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NEWSLETTER OF SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNODICAL
WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
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Greetings Sisters in Christ,

We truly had a "Bold in Mission" convention, May 8 & 9 of this year. I want to extend a sincere thank you to Teresa O'Malley our convention chair, the committee, delegates, and everyone that was involved. .

The Synodical Women's Organization welcomes our newly elected and re-elected officers and board members: President, Marilyn Foringer; Treasurer (effective Feb. 1, 2010) Anna Sarver; Board Members: Jeanne Christensen, Barb Frey, Janet Hawkins, Rosemarie Henrickson, Betty Itterly, and Judi Stoops. We passed our 2010 budget, and elected Girls Hope as our 2010 Designated Outreach Program.

May 29 & 30 the new board and the former board met for a reorganization meeting. I assure you that these women are amazing. God has given our board members a variety of gifts and they have eagerly embraced planning for the future of our Synodical Women's Organization. Under the spiritual direction of Alice Hilty, our chaplain and V.P., we will study "I am She: A resource for discovering your bold." I encourage your units to explore this new material. You can download a free copy from the web site, www.womenoftheelca.org.

In May many of us received a letter and flyer from our executive director, Linda Post Bushkofsky requesting our help with Katie's Fund. Please join us to support Katie's Fund which "supports Women of the ELCA ministries of global sharing, leadership development, and living theology. To date, interest earned by the fund has provided leadership opportunities for young women at triennial gatherings and global networking on behalf of the organization, and a Women of the ELCA presence at ELCA National Youth Gatherings. Your gifts will help now and reach into the future."

I hope you had a chance to check out the W/ELCA display tables at Synod Assembly June 18 - 20 at Thiel College. Alice Hilty, V.P. and Nancy Adams,

secretary put together two different tables. One was at the Mission Festival Friday evening and the other was in the Howard Miller Center.

Our summer newsletter contains the annual fall retreat registration information. I anticipate another "Great" retreat with Northwestern PA Synod. The two retreat committees have worked diligently to offer a spiritual, fun-filled 'Journey to the Well' weekend. You don't want to miss this grand event. This is your time to be refreshed in the spirit, relaxed in body, and enjoy the fellowship of women. Bring a friend and experience the joy as Women of the ELCA come together at Camp Lutherlyn. Registration materials are also available on the synod web site: southwesternpasynod.org.

Thank you again for your support and re-election. With God's help I shall serve you and Women of the ELCA.

Blessings and peace to you. Your Sister in Christ,
Marilyn Foringer

RETREAT GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE

There are six (one for each cluster) fifty dollar grants available for this years retreat. The grant will go toward the recipient's retreat registration costs.

The form for the grant request is in this newsletter.

Please take advantage of this financial help if you are feeling the need.

First time campers will be given first preference otherwise selection by the Growth committee will be based on your written response and your participation in church activities.

It is not hard to fill out the form and we are anxious to help so please don't be shy. Recipient's names are not published

Fall Retreat – September 18 - 20, 2009

General Agenda – subject to change!**Friday:**

- 5:00-8:00 – Registration Stewart Hall
 7:45 – Singing in Rice Hall
 8:00 – Opening Session Rice Hall, greetings and announcements
 8:30-9:30 - Introduce our Bible Study: Journey to the Well, led by Pastor Karen Parsh. Offering gathered.
 9:45 - Friday Night Wine and Cheese Party at Rice Hall. Each church group is asked to bring enough wine for their group. Please put your name on the wine bottle so it can be given back if not used. Cheese, crackers, napkins and plastic glasses will be furnished. It is suggested that each person contribute a free will offering toward the cost of the cheese. We will have a soft beverage for those who do not care for wine.

