Meet Board Member Sue Long, also known as Sue, she lives in Lancaster but grew up in Lititz. I am married and have 2 daughters, 2 step-daughters, and a granddaughter and grandson. I worked for 30 years for Farmers First Bank, retiring in 2000 as a branch manager.

I am a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lititz, where I have served as assisting minister, interim organist, communion assistant, lector, choir member, and Sunday School teacher. Currently I am a bell ringer, on the finance committee, on the Internship Committee to support a seminary intern, offering counter, lector, organist sub.

My involvement with W/ELCA is limited to blanket making, serving on the audit committee, and making the baptismal bibs, and belong to the book club.

I am a quilter and a cross-stitcher, as well as a reader.

We welcome Sue to the board.
President’s Message…

“Dare to Shine”

“This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine…”

Pope Francis in his “Urbi et Orbi” (for the city and the world) Christmas message urged all to ‘embrace the light of Christ.

“There is darkness in personal and social relationships, the light of Christ is greater.

There is darkness in economical, geopolitical, and ecological conflicts, yet greater still is the light of Christ.”

It's his seventh Christmas message as Pope Francis. He also spoke about immigration and migrants. Here are some of his thoughts.

“It is injustice that makes them cross deserts and seas that become cemeteries.

It is injustice that forces them to endure unspeakable...about, enslavement...and torture in inhumane detention camps.

It is injustice that turns them away from places where they might have hope for a dignified life, but instead find themselves before walls of indifference.”

Last year Bishop Dunlop’s Christmas message on immigration was inspiring, my newsletter article on immigration was rewritten. This year the Pope’s message was also inspirit, but I didn’t think many would be reading his. That’s why some quotes are shared here.

My hope is that the young will inspire us. Greta Thurberg, Time Magazine’s Person of the Year, and others following her lead on climate, those with a passion for presenting violence, and those advocating for education, fairness and justice for all.

Fill in the blank ________________
What is your passion?

Light a candle, carry a lantern, a torch...find your voice, make a little noise, do something ACT!

Ask the Lord for the strength to encourage your heart. It’s baptismal, and affirmation of baptism. Let our generation pass on the torch to those coming behind.

“this little light of mine—let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.”

Lois Ann Griffiths, President, W/ELCA
LS SWO
DAY OF RENEWAL REGISTRATION FORM

Date: Saturday, May 16, 2020
Registration: 9:00-9:30 a.m. (refreshments upon arrival)
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Place: St. Mark’s Lutheran, Harrisburg
Cost: $20.00 (Includes program and lunch)
Theme: “Where God Leads Us”
Scripture: Psalm 25:4-5
Special Offering: Christ Lutheran Church Health Ministries (see page 4)
Contact for Questions:
Sue Lyons: Phone: 717-816-6533
Email: maryslyons@yahoo.com

About the Speaker:
Norma Good recently retired after more than 30 years from her role as Lower Susquehanna Synod’s contact for Lutheran World Relief. In this capacity she served as coordinator for all LWR related projects for our synod. During this same period of time, she was also the Area Volunteer Coordinator for Heifer International. She continues to serve on the South Eastern Pennsylvania Heifer International Committee. She has visited Honduras in her work for HI, and did a study tour in the Holy Lands, with LWR. Norma is a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lancaster, where she serves on the Social Ministry Committee. She is also an associate member of Holy Spirit Lutheran, Lancaster. Norma joins us today to share her faith journey as she has worked with Lutheran World Relief and Heifer International.

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(Please complete and mail this section of the form postmarked by Friday, May 1)

Make check payable to LS SWO WOMEN OF THE ELCA and mail to:
Kathy Kauffman, 970 Stevens Road, York Haven, PA 17370 717-712-8983

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Address___________________________________ City _________________________
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Home Church ______________________________ City _________________________

Do you need transportation: YES _____ NO _____
Name: _________________________________
Phone: ________________________________

The church is handicap accessible.
Christ Lutheran Church has an effective and growing Health Ministry. We are not a social service agency. We are a church, a missionary congregation, blessed to be located in a neighborhood of intense need and great opportunity for mission work. Donations are welcome at any time. Our services include:

**Holy Spirit Hospital's Medical Outreach Service** – a nurse-run drop-in clinic open Monday through Friday, 10 AM – 2:30 PM. Services include first aid, simple lab tests, health assessments, health education, social service interventions, medical case management and items necessary to health, such as blankets, underwear, hygiene products and the like. Limited assistance in obtaining eye exams and glasses, life-sustaining prescription medications and over-the-counter medicines is available.

