

River Channels

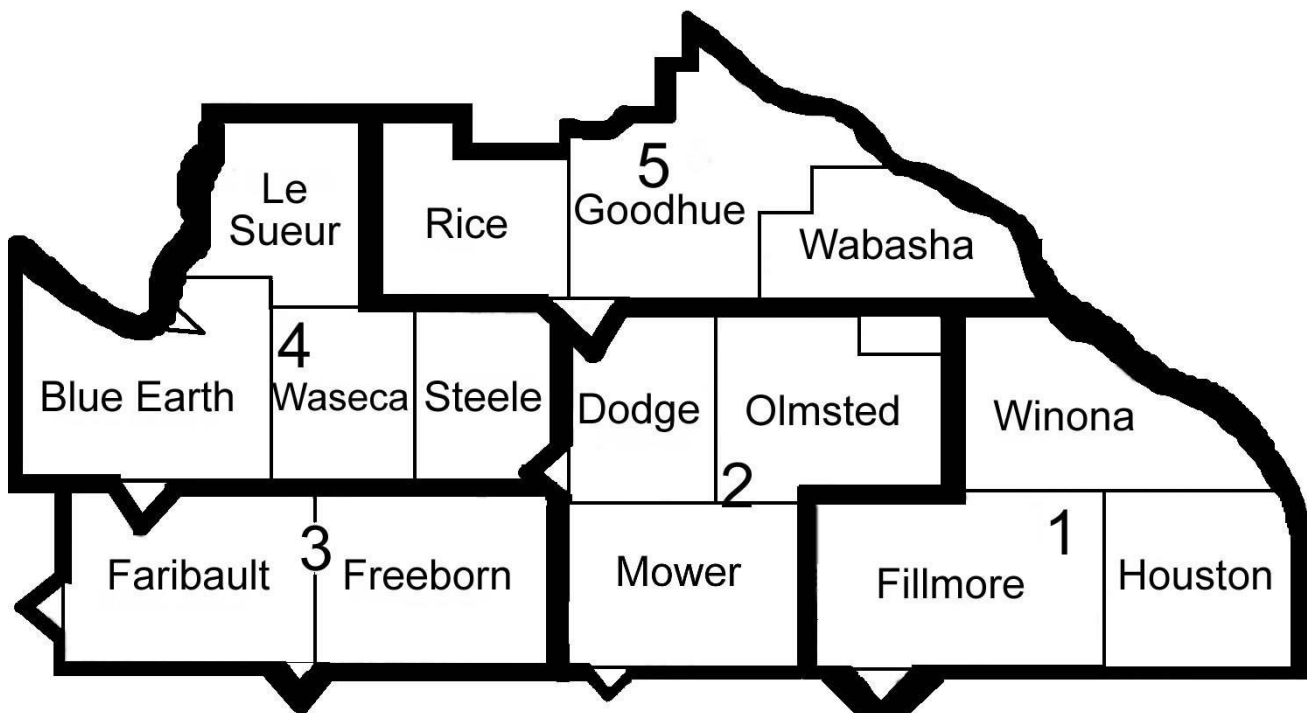
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 2022, MN River Spring Event — Cancel
- April 21, 2022, Zumbro River Spring Event at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Rochester.
- April 23, 2022, Blue Earth River Spring Event at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Glenville
- April 23, 2022, Cannon River Spring Event at First Evangelical Lutheran in Kenyon, MN
- April 30, 2022, Root River Spring Event at Chatfield Lutheran Church
- September 17, 2022, SE MN Convention at Bethel Lutheran Church, Rochester, MN.
- September, 2023, 12th Triennial Convention in Phoenix, Arizona



