



Swatch

 Newsletter of Southwestern Washington Synodical Women's Organization—Women of ELCA
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - September, 2012

To each and everyone of you,

My term as president of Southwestern Washington Synod of Women of the ELCA is almost over. I have still to lead and participate in our convention, October 12-13, 2012 in Olympia, WA, at The Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd. I'm looking forward to that. Not because we will be electing a new president and other officers and board members, but because it is going to be a great convention; great speaker in Carolyn Schoenborn; a wonderful pastor, Molly Knutson-Keller; a very knowledgeable churchwide representative, Kristine Brugamyer; and good food, good fellowship and on and on. I hope you are planning on coming. Send a delegate from your congregation. The registration is only \$50.00.

I just spent a hot, quiet, active week with my daughter and family in Eastern Oregon. Boy, was it hot. No phone, e-mails, letters, responsibilities... just relaxing. I needed it and I feel better. I have some color on my face and a spring in my step, ready for God to continue to lead me where He wants me to be. I had a milestone birthday this summer, the 75th, and I really am aware of how much I need the guidance of my God in entering into the next phase of my life. I'm looking forward to big things yet in my life and one of them is the Region 1 Gathering at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA on June 21-23, 2013. I am on the planning committee and I'm excited about that. One of the speakers will be the author Jane Kirkpatrick. She'll bring some of her many books for purchase and an inspiring message. Make your own hotel reservations at \$99.00 a night for 2 persons in a room. Region 1 includes all of Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Montana, and northern Idaho. We are the host SWO for this event. You will be hearing more about it soon. Mark your calendars and "Gather Together" at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA.


In the new Bible Study for 2012-2013, "Gathered by God" we will study many ways God gathers things and people in the Bible; Israelites gather manna, shepherds gather sheep, Kings gather their people, exiles are gathered from afar when God brings them back to the land, assemblies gather for worship, crowds gather around Jesus, disciples gather for prayer and whole cities gather to hear prophets, priests and preachers tell of God's work in the world.

Please pray for Karen Voris, the Alaska SWO president. Two of her sisters drowned in a canoe accident in August.

God bless you all, B Nancy Lynch

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.



Mission Statement of Women of the ELCA

TO MOBILIZE WOMEN TO ACT BOLDLY ON THEIR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST!

Purpose Statement of the **Southwestern Washington Synodical Women's Organization**

The purpose of this synodical women's organization shall be to assist congregational and inter-congregational units within its territory to fulfill the purpose of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Message from Kathy Ifft, Treasurer

Offerings sent to Synod Treasurer using Form A:
Congregational units collect regular offerings during activities and are encouraged to use a goal of sending 50% or more to the synodical treasurer. The SWO treasurer then sends half of all offerings received to the churchwide women's organization.

The convention is coming soon. Identification of active units is from the constitution: It requires the unit to support financially the total program of Women of the ELCA. Support for the "total program" from the unit includes regular offerings and convention offerings to the SWO, and thankofferings, designated gifts, and special offerings to the churchwide organization.

The majority of our units are sending in offerings and supporting both the churchwide Women of the ELCA and the synodical women's organization as well. These monies are the lifeblood of our activities. Each year, we've had the author of the "Gather" magazine Bible study come to share thoughts, answer questions, and give us deeper insight into the monthly Bible study.

We look forward to seeing you at the next "supported" activity. Thank you!

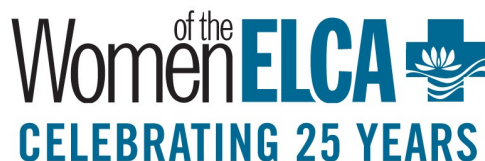
Triennial 2014

Experience enriching workshops, stirring worship, engaging Bible studies and much more. Enjoy a variety of optional tours to learn about Charlotte and the surrounding area. So it is time to start planning for the 9th Triennial Gathering of Women of the ELCA which will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, July 24-27-, 2014. Early discounted registration will begin in September through December of 2013.

I just returned from a three day training session in Chicago with 65 other ladies where we were given tools to start promoting and saving money for this event. Some tips that the ladies shared during our training: Instead of purchasing that cup of coffee in the morning, make your own coffee and put the money you saved in a jar. Or save any and all \$5.00 bills you get in change when you go shopping.

