



Directions

Fall 2020



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

Official notice of the Southeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA Gathering that WAS to be held OCTOBER 16th and 17th, 2020 at The Hotel Kirkwood Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; is postponed until September 10-11, 2021, same place.

Clarification of postponing vs canceling: Postponing the gathering means that the current board will serve another year until "replacements are elected and installed". That board will be elected in 2021 and will serve a two year term.

Keep saving your stamps and they will be collected in 2021.

DATE CHANGE of ANKENY LWR pick up only. It will be October 24th from 8:30 to noon.

Due to closure of the 1st Street exit you will need to take the 36th Street exits, #94.

Please turn left or West on 36th street till you reach Ash Drive, turn left or south, will pass the Sports Complex, it is next to Resurrection Lutheran Church 914 NW. Ash Dr.

Ankeny, IA. Due to the Church doing construction, We will only be able to to have people drop off boxes and turn in money and paperwork inside. No treats & coffee.

Cedar Rapids will be Saturday, October 17.

LWR form can be found on page 7. SEE PAGE 9 FOR INFO.

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Words from our President Ardy Proehl

A lot has happened since our last “Direction” came out. The Covit 19 hit our country and in Iowa it is still on the rise. In my church’s monthly newsletter our pastor wrote:

Let us remember those who have greatest need. We pray for the homeless, those displaced from homes or stranded abroad, those who now have no income, those who are working on the front lines of the war against the virus (first responders, doctors. Nurses, chaplains, military, supply chain truckers and other essential workers in groceries and pharmacies and so on), and those who live in marginalized and impoverished conditions both here and in foreign countries.

A Prayer

O Lord,

The helper of the helpless,
the Savior of the tempest-tossed,
the Harbor of the voyagers,
the Physician of the sick;

You know each soul and our prayer,
each home and its need;

become to each one of us what we most dearly require,
receiving us all into Your kingdom,
making us children of light;
and pour on us Your peace and love,
o Lord our God. Amen

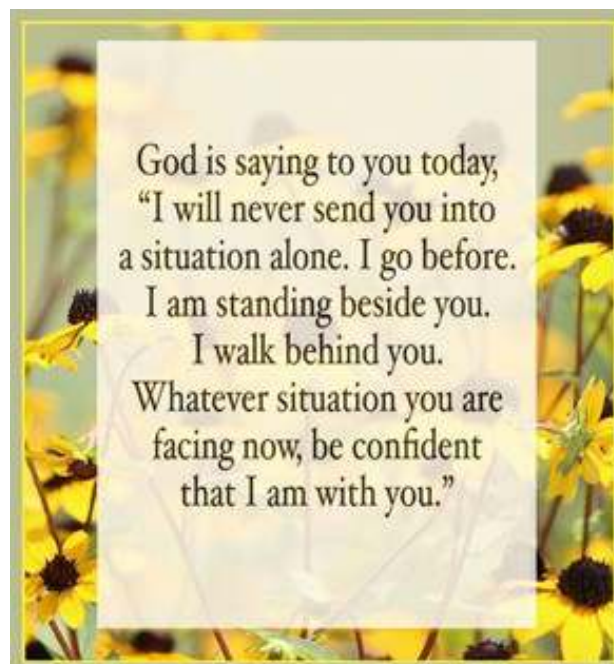
VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ardy Hinds

Hi Sisters in Christ. I have humbly accepted the position of vice president of the South Eastern Iowa Women of the ELCA Board, after the death of Karen Miller.

I live in Ankeny with my husband, Bruce. We are both retired and loving life. Bruce worked for the phone company and I taught special education. I raised three sons with my first husband, Bill Estrems, who passed away fourteen years ago. Together Bruce and I have seven children, 15 grandchildren and 9 ½ great grandchildren. We enjoy wintering in Arizona. I spend my time making cards, reading, playing picket ball, playing cards and board games, along with traveling.

I ask for your prayers for our synod, synod board and myself during this crazy year. I am looking forward to working with many of you .



Women in History to help celebrate 50 years that women have been able to serve as pastors.

Elizabeth Eaton was born April 2, 1955 in Cleveland, Ohio. She attended College of Wooster earning a Bachelor of Arts I music education. Then went to Harvard Divinity School earning her Master Degree. She was ordained in 1981.