Saturday:

- 7:00-8:00 – Early bird morning walk/devotions at Chapel Rock
 8:00 – Registration
 8:15 – Breakfast
 9:00 – Singing Rice Hall
 9:15 – Opening Ceremony Rice Hall
 9:30 – 11:00 – Journey to the Well – Pastor Parsh
 11:10 – 12:15 -Fun Shops
 12:30 – LUNCH
 1:15 – Synod meetings for both NW and SW will be held in separate areas of the dining hall.
 2:10 – 3:15 - Pastors Sandra Jones, Julia Fraser, Barb Love will join lay leaders, Gwen Steiner, Diane Petrak and Alice Hilty in small focus groups to discuss individual chapters of the book, Journey to the Well by Bishop Vashti Mackenzie. Participants will be assigned to a focus group at registration. It will be most helpful, but NOT necessary, to get a copy of the book to read ahead of time.
 3:30 – 5:00 Healing Service
 5:30 – 7:30 Dinner Theatre in the Dining Hall.
 8:30 – Campfire with Those Girls
Sunday:
 8:15 Breakfast
 8:45 -9:15 – Singing/Announcements
 9:15 Conversation with Bishops Kusserow and Jones in Rice Hall
 10:30 – Worship
 12:15 – Lunch

COMMUNICATIONS

Attention young women of the ELCA! Did you know there is a web site just for you? It's called, "CAFÉ" and can be found at www.boldcafe.org. It's a great site and resources for young women who want to stir the spirit within.

As a newly elected member of the SWO Board I, Judi Stoops, would like to challenge all our clusters in the Southwestern Synod to talk with the young women in your churches. Invite them to explore the "Café" site and to come to a cluster meeting. Maybe the young women in your church are interested in joining you in fellowship and Bible study but don't feel they would be welcome. We need to reach out to them as they are the future leaders of our women's organization. The sooner they join us and see the fun they will have while they grow in the love of our Lord, the sooner we will all benefit.

For a long time I heard about the women's group in my church and was interested in joining but was never asked, so I just sat back and waited. Then one day I just asked if I could come to a meeting and was surprised at the warm welcome I received. I wasted years by not approaching a member of a Circle in our church. Maybe there are young women in your church in the same position. We are often a little insecure or shy about approaching an established organization in the church for fear we won't fit in, or won't be welcome. I know this was not true in my church or in yours.

So don't wait for the young women of the church to approach you...take the initiative and ask them to join you, even on a trial basis. Once they do, they will be hooked. Fun, friendship and Bible study are a hard trio to pass up!

The Communications Committee
 Nancy Adams
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 Judi Stoops
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Report from: Emily Hansen, Director for Stewardship, W/ELCA Chicago

For the 2009-2010 academic year, we are pleased to announce that 25 highly qualified women received a Women of the ELCA scholarship. Over \$22,000 total dollars were awarded and every region has at least two scholarship recipients.

Region 8F – Theresa Ann Langdon,
Mifflinburg, PA

Region 8D – Lori Anne McBride,
Camp Hill, PA

For the 2009 granting year, we are pleased to announce that 39 non-profit organizations were awarded grants totaling \$75,000 in funds. Every region has at least two domestic grant recipients and eight different countries were awarded international grants.

Region 8D – Bridge of Hope Lancaster &
Chester Counties

Region 8G – Northern Virginia Coalition of
Churches, Fairfax, VA

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

The Community Committee is encouraging women to promote women's health. Raising up healthy women and girls, is the health initiative which engages all women and girls of the ELCA in making and fostering spiritually, physically and emotionally healthy choices.

Can you imagine women in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, along with women across the United States and around the globe, building a strong and peaceful world? How much easier would it be to reach that goal if it were addressed by stronger, healthier, bolder women? Healthy women can produce healthy families, churches, and communities, and ultimately develop leaders who can build healthier, and more just, and more holistic societies.

Women of the ELCA is prepared to lead boldly—first the church and then beyond—in promoting women's complete and total health; physically, spiritually and emotionally. We envision mobilizing all the women of our church to participate in a single effort to improve their own health and the health of others, ultimately making a visible, measurable impact on the collective health of women everywhere.

Yours sisters in Christ
Jeanne Christensen
Janet Hawkins

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The 3 T'S - Time, Talent, Treasures
Do you know your church's number?
i.e. Church # _____

The answer is in your Informational Directory following parish name or in the Synod Assembly Proceedings on the blue pages. It is imperative to use these.

Region: 8B. Cluster Number ____ is also in your Informational Directory.

Please include this information on all checks, correspondence, forms, and envelopes for offerings at convention and retreat.

Do you know our Acronyms?

SWO (Synodical Women's Organization)

CU (Congregational Unity)

CWO (Church Wide Organization)

CPC (Cluster Planning Committee)

LWT (Lutheran Woman Today)

Do you know your SWO's distribution of funds?

