

Dear Convention delegates & visitors,

The Western Iowa Synodical Women's Organization Convention will be held Saturday, June 19, 2021, at First Lutheran Church, 226 N. Putnam Street, Algona, Iowa.

**Theme - *Just Love***

**Convention Verse** – 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 16:14 (NIV) *"Do everything in love."*

**Convention Hymn** – "We Are Called" (#720 in the cranberry ELCA hymnal)

**Speaker: Keynote – Bishop Lorna Halaas**

**Bible Study- Power of Prayer** - create your own prayer/gratitude journal.

**Delegates (voting members):**

- You are encouraged to review the information on nominees, and review the proposed budget. These items will be emailed to you prior to the convention, so you will be informed and ready to vote at the appropriate times. Therefore, *it is important that you include your email address when sending in your registration forms*
- The day of the convention, when you register, you will receive a packet with your voting cards enclosed. Have the cards out and ready to use when needed during the business meeting.
- Each church unit is asked to send one delegate to the convention; if a church has not specified voting delegates, one will be appointed by the board, from the delegates that have registered. We have several positions to fill on the board this year, so will need voting members.

**In-kind Offering:** *Algona Crisis Center* – Information was in the *SCRIBE*. (See page 8 in the May *SCRIBE*.)

**Offering:** Our convention offering will be divided as follows – 50% to *Women of the ELCA Churchwide*; 25% to *Seminarian Scholarship fund*; 25% to the *LSI Spiritual Director fund raiser*.

**Hotels:** AmericInn (600 Hwy 18, phone # 515-295-3333), *Brookstone Lodge and Suites*, (1909 US 18, phone # 515-200-0030), and *Super 8 Motel* (210 East Norwood Dr, Pho# 515-295-7225).

**Meals:** Morning coffee, lunch, and take-home treats are included in your registration fee.

**Directions to the Church:** *(Due to construction, directions have changed from those previously given.)*

- From Hwy 18, go **south** onto Finn Drive (next to Snap-On), turn **east** (right) onto State Street, turn **north** (right) onto Putnam Street. The church will be on the right after three blocks.
- From Highway 169 South: Turn **east** (right) onto State Street (at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stoplight), then turn **north** (left) onto Putnam Street. After three blocks, the church will be on your right.

*The Convention committee has planned a wonderful day of fun and fellowship. We are so excited to be getting back together in person. We encourage you to come to enjoy the friendships with women of your Western Iowa Synod and to be up lifted by the experiences of the day. Masks will be required as warrants at the time of the convention.*

*Your Convention Committee,*

*Women of the Western Iowa Synod Board*