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Our Website has a new address:

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We have a new webmaster and a new address for you to access information and news about Eastern ND Women of the ELCA.

We hope that you will find this site much easier to navigate. Just bookmark it on your device for all new updates. As we go through the process, we hope to post our newsletters as they are published.

Thank you for your patience!

“Just Love Without Limits”

The theme for the 2023 Fall Convention of the EaND Synodical Women’s Organization is schedule for Saturday, September 30, 2023, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Fargo, ND.

The keynote speaker will be Rev. Kim Adams who serves as campus pastor at Crossroads Lutheran Campus Ministry at NDSU, Fargo, ND and Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. Kim and her husband Dave live in Fargo and have 5 kids: twin daughters: Jensen and Kylie; and, three sons: Caleb, Yonas and Nati. In her free time, Kim enjoys spending time with family and friends, travel, and a great cup of decaf coffee.

One of their family mottos is love wins - which comes from Romans 8:38 -39 “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

(More details are on page 3.)

of the
Women ELCA

36th Annual

Eastern North Dakota

Synodical Convention

- Saturday, September 30, 2023
- 9 AM to 3 PM (8 AM Registration)

Just Love...



Without Limits

**Messiah Lutheran Church
2010 Elm St N • Fargo, ND
701-237-6770**

STAMPOREE PROJECT

Information update for the Cancelled Stamp Collectors in WELCA units

The goal of the Stamporee Project is to support LWR's Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund, which provides funding for the shipping of goods to those in need around the world. All LWML groups are encouraged to collect and save cancelled postage stamps instead of discarding them.

Questions and to learn more, contact Stamporee Project Coordinator Sara Frank by email: saralfrank@yahoo.com.

Do not send stamps to PO Box in Kyle, TX.

This program will end on December 31, 2023.
This information was last updated July 12, 2023

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Please keep this list for your future reference.

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In-kind Donations

In-kind donations will be accepted to help campus ministries. Suggested items include non-perishable food items, paper products, gas & grocery gift cards, and other items for the "share" pantries on campus.

Also consider bringing yarn for the Prison Yarn Ministry at the James River Correctional Center. Despite the very generous donations last year, Chaplain Mark Haines reported the yarn supplies were almost completely gone by June of this year!!!!

Thank you for being a blessing to your neighbors in need!

President's Message

Happy End of Summer & beginning of a busy autumn! School has started, gardens and fields are ready to harvest, and everyone is preparing to find those warmer clothes for the upcoming seasons!

This issue is focusing on our Fall Convention with registration information, Convention poster, and (very important) a nomination form for any of the open positions on the Synodical board.

If you are getting a nudge from the Holy Spirit saying, "You can do this", It's time listen and respond with a "Yes!" We are still in need of Cluster Reps for Grafton, Mayville, and Wahpeton plus Spirit Lake, whose representative's term is ending in September. For those in the afore mentioned Clusters, have you noticed that you've been missing out on Spring Gatherings?

Four of our Cluster Reps have been doing "Double Duty" by trying to keep you informed, but it hasn't been easy. Congregational units are hard to track down if one isn't familiar with a conference or cluster.

When there is a change in leadership in a congregational unit, we need to know whom to contact and to whom we are to send newsletters and other mailings.

The Triennial Convention and Gathering will take place the week before our fall convention. Be sure to come to convention to hear what happened and how you can be a part of the new Triennium. We'll have a new logo, new Churchwide Board, and more information about our involvement "in the Church, the society, and the world" as we live our the words of our Purpose Statement. Blessings as we enter a new season (cooler, we hope) and continue to serve our Savior.

In Christ's love,

Karen Retzlaff SWO President

SPONSORSHIPS In order to continue hosting spring cluster gatherings & the fall EaND Synod WELCA Convention, we need your financial help. Sponsorships cover the expenses of both of these functions and individual registration fees are not needed. Will your WELCA unit please continue to support the EaND Synodical Women's Organization with an annual gift of \$80 - \$100? This money will be used to reimburse clusters hosting spring gatherings as well as fall convention expenses. Sponsorships can be sent to: Jeanne Wobbema, Treasurer EaND SWO 1053 E Main # 409 Valley City, ND 58072

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Presiding Pastor Lexy Steinle is the lead pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fargo, ND. She is a 2022 Graduate of Luther Seminary, after a first -career run as an elementary music teacher in Moorhead. She also serves as a chaplain with the Far~~□~~go Fire Department.

In her free moments, she enjoys snuggling with her 2 cats, Zuri and Zelda, tending to her plants, watching YouTube videos, and spending time with friends.

EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION NOMINATION FORM

Return completed form by September 8th to Marilee Eikom, EaND SWO Secretary 2439 92nd Ave. NE, Tolna, ND 58380 or Email: marilee@gondtc.com

CLUSTER_____ POSITION TO BE CONSIDERED_____

Women of the ELCA Guidelines (Circle or check as it applies to you)

Nominee must be a voting member of an ELCA congregation and participant in a cluster/conference unit.

10% shall be persons of color and/or persons whose primary language is other than English.

Age Group: _____ 34 or under; _____ 35-49; _____ 50-64; _____ 65 or older

Ethnic Group: _____ Caucasian; _____ Person of Color: African American, Black, Arab & Middle Eastern, Asian & Pacific Islander, Latino, American Indian, and Alaska Native

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CITY/ST/ZIP	PREFERRED EMAIL
CHURCH	OTHER

EXPERIENCE AND CHURCH SERVICE (begin with the most recent experience in each area)

CONGREGATION AND WOMEN'S MINISTRY PARTICIPATION AS A WOMAN OF THE ELCA:

SHARE YOUR FAITH JOURNEY:

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

SPECIAL GIFTS AND TALENTS:

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE: _____ DATE: _____

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Please Note: Update your Unit Mailing Address. If you are no longer president, please pass this on to her. If you are a subscriber, your expiration date is coded with your name, e.g., Jane Doe JA/16 (expires January 2016).

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Return Service Requested

2023 Fall Convention Meal Registration

Meal tickets are \$10.00 per person. Payment may be mailed with reservations (by September 8) or you may pay at the door on Sept. 30, 2023.

Please reserve meals for the following registrants:

Voting Member:

Participants:

Mail this form with reservations and payment (postmarked by Sept. 8) to: Jeanne Wobbe 1053 E. Main, # 409 Valley City, ND 58072