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.

Eye Glass Collection—Mary Klaus, a medical missionary was our speaker at the 2017 Day of Renewal. She continues to collect corrective glasses as well as sunglasses (used in good condition). If you have glasses you would like to donate bring to convention in August or to Camp Hebron in November. She continues this important ministry, of donating to third world countries. The board will see they are delivered to her.

Soap collection—The women of the ELCA, LS SWO, are asked to bring small “hotel size” bars of soap to convention in August as well as Camp Hebron Retreat in November. They will be labeled and made ready to hand out to those who would like to participate in this project. See page 10 of this newsletter for more information on the “Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution” (S.O.A.P.) project. Thank you!
President’s Message -

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth...
"Then God said, 'Let there be light...it was good
"Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters...
"Let the waters under the heaven be gathered in one place...
"Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit...
"Let there be lights in the firmament...
"Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth...
"Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind...
"And God saw that it was good."  Genesis 1

Then God created male and female, blessed them and gave them dominion over all.
In worship we say. "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth."

Sadly, we have not been good servants when it comes to creation. April 22 was Earth Day. Every day should be Earth Day. My generation, at least those with power, have chosen to not change and to not think about the future of the world and its inhabitants.

When you bring a snowball to congress and speak of weather reports to deny climate change and that's scary.

My hope and inspiration are the youth of the world. They are letting their light shine. They protest, march and AdvoCaTe. ACT!

Once again a shoutout for the students of Parkland and Greta Thunberg. On pages 100-101 in Time magazine's The 100 Most Influential People issue, Emma Gonzalez praises Greta Thunberg for "fighting ...for a future free from pollution, environmental degradation and climate change. Greta is inspiring steadfast students and shaming apathetic adults." Once she stood alone on a street in Sweden, in March she led 1.6 million people in a worldwide climate strike.

In worship we sing the hymns, "For the Beauty of the Earth", "This Is My Father's World" and many more praising God and creation. We need to do more than sing. AdvoCaTe. ACT!

Be a catalyst! Have family, friends, adult/children Sunday school classes, Boy/Girl Scouts, VBS, confirmation classes/camps and congregations email, call and send postcards to your legislators. Urge them to believe and pass legislation to protect God's creation and his people from the dangers of climate change. Be creative, polite and bold.

Pope Francis wrote an encyclical letter, "On Care For Our Common Home". "There are 246 messages/thoughts urging every person living on this planet to recognize "the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path."

In closing, a few lines from one of his prayers, "God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money that they might avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out, O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you! Amen"

Lois Ann Griffiths, President, LS SWO
“Board Members Needed for 2019-2020 Term”

Elections this year for the 2019-2020 term, we need to elect a Vice-President, (2 year term); Secretary (2 year term) and three board members (2 year terms), and two board members for one year terms.

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 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. Please contact any board member, listed on the back page of this newsletter for more information, or call Sandy Bingaman, 717-665-5265; Donna Greifzu 717-377-1780. Thank you!

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.lsselca.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 May/June issue is now on the synod website. The Camp Hebron registration form can be accessed online at the synod website, and also in this issue of News & Views, page 4 & 5. The event is planned for Saturday, Nov. 1-3, 2019, at Camp Hebron, near Halifax. Deadline to send in your registration form to our treasurer, Kathy Kauffman, is September, April 9. Her address is: Kathy Kauffman, 970 Stevens Road, York Haven, PA 17370

Newsletter Deadlines

The deadline for the July/August News & Views is Wednesday, June 26. The deadline for the September/October issue is Wednesday, Aug. 28.

Email your newsletter articles to donnaleegreifzu@gmail.com, or mail them to 422 Cleveland Avenue, Waynesboro, PA 17268
Pastor Denise Horn was born and raised in Northwestern Connecticut, the daughter of James and Grace Bement. Her father’s family has been here since the 1600’s. Her mother is the child of immigrants, one German and one Italian. Pastor Denise was a life long member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Torrington, CT.

