

# Women of the **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

## **NORTH CAROLINA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION**

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### **MARCH BULLETIN 2010**

Dear Sisters take my hand...dance with me,

Not too long ago, I came across this verse. I can't even remember where but I wrote it down and it seems appropriate to our theme (and our weather). It goes like this:

**"Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass....  
it's about learning how to dance in the rain."**

There are many storms raging or about to rage but are we learning how to dance in the rain? Or are we looking for cover? February 21<sup>st</sup> is **BOLD WOMAN SUNDAY** – so be **BOLD** and let's learn how to dance together.

I will be attending the Conference of Presidents in Chicago, Illinois February 18 -21, 2010. I will share all the news with you at the Spring Conference. I hope that all of you plan to attend your Spring Conference Gathering and the Twenty-Third Annual Gathering of the North Carolina Synodical Women's Organization of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, June 11-13, 2010 at Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, North Carolina. Please share all the information in this letter with your congregational expression. I pray that each of you will join me and your sisters in Christ at these gatherings.

- **Spring Conference Gatherings:**

- **Offering Designation: NC Costa Rica Companion Synod Task Force:** In keeping with our mission statement of "Mobilizing Women to act boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ" our offering will go to the NC Costa Rica Companion Synod Task Force, whose mission is to: fund a scholarship to send a young Costa Rican woman to seminary. We are also hoping to bring her to North Carolina for our Annual Gathering.
- **Pennies Campaign: LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE:** The last few years we raised over \$8,000 for Prison Match and over \$6,000 for the Appalachian Women's Alliance. I know we can do it again. So start collecting your pennies and bring them to the Spring Gathering, the Annual Gathering or the Fall Gathering. The campaign will run from February 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011. Challenge your circles – set your goal. Lutheran Family Service offers so much aid to children. Let's see how much we can raise.
- **Schedule of Spring Gatherings:** See attached listing for the date and location of your conference spring gathering. Please support your conference with your presence, and please bring a friend, or the woman you are mentoring to your gathering. What better way to grow our organization than for each of us to bring a new person. The Spring Conference program is entitled "**Sister Take My Hand**". You will also be electing a Director For Communication and Treasurer's Assistant in each conference. Don't miss it.

- **Twenty-third Annual NC Synodical Women's Gathering:**

- **A Letter of Call to the Gathering: YOU ARE CALLED** to attend the Twenty-third Annual Gathering of the North Carolina Synodical Women's Organization of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, June 11-13, 2010 at Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, North Carolina. (See more details in the article attached.)
  - **Gathering Highlights:** The Gathering Planning Committee has worked very hard this year on the Twenty-third Annual SWO Gathering. So mark your calendar. **Early registration forms were in the February Bulletin.**

- **Keynoter:** Linda Post Bushkofsky, Executive Director, Women of the ELCA.
  - **Chaplain:** The Reverend Jenni Zima, will do the Bible Study and be our Chaplain for the weekend.
  - **CWO Representative:** Charlene Spillman, Vice President, Executive Board – Women of the ELCA
- **Note regarding offerings to CE Presidents:**
    - **Form A:** Each congregational expression was mailed a 2009-2010 Stewardship packet with 12 Form A included. If you received this packet, please give it to your CE treasurer. If your CE did not receive a packet, ask your treasurer to call Augsburg Fortress at 1-800-328-4648 to request some free forms. Form A should be mailed to your Conference Treasurer Assistant with your offering.
    - **Thank Offerings:** Please be sure to mail all Thank Offerings to ChurchWide with Form B, also included in the mailing.
  - **Note from the Secretary:**
    - Please read Kiana's request for updates from your congregational expressions.
  - **Mission: Action: News regarding:**
    - **TDTR:** See Tamarah Hefner's article about the cookbook of options.
    - **Health Kits for Haiti:** See the poster for your bulletin board and the list of instructions.
  - **Mission: Community:**
    - **March Tidbits:** Read about the many opportunities available in the coming months. (See attached)
    - **Times are a changin':** Read about new and different ideas for your congregational expression.
    - **World Day of Prayer – March 5, 2010:** see the morsels for details.
    - **LFS In-Kind gifts:** See the list attached.
  - **Mission: Growth:**
    - **See the Mission-Growth Committee's coming attractions:** Attached.
    - **Prayer for Haiti**
  - **Leadership:** Please send a copy of your congregational expression constitution to Sherry Grissino, Chair of the Leadership Committee.
  - **Communications:** Send your articles for the Carolina Vine to Elizabeth Webb, editor.
  - **Reminder from the Patterson Memorial Scholarship Committee:**
    - **Preparing for College:** Read the criteria for receiving a Patterson Memorial Scholarship and perhaps they can help. Deadline is May 30, 2010.
  - **Important Reminders:**
    - **Spring Gathering dates** are attached.
    - **Kure Beach Retreat:** April 9-11, 2010
    - **Annual Gathering:** June 11-13, 2010
    - **Fall Retreat:** November 12-14, 2010

