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.

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Congregational Presidents and Unit Leaders
The “convention only newsletter” will be mailed the end of May or early June. Please make every effort to see that the information about the convention is announced to your unit as well as advertised in your congregation’s newsletter and bulletin. Encourage a voting member and participant(s) from your unit to attend the Thirty-Third Annual Women of the ELCA, Lower Synodical, Synodical Women’s Convention, Saturday September 25, 2021, at St. Johns Lutheran, Berrysburg. All women are invited to attend the convention of the LS SWO.

Newsletter Articles requested—
Your newsletter editor, Donna, is requesting articles for the New & Views Newsletter. (see page 11 for her contact information)

One possible area of interest would be to write an article telling everyone how your CU has stayed in contact during this time of separation caused by covid.

There have been units that on warmer days, met outside at a park picnic pavilion and held their meeting. One group met at a restaurant in Maryland and had lunch and remembered one another in prayer.

Of course, thankfully, for some, there had been phone calls and zoom meetings—as part of our 2020 world.

However, we all know nothing beats a big hug (Karen knows 😊)

Hopefully 2021 will prove to be a new beginning for all Christian women across the country and world. We now know the loneliness and emptiness the void of being apart can create.

Prayers for everyone as we start to reunite and hopefully move into a new day—with the Lord by our side! Amen.
A message from our President—

PIVOT, DON’T PANIC!

A Leadership Event for Presidents + Friends

SHINE...Christ be our light.
Shine in your women gathered today.

February in WELCA is a time to celebrate BOLD WOMAN’S DAY. At Good Shepherd, we celebrate THANKOFFERING SUNDAY. It’s also when the 64 Synodical Presidents meet in Chicago the last weekend of February for WELCA’s annual President’s Conference.

Yes, this year we held a weekend PIVOT, DON’T PANIC event via Zoom conferencing February 18-20.

Yes, this year wasn’t just for presidents. Each synod had invitations for +5 friends; we chose to invite 5 LS SWO Executive Board members. Over 200 women were part of the call. It has always been a time to connect, listen, learn and worship. This year’s event was BOLD.

Thursday evening we met informally by synod to introduce ourselves, answer questions and share.

Friday afternoon Lisa Plorin, our Churchwide WELCA President and Linda Post Bushkofsky, our Executive Director welcomed us. We did a native land acknowledgement and referenced The Doctrine of Discovery.

Our Bible Study, Leadership—A Baptismal Vocation, was led by the Reverend Dr. Wyvetta Bullock. Purpose, Prayer, Praise and Plan were highlighted as well as Pivot (and basketball). We did small group breakout sessions. The Exodus stories of Shuiphrah and Pirah, the midwives, and Moses’ mother and sister were examples of Biblical women who chose to Pivot, Don’t Panic. Linda Post Bushkofsky spoke of Purpose, Mission, Changes, and Actions of Churchwide WELCA. We educate and advocate for racism, immigration, domestic violence and trafficking issues. The Reverend Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA presiding Bishop, talked about the future of the church, changes and answered questions. She said our shared purpose is to “activate each of us so more people know Jesus and discover community, justice and love...our church is rooted in tradition, but radically relevant.”

Saturday afternoon we heard “state of the ministry” reports from our President, Treasurer and Executive Director. Our churchwide staff followed with pivoting information and tools from their specific areas. We closed with a Thankoffering Service led by our chaplain, Deacon Patricia Carley.

Saturday, March 20, was the first day of spring—a joyful sunny day. It also was the day of our LS SWO Executive Board Zoom meeting. Yes, we conducted our business, but the joyful part was when our 5 board members spoke about their experiences. Everyone gave inspiring thoughts that I wish we would have recorded. A couple mentioned how often they now hear the word, “PIVOT.” The Bible Study, Bishop Eaton, and worship were highlights. The Churchwide leadership of our Director and staff who emphasized our mission, work and resources was impressive. One mentioned how powerful her small group discussion was and how she felt peaceful for days.

Wishing all WELCA and women of faith could have experienced this event. So, if you feel like “PIVOTING,” use your computer or iPad and visit womenoftheelca.org or Google and look for PIVOT, DON’T PANIC event. While you’re there, check us out. ENJOY!

In the words of a PIVOT event hymn, O Holy Spirit, Enter In:

O Holy Spirit enter in, and in our hearts your work begin, and make our hearts your dwelling. Sun of the soul, O light divine, around and in us brightly shine, your strength now is given overflowing gift of gifts beyond all knowing.