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BLUE EARTH RIVER	CANNON RIVER	MINNESOTA RIVER	ZUMBRO RIVER	ROOT RIVER
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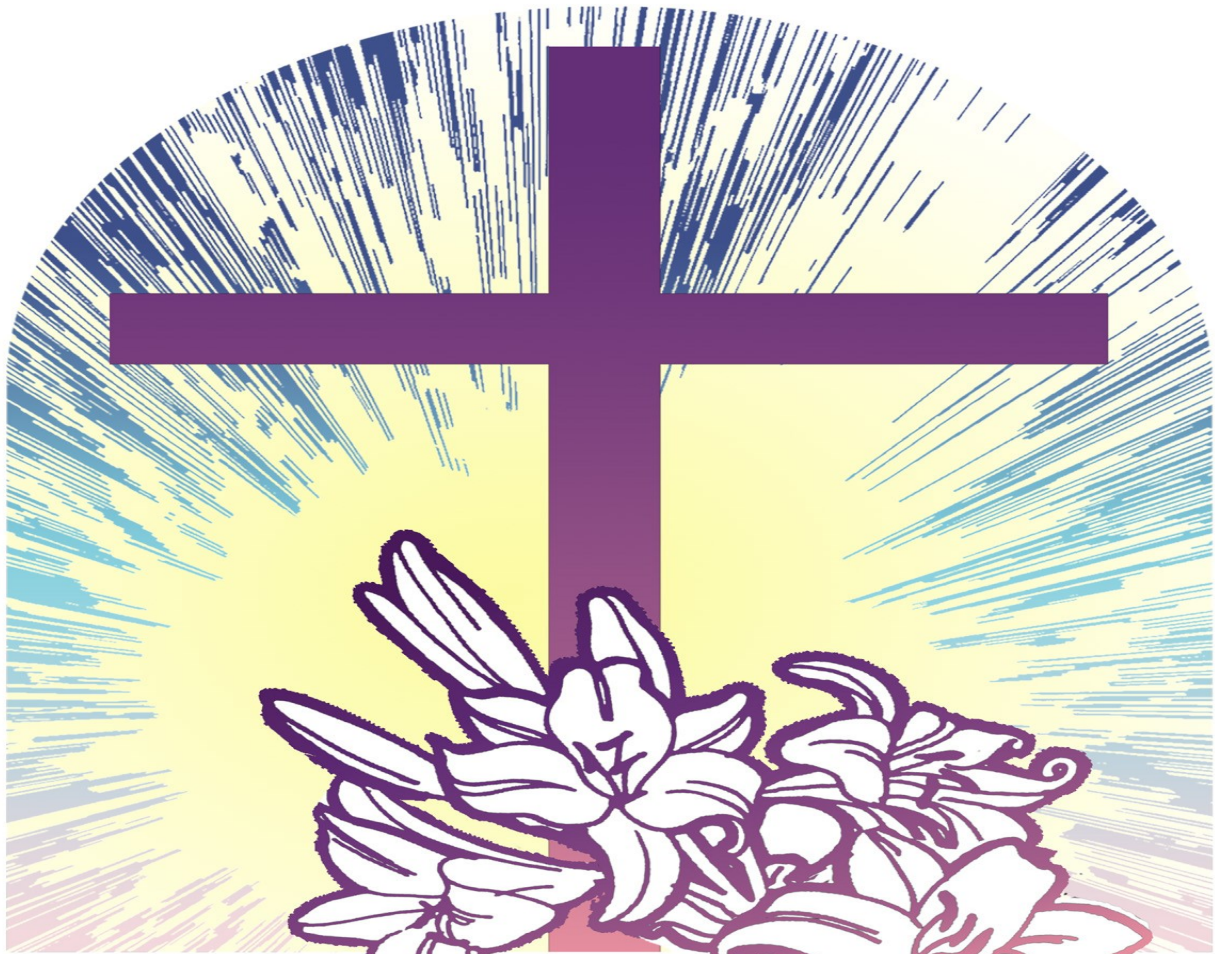
CONFERENCE CONVENERS

BLUE EARTH RIVER	CANNON RIVER	MINNESOTA RIVER	ZUMBRO RIVER	ROOT RIVER
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**"HE HAS
RISEN!"**
Luke 24:6

12TH TRIENNIAL CONVENTION

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The 12th Triennial Convention is scheduled for September, 2023, in Phoenix, Arizona. If you are interested in serving as a voting member for the Southeastern Minnesota Women of the ELCA, have your church WELCA organization submit your name to be on the ballot at our fall Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) Convention on September 17, 2022. There will be a registration form in your church's packet which will be handed out at our Spring Conference Events. We are able to send 5 voting members plus our SWO President for a total of 6 women from Southeastern Minnesota. Let us begin to prepare for this exciting event. **SAVE THE DATE!!**

Notes from Your President

By Judi Mickelson

Are you an influencer? I've never really thought about being an influencer, being someone that other people follow, but the more I have thought about this the more I realize everyone is an influencer. Whether you want to be or not, you are an influencer. But who are you influencing and is it a positive or negative influence?

When I was a teenager, I opened my heart to Jesus and accepted him as my Lord and Savior. I think this was soon after attending a summer Bible camp in northern Wisconsin. I was moved by the Holy Spirit and all that Jesus offered us, forgiveness, mercy, and love. All unconditional. And now I can put a term on this feeling of being moved by Christ, it's "influence." Christ Jesus influenced my life to the point that I wanted to follow him. Jesus is my influencer!!

Who would have ever thought that Jesus would be considered an influencer? (This is now a trendy term.) He's not a person who is alive, someone you can follow on Facebook, Tik Tok or Instagram. You can't watch him in a video or movie. However, he is alive in me and you; he is an influencer through us. I know that I want to be a positive influence to move others to service in Christ, to love their neighbor as themselves, and even to be a fisher of women/men and catch people in my "Christ net" and haul them into believing in Christ Jesus. I know I am not perfect, and I sin, which is human nature, but I'm trying to be Christ like and share my love of Jesus with anyone who is willing to listen or ready to be influenced.