Sister take my hand...dance with me. Stretch out and touch the future.

*Cathy Sell*

NC Women of the ELCA President

# The shelves are **EMPTY!**

In December, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) sent more than 56,000 health kits that had been committed in 2009 to Azerbaijan, Mauritania, Tanzania, Belarus, Burkina Faso, Palestine (Gaza), Philippines, Peru and Guatemala. On January 12, 2010, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck ten miles from the capital of Haiti. This earthquake was the worst to strike Haiti in more than 200 years. Up to 3,000,000 Haitians are in need of immediate relief. LWR immediately sent 650 health kits and 1500 layettes with its partner Church World Service. They are poised to send more shipments of these items, as well as quilts and school kits soon. The most urgent need is for thousands more health kits and they need help from all of us to make this possible.

# The need is **CRITICAL!**

LWR is responding to the crisis in Haiti with compassion, speed, expertise and resources. Within hours of the earthquake, LWR committed \$1 million for relief efforts in Haiti. This commitment has more than doubled to **\$2.25 million**, and it will continue to be evaluated in the coming days and weeks based on need and donations.

In addition to significant financial support, LWR has committed material resources valued at nearly \$500,000. They are sending quilts and layettes to Haiti but the most critical need is for additional health kits. They will eventually send school kits when it is appropriate.

LWR is also dispatching a team of professionals to assess the situation and coordinate their relief efforts. These efforts are an initial response. They will be supplemented as conditions demand and more information becomes available. But given the devastation wrought by the earthquake to the Haitian people, infrastructure and economy, LWR is making plans for a **long-term commitment** of resources and expertise after the initial crisis phase.

# **PLEASE** won't you help?

**The North Carolina Women of the ELCA in conjunction with the North Carolina ELCA Synod office will be collecting health kits for the next several weeks. Details on the plan and how YOU can help are included on the next page.**

# GET YOUR ENTIRE CONGREGATION INVOLVED . . .

- 1) Advertise the need for health kits through your church newsletter and put posters around the church; set out a special box to collect the items brought by the members.
- 2) Collect the following items for each kit:
  - One hand towel, dark color recommended
  - One washcloth, dark color recommended
  - One bath-size bar (4-5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in its original wrapping
  - One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
  - One sturdy comb preferably wide-tooth, remove packaging
  - One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached, remove packaging (do not substitute cardboard emery boards for the file)
  - Six Band-Aids® (or similar brand), preferably 1/2" to 3/4"; secure with a rubber band
  - NO TOOTHPASTE
- 3) Once assembled, pack the health kits in strong cartons secured with packing tape. Please do not allow boxes to exceed 40 pounds.
- 4) Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the box.

HEALTH KITS – NO TOOTHPASTE
Name of your congregation
Address of your congregation
_____ (number) Health kits enclosed
_____ (pounds) Weight of carton

- 5) Bring health kits (no quilts or other kits) to the nearest church hosting the one-day Lenten retreat on February 27, 2010. If you are not attending the retreat, please deliver the kits to the church in advance. CALL the church to find the appropriate day and time. NOTE: if you do not have enough health kits for a complete carton, please bring what you have – we will box them. BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR CONGREGATION.