She is a graduate of the University of CT, with a degree in Sociology, and a 2002 graduate of Gettysburg Seminary (ULS). She is married to the Rev. Martin H. Horn, pastor of ELC, Greencastle. They met at Philadelphia Seminary and have been married since 1983. They have three children, Michael, Rachel and Timothy, as well as two cats, Milo and Leo. They live in Greencastle.

Pastor Denise serves as pastor at Salem Lutheran Church in Marion, and has been since her ordination in 2002. She is now 1/3-time interim pastor at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in St. Thomas, PA, serving there since January 1 of this year.

She also served three two-year terms as Dean of the Chambersburg Conference LSS. She has been supervising interns from the seminary for the last two years.

Pastor Denise was one of our synod R3 coaches for the last few years. She also has been trained and certified as a Pastor Redeveloper.

Pastor Denise speaks three languages, English, Spanish and Welsh. Her hobbies include Astronomy, Gardening, growing trees, crocheting, reading mysteries, listening to music and singing with the Salem choir. Her concerns include congregational renewal, women’s issues, racism, care of the elderly and children, and the environment.

**Retreat Theme: “Women of Faith, Their Story and Ours”**

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON THERE WILL BE A FREE WAGON RIDE OFFERED, AND A CRAFT TIME IN THE DINING ROOM.**

**DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE RETREAT WILL BE SENT UPON REGISTRATION.**

The special retreat offering will go to the scholarship fund at Manow Lutheran Secondary School, in the Konde Diocese, Tanzania.
Registration Form for Nov. 1-3, 2019 Fall Retreat
Use one form per person. Copy as needed.
(please print information legibly)

Name: ______________________________________________ Phone: _____________________
Address:_________________________________________________________________________
     Street   City    State       Zip
Home congregation: _______________________________________________________________
Emergency phone number:_______________ Email address: _______________________________
I would like to room with: ____________________________________________________________
(possible up to 4 to a room sharing two double beds

THOSE INTERESTED IN THE FRIDAY NIGHT LODGING MAY NEED TO BOOK ROOMS WITH
OTHER “WEEKEND” REGISTRANTS TO AVOID SINGLE ROOM RATE CHARGES.

1. TOTAL AMOUNT (WEEKEND PACKAGE) _______ $195.00
   (includes 2 nights lodging and 5 meals) (Friday & Saturday night)
2. FRIDAY NIGHT ONLY, AND SATURDAY _______ Total of $125.00
   (Friday night lodging and 3 meals + speaker)
3. SATURDAY ONLY _______ Total of $60.00 (3 meals + speaker)
4. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TOWARD THE CAMP HEBRON ATTENDEE
   SCHOLARSHIP FUND $_________ (this scholarship fund is not for the Manow
   Lutheran Secondary School weekend special offering)
5. TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED $______________

Because of our obligation to pay Camp Hebron, we will not accept
registrations after the postmarked date of Monday, September 9, 2019

IT IS IMPORTANT TO CHECK ONLY THE MEALS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

SATURDAY MEALS: Breakfast _____ Lunch _____ Dinner _____
(Please check the ones that apply.)
SUNDAY MEALS: Breakfast _____ Lunch ______
(Please check the ones that apply.)

Saturday breakfast served at 8:00 a.m.
Session 2 begins at 9:00 a.m.

Make check payable to “LS SWO Women of the ELCA”.
Mail check with registration form by Monday, September 9 to:
Kathy Kauffman, 970 Stephens Road, York Haven, PA 17370

Questions, regarding registration or the retreat, should be directed
to: Chris Todd, 717-652-0729 (H) 717-439-6071 (C)
or Shirley Keister (717) 362-8666.
LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNODICAL WOMEN’S ORGANIZATION
CAMP HEBRON RETREAT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – 2019

Application being submitted by: _________________________________________________________

Name of Congregation: ___________________________ Congregational Number: ______

Name of Unit President/Leader:__________________________________________________________

Information on Applicant:

Name_________________________________________ Phone Number _________________

Address _______________________________________________________________________________