She married T Conrad Seinick. They have two daughters and served All Saints Lutheran Church in Ohio, then one year term as interim pastor at Good Hope Lutheran Church in Ohio and the pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church in Ohio. She also served as Bishop of the NE Ohio Synod; in August of 2013 on the 5th ballot she was elected the first woman to be ELCA Presiding Bishop

The Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly has elected a new Bishop

The Rev. Amy Current is currently serving as Vice President of Admissions and Student Services at Wartburg Seminary. Bishop-Elect Current graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, and received an M. Div from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, and was ordained on July 13, 1997.

Bishop-Elect Current will succeed Bishop Michael Burk, who has served as bishop since 2008.



Dollars and Cents

Lynda Miller, Treasurer

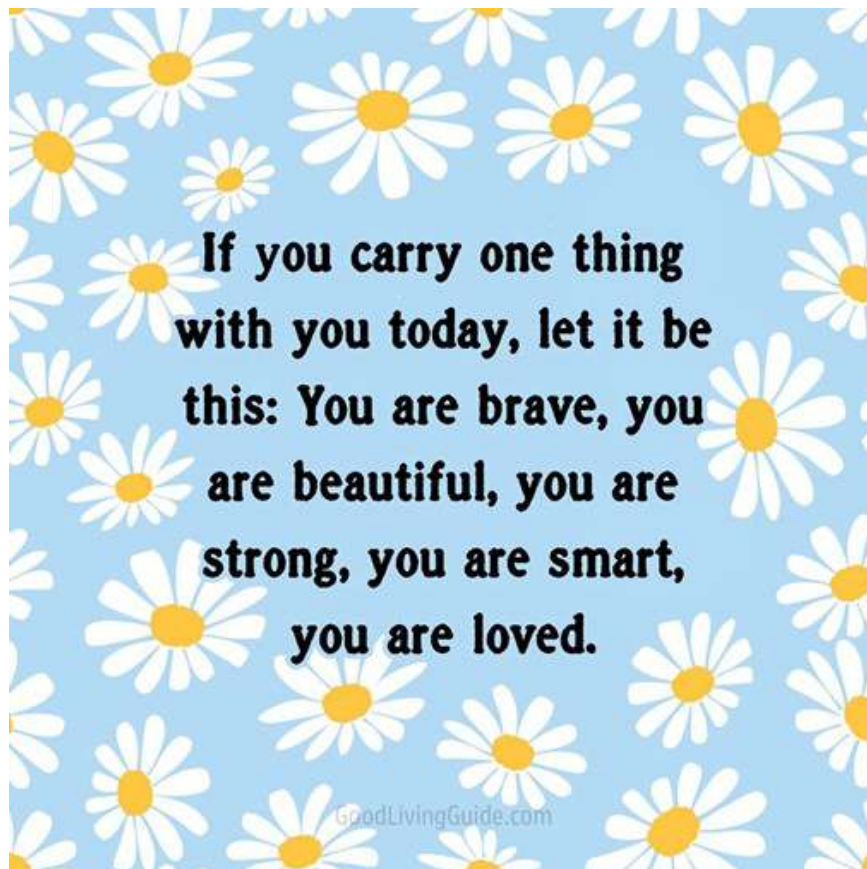
The last few months have been very different. Still no meetings or Gatherings. I do want to say thank you to the Church Women's Groups that have sent in their offerings during this trying time. This is greatly appreciated.

We also have received memorials for ladies in our area that have passed away, and the board will put that money to good use.

Due to the Covid Pandemic, our annual review of finances was not done in the Spring. We have finally met this month and are satisfied that the accounting records are in good order and up to date. You can find the letter signed by the committee on page 10.

Blessings,

Lynda Miller



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 ½ 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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City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____

Phone _____ Church and Town _____

E-mail Address _____ Cluster _____

Winter Issue

**Deadline:
November 10**



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

Kits & Quilts Donation

October 17, 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 items _____

Church affiliation _____ ELCA _____ LCMS _____ Other

Church Address _____

Shipping Donation (\$30.00) required _____

Cedar Rapids is Cash only. Ankeny may be a check to Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women Org. (SEIASWO)

You may send extra money to donate to Lutheran World Relief.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 1363 1st Ave. SW Cedar Rapids, IA Directions: Take the Business 151 exit off Interstate 380 follow 151(1st Ave.NW) west. Church on the left. Or Take Business 151 (1st Ave SW) off Highway 30 going North. Church is between 15th Street SW and Murray Dr. SW on Business 151

Resurrection Lutheran Church 914 NW Ash Dr. Ankeny, IA. Will be OCT. 24th this fall. Due to closure of the 1st St. exist you will need to take the 36th St. exit #94. Please turn Left or West on 36th street till you reach Ash Dr., Turn Left or South, will pass the Sports Complex, it is next to Resurrection Lutheran Church.