Atlantic Beach -- Shepherd of the Sea	Lincolnton -- Salem
China Grove -- Mt. Moriah	Lumberton -- St. Mark
Durham -- St. Paul	Monroe -- St. Lukes
Hendersonville -- Grace	Mooresville -- St. Mark
Hickory -- Mt. Olive	Winston-Salem -- Augsburg
- 6) **ONE FINAL WORD** – The cost to ship each health kit is approximately \$1.00; the cost to add the toothpaste is approximately \$2-\$3. If your congregation can help financially please send a check to the SWO Treasurer, Karen Mitchell at 280 Carter Loop Road, Rockwell NC 28138-6694. Please write "Health Kits" on the memo line.

**THE NEXT COLLECTION OF HEALTH KITS WILL BE AT THE CONFERENCE SPRING GATHERINGS.**

# Mission: Community--Times Are a-Changin'

By Kim Sheeks

The Times--They Are a-Changin', the title of a 1964 album released by Bob Dylan, are words which certainly apply as North Carolina Women of the ELCA reach out to the changing times for "today's woman". Many congregations are constantly seeking to find new and creative ways and ideas to enable all women, whether young or old, to actively participate in their circles or other activities. In this technological world of busy, constantly on-the-go families, it is often hard to get women to attend circle meetings--especially trying to juggle the "taxi mom" schedule of ballgames, dancing or music lessons, PTA, enrichment classes and a variety of other obligations. Following are some suggestions which have proven to be effective in assisting "today's women" to become more actively engaged in finding time to attend Women of the ELCA meetings.

1. Because many other evening activities begin around 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m., change circle meeting times to an earlier hour such as 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. This may enable many women who are involved in other organizations to attend both a circle meeting and other event. Make the time conducive for those who work and it may be easy for them to drop by on their way home from their jobs. Earlier meeting times will allow women with small children to get home and will ensure that their children get homework done and bath time will not be so late.

2. Not only will meeting earlier help, but make the time slot something out of the ordinary such as 6:01 p.m. or 5:57 p.m., and publish this time in church bulletins and newsletters. It makes people take notice and helps them to remember the time, because it is so unusual.

3. If women with small children haven't attended meetings because they can't afford a sitter, then, provide one for the meeting. Many high school groups such as Junior Civitans would be willing to do this for a service project where they can earn community service hours instead of monetary pay. Perhaps a circle could incorporate sitting services within their budget and enlist the services of the church youth group. The circle could contribute towards a youth project in exchange for baby-sitting services. Perhaps, the church youth group would provide sitting services free-of-charge as one of their projects.

4. Encourage women to bring their young girls with them to the meetings. Not only are the mothers grooming them as future leaders, the girls will want to emulate their mothers. The young ladies will feel privileged to be included with the "women." Make them especially feel important by asking them to help with refreshments, collecting offerings or assisting with other jobs. Schools are producing great readers these days; so many children as young as first grade may want to read a passage or two. Even the youngest of children can help assemble Lutheran World Relief kits or assist in the completion of similar projects.

5. Meeting at a local restaurant has many advantages--especially an establishment that has a private dining area. Some women bring their entire families, and let them eat elsewhere within the restaurant as they join their Sisters in Christ in the meeting area. A president needs to plan well for the meeting and conduct business once all orders are taken. Often wait staff may interrupt by refilling drinks and double-checking on orders.

6. If a family isn't able to join together at a restaurant, moms can also order take out services, and then, they don't have to feel guilty for eating out without their family members. Furthermore, they won't have to worry about what to fix for dinner when they get home.

7. Places such as Mr. Gatti's and Cici's Pizza have separate meeting rooms, and again, other family members may want to accompany their Women of the ELCA member. They can entertain themselves with games while the circle meeting takes place. These eating establishments are also "self-serve" which lends itself to ample meeting time. Members can fix their plates upon arrival, and the meeting will not be interrupted by wait staff asking about drinks and individual orders. One drawback to dining at these establishments is some charge a room retainer fee. This is refundable, if a group can guarantee a certain amount of paying customers. Cafeterias and buffet bars, also, make great places to meet. "Meeting and Eating" offers unique opportunities.

8. If the “restaurant scene” does not suit a group, but the dining together part sounds appealing, a hostess may want to order pizza or a Subway platter and divide the cost among the attendees. Not everyone wants to take time to contribute a covered dish, but they don’t mind paying a small fee for the meal. Of course, soup or chili with sandwiches can be easily done. Participants may want to bring an ingredient for the chili or soup. Sometimes, it’s fun for everyone to bring a can of spaghetti. Mix it all up, heat and serve. Everyone doesn’t have to bring the same brand, and the various flavors will provide quite a tasty meal. Some members may want to bring, bread, “sandwich fixings”, crackers or drinks.

