spring gathering will be on April 25 at St. John Lutheran church in St. Donatus. Hope to have a good turnout and looking forward to meeting more ladies of the Cluster 5.

Cluster 6 Will meet on Saturday April 25, 2020 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Buffalo. Registration will begin at 8:30 and the meeting will run until 11:30. Our presentation will be focused on Mental Health Awareness. The speaker will be from NAMI.

Cluster 8 There Spring meeting will be April 25, at First Lutheran Church in Keokuk.

Cluster 9 Good Shepherd Knoxville will host the April 18, 2020 Spring meeting.

Cluster 10/11 Our Spring Cluster meeting will be held on March 28 at St. James Lutheran in Johnston.

CLUSTER CALENDAR

Spring 2020 Cluster Gatherings
Cluster 1…… ……………….April 25
Palestine Lutheran Church, Huxley
Cluster 2………. ……………April 4
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Marshalltown
Cluster 4…………………April 25
Bethlehem Lutheran, Lost Nation
Cluster 5…………………April 25
St. John Lutheran, St. Donatus
Cluster 6………………April 25
Calvary Lutheran Church, Buffalo.
Cluster 8……………April 25
First Lutheran Church, Keokuk
Cluster 9. ………………April 18
Good Shepherd Knoxville
Cluster 10/11……….March 28
St. James Lutheran Johnston
Women of the ELCA know how important it is to have a Lutheran Chaplain available when they go to the hospital. Please encourage your congregation to keep this ministry going by funding 1/2 of 1% of your WELCA/congregation budget to support the Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach Ministry at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Contributions can be sent to:
Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach, 123 E. Market Street, Iowa City, Iowa 52245

Or through the LCO website at www.lcoiowa.org

To contact the ELCA chaplain, email her at cindy-breed@uiowa.edu

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**Mail to:** Lynda Miller  
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Discipleship Committee Report

The Discipleship Committee is working on plans for a Fall Retreat at a camp site in Wyoming, Iowa or Maquoketa area at this time. We will be meeting to discuss a topic for the one-day retreat on a Saturday -- possibly September 19 or 26 or October 10th.

If you have any ideas on a topic you would like us to discuss, please let any of the Discipleship Team know your interests. Maybe you have a topic you might like to present from your local church or area. Maybe you have a speaker you would like to have us contact and we will set up our day of reflection and learning. We always have a little breakfast and a delicious lunch. We usually start at 8:30 AM and are finished by 3 PM in the afternoon. Cost range around $15 for the day.

Please call or e-mail: Linda Kortemeyer (563) 359-7364; Ardy Hinds (515) 249-9216; or Vickie Adamson (319)-481-7332. Our e-mail addresses are listed in the back of the this newsletter
Attention Ladies
Treat yourself to a weekend out
Attend the 33rd Annual Convention
At The Hotel on Kirkwood campus

June 26 & 27, 2020 in a luxury hotel for only $130.00 for 4 to room
Dining where they learn to cook and bake.

Theme: Women in Action
Bible Verse: 1 John 3:18 Let us not love in word or speech but
Indeed and in truth.

Registration begins at Friday, June 26 2:30-3:30
Speakers and Business Meeting and a delicious meal
Then evening vespers and PJ party
Hymn sing, worship, offering, Bible Study, Church Wide Rep.
A women in Ministry telling her story of how she became a Minister
Lunch yum! Someone to tell us about the Cheetz Closing Worship

Offering cause is 500/0 to Church Wide, 25 to Catherine McAuley
Center, and 25 to Women in Ministry in honor of 50 years of Women
Ordination. Love gifts for the Catherine McAuley Center which are
Personal Care items like: deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, hand lotion,
Etc., and dry rice (not instant), dry beans and canned tomato product.

This is going to be an exciting weekend, SO COME JOIN US.
Kits & Quilts Donations
April 18, 2020 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Bring a copy of this sheet along with your items
Keep a copy for your records

Name of Church Donating items ___________________________

Church Affiliation: _______ELCA _______LCMS _______Other

Church Address: _________________________________________

Shipping Donation $__________ Ankeny location may be a check.
Cedar Rapids is cash only.
May send extra money to donate to LWR. $30.00 is required.
Make checks out to Southeastern Iowa Synod Women Org. (SEIASWO)

Trinity Lutheran Church, 1363 1st Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 
Directions: 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 SW and Murray Drive SW on Business 151 (1st Avenue)

Resurrection Lutheran Church, 914 NW Ash Dr., Ankeny, IA 
Directions: Take the 1st Street exit off of Interstate 35. Go West on 1st Street to Ash Drive (just past Hawkeye Park, before the railroad tracks). Turn right and Resurrection Lutheran Church will be on the left.

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Please line soap boxes with plastic bags. No box should weigh over 35 pounds.

Questions – call Dori Stanek 319-845-3030 or 319-558-9773
Packing and shipping Instructions

1. USE STRONG BOXES!!!! Packed boxes should weigh no more than 35 pounds. Smaller boxes are fine.
2. Boxes of soap should weigh no more then 20 pounds.
   Remember only NEW WRAPPED BARS are acceptable.
3. Please completely fill boxes or cut to fit packed goods.
4. Sort goods, packing one type of item per box. Keep a record of packed items for filling out your LWR Society report.
5. PLACE LABEL on box with CONTENTS, AND YOUR CHURCH ADDRESS ON LABEL. You may duplicate and fill in the enclosed labels.
6. Please fill out your society form completely and bring it to the pick up site.
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.
LWR has a new policy regarding BULK-soap and Fleece Blankets and you will probably receive some questions.

To ensure information is being shared accurately—your help is needed and would be greatly appreciated.

Here are some talking points:

No BULK-SOAP after March 1, 2020

Yes, baby care kits still need soap.