Lois Ann Griffiths, President W/ELCA, LS SWO
During this pandemic I know many of you have been busy working on projects for the community and the world. I would love to hear from you as to what you have done, either as a church group or individually. There is a form in this newsletter on page 10 for you to fill out and send to me, as a church group; but I would still love to know, if your group does not report, what you have done. I am specifically looking for totals of baby quilts. I myself have completed 6 baby quilts and a woman in my congregation has a place for them. Please let me know if you have made any baby quilts and how you distributed them. You can use the form, or if you would, just email me stil1943@aol.com. I will keep track of your numbers and report it at convention. Thanks so much. Sue Long

Looking for crafters and craft donations

At the 2019 Camp Hebron Retreat, the Board tried a small-scale rollout of a new event idea...a craft table. One of the board members donated a number of table runners, which sold very well. Proceeds from the craft sales will be used to help defray costs for the women we elect to send as voting members to our Churchwide convention.

With 2020 Women of the ELCA events cancelled due to COVID-19, we were unable to move forward with this idea until now. We plan to have our first craft table at the Lower Susquehanna Women of the ELCA convention, which will be held in September 25, 2021, and then continue the idea to other events.

Here are some guidelines for craft donations:

- Keep the numbers of donated crafts to a reasonable amount. We do not need dozens of each craft item.
- All items should be pre-priced.
- You will be asked to pre-register to participate in the craft sales, so there is some idea of what will be available for sale.
- Your donations will be brought to the event (by you or your representative), and anything not sold will be taken home at the end of the event. We do not have a place to store items from one event to the next.
- For the convention, the items should be appropriate for fall, fall holidays, and Christmas. Of course, there are some items that are good sellers throughout the year.
DAY OF RENEWAL REGISTRATION FORM

Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021
Registration: 9:00-9:30 a.m. (refreshments upon arrival)
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Place: Camp Nawakwa (Upper Camp Pavilion)
Cost: $20.00 (Includes program and lunch)
Theme: “Where God Leads Us”
Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11
Special Offering: Christ Lutheran Church Health Ministries (see info on back page)

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.

Sponsored by,
The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Lower Susquehanna, Synodical Women’s Organization

Camp Nawakwa
1033 Nawakwa Rd, Biglerville, PA 17307

(Please complete and mail this section of the form postmarked by Friday, May 1, 2021)
Make check payable to LS SWO WOMEN OF THE ELCA and mail to:
Kathy Kauffman, 970 Stevens Road, York Haven, PA 17370

Name __________________________________ Phone _____________________
Address______________________________ City ___________________________ Zip ______
Email address: __________________________
Home Church __________________________ City __________________________

Please select your sandwich and salad choice
Sandwich choice: ___ Ham ___ Turkey ___ Roast Beef ___ Cheese
Salad choice: ___ Potato Salad ___ Macaroni Salad
(Includes a Kaiser sandwich, chips and 4 oz. container of potato salad or macaroni salad.)
There was much discussion about how to plan a Day of Renewal for 2021. With the added dimension of COVID-19 restrictions, we have worked to come up with an event that we think will safely allow us to gather. The Upper Pavilion at Camp Nawakwa can hold up to 250 people, so we feel certain that a normal turnout of women from the Lower Susquehanna can safely spread out for the day. In addition, we will be serving box lunches so that there will be no buffet-style serving of food. This year’s Day of Renewal is being hosted by the women of St. Mark, Harrisburg, and Memorial, Shippensburg. We hope you will join us for a wonderful day.

Lunch arrangements made by St. Mark and Memorial Lutheran Churches.
Dress accordingly and bring a mask and a seat cushion.

**DAY OF RENEWAL—SPECIAL OFFERING**
**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, HARRISBURG**
**HEALTH MINISTRIES**
*By, Barbara Dudek*

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.

Includes services are: **Prenatal Care Clinic; Dental Clinic; Urgent Care Clinic English As A Second Language (ESL) and Literacy Classes; Hospitality Center; Free Baby Furniture Bank; Durable Medical Goods Bank; Orthopedic Bank.**

Please read the information listed above describing the medical services provided by Christ Lutheran Church, Harrisburg.

The special offering for the Day of Renewal, is earmarked for this church’s outreach ministry.
GIVE MONTHLY

Make a monthly recurring gift and join

Faith Friends,

A group of especially devoted friends of Women of the ELCA
Who provide consistent, sustaining support for our many ministries.

☐ YES! I want to join Faithful Friends of Women of the ELCA!

Please deduct my recurring gift of $_____ ($10 or above) to my checking account on the 15th of each month.

My voided check is enclosed.

Signature __________________________________________________________

My signature authorized Women of the ELCA, Through ELCA Gift processing, to initiate and continue monthly deductions as indicated on the form.