9. Cookie exchanges work well for a meeting, and they don’t have to be done just at Christmas. How about one for St. Patrick’s Day? Each member bakes enough cookies for every person to take home a sample. The treasurer or other designee could purchase enough containers for everyone. Cookies can be taken to shut-ins or other circle adoptees, too.

10. Cake decorating meetings are fun. Maybe one or two persons would like to bake shaped cakes for the entire group by using the church kitchen. Sam’s Club will sell five gallon buckets of white icing, and the participants can color the icing or decorate the cake any way they desire. (Plan ahead for next year, and take advantage of after-holiday sales. It isn’t hard to find Christmas-tree-shaped pans, snowmen, hearts or other shapes. Having several shaped pans alike facilitates the baking process.) Members may choose to bake layers to cut into shapes to make bunny rabbit cakes or other creative confections. The cakes don’t have to look professionally decorated, and shut ins would certainly love to receive them.

11. Sometimes, just by taking the time to find some clever little gadget to make meeting reminders for special events may increase meeting attendance. For example, to remind women about a cake decorating or cookie party--buy small spatulas and attach a reminder to it. The reminder could say, “We’ll be stirring up a festive treat for your holiday celebration.” Then include the name of the group, date, time and place. On the back of the card print items which the participants can bring to the meeting. Such an idea may seem like a gimmick, but aren’t gimmicks what make advertising so appealing?

12. A Bible study about hands or feet lends itself to hand spas or foot soaking experiences. Some people are reluctant to wash others’ feet, but this can be a real bonding experience when compared to what our Savior did for his dear friends, the disciples. Quiet music, low lights and portable fountains make the ambiance even more special. Maybe a congregation has members who sell cosmetic brands who would be willing to do this at no charge. For a self-foot healing experience, groups can soak their feet in warm water with some Epson salts. Placing marbles in the bottom of the water basins gives an added massage technique. If supplying enough water basins for an entire group is too much of a challenge, ask the participants to bring their own! This type of meeting offers a “mini” retreat for every woman, and wouldn’t it be a relaxing, spiritual experience to end one’s hectic day?

13. A weekend or day retreat is the ultimate bonding experience for Women of the ELCA within a congregation. Some groups prefer to host one at their own churches, and invite guests to conduct the sessions. Other scenarios may include one day events at a nearby lake home or other getaway such as a park. Of course, the optimal retreat setting would be a weekend getaway at a mountain or beach home. With careful planning and creatively using available resources, a retreat would be affordable for anyone who desires to attend.

There are endless possibilities for energizing or re-energizing active participation in Women of the ELCA! Please, don’t fall into the old adage of “We haven’t ever done it that way before; so why should we try now?” If a group is tempted to fall back on that adage, perhaps it is time (because “times are a-changing”) to revamp it by saying, “We haven’t ever done it that way before, but now’s the time to give it a try!”

**MISSION: COMMUNITY  
TIDBITS AND MORE  
MARCH, 2010**

**SISTER TAKE MY HAND IN PRAYER**

- People in more than 110 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer on March 5, 2010. This year the women of Cameroon developed the theme: “Let everything that has breath praise God”. They invite us to “Africa in miniature”. It is a country rich in diversity, but bound together by a love for music, family and faith. Reach out and take your sister’s hand in prayer!

Submitted by: Gail Welch for Mission Community

**LET US SERVE TOGETHER**

- In supporting our community that protects relationships in our church and as part of our ongoing objective to reach others, the Stewardship Committee Chair came up with an idea for a small group. CARDS R US meets the third Sunday of the month with a group of players that might be as small as one table or as large as four. We play board and card games such as Scrabble, Rummikubes, bridge and rummy. We bring snacks and drinks and stay a couple of hours. The group has changed over the years, but we have a good time visiting with members we might not see on Sunday or during the week. This small group makes for a nice afternoon exchange of fellowship with fellow Christians. What could be better? Maybe your church is ready for a small group that stretches the mind and has fun as well.

