

# SNOW Newsletter

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## From the Desk of the President



Dear Sisters in Christ,

Happy Spring! I am so ready for spring to be here! Do you think we can start thinking warm weather, sunshine, and gardening? We probably have some snow still in our forecast but the good news is that it will not last long and spring planting will begin. "For everything there is a season...a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted..." Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

We have a full schedule of Spring Gatherings coming up in April and May. Conference 3 has decided not to hold a gathering. Their conference chair, Beverly Slevin, passed away this past winter. Please hold Beverly's family and friends and conference 3 in your prayers. I plan on attending as many gatherings as possible and look forward to meeting you at the gatherings.

Please mark your calendars and pray that we will be able to hold an in-person convention this year. The dates are September 16 & 17, 2022 at Bethlehem Lutheran in Fergus Falls, MN. Our speaker will be Dr. Jacqueline Bussie, award winning author of "Love Without Limits". The first mailing for the convention will be mailed in the near future. Conferences 7 & 8 will host the convention. Plan on attending this women's convention and bring a friend!

We have several openings for serving in our synod. We are in need of unit leader, conference leaders, and synod leaders. Please boldly answer "yes!" when called upon to serve as a leader. Maybe you are called "for such a time as this". Esther 4:1

Please contact me with any questions you may have about your Women of the ELCA Synodical Women's Organization.

In His Service,

Marilyn Grandstrand  
President



# Spring Conference Gatherings

## Conference 1

**Saturday, April 23, 2022**

8:30—12:00  
First Lutheran Church,  
312 3rd Ave SW  
Baudette

**Theme:** Holy Ground  
**Registration:** \$20 at the door



## Conference 2

**Saturday, May 7, 2022**

8:30—11:30 Luncheon  
Grace Lutheran Church  
114 Main Ave.  
Grygla

**Theme:** Our Joy Comes from God  
**Guest Speaker:** Connie Moe



## Conference 4

**Saturday, May 14, 2022**

9:00—12:00  
Bethany Lutheran Church  
100 3rd Ave  
Nevis

**Theme:** Make it OK  
**Guest Speaker:** Kathy Sell

In-kind physical offering for the Peoples Church, Bemidji—Adult Socks, soap, nail clippers, toothbrush, toothpaste, towels, and sturdy combs.



## Conference 5

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**

9:00—Brunch will be served  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
321 Main Street  
Hendrum

**Theme:** Define the fight through faith-leaning into faith during moments of adversity  
**Guest Speaker:** Mariah Prussia



## Conference 6

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022**

8:00 Registration  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
403 2 St. SE  
Wadena

**Theme:** Be Just and Kind  
**Guest Speaker:** Johanna Brunsberg  
“A Young Woman’s Perspective”



## Conference 7

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**

1:00—2:30 Coffee & Desert  
First Lutheran Church  
402 S Court Street  
Fergus Falls

**Theme:** “All Are One in Mission”  
*Pre-registration is strongly encouraged*

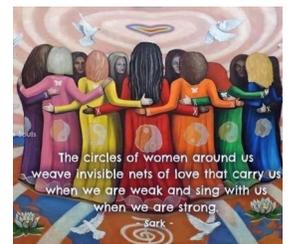


## Conference 8

**Thursday, April 28, 2022**

8:15 Noon Lunch Served  
Shalom Lutheran Church  
681 Voyager Drive  
Alexandria

**Theme:** Advocating for Crime Victims  
**Guest Speaker:** Leigh Nelson



## Convention Keynote Speaker



**Dr. Jacqueline Bussie** is an award-winning author, professor, theologian, public speaker, and student of life in all its messy beauty. Her books include *Love Without Limits* (2018) and *Outlaw Christian* (2016), which won the 2017 Gold Medal Illumination Award for Christian Living. Every day she is amazed and grateful that she actually gets paid to do the things she loves most: write, and try to make the world a more compassionate place.

In her free time, Jacqueline loves to: read books, ride in the front car of roller coasters, and travel to any place she has never been before. She is a huge fan of long walks, laughter, the band Bon Iver, and the smell of honeysuckle on a hot day. Her favorite place to write is next to any body of water.



### Mary Magdalene Award

We are now accepting nominations for the Mary Magdalene Award. We will be honoring Women from our conferences at our annual convention. These special and treasured women will be given a rose, a certificate and a monetary donation to a charity of their choice that is associated with the Women of the ELCA.

The nomination form can be found on the Synod website: [www.nwmsynod.org](http://www.nwmsynod.org). Click on Synod Organizations. The Synod Women's Organization should come up and there is a spot entitled "Forms." If you are experiencing any issues, please contact:

Amber Krafnick, 313 N Cascade  
Fergus Falls MN 56537  
218-731-7930  
email [akrafnick3@gmail.com](mailto:akrafnick3@gmail.com)



### TRAINING ON THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONFERENCE LEADERS

May 21 @ 1:00 pm

Bring your questions and insights to an hour-long discussion. All are welcome. Advanced registration required.