Women of the ELCA needs "influencers," influencers like you and me. There are many around us, if you look at the leadership of our Churchwide leaders, Synodical Board leaders or even within our own churches. Let us take this influence of Jesus and build back our organization. Our churches had to close their doors for a while during Covid and during that time we had been somewhat silenced and not able to safely gather. Let us not be silenced any longer. Let us once again gather as women, young and not so young, and spread Christ's love. It's time to mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ and engage in ministry and action. It's time for us to be an influencer for Christ Jesus and for Women of the ELCA.

Spring Conference Events

Spring Conference events will be taking place during April in all but one conference. Please check to see when your conference event will take place and make plans to attend (details in this issue). This is a crucial time for WELCA. We need you to get involved in carrying out the mission of our organization. God calls each one of us to be bold women of faith. He calls us to gather and work for the good of all people. As the hymn goes, "we are called to love one another, we are called to love endlessly..." Let us respond boldly in His love and "be" the hands and feet of Jesus.

SE MN CONVENTION LOVE OFFERING

The Love Offering for the 2022 SE MN convention for Safe Harbor.

Safe Harbor Regional Navigator, SE MN, Olmsted County Victim Services

Below is the list of items Safe Harbor is needing.

Supplies:

- Suitcases or duffel bags
- Backpack or tote bags
- Clothing (gender neutral; various sizes)
- Shampoo & Conditioner (variety of types for people with different types of hair)
- Tie blanket supply sets (different patterns)
- Underwear (Women's sizes sm-xxl, mens s-xxl)
- Sports bras (variety of sizes)
- Tampons
- Bulletin boards (Inspiration board materi-

- als)
- Canvases (different sizes)
- Paint (Apple Barrel Acrylic Paint)
- Paint brushes (small sets to hand out to clients)
- Painting by numbers or jewel by numbers
- Fidgets
- Gel pens
- Colored pencils
- Storage containers (small in size for storing art supplies or to hand out to clients for items)

Women_{of the} **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA** 

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.

ROOT RIVER CONFERENCE SPRING EVENT

*ROOT RIVER CONFERENCE WELCA
2022 SPRING GATHERING*

Saturday, April 30th

Chatfield Lutheran Church

304 Fillmore St SE Chatfield, MN (accessible to all)

8:00am - Registration, Displays/Vendors, Coffee Fellowship

9:00am - Program 12:30pm - Lunch

\$10.00 includes Program, Morning Coffee and Lunch



“PAUL’S MESSAGE OF LOVE IS...”

***Love is patient; Love is kind; ... And now faith, hope and love abide,
these three; and the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:4-13***

Guest Speaker: Kathy Little

Kathy is from Houston, Minnesota. She is retired after 36 years as an English teacher and school counselor in Caledonia and Winona. She writes a monthly column for the Fillmore County Journal. Her hobbies are reading, writing, speaking, and gardening.

BLUE EARTH RIVER CONFERENCE SPRING EVENT



BERC Spring Event will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Myrtle.

Registration/Coffee will begin at 8:00 am with the program/session beginning running from 9:00-11:30.

Julie Tebay will be our main speaker, presenting "Letters from the Amish". Julie has worked with the Amish women for over 20 years and has saved many of the letters she received.

She will also present a Trunk Show featuring her Amish quilt collection.

Our theme for this year is: JUST LOVE: Love Thy Neighbor.



"Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law." Romans 13:10, NRSV

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By receiving River Channels by email will help us save expenses and paper and mailing has expenses. I hope you will consider getting you River Channels by email.

If you have any questions, please ask, by contacting Minnie Dunbar – phone 641-420-8126, email minniedunbar@gmail.com or letter Minnie Dunbar, P.O. Box 33, Kiester, MN 56051.

Blessings,



LOVE AND JUSTICE

This is a re-worked excerpt from chapter five of the book called "Love within Limits" written by Lewis B. Smedes. Lewis writes this chapter in an interesting way, connecting his idea with the words from 1Corinthians 13. The purpose of the chapter is to articulate the realistic way on how the power of love can reshape our lives.

First, Lewis translates the phrase "Love does not seek its Own Right" by showing that; Love's view of God's purpose is unselfish one. This means that love does not drive us to get and keep what is properly ours. According to him, what is ours is ours - we need not thank anyone. If we do not get these things we are victims of an injustice. God's love does not move us to seek justice for ourselves, and it does not cancel anyone's right. Love always reacts; it may drive us to the Supreme Court for the sake of justice for others. Love may send us into the streets to throw a community into turmoil for the sake of justice for oppressed people. Love comes as a power in life that moves us to pass up our chances to seize what belongs to us.

We desperately need the power of agapeic love; with it we have spiritual insight into the needs of others. With it, we have power to get above our own selfish preoccupation with our rights to where we can recognize the rights of others. With it we can do an amazingly loving thing, forsaking our own rights for the sake of other people's right. We are born into the world with a job to do, this is to take care of God's world and God's people, we are stewards, therefore we must demand the right of others to be viewed, respected, and treated as a creature with the dignity and destiny of God's own child and partner.