Convention Offerings—50% goes to CWO

Cluster Offerings—50% goes to CWO

Congregational Unit—75% goes to CWO

Form A (Blue) Use for CU and Outreach (Love) offerings for elected agency to SWO treasurer.

Form B (Green) Use for CWO for Thank Offering, Katie's Fund, and CWO Designated Gifts.

Forms may be downloaded from www.womenoftheelca.org.

Anna Sarver is our new SWPA SWO Treasurer beginning February 1, 2010. Her address appears in the Informational Directory.

Many thanks for your offerings in support of "bold" women of SWPA.

Mary Durmis

Synodical Women's Organization May 8 & 9, 2009 Convention Offerings

Total regular offerings: \$1,144.00

1/2 went to our SWO and 1/2 to churchwide

Love offering (Lydia's Place in Pittsburgh) was \$1,551.00.



News from Lutheran World Relief – Fall 2009

LWR partners with Church World Service to collect quilts, kits and layettes in Western Pennsylvania. Two local collection sites are scheduled in western Pennsylvania this fall as a cooperative effort between Lutheran World Relief and Church World Service to gather material resource donations for the agencies' distributions around the world.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

215 N. Main Street
Zelienople, PA 16063
Church Phone: 724-452-8832
Contact: Ruth Voegtly 724-452-7649
**Dates: September 21 and 28
October 5**
9:00 AM to noon and 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Zion Lutheran Church

Church & Sixth Streets
Indiana, PA 15701
Church Phone: 724-465-5597
Contact: Peggy Mosco
between September 21 and October 5
9:00 AM to noon and 1:00 to 3:00 PM
September 28 - 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Lutheran World Relief will be collecting quilts, layettes, soap, and sewing, school and health kits. Specific assembly guidelines for the projects are available online at www.lwr.org/parish or by requesting a free "Be Involved" project handbook from the LWR Resource Center at 1-800-LWR-LWR-2.

BEFORE TAKING ITEMS TO THE CHURCH – pack items in sturdy cardboard boxes with lids and secure each box with packing tape. Print on outside of each box, church/group and address, the number and type of kit, and marked "LWR" in large, bold letters. Weigh each box (no more than 40 pounds each) and mark the weight on the top of the box. Congregations, groups, and individuals are invited to participate in the local collection.

To assist with the costs of the local collection, as well as processing and shipping the quilts and kits internationally, Lutheran World Relief requests that

congregations also support the LWR Project Comfort Fund. This will ensure that LWR has funds to also operate programs that help people grow food, improve health, and build livelihoods.

Project Comfort Fund donations may be mailed to: Lutheran World Relief Project Comfort Fund PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21298-9832 (Please indicate "Project Comfort Fund" in the check memo line.)

Suggested donations are: \$2.25 per quilt, \$1.30 per layette, \$1.40 per school kit, \$1.00 per sewing kit, and \$2.65 per health kit (includes the cost of the toothpaste to go with the health kit).

2009 SPRING CLUSTER EVENTS

Cluster 1 & Part of Cluster 6

Date: April 18, 2009
Theme: Pray Boldly
Location: Hope Lutheran, Brighton Twp. Beaver

Cluster 2

Date: April 18, 2009
Theme: Our Cup Overflows With Blessings
Location: Trinity, Gibsonia

Cluster 3

Date: April 25, 2009
Theme: Walking Wet
Location: St. Michael's CCCLM, Ford City

Cluster 4

Date: April 18, 2009
Theme: Praise Ye The Lord
Location: Zion Lutheran, Greensburg

Cluster 5 & Part of Cluster 6

Date: April 25, 2009
Theme: Renewing Our Spirit
Location: Zion Lutheran, Brentwood

A NOTE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Well done, Women of the ELCA!

The 2009 Spring Cluster Events were held in April with a wonderful variety of themes and inspiration. We had a total of 54 churches represented at the Spring Clusters with 196 women participating. The Love Offering for our 2009 Designated Outreach, "Lydia's Place" totaled \$808.00

The workshops at the Spring Cluster Events included learning more about Fair Trade items, hearing stories of the women who make the items, seeing the items, and buying items to promote Fair Trade. There were speakers providing resource information from the Area Agency on Aging, and/or Lydia's Place. Other workshops included hymn singing, a prayer garden, praise with poetry, making prayer beads, and viewing the W/ELCA video, "Created in the Image of God".