To register, go to: <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/event/training-on-the-roles-and-responsibilities-of-conference-cluster-leaders>

### Our Mission

To Act Boldly on our Faith in Jesus Christ

### Our Purpose

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.



### THERE IS STILL TIME In-Kind Physical Offering Tally

Send your tally sheets to:

Ardys Horner  
14144 East Fox Lake Road  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501  
[ardyshorn@arvig.net](mailto:ardyshorn@arvig.net)

# Stewardship

Thank you for your generous gifts. Congregational unit offerings and individual gifts totaled \$24,310 last fiscal year. As a partner in Women of the ELCA, your gifts allow us to serve as God's hands and feet. We were able to send \$14,553 to Women of the ELCA churchwide that provides education and support for women and girls through grants and publications such as The Gather magazine, Café e-newsletter and Bold Connections; free resources, daily devotionals, and blogs. We gave \$4,375 to support our local Bible Camps, Campus Ministries and high school scholarships to ELCA colleges. We had conference and convention expenses of \$2,909 and board expenses of \$2,398. We saved money on travel by having zoom meetings.

Mark Allan Powell brought up some interesting questions in the January edition of Gather Magazine Bible Study: "The Kingdom of God." He asks us to consider this question: Do we trust God enough to believe that a life ruled by God will be a better life than one in which we are in charge? Putting God in charge means surrendering control. What might God's will be for NWMNSWO with regard to finances?

In order for you to see the goals and challenges, I am including the budget for the coming fiscal year, Feb 1, 2022 – Jan 31, 2023, which was adopted at our annual convention in 2021. This budget was assuming we would be back to normal with spring and fall gatherings and an annual convention!!

In preparation for the annual convention, we ask congregations to submit their Convention expense fund offering – Triennial Offering – Convention Offering to:

Terry Pipho  
323 49th Ave SW  
Moorhead MN 56560

Blessings to all of you.  
Your treasurer,  
Terry Pipho



## Offering Form A

For use by CONGREGATIONAL UNITS  
for offerings to SYNODICAL TREASURER

Use Form A to submit **Regular Offerings** and **SWO Convention Offerings** to your Synodical Women's Organization. Make check payable to "Women of the ELCA." [terry.pipho@gmail.com](mailto:terry.pipho@gmail.com)  
**Mail Form with check to Terry Pipho, 323 49th Ave SW, Moorhead, MN 56560. Questions, please call 701-866-3495.**

		DATE	
CONGREGATION		CONGREGATION NUMBER	
CONGREGATION CITY/STATE		CONFERENCE OR CLUSTER NAME	
UNIT TREASURER NAME		PHONE NUMBER	
ADDRESS		EMAIL	
CITY/STATE		ZIP	

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<b>REGULAR OFFERING</b>	\$
<b>SWO CONVENTION OFFERING</b>	\$
<b>CONFERENCE OR CLUSTER OFFERING*</b>	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$

\* It is recommended that at least 50% of any cluster or conference offering be sent to the synodical treasurer to be passed on in full to the churchwide women's organization. Use this line if you are handling the offering from a cluster or conference event.

ELCAWO1021  
Form updated 5/2017

# Budget

## Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Womens Organization Budget Feb 2022-Jan 2023

### Ordinary Income/Expense

<b>Income</b>		
Conference Registration		16,000
Convention Registration		15,000
Silent Auction Income		1,500
<b>Congregational Unit Offerings</b>		
Lutheran Disaster Response	500	
Scholarship Offerings	3,000	
Triennial Offerings (100% to Church Wide Organization)	1,000	
Regular Offerings	24,000	
RREAL	500	
Conference Offering	16,000	
SWO Convention Offering	3,000	
AMMPARO	1,000	
<b>Total Congregational Unit Offerings</b>		<u>49,000</u>
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>81,500</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>		81,500
<b>Expense</b>		
Board Expenses		5,500
<b>Women of the ELCA Offerings</b>		
Regular Offering (50% to churchwide)	12,000	
AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors)	1,000	
Triennial Offering (100% to churchwide)	1,000	
Convention Offering (50% to churchwide)	1,500	
Lutheran Disaster Response	500	
Where Needed Most	1,000	
Conference Offering (50% to churchwide)	8,000	
<b>Total Women of the ELCA Offerings</b>		<u>25,000</u>
<b>Benevolence/Missions</b>		
Luther Crest Bible Camp	2,000	
Campus Ministries	2,000	
Pathways Bible Camp	2,000	
Rreal (Rural Renewable Energy Alliance)	2,000	
Scholarships	3,000	
<b>Total Benevolence/Missions</b>		<u>11,000</u>
Conferences Expenses		16,000
SWO Convention Expenses		16,000
Leadership Training		3,000
<b>Triennial Expenses</b>		
Triennial Young Women's Grant	1,000	
Triennial Expenses - Other	4,000	
<b>Total Triennial Expenses</b>		<u>5,000</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>		<u>81,500</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>		<u>0</u>
		<u>0</u>

## 2022 LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SPRING COLLECTION DATES

Lutheran World Relief teams with Midwest Motor Express each spring to collect and deliver quilts and kits at distribution points across the state for the Lutheran World Relief Spring In-gathering. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Tuneberg at the South Saint Paul Warehouse at 651-457-9009.