ITEMS	# of Items	# of Boxes
/ Quilts /	/	/
/ _____ /	/	/
/ Health Kits /	/	/
/ _____ /	/	/
/ School Kits /	/	/
/ _____ /	/	/
/ Fabric Kits /	/	/
/ _____ /	/	/
/ Baby Kits /	/	/
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Discipleship and Faith Journey

As we stay inside our homes and apartments longing to see others, there is time for us to reflect on our lives and think about plans for the future. With so many changes this spring where activities and social gatherings have been canceled, it seems more challenging than ever to look ahead to figure out what we should be planning.

Many of us question if or when we will actually get together in a group setting. We wonder if it will be safe or even allowed. Will people want to get together for activities; and maybe our ability to trust has been shaken. Who do we trust and believe for giving us advise on what we can and cannot do? Our gatherings were something we certainly looked forward to attending and it was an opportunity to visit with friends. It was a time for learning new things and sharing our stories and experiences. Now we are put in a position where we are forced to do things a different way -- by Internet and Zoom meetings or podcast worship services.

These changes were not something we had ever dreamed would happen, but they have. Now we have more time to think and pray for each other from the comforts of our dwellings. We can send cards through the mail letting people know we think about them. Our church has a calling tree where people take turns checking in on each other and visiting on the phone.

Because our June convention is being rescheduled to the Fall, we have decided to postpone our retreat for the Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women at this time. Our committee will look at making plans for January 2021 or February 2021 and we can do the work over the phone or through e-mail notes. If any of you have suggestions or ideas on what you would like to do at a one-day retreat, please let us know your wishes. We hope to find something fun and have an uplifting opportunity for us at that time. We will give you our update with the next Directions Newsletter. Until we meet again, blessings and strong faith.

Linda Kortemeyer, and Vickie Adamson, our contact information is in the directory on page 14.

How to safely take part in an LWR quilt and kit collection
during COVID-19
Janel Johnson-Momanyi
Jul 29, 2020

Our neighbors in vulnerable communities desperately need the quilts and kits that are overflowing your closets and spare bedrooms. In gatherings – regional collections of LWR quilts and kits that typically happen during the fall and spring – are a critical part of getting those items where they're needed most.

Additional information specific to your location will be shared via email, so we encourage you to sign up online at lwr.org/ingathering to receive updates.

All volunteers and donors will be asked to RSVP before attending. This will help to ensure that deliveries are spaced safely.

Anyone — even if they are planning to stay in the car — who is not feeling well, or who has been in recent contact with someone who is ill, should stay home.

Some locations will not have volunteers present to help with unloading. Plan to bring a strong friend to help unload your boxes and transfer them to the truck or storage location.

Wear a mask at all times while you are at the collection point.

Limit contact. Avoid handshakes and hugs and maintain a distance of 6 feet between individuals.

If volunteers are on hand to unload your boxes, you may be asked to remain in your car. Unfortunately, fellowship events will not be a part of fall In gatherings this year.

Need help with your local Ingathering? We are here!

If your 2020 Ingathering is postponed, we can arrange pick-up for your items of quilts and kits.

If you are planning an Ingathering, we can help you create a COVID-safe plan.

Contact us by phone at 800.597.5972 or email LWR Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager Janel Johnson-Momanyi at JJohnson-Momanyi@lwr.org.

Thank you!

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MAY CANCEL PICK UPS IN
OCTOBER. CALL FIRST.**

August 6, 2020

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Organization of the ELCA
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RE: Annual Review of Financial Records (20-20 18)

To Whom it May Concern

The Review Committee met on Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020 in Eldridge, Iowa and reviewed the financial records for the SEIA SWO from February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020.

Our review consisted of reconciling cash received with deposits recorded in the bank statement and verifying vouchers paid with check copies and the checkbook register. If there were any discrepancies or questions about the financial records the items were brought to the attention of Lynda Miller, the current treasurer. Our questions have been clarified to our satisfaction.