Thank you Cluster Planners, for your diligent work to present interesting and informative programs for our women, as well as providing a time for fellowship renewing acquaintances, and sharing our stories. Already the plans are being made for the Fall Cluster Events, so look for your invitation letter in early fall for the events in October. Consider inviting a young woman to attend with you.

The synodical women's organization will provide a training day on August 8, 2009, from 9:00am until 2:00 pm at Luther House for the CPC's. This will be a time for learning and leadership development with the SWO and the CPC's.

Enjoy the summer months, think about the beauty that surrounds us, pray for each other, and open our hearts to be sensitive to the needs of others.

Your Sister in Christ
Alice Hilty

WEEKEND RETREAT

In this issue is the 2009 Retreat information, agenda, and registration forms. Our Retreat will be held, together with our sisters from Northwest Synod, on September 18, 19, 20 at Lutherlyn. The bible verse for the weekend is John 4:13-14. Our theme is "**Journey to the Well**" based on the book of the same name by Bishop Vashti M. McKenzie. If you care to read it prior to camp it can be purchased online or at your local bookstore. The Bible Study and focus groups revolve around this. We have a wonderful, fun-filled and inspiring weekend planned for you!!

There will be a wine/cheese reception; healing service; dinner theater; campfire with "Those Girls"; Fair Trade items for sale and much more.

Read all the information carefully describing ingathering items, fun shops, what to bring, the agenda, and shirt order forms. Remember to have both your registration and shirt order forms [each to a separate address] by **August 15th**. Hope to see you there!!!!

UPDATE ON "LYDIA'S PLACE"

As you will see by reading the Retreat information we are gathering these items:

- * Large padded envelopes
- * Blank cassette tapes
- * Composition notebooks—no spirals
- * Simple pocket folders
- * Trial size toiletries

The staff was pleased with our ingathering so far and they reached their goal of 300 pairs of socks, 300 bars of soap, and pens and pencils for their project!

As a separate project—for the months of June and July—the staff is asking for new or gently used bridal, mother-of-the bride and flower girl gowns and the dress shoes to match. If you have any of these items please call the office at 1-412-391-1013 and ask for Gina at extension #6. they will make arrangement to pick them up. These will be used for a fundraiser for programs for "Lydia's Place".

2009 CONVENTION REPORT

On May 8 & 9th, 2009, the Women of the SWPA SWO 22nd Convention was held. The theme was "Bold In Mission". The Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg hosted us and provided a beautiful platform for the Convention.

Our theme song was "We are One in Mission".

Our Convention Committee did a great job and worked very hard to make every aspect of the convention run smoothly and enjoyable and I thank them. Many thanks to our Registrar, Janet Hawkins. Thanks also to our Bible Study Leader, Pastor Joyce Dix-Weiers, our Music Leader, Pastor Kim Rapczak, who also led the Madagascar Workshop, and thanks to Betty Itterly and Pastor Joyce Weiers for introducing us to ELCMA with their ELCMA Workshop. Gwen Steiner shared her Global Mission Ministry and all of us enjoyed perusing the Fair Trade items and purchasing them too! Thank you Gwen.

We enjoyed hearing about Global Mission, Madagascar and ELCMA but also learned that mission is about living out our faith in the decisions we make, the way we spend our money and those whom we choose to reach out to.

Our Churchwide Representative was Marge Dykstra from Iowa. She brought greetings from W/ELCA President, Beth Wrenn, and led a workshop on how to write a resolution on Friday afternoon. This helped all those who participated to better understand how to compose a resolution.

During the two-day Business Sessions we elected Marilyn Foringer as our President, Anna Sarver as our Treasurer, and Board Members, Judi Stoops, Barb Frey, Rosie Hendrickson and Betty Itterly. We thanked the outgoing Board Members, Teresa O'Malley, Wilma Johnson and Wendy Walker. We will miss them.

Our Friday Evening Business Session ended with a Powerpoint Presentation about the Bishop's Conference to the Holy Land led by Bishop Kurt Kusserow and then to the Chapel for Evening Prayer. We really enjoyed the time shared with Bishop Kusserow and his wife, Pam.

We dedicated many items brought in for our Designated Outreach "Lydia's Place" and heard from their representative and presented a check for \$1,000.00 to Lydia's Place". We heard presentations from the nominees for 2010 and chose "Girl's Hope" for our Designated Outreach in 2010.