Submitted by: Tonie Neal for Mission Community

- **What do you do with 600 lbs. of soft drink can tabs?** This amount is what was collected at last year’s Annual NC Gathering in Hickory. Area VFWs took the pull tabs to a recycling facility and donated the money to the NC Ronald McDonald House. Thanks ladies for all the hard work!
- In this Bulletin you will find the list of needed items for Lutheran Family Services. Please post this on your bulletin boards or in your newsletter for your congregation. You will be receiving more information on how to bring to the Gathering in next month’s Bulletin.

# Mission Growth ~ March 2010

## Prayer for March

Gracious God and Father of us all,  
You have blessed us with the gift of your baptism. We often stray away, but you never do.  
We thank you for your never-ending love and care. And we thank you for all of our sisters in faith  
who have strengthened us when we falter.

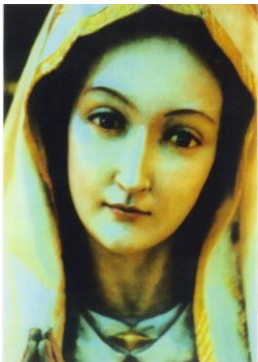
Thank you for the joys you have given us as we travel life's path. Help us to be faithful in all things  
that we may be a light to our fellow travelers, not only our sisters in faith,  
but also to those who have not yet seen your light.

We know the strength you give us as we worship and serve together. May we always be ready  
to share that strength even during times when we feel so much in need of it ourselves.

For all of these gifts, we thank you, dear Lord.  
Amen

*Written by Edna Wagschal, SWO Mission Growth Committee*

## COMING EVENTS



### **Spring Retreat - Kure Beach Retreat Center**

April 9-11, 2010

**Registration Deadline:** March 27, 2010

**"Mary, Woman of Strength, Leads Us to the Fountain"**

*Written and led by Melanie Denny*

Doesn't the thought of a peaceful retreat at the beach sound delicious after this rough winter?

Now's the time to register for this inspirational time of fellowship and fun with your sisters of the faith. Discover what we can learn from the strength and enduring faith of Mary, the mother of Jesus. The retreat begins Friday evening and ends Sunday morning after worship. Your Saturday afternoon will be free for coastal pastimes.

Download the brochure/registration form on the NC Women of the ELCA Web site at [www.ncwelca.org](http://www.ncwelca.org) and look under "Special Events" or ask your congregational unit president for a copy.

Cost is \$85 (includes 2 night's accommodations, 2 breakfasts and Sat. lunch. Suppers on your own in local restaurants.) Registration is limited. Some ladies were not able to get in last year; don't let that be you.



## **Fall Retreat - Lutheridge**

November 12-14, 2010

"Sister, take my hand-Let's dance!"

Your SWO Mission Growth Committee is excited to announce news of the 2010 Fall Retreat. Our retreat leader is Pastor Sue Gamelin; come enjoy her enthusiasm as she leads us in this time of praise and spiritual discernment at beautiful Lutheridge. Learn more about Pastor Sue below. Kathy Reeves of Durham will lead us in various forms of dance.

Our theme invites us to dance, as the Spirit moves us...in our souls, our hearts, our hands, our feet. "Let them praise his name with dancing," Psalm 150: 3a

Join your sisters in Christ for a joyous gathering of praise, worship and movement. Try simple liturgical dance, line dancing, and more. This would be a great time for mothers to have special faith time with their teen and young adult daughters. Bring them along! Wouldn't this be a great Mother's Day gift?

The retreat begins on Friday evening and ends after worship on Sunday morning with Saturday afternoon free. The cost is \$150. (less than Wild Women's Weekends) (Includes 2 night's accommodations, 2 breakfasts and Sat. lunch, snacks, and resource expenses. Suppers on your own in local restaurants.)

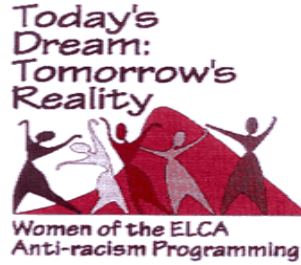
Women of the ELCA from across the southeast will be invited to join us in this celebration of faith and sisterhood. Space is limited so plan to register early. Look for the registration brochure in the April Bulletin, but share the news now!