Fear

Khalil Gibran

**It is said that before entering the sea
a river trembles with fear.**

**She looks back at the path she has traveled,
from the peaks of the mountains,
the long winding road crossing forests and villages.**

**And in front of her,
she sees an ocean so vast,
that to enter
there seems nothing more than to disappear forever.**

**But there is no other way.
The river can not go back.**

**Nobody can go back.
To go back is impossible in existence.**

**The river needs to take the risk
of entering the ocean
because only then will fear disappear,
because that's where the river will know
it's not about disappearing into the ocean,
but of becoming the ocean.**



Note from the Secretary

By Linda Sandborg

Your SE MN Synodical Women's Organization Board met on Friday, December 17, 2021 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Rochester, MN.

Meeting called to order by President Judi Mickelson. Judi gave board members a copy of the SE MN SWO Constitution and Bylaws.

Devotions were given by Nadine Omans. "In the Divine Embrace" by Amy Ekeh.

Secretary, Linda Sandborg presented board minutes from June 25, 2021 and Executive board minutes from November 11, 2021 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer, Diane Linbo presented Audit report from Schroeder Accounting & Tax Service, Inc, 2nd quarter report (May 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021) 3rd quarter report (August 1, 2021 to October 21, 2021) were reviewed and approved.

Discussion was held on making donations of \$ 250.00 to the following:

Lutheran Campus Ministry – Mankato, MN and Winona, MN

ELCA World Hunger

Lutheran Disaster Relief

Lutheran World Relief

Motion was made to approve donations and approved.

Nadine Omans, Stewardship requested ideas for items to sell at Conference events and 2022 Fall Convention. Sharon Northouse suggested bracelets and necklaces and will get more information to Nadine.

Diane Linbo volunteered to be liaison for Root River this year.

Will need to check with Conference conveners on dates for the Conference Events.

April 23, 2022 - Blue Earth River & Cannon River

? - Minnesota River, Zumbro River, and Root River

Many ideas and discussions were held regarding the 2022 Fall SE MN SWO Convention to be held at Bethel Lutheran Church in Rochester, MN on September 17, 2022. The next convention will be held on September 16, 2023 to get back on track per our constitution. More information will be made available as plans are finalized.

The 12th Triennial Convention will be held the week of September 18, 2023 in Phoenix, AZ.

There will be a Katie's Fund & Capital Campaign kick-off possibly June 13 & 14 during the 35th Anniversary.

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Your SE MN Synodical Women's Organization Executive Board met on Thursday, November 11, 2021 in Rochester, MN.

The Executive Board met and discussed the SE MN Synodical Convention for September 17, 2022. We discussed the process of getting things going and what is needed to be done, when it should be done, and who would lead each process.

Any ideas and thoughts on Theme, Bible Verse, and help needed will be brought forward to the full SE MN Synodical board at a future meeting.

Linda will check the amount and type of supplies she has from previous Synodical convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sandborg

Secretary of SE MN Synod WELCA

Stewardship

By Nadine Omans

I'm writing this on a very cold, clear day. The sun is bright on the snow, and the bare trees cast shadows toward the north. But the daylight hours are increasing, and January is almost done, so we're on the downside of winter! (Right??)

Today I'm recommending a book I requested – and received – for Christmas: *Speaking of Race: Why Everybody Needs to Talk About Racism – and How to Do It*, by Celeste Headlee. I'm beginning to realize that stewardship also includes caring for our relationships with others, along with “time, talent, and treasures” and God's creation.

The importance of relationships and of issues such as racism (among others) is also borne out by research on youth and religion completed last fall by the Minnesota based Springtide Research Institute. I listened to an interview by Cathy Wurzer on MPR last week, as she spoke with Josh Packard of Springtide. The research focused on “Gen-Z”, ages 13-25, and found that there is a major distrust of institutions in general, but relationships are highly important in their lives. Gen-Z'ers see institutional religion as not as diverse as their group of contacts (in person and online). Nor do they think that religious institutions are as concerned as youth are about issues such as racial justice and sexual diversity, and they don't see the traditional boundaries between church, school/work, and leisure as clear or relevant. One group that stood apart slightly

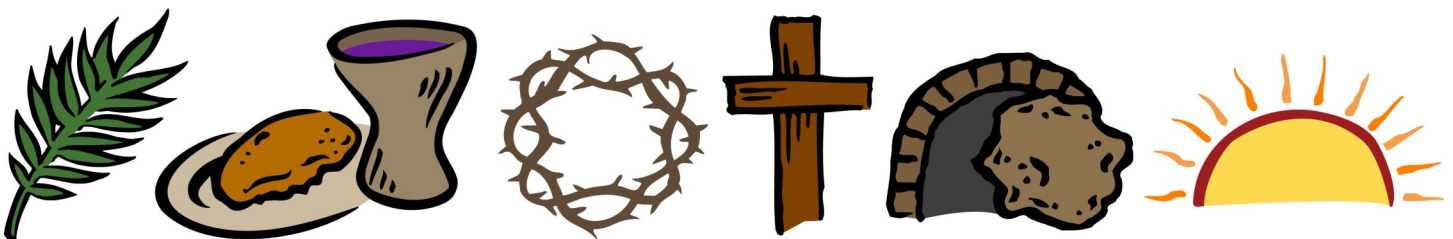
from this was African American youth, as the Black church has always been perceived as more centered around community, family, and justice issues.