The Convention Committee thanks everyone who participated in any way and asks that you continue to "BE BOLD IN MISSION", teach one, reach one.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19.

Your Sister In Christ,
Teresa O'Malley
2009 Convention Chairperson

CHECK LIST OF THINGS TO BRING WITH YOU TO CAMP

- ⇒ Bible, notebook, pen
- ⇒ Bedding/sleeping bag, pillow
- ⇒ Towels/washcloth
- ⇒ Drinking cup
- ⇒ Flashlight
- ⇒ Sit-upon
- ⇒ Cabin snacks (for sharing)
- ⇒ Rain Gear (in case)
- ⇒ Toiletries
- ⇒ Paper towels & soap for use in cabin

DEADLINES TO MEET

- August 15, 2009—Registration Forms due
- August 15, 2009—Shirt Order Form due
- August 31, 2009—Grant Applications due

SPECIAL THANK YOU

I wish to thank all of you who responded by my request for help in providing correct addresses for Contact Persons and Subscribers to "Friends, Inc."

We still have some incorrect addresses. Any help you can give me is greatly appreciated.

- ⇒ Vivian McCrackin—RR1 Scenery Hill
(Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Contact)
- ⇒ St. John Lutheran Church—641 Vermont Avenue
Glassport (Contact)

Virginia Strobeck

Journey to the Well

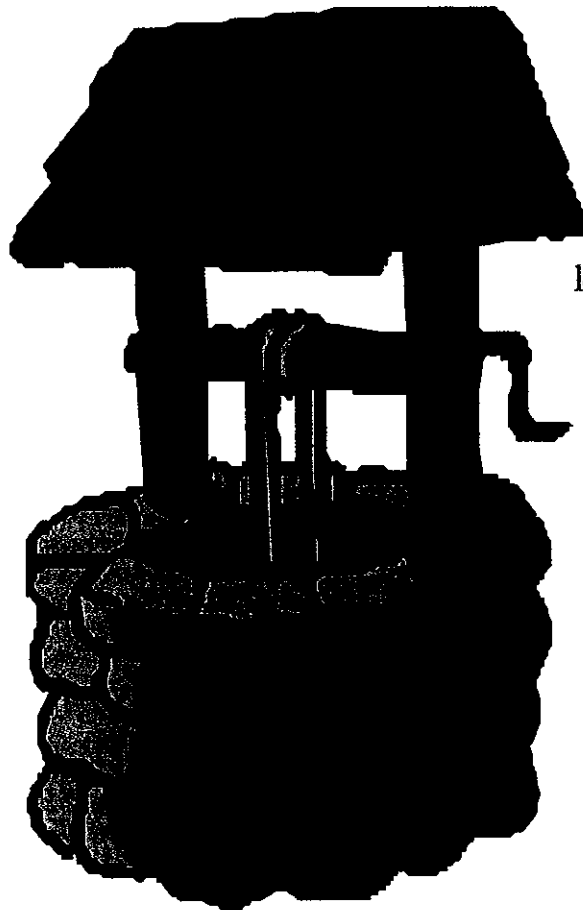
by Bishop Vashti McKenzie

Join Northwest and Southwest WELCA for a weekend of
Bible study, friendship, and prayer.

Camp Lutherlyn

September 18, 19, & 20 2009

*A Woman
Open to God*



Southwest Contact:

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724.287.4890

lcunningham@zoominternet.net

SINGING.

DANCING.

KNITTING

Drumming,

Praising,

Learning

Northwest Contact:

Pat Stickner

814.756.5754

sticktoit@windstream.net

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Value and
Worth*

Registration forms and fact sheets can be downloaded from:

nwpaelca.org or southwesternpasynod.org

REFRESH YOUR FAITH- JOURNEY TO THE WELL

SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 20, 2009

WEEKEND RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION CAMP LUTHERLYN - PROSPECT, PA.

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Home Congregation _____ Location _____

Northwest ___ or Southwest ___ Are you a first time participant? Yes ___ No ___

EMERGENCY CONTACT: Name and Phone Number _____

_____ **SPECIAL NEEDS:** Please be aware that there are only a few of the special needs cabins and there will still be some walking involved. (Specify need) _____

BUNK PREFERENCE (Check one): *Bottom* _____ *Top* _____ (Bottom bunks will be noted.)