*Have you ever wondered where in the world your Quilts and Kits travel? With the new Quilt & Kit Tracker, you can find out! Visit [lwr.org/tracker](http://lwr.org/tracker) for more information. For the most current Quilt and Kit guidelines, visit [lwr.org/kits](http://lwr.org/kits), call 800.597.5972 or email [lwr@lwr.org](mailto:lwr@lwr.org).*

DATES	HOURS	SITES	ADDRESS
May 9-13 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	9:00 am-4:00 pm	Midwest Motor Express	314 27 <sup>th</sup> St N. Fargo, ND
May 12-13 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	9:00 am-4:00 pm	Midwest Motor Express	2215 N. Washington, Grand Forks, ND

### PACKING INSTRUCTIONS FROM LWR

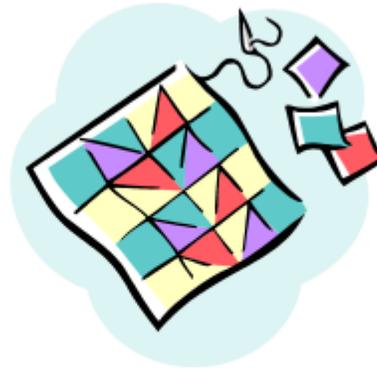
1. Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
2. Donations should be sorted and packed in separate boxes.
3. Use strong cartons secured with packing tape.
4. Do not allow box weight to exceed 40 pounds.
5. Label each box as follows:
  - ❖ Name and address of congregation
  - ❖ Contents of box



**Please be prepared to load quilts onto trucks, and Practice Social Distancing!  
No assistance will be available at any of the Midwest Motor sites.**

### NEEDS LIST:

- ❖ Quilts
- ❖ Personal Care Kits
- ❖ School Kits
- ❖ Baby Care Kits
- ❖ Fabric Kits
- ❖ Blankets



**\*Please note that LWR no longer collects clothing or soap.**

***Thank you for your commitment and assistance to make the  
Lutheran World Relief Drive a success!***



## QUILTS AND SHAWLS FOR PEACE



Lutherans who work with fibers often turn to their fabric or yarn when faced with calamity. It's calming to work with fibers, and productive outcomes (quilts or shawls) often go to those facing the calamity directly. It's no different with the Russian assault happening in Ukraine. Here are some ways you can employ fiber and make a positive impact on this developing humanitarian crisis. (Read through to the end to learn how you can offer financial support.)

Quilts and kits you've previously made are being sent to aid those directly impacted by the assault on Ukrainian people, Lutheran World Relief reports. When you're feeling helpless and don't know what to do, you can continue making quilts and assembling kits. LWR will need to replenish supplies, and you can make a positive contribution with your work. Maybe you can even invite someone new to the efforts.

Praying is always an appropriate response: prayers for those directly impacted, prayers for world leaders, prayers for peace and justice. Combine your prayer petitions and yarn by making prayer shawls or prayer squares. While your shawls and squares might not end up in the hands of a Ukrainian, they can benefit people closer to home. Check out Women of the ELCA's free resource Knitting as a spiritual practice. For patterns, do an online search for more information about prayer shawls and prayer squares or check with other fiber artists in your congregation or community. We've run a blog post (our most popular ever!) that included prayer squares and you can check there too for a prayer square pattern.

Financial support is always a welcome response, too. Getting money where it can make the most direct impact is important. Gifts can be made to:

Lutheran Disaster Response (ELCA)  
Lutheran World Relief  
Lutheran World Federation



## Easter Brunch

### Egg Bake

#### Ingredients:

- 12 Eggs
- 1 Quart 2% Milk
- 2 Cups Seasoned Croutons
- 1 – 8oz Pkg Shredded Cheese – Cheddar/Jack
- 1 lb Cooked Sausage – crumbled (Jimmy Dean – Sage)
- 1 Tsp Ground Dry Mustard
- 2 Tbsp Onion Powder
- 2 Tsp Salt
- 1 Tsp Pepper

#### Directions:

Beat 12 eggs, add milk, seasonings and cheese. Put a single layer croutons in bottom of 9x13 pan, sprinkle cooled, crumbled sausage over croutons and pour egg mixture over this. Place in fridge overnight. In the morning bake at 350 for 45 minutes, or until done.



## SWO High School Scholarships

If you, or anyone you know is a high school senior graduating this spring, and is planning to attend an ELCA College, they may be eligible for a scholarship through the SWO W/ELCA. A letter detailing the qualifications, plus a form to fill out can be found at online at: [nwmnsynod.org/assets/High-School-Scholarship-Letter-and-Application.pdf](http://nwmnsynod.org/assets/High-School-Scholarship-Letter-and-Application.pdf)

If you have questions, or want to submit a completed form, contact:

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**NW MN SWO Annual Convention September 16-17, 2022**



**Bethlehem Lutheran  
102 W Junius Ave  
Fergus Falls, MN**