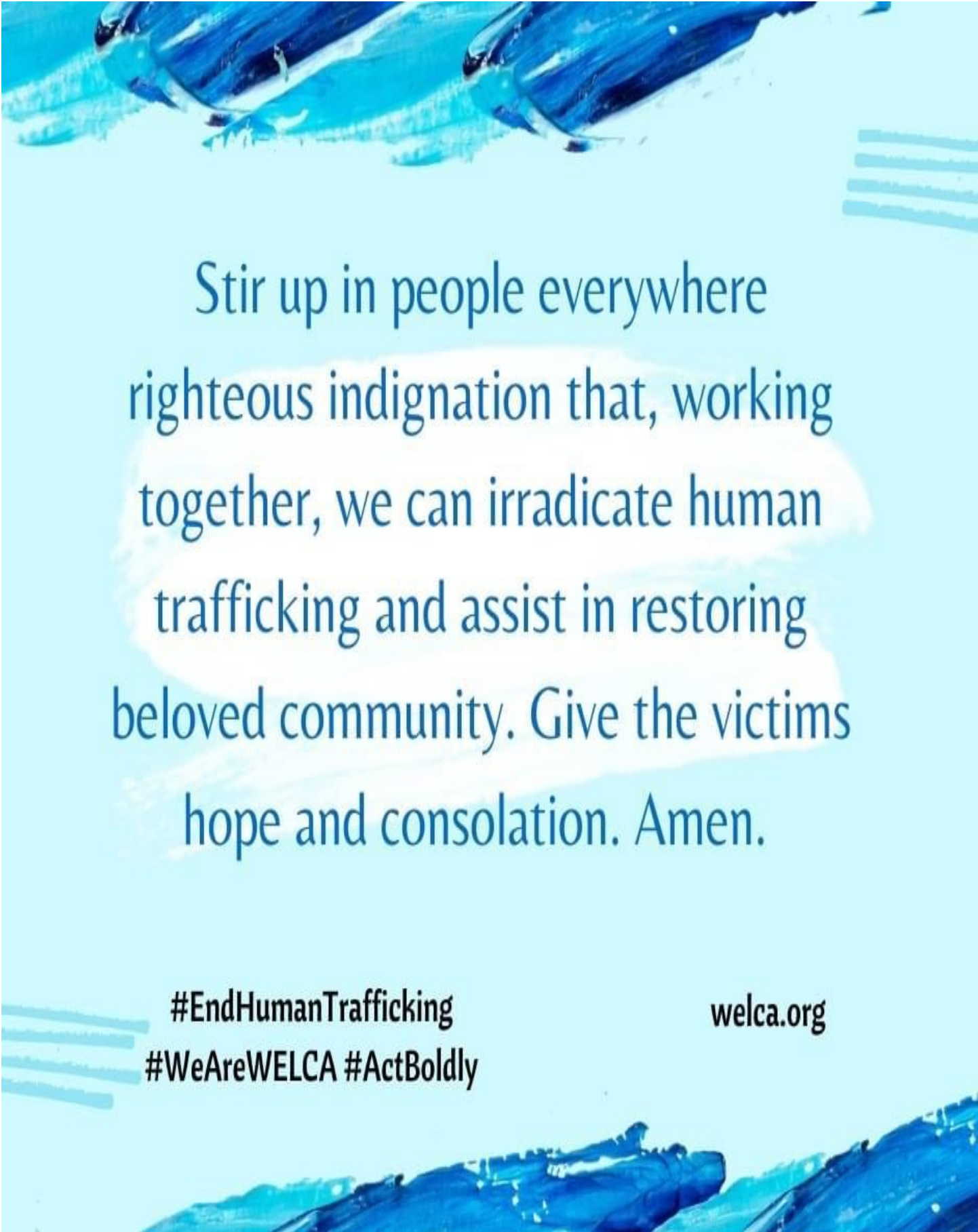
The good news is that 70-90% of Gen-Z'ers interviewed believe in a higher power, and they are being described as “constructionists”, building their lives and belief systems as they go. They are concerned with the deep questions about life and seek answers from others around them. The biggest point Josh made is that relationships with trusted adults is highly important in the lives of these young people. So – to be relevant, we need to be able to honestly discuss the issues young are seeking answers about.