REMEMBER THAT ONLY SO MANY CAN BE ON THE LOWER BUNK. IF YOU ABSOLUTELY REQUIRE A LOWER BUNK, YOU MAY HAVE TO MOVE TO A CABIN SEPARATE FROM YOUR GROUP SO THAT EVERYONE WILL BE COMFORTABLE. THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP AND UNDERSTANDING.

I would like to room with _____

Church they are from _____

_____ **Full Time Registration** (Fri, Sat, & Sun) \$99.00
Includes: Registration of \$15.00, Lodging and all Meals

_____ **2 Day Registration** (day programs only) \$67.00
Includes: Registration of \$15.00, 5 Meals and day fees

_____ **1 Day Registration** (Saturday only) \$46.00
Includes: Registration of \$15.00, Meals and day fee

Pricing shown above includes all available discounts.

Registration must be received by August 15th, 2009

Late fee of \$10.00 for any registration received after this time.

No registrations will be accepted after *September 5th, 2009*

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

REMITTANCES: Full registration fee must accompany registration and none will be accepted without a check for the total amount. Any amount of overnight lodging is charged the Full Time Registration fee by Lutherlyn.

FUNSHOPS (Saturday 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM) – Choose one

- _____ Drumming – Make a joyful noise to the Lord with drums, bongos, sticks, washboards, etc
- _____ Exercise for Health – be sure to bring comfy clothes and sneakers
- _____ Stitch in Time – bring Knifty Knitters 5 ½ inch blue loom and baby yarn, we have patterns.
- _____ FaithBooking – chronicle your faith, bring adhesive/glue and \$5.00 for supplies.
- _____ Scoot Your Boots – line dancing at its finest
- _____ Sing to the Lord a New Song – and be prepared to share it on Sunday morning
- _____ A Closer Walk With Thee – nature walk around Camp Lutherlyn

Mail completed registration form, Funshop choice, and check or money order made payable to “SW PA WOMEN OF THE ELCA” to the Registrar. (Please submit one form per attendee)

Linda L. Bodnar
835 Maple Street
West Mifflin, PA 15122
412-462-5696

- REFUNDS:**
1. Refunds shall be made in full to all persons canceling reservations before the deadline.
 2. Refunds shall be made for all pre-payments except the Registration Fee to all persons canceling their reservation after the deadline, but before the final count is given to Lutherlyn (one week prior).
 3. **NO REFUNDS** shall be made to persons canceling their reservations after the final count is given to Lutherlyn. (Note: Exceptions may be made to this rule by written request to the SWO Administrative Board)



FEEL FREE TO DUPLICATE ANY FORM AND SHARE WITH YOUR SISTERS IN CHRIST!

SHIRT ORDER FORM

We will be offering Denim Shirts, T-shirts, long-sleeved T-shirt's and (heavy) sweat shirts. The logo for the Triennial theme of "Come To The Waters" will be on the shirts. Shirts will be available for the next three years.

T-SHIRTS (short & long sleeve) – Powder Blue color Tee – 100% cotton crew neck

<i>SHORT SLEEVE</i>	<i>LONG SLEEVE</i>
_____ Small thru XL - \$12.50	_____ Small thru XL - \$13.50
_____ 2XL & 3 XL - \$13.50	_____ 2XL - \$15.50

DENIM SHIRT – long sleeve, Powder blue with left side pocket (Denim shirts are unisex and could run large)

_____ M thru XL - (not available in SMALL) \$20.00
 _____ 2XL & 3XL - \$22.00

SWEAT SHIRT – heavier sweatshirt (80% cotton) Powder Blue

_____ S thru XL - \$17.50
 _____ 2XL - \$19.00

_____ # OF SHORT SLEEVE TEES	_____ SIZE	_____ AMOUNT
_____ # OF LONG SLEEVE TEES	_____ SIZE	_____ AMOUNT
_____ # OF DENIM SHIRTS	_____ SIZE	_____ AMOUNT
_____ # OF SWEAT SHIRTS	_____ SIZE	_____ AMOUNT

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mail completed shirt order form and check or money order made payable to "SW PA WOMEN OF THE ELCA" to: (Please submit one form per attendee)

DOROTHY PASSOTH
 161 NORTH PINE CIRCLE
 GIBSONIA, PA 15044

Deadline for shirt order is August 15th, 2009

FEEL FREE TO DUPLICATE THIS FORM AND SHARE WITH YOUR SISTERS IN CHRIST!

