



DIRECTIONS



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

Summer 2021 Issue

Come join us on Saturday, June 5 via Zoom

For a Bible Study and Conversation

TIME: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Theme: Just Wisdom

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom”: Proverbs 9:10

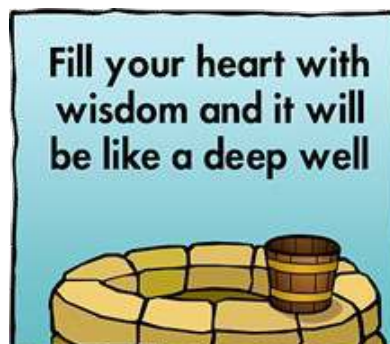
Bible Study from the June Gathering Magazine

Speaker: LSI

Book Reviews

A registration form can be found on Page 7 and on Page 9 is info on the event.

Hope to see you on June 5, via zoom.



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NOTE TO CHURCHES:

PLEASE PASS THIS NEWSLETTER TO THE LEADERS AND ALL WOMEN OF YOUR CHURCH! IF NOT MEETING IN PERSON PLEASE TRY TO GET THE INFORMATION TO THE LADIES OF YOUR CHURCH! THANK YOU!

Words from our President Ardy Proehl

As I write this, we are now having more nice weather. This brings back our snow birds. I am blessed to have the best siblings and their spouses. “From His grace we have all received one blessing after another” John 1:16

My sister and her spouse helped me put together a cupboard. I am terrible at directions, good thing they are not. Good Thing they did not take my advice. “God judges us in the way of wisdom” Proverbs 4:11a
It wasn’t all work, we had fun also. “Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with the song of joy.” Psalm 126:2

I’m so grateful for the finished project. Now that the cupboard is finished, the next project is to put a grandfather clock together. “Be joyful always” 1 Thessalonians 5:16 Just as we can be joyful and give thanks in all circumstance, for this is God’s will for us in Christ Jesus.

Books included in our June 5 retreat.

1. “Looking Like the Enemy” by Mary Matsuda Gruenewald. This is a true story of Mary’s family # 19788. A Japanese American Christian family in 1941 living on a island a 15 minute ferryboat ride from Seattle WA. The family learns of the Pearl Harbor bombing and the US entering WWII, which changed their lives forever.

2) *Underground Railroad” by Colson Whitehead. This is a combination of several true incidents woven together into a Journey of slaves before the Civil War running to escape sever punishment and having a price on their heads. The Underground Railroad is written about a time in our country’s history when people were treated as possessions. Our country still has a long way to go before equality is gained.*

The Fall issue of Directions will be coming out one month early..Aug. 1, due to the Convention/Gathering being held Sept. 10/11. So, got all articles to me by July 10.

SAVE the date of September 10th & 11th |

ARE you ready to treat yourself to an inspired weekend with a Bible study, meet our NEW Bishop and see how Women in Action work?

Join us September 10th & 11th at the HOTEL Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids.

More details to follow in the FALL Directions

Remember each church is to send 1 delegate to carry out the business of the SEIA Synodical Women of the ELCA.

If a church has stamps and are not coming to the Gathering in Sept. send them to Roberta Jurgensen, 1025 N. 4th St., Clinton, IA 52732.



33rd Annual Convention/Gathering of the SEIA Women
The HOTEL at Kirkwood Center 7725 Kirkwood Blvd. S.W.
Cedar Rapids

September 10th and 11th, 2021

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 _____

Email address _____

Age group: 10-30 ___ 30-40 ___ 41-50 ___ 51-60 ___ 61-70 ___ 71&up ___

Board ___ Delegate ___ Non-Delegate _____

Registration Fee(meals included) \$70 for Fri. and Sat. _____

After Aug. 19th \$75. One day only \$40 Fri ___ Sat _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

Make Checks payable to: SEIA SYNODICAL Women

Mail to: Roberta Jurgersen 1025 N 4th St. Clinton, IA 52732

The Hotel at Kirkwood will cost \$147.60 per room(with up to 4 per room), tax included. They are either King or 2 queen beds per room.