More later from your sister in Christ,
Shirley A Hines, SW WA Synod Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering Promoter

25th Anniversary of Women of the ELCA



At the October convention, we will celebrate 25 years of SWO presidents. Join us as we give tribute to them:

Anita Christian	1987-1991
Georganne Robertson	1991-1993
Elaine Rodning	1993-1997
Kathryn Jacobson	1997-2000
Sue Ferber-Goodspeed	2000-2003
Kay Ronde	2003-2006
Nancy Jo Armstrong	2006-2009
B Nancy Lynch	2009-2012

Mt Rainier Cluster Women

Approximately 40 women celebrated 25 years of Women of the ELCA on July 25, 2012 at Mt View Lutheran Church with a birthday cake and ice cream and the singing of Happy Birthday!

The *Swatch* newsletter

The *Swatch* provides news and information about Women of the ELCA to Congregational Units (CU) of the Southwestern Washington Synod of the ELCA. The *Swatch* is published six times a year including January, March, May, July, September, and November. Copies are distributed as a courtesy to the contact person of each CU and to each SW WA congregation. To subscribe, send \$5 check to the newsletter editor with the check made to **SW WA SWO**

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Southwestern Washington Synod
CONVENTION
Women of the ELCA



**Sunday People in
a Monday World**

October 12 and 13, 2012

The Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd
1601 North Street, Olympia WA 98501

Colossians 3:23

"Whatever your task, do it well."

Kristine Brugamy,
CWO Rep, Women of the ELCA

Rev. Molly Knutson-Keller
Convention Pastor

Keynote Speaker

Carolyn Schoenborn,
Executive Director of
Life Journey Ministries

Tentative Convention Agenda

October 12, 2012

- 3:30-4:30 pm Pre-convention leadership training "Nuts and Bolts of Constitutions"
Trainer: Kris Brugamyer, CWO representative, Dickenson, ND
- 3:30-4:30 pm Pre-convention workshop "20 books in 20 Minutes" Carolyn Peterson, State Library
- 5:00-6:30 pm Soup supper in Crary Hall and Registration in the narthex
- 6:30 pm Formal opening of the convention
Greetings from Bishop Hofstad
Carolyn Schoenborn, Keynote speaker
- 8:00 pm Worship—Rev. Molly Knutson-Keller
- 8:30 pm Donuts and cider at cluster meetings in Gathering Space
Silent auction. Visit the displays and vendors.

October 13, 2012

- 7:00-8:30 am Continental breakfast in Crary Hall
- 8:00-9:00 am Registration check in
- 9:00 am Call to order
CWO report – Kris Brugamyer
Bible Study – Rev. Molly Knutson-Keller
- 10:00-10:30 am Recess
- 10:30 am Keynote speaker, Carolyn Schoenborn
Offering
- 12:00 noon Lunch in Crary Hall
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm Free time to see displays, silent auction, vendors
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| 2:00 – 3:00 pm | Workshop #1 | Workshop #2 | Workshop #3 |
| 3:00 – 4:00 pm | Workshop #4 | Workshop #5 | Workshop #6 |
- 4:00 pm Final business in sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Banquet in Gathering Space, Honoring past SW WA SWO Presidents
- 6:30 pm Closing worship and installation of new board in sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Adjourn convention



Racial Justice Advocacy Team—will lead a workshop on Saturday afternoon.

Brand new Women of the ELCA website unveiled

by Terri Lackey, managing editor of Gather magazine

We hope by now you've noticed our new website. We think it's appealing and easier to navigate than our previous site. And we expect it will attract visitors who are just discovering Women of the ELCA. We heard your requests for better organization and easier-to-find features, and we believe we delivered a top-notch product. Before reading any further, here's an assignment. Go to womenoftheelca.org and find:

A free resource that you can download and use over several sessions

A resource translated into Spanish

The name and email address of our director for discipleship

You see how easy that was? And if you can't find what you're looking for, we've added both a search feature and a contact us form that will zip an email to us that we can answer within 24 hours during the work week.

Staff is working every day to update the website. It's challenging to migrate information from one site to another; and, truth be told, we're not sure it all should be moved over. The purpose of a website is to give you information quickly and easily, not to re-create the 25-year-old archives of Women of the ELCA. Still, we want to give you the information you need, so if you see something missing that you think could be helpful to site visitors, use the contact form to let us know.