Celeste Headlee's book centers on relationship building and trust. She begins with the importance of having conversations – one-on-one – about racism, then she leads the reader through how to be ready to listen and talk about it. Here are her goals, as stated in the introduction:

“...I want not to teach you about race, but how to *learn* about race. I want to teach you how to ask questions and, most important, how to listen to responses. I want you to master the skills necessary to be changed by what you hear.”

The status quo is not working. We need to be opened to change, with the Lord's leading. Are you ready? Blessings, Nadine





Stir up in people everywhere
righteous indignation that, working
together, we can irradicate human
trafficking and assist in restoring
beloved community. Give the victims
hope and consolation. Amen.

#EndHumanTrafficking
#WeAreWELCA #ActBoldly

welca.org

Communications

By Minnie Dunbar

I received a phone call then the email from the women of First Lutheran Church-Blooming Prairie, MN.

At the beginning of the Lenten season in 2020, a prayer cross was placed in the sanctuary of First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie. During midweek services, worshipers were invited forward to write their prayer concerns on a fabric strip and tie to the cross, thus giving their concerns to God. Three weeks into Lent, the church was closed to in-person public worship because of the pandemic. Throughout the ensuing months, ministry continued online. The church building was open for those who needed to come for prayer, care, or walking the halls for exercise. The cross remained in the sanctuary, and during video or radio services, members were invited to continue to place their concerns on the cross. Fabric strips were always available, and often the pastors did the tying for a remote worshiper's behalf.

A few weeks after the church re-opened (Easter 2021), a member of First Lutheran Church Women volunteered to take all those prayer concerns and make a quilt. She removed the strips, ironed each one, and sewed all the strips together for not one, but three, quilts.

These prayer quilts are a tangible expression of the many prayers and concerns during these dark times, and will be dedicated on Palm Sunday 2022, alongside other mission quilts First Lutheran is assembling. God's love is absolutely surrounding us all, in good times and bad.

Article submitted by Kaye Toquam

Photo of our mission quilter who listened to the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit, Bev Hoveland

River Channels (Women of the ELCA) Spring 2022 edition.



Will post more picture in color on <https://www.facebook.com/semn.welca.52>

UNIT OFFICER UPDATE FORM 2021-2022

CONFERENCE NAME: _____ (Choose one below)
 Blue Earth River; Cannon River; Minnesota River; Root River; or Zumbro River

UNIT (Congregational) NAME: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Church email: _____

Date of Installation: _____

Fill in all information below-DO NOT WRITE "SAME AS LAST YEAR"

Complete this form yearly within two weeks of election and whenever officers change. Thank you.

CURRENT UNIT OFFICERS:	FORMER OFFICER'S NAME
President Address City, State Zip Phone _____ Email _____	
Vice President Address City, State Zip Phone _____ Email _____	
Secretary Address City, State Zip Phone _____ Email _____	
Treasurer Address City, State Zip Phone _____ Email _____	
Stewardship (Mission Action) Address City, State Zip Phone _____ Email _____	
Justice (Mission Community) Address City, State Zip Phone _____ Email _____	
Discipleship (Mission Growth) Address City, State Zip Phone _____ Email _____	

SEND A COPY OF THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE FOLLOWING:

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2022 WELCA SYNOD CONVENTION

Your Southeastern Minnesota Synod WELCA Board has prepared a packet for each of your Units with information regarding our 2022 Fall Convention which will be held on September 17, 2022. Each packet will have registration forms which may be duplicated. Each attendee and voting member should complete a registration form and mail it in. The packet will also have a poster for you to post in your church, inviting all women to the event. Other information will also be enclosed, so please read all the information and act on the ones that need action.

It is important that Unit Leaders get this information to all women of your church!

REMINDER—SAVE THE DATE

2022 SE MN Synod WELCA Fall Convention
Love One Another (1 John 4:7)
for love is from God
Bethel Lutheran Church
810 – 3rd Avenue SE
Rochester, MN 55904

River Channels Newsletter Subscription Form

River Channels is published by the Southeastern Minnesota Synodical Women of the ELCA. One copy is sent to each unit president. If your unit has co-presidents, only one will receive a copy. Conference officers also receive a copy. Individuals may subscribe for \$5.00 per year. Please use this form to order, and type or print clearly.

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Discipleship

By Sharon Northouse

Book Review: Follow Your Bliss by Alyssa Kuchta

100 Days of Less Hustle, More Jesus by Shanna Noel is a devotional journal that is a little different. It focuses on rest and peace. At first, I thought that would be good for at night when you need to unwind from your day, but then I thought...maybe I wouldn't need to unwind so much if I started the day with a little focus on that rest and peace. (Yep, still trying to get some sort of schedule to my life!) Each day starts with a paragraph or two...very brief...followed by 4 verses and then a prayer to wrap it all up.