### **The Rev. Sue Gamelin**

Some of you may remember Pastor Gamelin as our petite keynote speaker at the 2009 SWO Gathering. A frequent contributor to "Lutheran Women Today," she also wrote the 2005-2006 Women of the ELCA Bible Study, "Act Boldly in the Fruit of the Spirit". She is presently called as co-pastor with her husband to Emmanuel Lutheran Church in High Point, N.C. Pastor Gamelin is particularly suited to lead this retreat since we are inviting our Lutheran sisters from across the Southeast. She has served as Assistant to the Bishop in both the Southeastern and the Florida-Bahamas synods and is known to many of the ladies there. Others may have met Pastor Sue when she served as Bible Study leader at numerous Wild Women's Weekends at Lutheridge.

We are fortunate to have this vivacious and inspiring woman as our Fall Retreat leader. She encourages all women to attend whether or not they can dance. Pastor Sue admits that she always wanted to be a ballerina until her dance teacher told her "she might want to take up the piano instead!"

# **Today's Dream: Tomorrow's Reality Anti-Racism Program**



## **Today's Dream: Tomorrow's Reality Workshops**

Today's Dream, Tomorrow's Reality Workshop has been in existence since 1997. In 1997, Maxine Amos and Tamarah Hefner were sent to Chicago for training. Since that time, the team has added four new team members, Esther Armstrong, Sharon Johnson, Gail Starr and Rachel Armston. There will be two more members added after a workshop held by the churchwide team to educate peer educators in March. They are Karin O'Donnell and Ostine Swan. This will give our team in North Carolina eight people. We are ready and waiting for churches to call us to come to present workshops.

Someone may ask, "What is racism?" The definition that the ELCA and Women of the ELCA uses is "Racism is a systemic issue. It is racial prejudice plus the power of institutions and systems to support that prejudice."

The material we present is in a cookbook form. The choices are from many appetizers, breads, main courses and desserts. This menu plan can consist of one hour up to a two day retreat. Churches will be able to tell the anti-racism team the amount of time that they could allot to a workshop and the team can choose a menu that would best fit into that time frame. The menus consist of many bible studies, videos, prayers and suggestions on how to become anti-racist.

We are looking for a church in the Raleigh area to be a site to hold a workshop this September so that many other area churches would be able to attend. Women, men, church councils, pastors and youth are invited to attend. We held a workshop last year in March at St. Mark's in Claremont and people attended from many churches.

Be the next church to call for a workshop. There is no cost to your church. The team is willing and waiting for your call. We are very excited about the materials and how this gives flexibility to our presentation. If you are interested in a workshop being held at your church, please contact Tamarah Hefner, Chairperson at 828-459-7053.

**Dancing! Singing! Bible Study! Fellowship!**  
**Inspiring speakers! Exciting Awareness Sessions!**

**You'll find it all at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gathering in June!**

The action starts earlier this year for even more time for fun and fellowship!  
Check In begins at Noon and Delegate Orientation will begin promptly at 3PM.  
This means that delegates will need to plan to be there early.

We encourage you to take advantage of the Early Bird option which amounts to about 17% discount! The regular cost for the entire weekend is \$150.00 this year. Register early and the cost is only \$125.00!! Early Bird Discounts are still available if postmarked **by March 15, 2010**. The Early Bird Registration forms are posted on the website. (TAGG and TGIF programs are being offered again and they are also eligible for the Early Bird discounts!)

As promised, we are reaching out to you for feedback and suggestions regarding childcare. A survey has been sent to many of you and is included in this Bulletin. (Please share this with all who might benefit from childcare at the Gathering and ask them to return it *as soon as possible* to Jacque Yacobucci.)

Saturday Night - Live! – Be prepared to sing along with the musicians and possibly learn a dance or two (or laugh at those of us who are trying to learn one...). We are planning a casual and fun filled evening. Live at the Centrum!

Snippets to remember:

- Our Keynote Speaker will be Linda Post Bushkofsky, Executive Director of Women of the ELCA
- Pastor Jenni Zima from will be our Chaplain
- We will be meeting in Belk Centrum this year – not the Auditorium
- Awareness Sessions will be easier to get to since they will be in the same building

The Gathering Planning committee is excited about the changes planned for this year. Come join us so you can tell us what you think!