✠ *Keep this page for your records* ✠

Funshop chosen: _____ *Date Registration mailed:* _____

Check #: _____ *Amount:* _____ *Shirt(s) ordered:* _____

CHECK LIST OF THINGS TO BRING WITH YOU TO CAMP:

_____ BIBLE, NOTEBOOK, PEN	_____ BEDDING/SLEEPING BAG, PILLOW
_____ TOWEL/WASHCLOTH	_____ DRINKING CUP FOR CABIN USE
_____ WATER BOTTLE TO USE ALL WEEKEND	_____ PAPER TOWELS & SOAP FOR USE IN CABIN
_____ FLASHLIGHT	_____ SIT-UPON
_____ CABIN SNACKS (FOR SHARING)	_____ RAIN GEAR (JUST IN CASE)
_____ TOILETRIES	_____ OFFERINGS ARE COLLECTED EACH DAY

SouthWest Women will be donating items for Lydia's Place, a program to help incarcerated women build connections with their children. Items include: trial-sized toiletries, blank cassette tapes, large padded envelopes, composition notebooks (sewn, no spirals), simple 2 pocket folders (no metal).

NorthWest Women will be donating items for Bethesda Children's Home, a residential placement facility for PA teens, ages 12-17. Items include: body wash, scented body sprays, individual bars of soap and bath poufs for either boys or girls. These items will be collected for assembling birthday bags – special things a little more glamorous and befitting for a birthday.

Gwen Steiner of Global Missions will have a variety of Fair Trade items for sale – coffee and chocolate, just to name the most important two!

Our offerings collected throughout the weekend will be disbursed ½ to our church wide organization and ½ to the Lutheran World Relief Water Project. Differently colored envelopes will be utilized each day so that our two synods can account for the contributions.

REGISTRATION TIMES: Friday evening from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Stewart Center.
Saturday morning from 8-9:00 AM at Rice Hall

PLEASE MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION INFORMATION FORMS

AND FUNSHOP SELECTION by AUGUST 15TH TO:

LINDA L BODNAR

835 MAPLE STREET

WEST MIFFLIN, PA 15122

PHONE: 412-462-5696



SWPa Women of the ELCA RETREAT GRANT Application

***Grant Amount \$50.00**

Grant Application to be returned by August 31, 2009

TO: Barb Frey - Phone: 412-741-4527

105 Sewickley Heights Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143

Application being submitted by:

Name of Congregational Unit: _____ Cluster No. _____

Name of Congregational Unit Leader _____

Information of applicant:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Age Group: Under 25 25 to 40 41-60 61+

Check if First Time Participant at a SWPa Women of the ELCA Retreat

List activities you participate in within your Congregational/Intercongregational Unit:

Briefly describe why you would like to receive a Synodical Retreat Grant:

Guidelines for Synodical Retreat Grant

1. Our Goal is to issue a Grant in each Cluster (total of six [6])
2. The Monetary amount of each Grant is *\$50.00 toward the Retreat Registration Fee.
3. Qualifications will be based on:
 - a: Written response on the application
 - b: Consideration for first-time participants
 - c: Participation in your local congregational unit.
4. Final selection will be made by the Mission Growth Committee
5. Grant recipient names will not be published.

**PA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
2008-2009 OFFICERS AND BROAD MEMBERS**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2009**

June 18-20 - Synod Assembly
Thiel College
Aug. 8 - Cluster Planning
Committee Meeting
Luther House.
Sept. 11-13 - Overnight Board
Meeting, Luther House
Sept. 18-20 - Weekend Retreat
Camp Lutherlyn
Nov. 20-21 - Overnight Board
Meeting, Luther House

2010

Feb. 18-21 - W/ELCA President's
Conference, Chicago
Mar. 5-6 - Overnight Board
Meeting, Luther House
Mar. 13-14 - Snow Dates for above
Board Meeting
April - Treasurers' Training
(date to be announced)
May 7-8 - SWO 2010 Convention
Bishop Connare Center
June 4-5 - Re-Organization
Board Meeting
Overnight Luther House

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