But wait...I did say this was a journal. So, it is. But what it isn't is one of those journals with a glaring white page full of empty lines that scream "Fill me up!" Actually, there are no lines at all. There is space...if something should come to mind. (And I always find that a lot less stressful than that stark white page!)

Another way this journal is different: the 100. Most devotionals are 365 days, one for every day of the year, no missing a day...wait...there's that stress building again. (Have you gotten the hint that I may not be as disciplined as I would like to be?) This is 100...if I miss a day, no stress. I will get it and without feeling I have to cram 2 into a day.

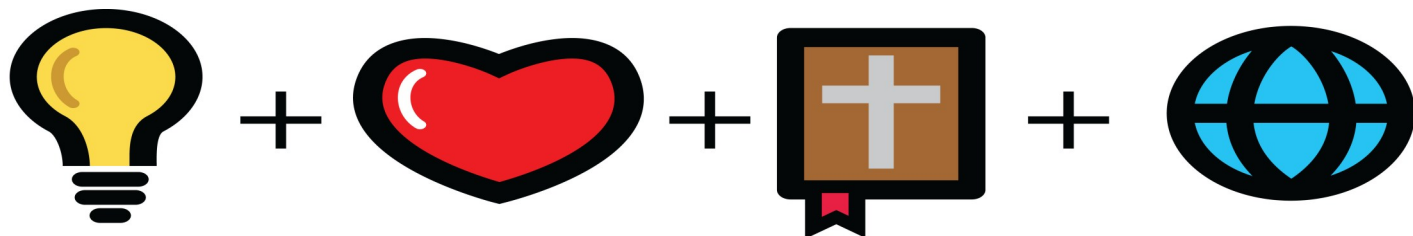
After you go through all the way...you can always start over. Things often look different the second time around, and if you journaled the first time through, you will have that to add to your devotion time and possibly journal more the second time!

However, you choose to use this book, morning or night, journal or not, 100 days or more, it will help you start or end your day with a little restful peace. (Maybe both start and end?)

Relax and soak it in, peacefully!

Election of Officers

Elections will be taking place during Spring Conference events and the SWO Convention. Please pray for our organization and consider your roll in the Women of the ELCA. We are called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit move in you and lead you to participate in the leadership of the Women of the ELCA, for you were made for such a time as this.



MAKINGDISCIPLES

Women of the ELCA

Southeastern Minnesota WELCA Synodical Organization

Convention Expense Fund

To help defray the costs of the convention, each congregational unit is asked to donate a minimum of \$10.00 per year to this fund.

Make Checks payable to SEMN Women of the ELCA and send them to:

Diane Linbo
402 15th Avenue NW
Kasson, MN 55944

Please return this form with the following information.
Thank You.

Congregation: _____

Conference: _____

City: _____

Name and Address of Treasurer: _____

4th Quarters Treasurer's Report

Women of the **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

Quarterly Report November 1, 2021 - January 31, 2022

Income:

Unit Offerings:	
Blue Earth River	\$ 1,293.30
Cannon	\$ 595.00
Minnesota River	\$ 264.11
Root River	\$ 555.00
Zumbro River	<u>\$ 4,302.88</u>
Total	\$ 7,010.29

Interest	0.16
Newsletter Subscriptio	\$ 30.00
SWO Conv. Exp.	\$ 110.00
2022 Fall Conv. Off.	\$ 135.00
2022 Zumbro Conf. Of	\$ 50.00
2022 BE Conf. Off.	\$ 50.00
2022 MN Conf. Off.	\$ 100.00
Thankoffering	\$ 815.00
Seminary Scholarship	\$ 100.00
Donation SEMN Syn.	\$ 325.00
Donation Churchwide	<u>\$ 125.00</u>

Income	\$ 1,840.16
Total Income	\$ 8,850.45

Other Income	
Voided Check #3216	<u>\$ 0.60</u>
4th Qtr. Income	\$ 8,851.05

Balance October 31, 2021	\$ 13,060.02
4th Qtr. Total Income	\$ 8,850.45
Other Income	<u>\$ 0.60</u>
Total Income	\$ 21,911.07
4th Qtr. Disbursements	<u>\$ (8,449.26)</u>
Balance January 31, 2022	<u>\$ 13,461.81</u>

Disbursements:

CWO - 75%	\$ 5,257.73
Mileage	\$ 198.65
Postage	\$ 4.02
Newsletter Expense	\$ 305.98
Office Supplies	\$ 20.53
Board Meeting	\$ 305.35
WELCA - Insurance	\$ 22.00
Designated Gifts:	
Seminary Scholarship	\$ 100.00
Thankofferings	\$ 815.00
Triennial Conv. Off.	\$ 45.00
Donation - Churchwide	\$ 125.00
Campus Min. - Mankato	\$ 250.00
Campus Min. Winona	\$ 250.00
World Hunger	\$ 250.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$ 250.00
Lutheran Disaster Relief	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
4th QTR. Disbursements.	\$ 8,449.26