**Prenatal Care Clinic** – free prenatal care for those who are not able to access Medical Assistance.

**Dental Clinic** – free dental care available three times a month for urgent problems like replacement of lost fillings and simple extractions

**Urgent Care Clinic** – Doctor available weekly for urgent medical needs. By appointment only.

**English As A Second Language (ESL) and Literacy Classes** – English as a Second Language and Literacy classes are held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9 AM. Folks are welcome to join at any time. Drop-ins are always welcome. Each student is assisted to develop his or her own goals, and then to meet those goals.

**Hospitality Center** – Open every weekday offering beverages, phone, bathroom, internet, copying, fax and notary services. A lending library of bilingual children’s books is also offered.

**Free Baby Furniture Bank** – provides new or gently used strollers, pack-n-pla infant beds, baby seats and other items needed for a new baby

**Durable Medical Goods Bank and Orthopedic Bank** – provides walkers, bedside commodes, etc. as well as canes, splints, wraps and more.
OFFERING DEADLINE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020

For Congregational Unit contributions to the Lower Susquehanna Synodical Women’s Organization to be credited for the year 2018/2019, all checks must be RECEIVED by January 22, 2020. Churchwide will only credit money (received not postmarked before January 31, 2020) Therefore, the Treasurer needs to have everything in to her so that she can send our SWO offering in time to make the deadline.

Another consideration to keep in mind is that all Congregational Units must make a remittance of record – either to the Synodical Treasurer or to Churchwide – to be considered as an Active Unit. This information is important when Units send voting members to Synodical Conventions, and when Churchwide allocates the number of voting members we may send to Triennial Conventions.

Use Form A for regular offerings and other offerings that go to your synodical treasurer. Other offerings include Convention Offering, Day of Renewal Offering and Camp Hebron Retreat offerings. Checks should be written out to:

“LS SWO Women of the ELCA”
Please send contributions with remittance forms to:
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717-712-8983—kck970@yahoo.com

Use Form B for Thankofferings, (remember Thankofferings are sent directly to churchwide)
Katie’s Fund and all other offerings to support churchwide ministries of Women of the ELCA or the ELCA (i.e. World Hunger, ELCA Malaria Campaign, Lutheran Disaster Response). Checks should be made out to:
“Women of the ELCA”

Mail these forms to:
Women of the ELCA
ELCA Gifts Processing Center
PO Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Downloadable Form A and Form B remittance forms can be found at: https://www.womenoftheelca.org/ministry-action/stewardship

“Election Information 2020-2021 Term”

Elections this year for the 2020-2021 term, - we need to elect a President, (2 year term); Treasurer (2 year term) and several board members.
More information in the March/April News & Views.
Please consider submitting your name for one of the positions. The Nominating Form will be provided in the “Convention Newsletter” that will be published and mailed in late May. A complete description of these board positions as well as the number of positions needed will be included in that special edition newsletter.

Thank you in advance for prayerfully considering serving on the board of the Women of the ELCA, Lower Susquehanna, Synodical Women’s Organization. Nominating Committee Members: Lois Ann Griffiths 717 545-0076; Donna Greifzu 717-377-1780; or Shirley Johns 717-418-2489 or any board member, listed on the back page of this newsletter.
Visit the Women of the ELCA churchwide website at:
www.womenoftheelca.org

The Lower Susquehanna Synodical Woman’s Organization is on the synod website: www.lss-elca.org - select the home page, click on the option in the heading, “Mission Partners”. The “Women of the ELCA, LS SWO near the bottom.

The January/February 2020 issue is now on the synod website. The Day of Renewal registration form can be accessed online at the synod website, and also in this issue of News & Views, pages 3 & 4. The event is planned for Saturday, May 16, 2020, at St. Mark, Harrisburg. Deadline to mail in your registration form to our treasurer, Kathy Kauffman, is Friday, May 1. Her address is::
970 Stevens Road, York Haven, PA 17370

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
NEED A RIDE TO W/ELCA, LS SWO EVENTS?

The women of the ELCA, LS SWO are in the process of organizing transportation to our events in the synod. It has been brought to our attention, that our Lutheran women do not feel comfortable driving to these events because of unfamiliar territory. Those who would like to participate but do not drive or who are uncomfortable driving, we want to coordinate travel for you.

Starting with the Day of Renewal (DOR), there will be a place on the registration form where you can indicate that you would like to attend the event but would need a ride. For the time being the board will be coordinating this travel opportunity. Be sure to check the correct box on the registration page.