Make your own reservation by Aug. 19th under Southeastern Women of the ELCA 2021 block. The HOTEL phone #s are 319-848-8700 or the toll free is 877-751- 5111.

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 of any amount outside of budgeted amounts, big or small, are appreciated. Individuals, WELCA groups, congregations, or other organizations can give on their own, or have special offerings or projects. It is only through these gracious gifts is it possible to have the Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach(LCO) Chaplain Ministry continue.

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

Date _____

Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____

Phone _____ Church and Town _____

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Fall ISSUE

Deadline:

July 10

This is a month early

*Due to finalizing the Gathering/Convention
 Being held In September*

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

**NEWS FROM SWO BOARD FOR ALL CLUSTER LEADERS
AND
CHURCH WOMEN**

1. Check with Ardy H as to the results of the snail mail vote from the 2019 gathering delegates to change the voting to include virtual voting.
 2. Encourage the church units, individuals, and Clusters to send in their donations even if not meeting in person.
 3. We will be having a virtual retreat June 5, 9:30-11:30 registration form will be in the May 1 Directions.
 4. Encourage individuals, church units, and Clusters to also send dollars with memo line earmarked for LSI.
 5. For the retreat there will be a list of books we will have a 2-3 min report on so you can opt to read any one or more of the books on the list. We will have a bible-study from the gather magazine, a speaker from LSI, a few book-reports, a fun talk, and a closing prayer.
 6. Dates for the LWR pick ups East side = Cedar Rapids April 17 West side = Windsor Heights April 16, 430-6:30 PM
 7. The 2021 WELCA SEIA Gathering is Sept. 10-11 in Cedar Rapids
 8. We need nominations for a President, 3 board members to run for a 2 year term and 1 board member for a 1 year term, and 2 to run for the nominating committee.
 9. The triennial that would have been in 2020 has been changed. There is a Convention portion (business part for the delegates) is virtual on Aug. 3-5, 2021. The Gathering portion (Workshops) is cancelled. The next full triennial is the 3rd week of Sept. 2023.
- If you want to have your registration roll over to the new gathering in 2023 you do not need to do anything. (this is a good idea especially if you got the discount price while in Mpls. in 2017 because there will not be a discount offer for the 2023 gathering). You may transfer your registration fee to a friend.

You may donate your fee back to Church Wide Organization (CWO)

You may request a refund less \$20.00 processing fee. The deadline is April 30.

Contact info@frameworkmeeting.com or call 208-502-1150.

CLUSTER CALENDAR	
Summer 2021 Cluster Gatherings	
Cluster 1.....	
Cluster 2.....	
Cluster 4.....	
Cluster 5.....	
Cluster 6.....	April 24, 2021
Cluster 8.....	
Cluster 9.....	
Cluster 10/11.....	

Southeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA
Registration for the Retreat Bible Study by Zoom
Saturday, June 5, 2021
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Theme "Just Wisdom"
"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom" Proverbs 9:10.

Registration Fee is \$5.00 to be mailed to Lynda Miller at 1808 S.
11th Avenue, Eldridge, IA 52748

Bible study written by Angela Khabeab from the 1st Summer session. From the June Gather Magazine. If you do not have a subscription to the "Gather" magazine, you can download/print as a non subscription to try it out by going to:

gathermagazine.org

Will have A speaker from LSI

Book reports on justice: African Americans, Japanese Americans, Native Americans, Muslims, and Latinos. A list of books will be on your confirmation letter so you could read any that interest you before the retreat. (optional).

Name _____

Address _____ City _____
Zip _____

Email address _____ (so we may invite you to the
ZOOM retreat)

Church name _____ Church City _____

WE ARE WOMEN OF ACTION

This is our theme for our 2021 Gathering.

Please take note and help the **NOMINATING COMMITTEE.**

LOOKING FORWARD!!!

It's time to pick up our work as Women Of The Southeastern Iowa Synodical Organization as we prepare to meet again in September at our Synodical Gathering. Plans are going forward to meet at Kirkwood Hotel in Cedar Rapids and more information will be shared as plans are made .