Money Market Account

Balance October 31, 2021	\$ 2,342.91
4th Qtr. Interest	<u>\$ 0.03</u>
Total 4th Qtr. Income	\$ 2,343.94
4th Qtr. Disbursements	\$ 2,343.94
Balance January 31, 2022	<u>\$ 2,343.94</u>

Yearly Treasurer's Report

Women of the **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA** 

Annual Report February 1, 2021 - January 31, 2022

Checking Account Income:

Unit Offerings:		
Blue Earth River	\$	1,884.65
Cannon River	\$	1,083.48
Minnesota River	\$	1,404.11
Root River	\$	1,858.50
Zumbro River	\$	<u>6,138.88</u>
Total	\$	12,369.62

Income:		
Interest	\$	0.99
SWO Convention Fund	\$	325.00
Newsletter Subscriptions	\$	70.00
2022 Fall Conv. Off.	\$	385.00
Donation - SEMN Syn	\$	515.00
Donation - Churchwide	\$	175.00
Thankoffering	\$	815.00
2022 BE Conf. Off.	\$	50.00
2022 MN Conf. Off.	\$	600.00
2022 Zumbro Conf. Off.	\$	250.00
Seminary Scholarship	\$	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$	3,285.99

Total Income	\$	<u>15,655.61</u>
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Other Income		
Reimburse Debit Card	\$	40.00
Void Check # 3216	\$	<u>0.60</u>
Total	\$	40.60

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Balance February 1, 2021	\$	14,086.11
Total Income	\$	15,655.61
Other Income	\$	40.60
Total Income	\$	29,782.32
Total Disbursements	\$	<u>(16,320.51)</u>
Balance January 31, 2022	\$	<u>13,461.81</u>

Checking Account Disbursements:

75% to CWO (Feb-Jan)	\$	9,277.24
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SWO Board Expenses:		
Postage	\$	12.18
Mileage	\$	421.78
News Letter Expense	\$	1,650.55
WELCA Insurance	\$	22.60
Board Meetings	\$	305.35
Audit Treasury Books 2020	\$	75.00
US Bank - Checks	\$	34.00
Good Earth Womens Day	\$	375.00
Good Earth Board Mtg.	\$	512.26
Reimburse Registration	\$	35.00
Office Supplies	\$	214.55

Designated Gifts:		
Triennial Off. SEMN Syn	\$	1,000.00
Triennial Off.	\$	45.00
Seminary Scholarship	\$	100.00
Thankofferings	\$	815.00
Donation Churchwide	\$	175.00
Campus Min. Mankato	\$	250.00
Campus Min. Winona	\$	250.00
World Hunger	\$	250.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$	250.00
Lutheran Disaster Relief	\$	<u>250.00</u>

Total Disbursements	\$	<u>16,320.51</u>
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Money Market Account

Balance February 1, 2021	\$	2,342.85
Income - Interest	\$	<u>0.12</u>
Total Income	\$	2,342.97
Total Disbursement	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Balance January 31, 2022	\$	<u>2,342.97</u>



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Treasury Note

By Diane Linbo

The Holiday Season is behind us, and it is time to start a New Year!!

Hopefully everyone is doing well, and staying well!!

SEMNM Synodical Women's Organization is ready to get started!!

We would like to thank you for sending in your Unit offerings and Designated Offerings. I will continue to send you Form A and Form B with your thank you letters. Please read the instructions on top of the form. The Unit offerings are sent to me – Diane Linbo (synodical treasurer); 75% of our unit offerings are sent to church wide, and 25% is kept in the treasury. This is how our SEMNM Synodical Women's Organization support our ministries. If you are not sure where to send your designated offerings, please send them to me, and I will forward them for you. Any questions, please feel free to call.

The Synodical Women's Board has been calling and updating the contact person for each unit for each conference. If you are getting mailings from us, and you are not the contact person, please send me an email or call me with the correct name, address, telephone number, and email if available. (See Below)

The Unit Officer Update Form is available in the River Channels. If you would rather fill this out, and send it to me, that is fine too. (See Page 16)

We have had very good response with this form. Thank you.

The Synod board decided to send some monies to some of the organizations that we have supported. You can see by the treasury report that we sent to Mankato Campus Ministry, Winona Campus Ministry, World Hunger, Lutheran World Relief, and Lutheran Disaster Relief.

Enclosed in this River Channels:

- Quarterly Report for November, 2021, December, 2021, & January, 2022.
- Annual Report for February 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Looking Ahead: Spring Conferences coming up in April, 2022

SEMNM Synodical Women's Organization Fall Convention September 17, 2022 Bethel Lutheran, Rochester, MN

Hope to see you there!!

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www.augsburgfortress.org

Women of the ELCA

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/>

ELCA Churchwide Offices

www.elca.org

Good Earth Village

www.goodearthvillage.org

Lutheran World Relief

ww.lwr.org

Southeastern Minnesota

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