City ________________________________ Zip____________ Email _____________________________

Age Group: _____ Under 25 _____ 25-40 _____ 40-60 _____ Over 60

Check if a first time participant at Camp Hebron Retreat ______

List activities you participate in with your congregation________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________________

Why I would like to receive a Scholarship from the Lower Susquehanna Synodical Women’s Organization:

_________________________________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________________

I am requesting a full scholarship _____ A partial scholarship_____  

Please return Scholarship Application by Monday, August 19, 2019 to: 
Kathy Kauffman, 970 Stephens Road, York Haven, PA  17370
(Kathy is the Treasurer of the LS SWO)

Guidelines for SWO Scholarship:

All or part of Registration fees, meals and lodging will be considered waived per scholarship.

2. Qualifications will be based on:
   a. Written response on application
   b. Consideration for first-time participants
   c. Participation in local congregation

3. Final selection will be in the hands of the Scholarship Committee of the LS SWO.

4. Scholarship recipient names will not be published by our Synodical Board.

Please do NOT submit your registration until you hear from the scholarship committee.
The Lititz Knitters for Tanzania Women

In Lititz, there is a group of women who knit amazing baby clothes to sell on behalf of Global Baby Steps. The organization called Global Baby Steps was born after Robyn Talley visited rural Tanzania in 2008. Upon returning to the US and talking with her husband and friends, a plan to knit baby sweaters and sell them to provide funds for Global Baby Steps was developed. She is now the executive Director of Global Baby Steps in Lititz, PA. The women sell their knit items at craft shows and local shops. All materials and time are donated so 100% of the proceeds go to help women.

While in Tanzania, Robyn met Faridah Mgunda and Miriam Gorotto who run a community-based non-profit organization known as FLEMAFA. The two women are professional midwives who in their retirement years train health care workers in the Kisware District in Tanzania. They have trained nurse assistants, birth attendants, and village health workers. They have received financial support from Global Baby Steps and from the Global Fund for Women and Circle Health International.

Presently, many women cannot afford nominal cost to deliver their babies in maternity centers, so they stay in the villages attended by untrained local women. 13,000 Tanzanian women die every year of pregnancy or childbirth related causes. Many deaths could be prevented if women received the most basic obstetrical care.

Faridah and Miriam's dream is to build a birthing center in the Kisware district in eastern Tanzania. Faridah and Miriam have supplied funds to purchase medical equipment, supplies and bicycles for the midwives and health care workers. In addition, they have helped to fund an anesthesia machine, sterilization equipment, and a washing machine for the Itete Hospital. The Itete Hospital is in the Konde Diocese in western Tanzania and is supported by the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

For additional information go to www.Globalbabysteps.org
To view knitting projects go to: GBS store - Global baby steps
It's Not Too Late to Get Started!

Is your church or women’s group getting ready for LWR Ingathering day in October? It's not too late! Now is the time to prepare to respond with Quilts, School Kits, Baby Care Kits, Personal Care Kits, Fabric Kits, or Sewing Kits. If your group has never undertaken one of these projects, and they seem too big or overwhelming, then how about collecting soap? That's what one congregation did in our Lower Susquehanna Synod, and the response was incredible! It doesn't have to be complicated. Start today and see how you and your church can make a difference in our brother’s and sister's lives. For more information, visit the LWR website: https://lwr.org/quilts-and-kits or contact your LWR Conference Contact, or Lower Susquehanna Synod LWR representatives, Sue Gordon (sap4jays@comcast.net) or Rev. Martha Boyd (stjohnpastor158@gmail.com). "Stretch your hearts and hands to help people in need."

Each congregation in the LSS received a Lutheran World Relief packet that was recently mailed or given to a representative at spring assembly. In there you will find additional information and instructions on how to sponsor a brick. Visit this LSS website for the complete packet: https://www.lss-elca.org/about-us/synodical-ministries/lwr-ingathering/

Sponsor a Brick

Gifts to the Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund of $500 or more may be commemorated with an engraved brick at our headquarters in Baltimore.
Day of Renewal

The Women of the ELCA held their annual Day of Renewal, Saturday, May 11, at St. Bartholomew United Lutheran Church, Hanover.