An important part of our Business meeting is electing our Synodical Board. This year we will elect the following: President, Secretary, Three Board Members and Three Nominations Committee members.

Please prayerfully ask yourself if you can serve in any of these positions!! Do you know someone that we could contact??

Contact one of the present Nomination Committee members:

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This is an important time and there is much for our Women to contribute! Let's Look Forward!

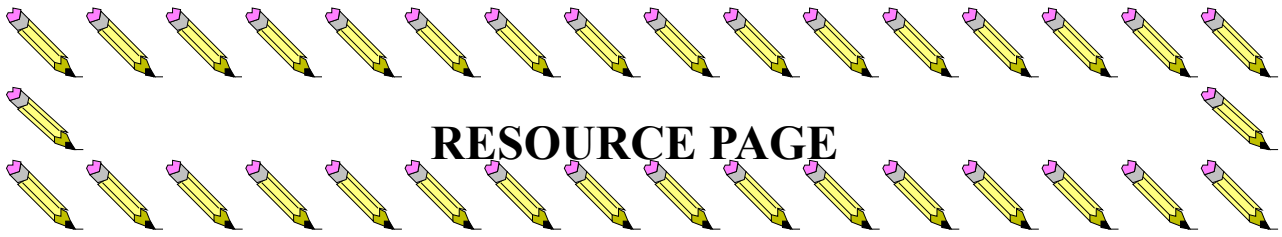


From your Vice President Ardy Hinds

Ardy is on her way back home from her Winter home in Arizona. She wanted to remind everyone about getting your name to Lavon Heston our Nomination Chair, we need you. One of our board members resigned for personal reasons, Linda Kortemeyer, so will need to fill her spot along with President and Treasurer, and other board positions. In this issue is information about the Gathering that will be held September 10 and 11 in Cedar Rapids, along with a registration form. Another new event will be held on June 5, a Zoom Bible Study, all the info is in this issue as well. Your SWO board hopes you will participate in these events.

Until next time,
Ardy Hinds

**God, I'm not perfect.
Sometimes I forget to
pray and sometimes I
lose my temper. But,
thank you for loving
me anyway and
giving me another
day to start over.
AMEN.**



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to get to our page

2021 2022 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!

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The Stewardship Challenge for 2021 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 canceled 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.

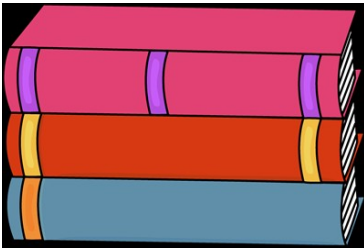
Save the stamps and bring them (or send them) to our Gathering at the Hotel Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids

Your Stewardship Committee,

Carol Gruhn

Roberta Jurgensen





Book Corner

Books you may want to read-submitted by Judy Munger

- 1. Race Matters-Cornell West**
- 2. How the Irish became White-Noel Ignatiev**
- 3. No Future Without Forgiveness-Desmond Tutu**

Here are the books that will be reviewed at our June 5 Zoom Bible Study:

Something Happened in our Town by Marianne Celano

Building a Latino Civil Rights-by Sonia Song Lee

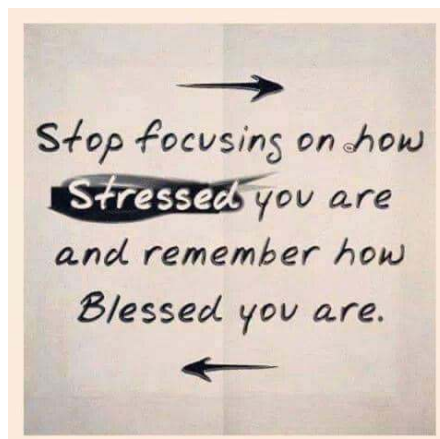
Underground Railroad-by Colson Whitehead

Looking Like the Enemy-by Mary Grunewald

The Silent Tear of Polygamy-by Robin Johnson

The Hiding Place-by Corrie Ten Boom

Nine Years Among the Indians, 1870-1879-by Herman Lehmann



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Upcoming Events

June 5-Zoom Bible Study

September 10-11-Convention/Gathering

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