## CHILD CARE SURVEY

We would like to offer child care at the Annual Gathering at Lenoir-Rhyne in Hickory but in order to do so we need to determine how much interest there would be. Please take a few moments to answer the following questions.

1) Children ten and under would be accepted. Children five and under must stay with their mother in her room. Children 6 to 10 would be charged the housing/facility rate which runs, depending on where you would be staying, single occupancy from \$24.00 to \$28.00, double occupancy from \$20.00 to \$24.00 per night. Girls eleven to fourteen could enroll in the T.A.G.G. (Totally Awesome Groupies for God). Girls fifteen to nineteen could enroll in the T.G.I.F. (Teens Gathering in Faith). Would this childcare program help you to be able to attend?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

2) If offered, child care would be available only while the mother attends workshops or meetings. Children will eat with their mothers in the cafeteria (for a nominal charge) and sleep with their mothers in the dorm. See first question. Is this acceptable to you?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

3) Is there anything specific in the way of childcare that we might offer to make it easier for you to attend the Annual Gathering at Lenoir-Rhyne?

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Please send this completed form to Jacqui Yacobucci  
6408 Winthrop Dr.  
Fayetteville, N.C. 28311

## **A NOTE FROM YOUR SECRETARY**

Just a reminder to be sure and send in the names of your newly elected President and Treasure for our records! For those of you who have sent in the new information, thank you very much. If I can help you with any information please let me know. If you get the Bulletin via email and are having problems opening anything please, please let me know. I cannot fix what I do not know is wrong. My email address is [ksinz@vnet.net](mailto:ksinz@vnet.net) or you can mail the corrections to me at – 123 Crescent St, Kannapolis, NC 28081-7107.

Kiana Sinz,  
Secretary

### **Mission-Growth Prayer**

FATHER, SEND YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN HAITI, HEALING AND STRENGTH IN THEIR TIME OF NEED. GRANT THEM PEACE AND COMFORT OF SPIRIT.

OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST HAVE LOST FAMILIES, HOMES, AND THEIR WILL TO SURVIVE. GIVE THEM YOUR HELP TO REGAIN THAT WHICH THEY CAN AND TO KNOW YOU ARE WITH THEM THROUGH THIS TIME OF TURMOIL. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY HEAR OUR PRAYERS.

AMEN

# SPRING GATHERINGS 2010

CONFERENCE	LOCATION	DATE
Alexander/Iredell	St. Johns, Statesville	April 17 <sup>th</sup>
Blue Ridge	Holy Communion, Banner Elk	April 17 <sup>th</sup>
Cabarrus/Stanly	Holy Trinity, Mt Pleasant	April 17 <sup>th</sup>
Catawba	St. Timothy, Conover	April 17 <sup>th</sup>
Central	Grace Lutheran, Thomasville	April 10 <sup>th</sup>
Mecklenburg/Union	Holy Trinity, Charlotte	April 17 <sup>th</sup>
North Coastal	Good Shepherd, Goldsboro	April 24 <sup>th</sup>
Northern	Macedonia, Burlington	May 1 <sup>st</sup>
Rowan	Organ, Salisbury	April 17 <sup>th</sup>
Salem	Shiloh, Lewisville	April 17 <sup>th</sup>
Sandhills	Living Word, Laurinburg	May 1 <sup>st</sup>
Smoky Mountain	Good Shepherd, Brevard	April 17 <sup>th</sup>
South Coastal	TBA	
Southwestern	Cedar Grove, Vale	
Triangle	Abiding Presence, Fuquay Varina	March 20 <sup>th</sup>

# *Young Woman Gifted and Blessed*

*Application to be a Guest  
North Carolina Women of the ELCA Gathering  
Lenoir-Rhyne University  
June 11-13, 2010*

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School?  Yes  No Where: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why I would like to attend and ways I would like to be involved:

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Nominated by Congregational Unit:

Name of church: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

CU President: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Conference: \_\_\_\_\_ Date this form was sent: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief statement giving the reason for nominating this young woman:

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**Nominee must be between the ages of 20 and 35. Return this completed form by US mail or email no later than April 1, 2010 to:**

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