I understand that I can cancel my recurring gift at any time by calling Women of the ELCA at 773-380-2730 or emailing women.elca@elca.org

Please mail this form and your voided check to:

Women of the ELCA Faithful Friends
ELCA Gift Processing Center
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Thank You!

OR __________________________________________________________

To give by credit card, please fill in and mail the bottom half of this form

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☐ YES! I want to join Faithful Friends of Women of the ELCA!

Please charge my recurring gift of $_____ ($10 or above) to my credit card on the 15th of each month.

☐ Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ Mastercard

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Or join online at: welca.org/faithfulfriendsonline

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: 
The “Women of the ELCA, LS SWO information is on the right side of the page.
The March/April issue is now on the synod website. The Day of Re-
newal registration form can be accessed online at the synod website, and
also in this issue of News & Views, pages—4 & 5. The event is planned for
Saturday, May 8, 2021 at Camp Nawakwa, 1033 Nawakwa Rd, Biglerville, PA. Deadline to send in
your registration form to our treasurer, Kathy Kauffman, is Friday, May 1. Cost is $20.00.
Her address is: 970 Stevens Road, York Haven, PA 17370

Looking Ahead...

The Thirty-Third Annual Convention of the Women of the ELCA, LS SWO, will be held Saturday,
September 25, 2021, at St. Johns Lutheran Church, Berrysburg.
This year’s churchwide representative will be announced in the “Convention only newsletter" 
coming out in late May or early June.
We are looking forward to welcoming the Women of the ELCA, Lower Susquehanna Synod to this 
year’s convention!
Theme is “Praising God With Music”.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline to submit news or articles of interest for the May/June News & Views is
Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

Keep Informed...Read the “News & Views” Newsletter.
“Election Information 2021-2022 Term”

Elections this year for the 2021-2022 term, we need to elect a President, (2 year term); Treasurer (2 year term) and four board members. One for a—(one year term) and 3—for (two year terms). More information in the Convention only newsletter coming out in late May.

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.

Gather Magazine

Gather, the magazine of Women of the ELCA, offers a mix of articles, theological reflections, devotions and stories of comfort and challenge that help readers grow in faith and engage in ministry and action. Gather is published 10 times a year with combined issues in January/February and July/August. A print subscription is $19.95 a year. Digital access: (computer, iPad, Android) is free to print subscribers. For more information, or to subscribe by phone, call 1-844-409-0576.
Yearly Project Reminder

Just a reminder to all CU leaders - please complete the “Yearly Project Form” that is included on page 10 of this issue of News & Views. Additional forms will be available at Day of Renewal, Saturday, May 8, at Camp Nawakwa. If you are unsure if another woman from your congregation already sent a form to Sue Long, send another one. Just make sure you include the name of the church on the form.

Mail form to Sue Long BEFORE Tuesday, August 31, 2021 (her address is on the form and the back page of this newsletter).

These are projects that were completed between the August 16 & 17, 2019 convention, and the upcoming September 25, 2021, LS SWO Synodical Convention at St. Johns, Berrysburg.

This would include Lutheran World Relief, Local Projects, Fair Trade Products (Coffee, tea, Chocolate) and other projects your women’s group has carried out, or was responsible for organizing. Thank you!!

Women of the ELCA Website

Visit Women of the ELCA website at www.womenoftheelca.org and find helpful information to promote your Congregational Unit:

♦ Scholarship and grant application information
♦ Over 50 programs for your Unit
♦ Retreat Ideas
♦ Prayer and Worship Materials
♦ Updates on Gather Magazine, Interchange, Café, and Interchange
♦ 11th Triennial Convention and Gathering
♦ Offering Transmittal Forms to print
♦ Thankoffering Service
♦ Installation of CU Officers Service
♦ Blogs...and a whole lot more. Visit the site and see what it has to offer you and your congregational unit.

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Please use this sheet to track the different projects your Women of the ELCA Congregational Unit/Women’s Group has completed throughout the past year - between the August 16 & 17, 2019, synodical convention, and the upcoming September 25, 2021, SWO convention.

This would include Lutheran World Relief Projects, Local Outreach Efforts, Fair Trade Coffee, and other projects you were responsible for completing.

The Synodical Women’s Organization would like to tally the different activities your group has completed during the past year and publish them following convention in News & Views. Thank you.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

DAY OF RENEWAL
Camp Nawakwa
Halifax, PA
May 8, 2021

33rd ANNUAL LS SWO CONVENTION
St. John, Berrysburg, PA.
September 25, 2021

FALL RETREAT
Camp Hebron
Halifax, PA
Oct. 29-Oct. 31, 2021