In fact, use the contact form to send us your thoughts on the new site. Don't forget to check out boldcafe.org's redesigned site.

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**SW WA Synod
Women of the
ELCA
Convention**

October 12-13, 2012
at

The Lutheran Church
of The Good Shepherd
1601 North St SE,
Olympia, WA 98501



Host hotel is Guesthouse Inn and Suites
Tumwater, Washington

You may call 360-943-5040 for reservations
and tell them you are with the
Lutheran Women's Convention
for the reduced rate of \$75.00 +tax

**Convention Keynote speaker is
Carolyn Schoenborn, Executive
Director of Life Journey
Ministries**

Carolyn says her mission is to help women
connect their daily lives with their faith.

Kris Brugamyer is the representative from
the President of Women of the ELCA.
She will share a churchwide report as well
as lead a pre-convention training for units
on how to update their constitutions and
how to make sure their unit is considered
an active unit of Women of the ELCA.

Pastor Molly Knutson-Keller from Gloria Dei
Lutheran Church in Olympia, WA
is the convention pastor.

She will lead a bible study and
preside at two worship services.

Besides the silent auction, there will be
several displays, vendors, and a variety of
Saturday afternoon workshops.

Good food and fellowship will round out the
Southwestern Washington Convention of
Women of the ELCA

SW WA Synod Convention of Women


The business of the convention includes election
of 7 board members and 4 officers, approval of
budgets and goals, and oral and written reports.

Bishop Robert Hofstad will bring greetings.

Kristine Brugamyer from
Dickenson, ND, was
elected at the 8th Triennial
Convention of Women of
the ELCA as one of the
executive board members
of Women of the ELCA.



Carolyn Schoenborn,
Executive Director of Life
Journey Ministries, keynote
speaker for the convention.

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Women ELCA 
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

The 25th anniversary offering appeal of Women
of the ELCA will be shared 50% with the ELCA
Malaria Appeal. Please take every chance you
can to support the Women of the ELCA and
when you do by way of the 25th anniversary
offering, you will also help to eradicate malaria.

At the convention, the proceeds from the silent
auction are designated for the 25th anniversary
offering appeal. Some of the items are quilts,
native wall hanging from Peru, embroidered tea
towels, homemade jelly, handcarved serving
bowl, crosses, set of Christmas dishes, crocheted
baby blanket, smocked baby dress, apple scene
kitchen basket, crystal glassware, knit afghan,
Max Lucado book, devotional books and much,
much more. Come and see!!

Lutheran World Relief Shipment Report

Additional reports of the spring shipment:

Bremerton, Our Saviour's: 35 quilts, 114 school kits, 19 personal care kits.

Brush Prairie, Bethel: 96 quilts.

Enumclaw, Trinity: 92 quilts, 40 baby care kits, 50 personal care kits.

Olympia, The Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd: 187 quilts, 20 personal care kits.

Port Angeles, Holy Trinity: 41 school kits, 113 quilts, 2 blankets, 5 personal care kits, 17 fabric kits, 14 baby care kits.

Tacoma, Hope: 85 quilts, 4# soap.

Convention In-Kind Offering

By Linnea Glover, Convention Chairman

Women of the ELCA in Southwestern Washington Synod have always been faithful to bring In-Kind offerings to the convention.

Our In-Kind offering for the SW WA SWO 2012 Convention consists of items that are needed by the clients of the **Olympia YWCA Other Bank**. These are items that cannot be purchased with food stamps and are basic necessities for personal hygiene. Val Gerst, a member of The Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd and the chairman of the YWCA Other Bank board, recently offered a list of items that are especially needed. Included are: dish soap, laundry detergent, facial tissue, hair conditioner, shampoo, regular tampons and pads, sizes 4/5 or 6 disposable baby diapers, any hotel-sized toiletries, and plastic grocery bags. When you arrive at the church on Friday, October 12th, baskets will be in the narthex marked for the In-Kind offering items. The YWCA Other Bank will see that the items are picked up. Thank you all so much for generously supporting those in need in the Olympia community.

Convention Financial Offerings

Faithful women are extravagant givers!! Of the offering received at the convention, half will go to churchwide women of the ELCA and the other half to our local prison congregation, Living Stones Prison Congregation, Shelton, Washington.