Pastor Angela Zimmann, who serves as the Vice President of Advancement and Adjunct Professor of Homiletics at United Lutheran Seminary was the guest speaker. Her topic was “Showing Hospitality to Strangers”, and was based on her experiences when serving as a missionary in Jerusalem.

The day began with the definition of Hospitality—”What is hospitality and How and Why Do We Practice It”?

Scripture theme was Romans Chapter 12, and how hospitality to strangers should be based on love. There was much discussion and sharing from the women present.

A variety of fruit and pastries were available upon arrival as well as coffee and juice. Lunch was served and included a variety of sandwiches, vegetable tray, chicken noodle soup, and a variety of cookies. Delicious.

There were 60 women at the event and the day’s special offering will go to the United Lutheran Seminary “Annual Fund”. Special offering totaled $479.00.

Katie’s Fund offering totaled $84.00.

“People will forget what you said, forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

- Maya Angelou
S. O. A. P. - Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution

A hands-on outreach to fight sex trafficking

This unique, hands-on program allows groups of any size to fight human trafficking locally and potentially rescue victims. Human trafficking (forced prostitution) has been reported both in poverty-stricken urban-area motels as well as in suburban up-scale hotels. With that in mind, this organization efforts are to educate those working in these locations on the signs of trafficking, arm them with the resources to fight it, and give victims a way out. But to do this, we need your help.

The Women of the ELCA, LS SWO, can help by bringing your small unopened “hotel complimentary size bars” of soap to any of our events and give to Donna Greifzu. She will see they get labeled and ready to hand out to our women at our next event. When you pick up a labeled bar of soap, you can put it in your purse and when traveling this summer, you can leave one in a public restroom or other type of place a young girl may have to go alone and perhaps see it an pick it up—the soap label will include the human trafficking phone hotline number on the label—both in English and Spanish!

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS MODERN-DAY SLAVERY.**

It’s an evil business, one that largely operates underground. Its victims are real and have to live with the dire consequences. And it happens right here in Pennsylvania – in our cities, in our small towns and on our many highways.

We can take the next step to ending human trafficking and go after the demand, updating and strengthening our laws against the buyers, whose actions victimize young women, most of whom are between 12 and 14-years-old.

That’s what the “Buyer Beware Act “is all about. House Bill 12 and Senate Bill 60 would do three things:

1. **Increase criminal charges.**
   Trafficking becomes a first-degree felony (currently a second-degree felony if the victim is an adult), doubling the maximum amount of jail time for victims 18 and over.
   Patronizing victims of trafficking becomes a first-degree felony (currently a second-degree felony), doubling the maximum amount of jail time.

2. **Increase subsequent fines.**
   Fines increase from $500 (current law) to $1,000 – $30,000, and if the victim is a minor it increases to $5,000 – $100,000.

3. **Expand the definitions of the offense.**
   Adds “advertises” and “patronizes” to definition of trafficking (would mirror federal law).
   Adds “should have known” or “recklessly disregards” to the definition of patronizing a victim of trafficking. Please use this form to email your State Senator and State Representative to ask them for their support and co-sponsorship of the Buyer Beware Act, House Bill 12 and Senate Bill 60, and let’s take this next step towards ending human trafficking here in Pennsylvania.

Please contact your State Senator and State Representative today and ask for their support and co-sponsorship of the Buyer Beware Act. Use our Citizen Action Alert to send an email to your elected officials at [pafamily.org/buyerbeware](http://pafamily.org/buyerbeware)
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UPCOMING EVENTS

32nd ANNUAL LS SWO CONVENTION
St. Paul, Lititz, PA.
August 16-17, 2019.

FALL RETREAT
Camp Hebron
November 1-3
Halifax, PA

DAY OF RENEWAL
Date and place to be announced.

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Mission Statement

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.