Yes, personal care kits still need soap.

LWR will stop accepting BULK-soap. Bulk soap is the soap that is not part of a kit.

Why no more BULK-soap or soap that is not part of a kit?

Recently there have been fewer requests for bulk-soap by our partners. In 2019 there were no requests for bulk-soap. Many partners are sourcing soap within their country, which is good for local economies. Considering the reduced requests, we will stop collecting BULK-Soap. There will still be soap included in personal care kits and baby care kits, but we will discontinue BULK-soap collection. We know many of you have already collected bulk-soap and we ask that you donate that soap to local organizations and shelters that can utilize it immediately.

No FLEECE BLANKETS as of May 1st

Starting May 1, 2020 LWR will no longer accept Fleece Blankets.

Why no more Fleece Blankets?

We’ve received information that fleece causes environmental concerns, so we will discontinue the collection of fleece blankets. We know many groups have already started assembling blankets, so we will accept fleece blankets at Ingatherings through April 30, 2020. After that, we encourage you to take any completed fleece blankets to a local shelter, hospital or nursing home. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and deeply appreciate your kindness and generosity.

Please call or email me with any questions. Thank you so much for spreading the word!

Janel Johnson-Momanyi
Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager

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RESOLUTION GUIDELINES

Definition: A resolution is a request for action brought to the convention by a delegate. Resolutions should be stated clearly and concisely.

The "Whereas" section should state the reason for the resolution. Each reason should be given as a separate "Whereas".

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".

Resolutions should be tested against questions such as ...

- Is the information complete and accurate?
- Is this a matter which pertains to the life, goals, and ministries of the SEIA SWO?
- Is this a matter of significance requiring consideration of the entire assembly?
- Is this action requested, one which the SWO can appropriately effectively implement?

FORMAT:

If a resolution requires one action, the following format is used ...

RESOLVED, that ____________________________

If a resolution requires more than one action, the following format is used ...

RESOLVED, that ____________________________; and be ____________.

RESOLVED, that ____________________________

If the resolution is preceded by one reason for submitting the resolution the following format is used ...

WHEREAS, ____________________________ ; therefore be it
RESOLUTION GUIDELINES
(cont'd)

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?

Certainly you have sometimes said, "Why don't they??"

What do you want the SVVO to do?

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

Resolutions always present a good opportunity to discuss ideas and to participate in making the organization function well. If you need help in formatting your resolution the Resolution Committee will help.
A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ____________________________________________

WHEREAS, __________________________________________________________

; and

WHEREAS, __________________________________________________________

; therefore be it

Delegate's signature ________________________________________________

Street address ______________________________________________________

City & zip code ______________________________________________________

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Please type or legibly write your resolution using this form. Only one resolution per form will be accepted. For additional resolutions, please make copies of this form. Please use the guidelines. Please make sure that you have submitted your resolution with the signatures of three delegates with their geographic information. For your resolution to be considered at this convention this form must be submitted to:

Julie Leeper ... 1906 East Pleasant...Knoxville, IA 50138

Reference and Council Committee Chairperson  DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS May 1, 2020
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Southeast Iowa Synod Website

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

2020-2021 Nominating Committee
Lavon Heston
Ramona Von Sprecken
Teresa Ziegenmeyer
These ladies will be contacting you to pray fully consider being on the board. Please respond with a YES!

2020 Triennial Local Coordinator
Karen Miller –563-639-4246
grammy630@msn.com
Contact Karen if you have any questions in regards to the Triennial being held in Phoenix, AZ July 16-19,2020
Once you have registered, please let her know, we would like to keep a list of women going from Southeast Iowa, church wide will not pass this information on to her. It is up to you to give her your information.
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Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women Organization

June 26th-27th  33rd Convention/ Gathering Registration
The HOTEL at Kirkwood Center 7725 Kirkwood Blvd. S.W.

WOMEN IN ACTION
Let us not love in word or speech but indeed and in truth.
Bible Verse: I John 3:18

NAME_____________________________________
ADDRESS____________________________________CITY________
PHONE NUMBER_________________________CLUSTER___
CHURCH______________________________CITY________
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Age group 10-30___ 31-40___ 41-50___ 51-60___ 61-70___ 71&UP___
Check one: Delegate___ (one per church) Non-Delegate___ Board___

Registration Fee(meals included) $70 for Fri. and Sat.____
After June 1st $75 One day only $40  Fri____or Sat.___
Dietary Restrictions_____________________________________
Make Checks payable to: SEIA SYNODICAL WOMEN
MAIL to: Roberta Jurgersen  1025 N. 4th Street Clinton,
   IA  52732

Hotel information: The Hotel at Kirkwood Center
319-848-8700 or 877-751-5111 (toll free) 7725 Kirkwood Blvd SW
Cedar Rapids, Iowa  The block rooms reserved for SWO until June 5th.
The cost of the rooms is $130.00 up to 4 per room

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The Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization is working with other Women of the ELCA groups to donate cancelled stamps to the ministry of Lutheran World Relief. The cancelled stamps are sent to a group that sorts and sells used stamps to collectors around the world. Thus far, 65 million stamps have been collected by this group in Kyle, Texas, and they have donated $42,000 to the shipping fund of Lutheran World Relief to ship quilts and kits around the world. To help you participate, we provide the following information: not only canceled stamps but new ones as well, commemorative and seasonal stamps are most valued. Cut the stamps from the envelope leaving 1/4 inch around the stamps so as not to damage the stamps. Save the stamps and bring them (or send them) to our Gathering at the Hotel Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids on June 26 and 27, 2020.

Thanks!
Your Stewardship Committee,
Carol Gruhn
Roberta Jurgersen
DATES TO REMEMBER
June 26-27, 2020 Gathering in Cedar Rapids
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