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TRACTOR & WAGON RIDE AT CAMP HEBRON

Anyone know this lady? She is a staple at Camp Hebron. Always a great retreat and a time to reconnect with other women in the Lower Susquehanna Synod.

The Women of the Lower Susquehanna Synod are now planning to set up travel coordination to our W/ELCA events in the synod. (see article below).

If you would like to attend our event, but do not want or cannot drive yourself, please be sure to include the required information on the registration form. You will be contacted.

Oh yes, hint—the lady in the picture—her initials are P.D. Be sure to look for her at the next Camp Hebron Retreat. ☺ She gives hugs too!!
Women’s Peace Symposium

The Women of the ELCA, LS SWO, have been invited to attend a Peace Symposium, Sunday, March 15th, from 1-3 p.m. at the Hadee Mosque, 245 Division Street, Harrisburg. (formally Lakeside Lutheran Church).

This social gathering also includes a covered dish meal and time for sharing and conversation.

Invitation Card reads: “Love for All Hatred for None”. Lois Ann Griffiths plans to attend, so if interested in attending you can call her for more information. 717-545-0076, or email her at dlcgrif@yahoo.com.

Women of the ELCA connects with participants in many ways. We use magazines, e-zines, e-newsletters, both monthly and quarterly, to tell others how the organization (and that means all of us) is acting boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ.

You are invited to Stay in Touch with the organization by subscribing to one or all of our newsletters using the link on the right.

You can sign up for one or all of our e-newsletters.

- **Bold Connections**, a monthly e-newsletter that includes Gathering 2020 information
- **Gather**, a weekly look inside the latest issue
- **Bold Café**, a monthly online magazine for young adult women
- **Interchange**, a quarterly e-newsletter for leaders.

Heres the link to sigh up: [https://www.womenoftheelca.org/publications](https://www.womenoftheelca.org/publications)
The 2020 Triennial Gathering will be the fifth one I have attended, and I can’t wait! I “JUST LOVE” seeing so many women with such varied backgrounds coming together for worship, fellowship and all the myriad of experiences that a Triennial Gathering can provide. I “JUST LOVE” the speakers and workshops. I “JUST LOVE” interacting with my sisters in faith, from light conversation during a meal to sharing ideas for service projects. I “JUST LOVE” knowing that I am part of something so much bigger than myself. To sum it up… I “JUST LOVE” Triennial Gatherings.

My first gathering was Salt Lake City in 2008, where we were invited to “Come to the Waters” and celebrate our baptism. The experience left me thirsty for more spiritual opportunities like this.

In 2011, I went to Spokane to “Renew, Respond, Rejoice.” Participants were invited to connect with our Lutheran sisters, celebrate our Christian faith, and discover our heart for service. It was in Spokane that I was first heard and was inspired by Leymah Gbowee. Leymah, an amazing paragon of faith and strength, had, along with two other Liberian women, received the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize for her work in leading a women’s peace movement that brought an end to the Second Liberian Civil War in 2003.

Charlotte welcomed women “of many generations” to the 2014 Gathering. We celebrated the generations of women who have helped transformed the lives of others. During one worship service, the pastor recalled the parable of the woman whose small amount of yeast yielded a large batch of bread. “Yeast, starting as a small morsel, worked by the hands of this faithful woman, has its way and transforms every-

thing...So with the morsel, God sets about leavening the world.” We were challenged to go beyond our church doors to reach out to women in need, especially those held captive in human trafficking.

“All Anew” was the theme for the 2017 Gathering in Minneapolis. It was a wonderful opportunity to be energized, renewed, and transformed spiritually. The speakers were amazing, and Leymah Gbowee joined us once again. At our final worship service, the Rev. Angela Khabeb exclaimed: “News flash! Christianity is not comfortable. If you are comfortable in Jesus, you’re doing it wrong.” We were commissioned to move forward into the world, knowing that, despite the fact that we are imperfect, often broken, and rough around the edges, we are one body in Christ. “We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord...And they’ll know we are Christians by our love.”

Now it’s time to get ready for Phoenix... Phoenix in July! And, you know, it will be one of the coolest, most refreshing experiences you will ever have. You will “JUST LOVE” it! Check it out at https://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page.

Article by Sue Lyons, Eleventh Triennial

Found this picture on the triennial website of some familiar faces that was taken at the eleventh triennial gathering. Left to right, Sue Lyons, Helen Henninger, and Lois Ann Griffiths.
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