"Gathered Together"

Region I Gathering

Jane Kirkpatrick—Keynote Speaker!!

The Region I Gathering will be June 21-23, 2013 at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA. Early registration cost will be announced in the November SWATCH newsletter. A perk for early registration is: the first 50 to register will receive one of Jane's books free!! You will be able to choose the book at the "Gathering" registration area. Award winning author Jane Kirkpatrick, keynote speaker, will share stories. We'll have Bible Studies, displays, and of course, entertainment for you! More information will be in the November newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact co-chairmen SW WA SWO President Nancy Lynch at 360-740-9543 or Oregon SWO President Sonja Hoffman, email: queensonja@comcast.net

Women of the ELCA Convention, October 12-13, 2012

Exciting things are being planned for you. Please register for the convention using the form on page 7 in this newsletter. You will hear a report from the executive board president by her representative. Besides the keynote speaker, Bible study and worship, the business of the SW WA Synodical Women's Organization will take place. Interesting workshops have been planned for you: craft classes, a trip around the world, extending welcome to all, racial justice and much more.

At least one person from each unit is encouraged to attend the pre-convention leadership training to help your unit be more informed. Another workshop is an overview of 20 books. If you love to read, this is a good one for you!!

Since this is the 25th anniversary celebration, we will be honoring our past presidents. Did you see their names on page two of the SWATCH?

You'll be delighted to see the 25th anniversary banner being prepared! Bring along lots of money to spend because we will have vendors and a spectacular silent auction so you can purchase some Christmas gifts!!

Convention of Women of the ELCA in SW WA Synod

Registration form

October 12, 2012 to October 13, 2012

The Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd,
1601 North Street SE, Olympia, WA, 98501

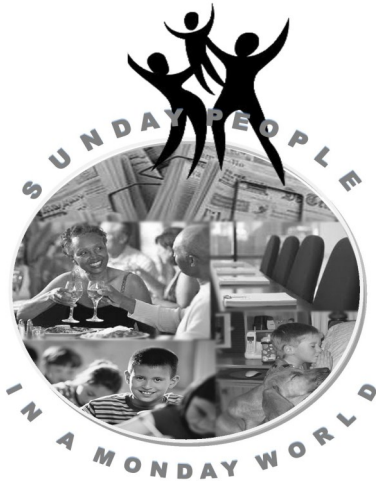
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Rev Molly Knutson-Keller, Gloria Dei, Olympia, WA, convention pastor



One registration per form. Please make copies

Name _____

Address _____

City, State and zip code _____

Your church with city _____

Your Phone number _____

E mail address _____

Will you attend the pre-convention leadership training at 3:30 pm? Yes

Are you a delegate from your church unit? Yes

Please indicate if you need a special diet or other dietary restrictions.

Partial scholarships are available. Contact the registrar.

Registration is transferable, but not refundable after September 21, 2012

Call Carol 360-620-5368 if you have questions.

Convention registration \$50.00 includes meals.

Make check payable to SW WA SWO.

Send registration form with \$50.00 check payable to SW WA SWO to

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October 2010— October 2012**



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This page and space is reserved for the address label for the bulk mailed newsletter, but is a spot for some extra notes from the editor on the emailed newsletter! So if you've read this far, I hope you will be excited about the convention coming up and will get your registration forms to me as soon as possible. The colored poster on page 3 is for you to print and post in your church... hope that many of you will do that. Would each of you invite one more lady from your church to come to the convention.... Wow! How exciting would that be? And please designate a delegate and someone to attend the pre convention training workshop led by our CWO Resentative, Kris Brugamyer.

Blessings from Carol Fossum, editor

Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 12-13, 2012—Convention of Women of the ELCA in SW WA Synod,
The Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd, Olympia, WA

March 2013, date TBD, Vancouver Cluster Spring Brunch, Highland Lutheran, La Center, WA

March 31, 2013—Easter Sunday

April 19-21, 2013—Spring Retreat, Dumas Bay, Federal Way, WA

June 21-23, 2013—Region I Gathering, Vancouver, WA

October, 2013—Convention of Women of the ELCA in SW WA Synod
Date and site to be determined.

July 24-27, 2014—Ninth Triennial Gathering of Women of the ELCA, Charlotte, North Carolina

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Your Editor and I thank you.