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EaND SWO Convention is HERE!!!!

It's time for the 32nd Annual Convention of the Eastern North Dakota Women of the ELCA. It will be held Saturday, September 21, 2019, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Valley City.

This year's theme is: "*Confident Women in Christ*" and focuses on confident women of the Old Testament—Ruth, Esther, and Deborah.

Along with Bible study, worship, and speakers. Those who are attending as voting members from their congregations will be electing vice president, treasurer, and cluster representatives as well as 8 voting members to the Eleventh Triennial Convention of the Women of the ELCA in Phoenix, AZ, July 14-16, 2020.

A Convention Booklet will be posted on the website at:

www.eandssynodwelca.org

Pastor Teske to speak at SWO Convention



Shirley Teske grew up on a farm 15 miles north of Drayton, ND, with 6 brothers and a twin sister. As kids, they often took to the expansive backyard for adventure and adventure is what was had with the burning of a playhouse, riding on a homemade Ferris wheel and putting on carnivals for the neighbors.

In 1968 she was married to Richard Teske and had five children. Shirley was a stay at home Mom. After 29 years of marriage, the couple divorced. When her youngest started school, Shirley went back to college and received a BS degree in Elementary Education and Special Education. She taught Special Education for 11 years before God showed another plan for her life.

"While praying one day God showed me a vision where I was preaching about brokenness in front of a congregation and here I am today a pastor!" stated Pastor Shirley.

She earned her Masters of Divinity from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. She has been ministering at First Lutheran Church in Fessenden for 16 years. "It has been a wonderful fit for me and the congregation," says Shirley.

"God has played a role in my whole life without me even recognizing where He would lead in my later years. I have a love for the Lord that is expressed for my joy and love for Him alone. I know that whatever happens in my life; God and I will handle it together.

"I do not know what the future holds at this moment but God will be my guide always through it all," says Pastor Shirley Teske.

Churchwide Representative to attend SWO Convention in Valley City, September 21, 2019

Lois Bylund has been selected to attend the Eastern North Dakota Synodical Convention as the Churchwide Representative.

Lois was elected to the executive board of Women of the ELCA in July 2017 for a second term. She serves on the constitution review committee and as convention coordinator.

Prior to her election to the churchwide executive board, Lois was president of the Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization (3D). She also served as an advisory member to the Northwestern Minnesota Synod and as a cluster coordinator.

A resident of Moorhead, Minn., Lois is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in that city. There she is an active member of her circle and served as unit president twice. Lois is currently serving as President of the Trinity Foundation Board at her church. She has also served on the church council and as a voting member of the synod assembly.

Lois has served on the planning committee and worked in the kitchen and dining room for the community Thanksgiving dinner hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church and St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Moorhead. She has also delivered meals to families and shut-ins and served as a United Way representative. Lois is an active member of the Blue and Bold Toastmaster's Club in Fargo, N.D.

Lois and her husband, Leon, have three children and 2 grandchildren. She has worked for a hospital services company for many years and now serves as its operations coordinator.

Lois enjoys crafts, refinishing and refurbishing furniture. She hopes to learn to quilt when she retires.



***Welcome to the Eastern North Dakota
Synodical Women's Organization
Convention, Lois!***

A Reminder:

***Congregational Units are reminded to submit their
Sponsorship donation to Connie Radcliffe, SWO
Treasurer, as soon as possible. These funds are used
to fund Cluster Gatherings and SWO Convention.***

Thank you!

WELCA SYNOD FALL CONVENTION

*"CONFIDENT WOMEN IN
CHRIST"*



SHIRLEY TESKE



LOIS BYLAND

Now you are the body of Christ,
and each one of you is a part
of it. -1 Cor. 12:27



RUTH



QUEEN ESTHER



DEBORAH

WHERE: TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH,
VALLEY CITY, ND

WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

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2019 VITA FORM

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Community Involvement:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Church Involvement:

FAITH STATEMENT:

**Please consider submitting a VITA Form
if you would be interested in running for
any of the positions open on the SWO
Board. Use the form on the right.□**

**Please send Vita Form to: EaND SWO Secretary,
Pam Neumiller, 513 Santa Cruz Drive, Fargo, ND
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Save the Date:

EaND SWO 32nd Annual Convention

Trinity Lutheran Valley City

September 21, 2019

Please remember to send your Sponsorship to Connie Radcliffe, SWO Treasurer, in order to help with Cluster Gathering and Convention expenses on an annual basis. Make it a part of your annual budget.

Remember you can send your Thankoffering money to Churchwide using the forms sent to you at any time during the year.

Your regular offerings may also be sent at any time during the year.

Thank you for being good stewards of God's gifts.

Really Looking Ahead—start planning & saving NOW!!!!

**11th Triennial Convention (Voting members elected in 2019) Phoenix, AZ
July 14-16, 2020**

**11th Triennial Gathering (All Women of the ELCA) Phoenix, AZ
July 16-15, 2020**



**WOMEN OF THE ELCA GATHERING
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