The accounting records are in good order and up-to-date. We appreciated the access to printed and computer records of activities and payments, as well as this is a check and balance tool.

It was a pleasure to review the financials for you. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us through Vicki Swartzendruber at 563-332-7504.

Called to Serve,
The SEIA Review Committee

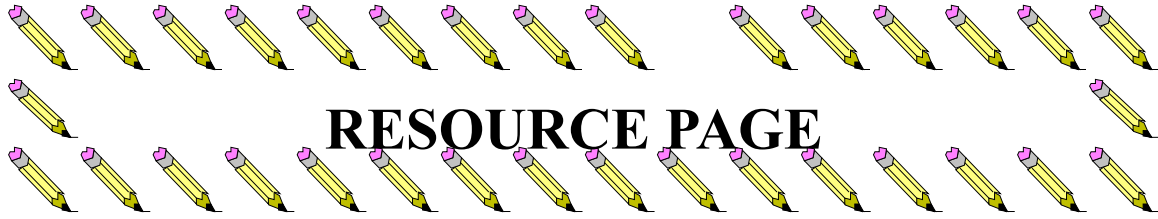
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Ramona Von Sprecken

Teresa Ziegenmeyer

These ladies will be contacting you to pray fully consider being on the board. Please respond with a YES!

2021 Triennial Local Coordinator

Lynda Miller 563-285-8613

Contact Lynda if you have any questions in regards to the Triennial being held in Phoenix, AZ Aug. 5-8,2021

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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FALL CLUSTER NEWS

There is very little Cluster News.
This is what has been received.

Cluster 1-No Fall Meeting

Cluster 5 news Women of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) cancelled their spring meeting on April 24th hosted by St. John/St. Paul Lutheran Churches with Lucy Ziemet presenting for the Red Basket Project of Jackson County for the main program. The Cluster 5 women from the Lutheran churches of Jackson and Clinton Counties collected an offering through the mail to support the various causes.

As a result of this Dianne Strickler, Cluster 5 coordinator, was able to present to the Red Basket Project of Jackson County, represented by Lucy Ziemet, a check for \$227.50 dollars along with some needed supplies. The Red Basket Project provides sanitary products to low-income girls and women in Jackson County.

Cluster 6-Tentatively, the fall cluster meeting is scheduled for Oct. 3 at St. Paul for a modified version of our work day. We plan to be writing letters for the Dear Friend in Christ letter project sponsored by the national women's synod board. Deadline is October 15, 2020. We will be collecting quilts for Lutheran World Relief to be delivered on Oct. 17 in conjunction with the synod meeting meeting in Cedar Rapids at Kirkwood College, if feasible. We will have demonstrations of quilt making with fabric and fleece, but will keep social distancing and probably wear masks, meeting in the library commons and entry gathering area of the church. Packaged snacks and drinks would be possible. Our board meeting will be Sept. 12 at St. Paul. Maybe Zoom. Lots of thinking outside of the box. Time will tell.

Cindee Schnekloth and Norma Bailie

Cluster 8-will not be meeting on October 24 in Keokuk as planned. I encourage everyone to be in the scripture and love your neighbor as yourselves. There is much need and many opportunities to share God's love. I encourage all to support Lutheran World Relief efforts with quilts and kits that are in huge demand.

Anne Pietscher, First Lutheran Church, Keokuk

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The Stewardship Challenge for 2020 Stamp Project

The Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization is working with other Women of the ELCA groups to donate canceled stamps to the ministry of Lutheran World Relief. The cancel 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.

Continue to save your stamps and bring them to our Gathering at the Hotel Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids in 2021.

Thanks!

Your Stewardship Committee,
Carol Gruhn
Roberta Jurgensen

Editors Corner.

This newsletter may show a few changes, due to the fact that my husband and I have a new computer, and Windows Ten was not compatible with my last publisher program. So I am in the process of learning a new program., Libre Office; if anyone has used this let me know, as I may have a few questions on how to find things in the program

Also, when you read the Vice President Corner, you will see a new name, Ardy Hinds she is our new vice president. This is due to the sudden death of our dear friend and Sister in Christ Karen Miller. She passed away the end of June. She will be deeply missed. Thank you Ardy for stepping up

Cluster Leaders, please be sure and contact Ardy Hinds with any changes to your officers, meeting dates, etc. You can find her contact information on page 14.

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