

OCTOBER 2010 BULLETIN

Dear Sisters in Christ,

“Sister take my hand...come to the fountain, dance with me...” serve with me, learn with me, pray with me, grow with me... Each of the committees of the NC Women of the ELCA works to create opportunities for all of us to grow in our faith, to discover our gifts, and to use those gifts as we engage in bold action and in ministry and mission. In this Bulletin you can read short articles from each of the committees sharing some of the things they have planned to provide opportunities for your participation.

We are currently in the process of updating the NC Women of the ELCA website ncwelca.org and invite you to begin using it get information such as dates, times, and places of events, program ideas, and even a copy of the Bulletin.

In this issue of the Bulletin you will find:

- **Planning Calendar for 2010-2011 (revised)**

This is a revised version from the calendar in the September Bulletin. There have been a few changes and several additions. Please use this version. The current calendar and event lists are now posted on the NC Women of the ELCA website (ncwelca.org). As additional dates become known, they will be posted on the website as well.

- **Mission: Community**

- Mission Morsels (check out the new name)

- On November 5, Church Women United, will celebrate, World Community Day. This year's theme is “Building the Beloved Community” and shares a vision of people of many nations and communities working together in a commitment of non-violent means.
- Women of the ELCA Sunday is fast approaching. Have you already made plans? Kim Sheeks' article helps you look at that planning a new way: “Women of the ELCA Sunday... It's Like Planning a Wedding”?
- We all know we should be “going green” to be better stewards of the planet God has given us. That applies to the church as well. How can you create a greener church?
- Here are ways of adding Crossnore School to your Christmas list.

- **Mission: Action**

- The NC Women of the ELCA collected thousands of Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief between February and June to help meet the needs caused by the earthquake in Haiti. What an incredible effort!!

- We are now gearing up for the annual Lutheran World Relief Parish Projects Fall Collections. These are scheduled for early November. You will find information about what is being collected, how it needs to be packaged, and locations and dates for drop-off.
- The NC Women of the ELCA was honored by Prison MATCH of North Carolina as the 2009 Organizational Donor of the Year.

▪ **Mission: Growth**

- A prayer for your use.
- Are you looking for a new program idea or Thankoffering resources. Here is an article about exciting new ideas and resources available to you at your finger tips.
- 2010 Fall Retreat Registration brochure – *Sister, take my hand – Dance with me!* Reminder – get your registration in soon!
- Plans have come together for a terrific One-day Lenten Retreat - “Faithful Women: Invite, Encourage, Serve”. The retreat will be held at locations in each of the 15 Conferences – each happening the same day at the same time.
- Read the News Flash: The Spring Retreat at Kure Beach has been planned. Inez Torres Davis will be joining us to leading the retreat themed “Sacred Spaces”.

▪ **Conference Coordinator/Offering Interpretations**

- The offerings at the Fall Gatherings will be going for mission and ministry - Beth Woodard internship at LaVela in Greensboro and Brenda Rivera’s third year of Lutheran seminary. The Service of Remembering will also be held with proceeds going to the Christine Bohr Anderson Seminary Scholarship.
- Fall Gatherings will be held in each of the Conferences between September 18th and October 30th. A list of the locations and dates is attached (it is also on the website ncwelca.org). The program for the day will be “Let Us Serve Together”.

▪ **Gathering Planning**

The 24th Annual NC Synodical Women’s Organization Women of the ELCA Gathering is nearly nine months away, but the planning committee is in high gear.

- The key note speaker and the chaplain are in place. We are blessed to have Pastor Kristina Johnson of La Iglesia Luterana – La Vela, Greensboro as our keynote speaker, and Pastor Ruth Ann Sipe of Mt. Zion, Richfield as our chaplain.
- We are very happy to announce that day care will be available at the Gatherings. The programs for teens and tweens have been well received and will continue. Begin now to encourage the young women of your congregations to attend. There are some scholarship opportunities available to cover their registration.

- **Eighth Triennial Gathering** will be held in Spokane, Washington, July 14 – 17, 2011. Registration begins September 15th. Find out more online at www.womenoftheelca.org/triennial4 or call 800-638-3522, ext.2730.

▪ **Triennial Registration Scholarship Application**

The NC Women of the ELCA will provide one scholarship for registration for the Eighth Triennial Gathering. Applications for the scholarship need to be postmarked or emailed by November 1, 2010. The applications will be reviewed by the Executive Board and the choice of recipient will be made based on reason for applying and financial need. The recipient will be responsible for her own transportation to and from the Gathering.

Sisters – Pray With Me and your sisters around the nation **each Monday at noon**. Just stop for a few minutes to pray for all the many projects in which we are all involved and in remembering all those who might need a

special prayer on that particular day or throughout that week. If you wish to receive our list of individuals wanting prayer, let me know by sending me your email address.

Be sure to share the information in the Bulletin with all of the other participants. Additionally, anyone not currently receiving the "Bulletin" can be added to the e-mailing list by contacting Kiana Sinz, our secretary.

Grace and peace,

Sharon Johnson

NC Women of the ELCA President



North Carolina Women of the ELCA

Scholarship Application for Eighth Triennial Gathering

July 14 – 17, 2011

Spokane, Washington

The scholarship recipient will receive a registration for the Triennial Gathering. (The recipient will be responsible for transportation to and from the Triennial Gathering in Spokane).

Applications are open to ALL women whose church membership is with an ELCA congregation in North Carolina. For questions, call Sharon Johnson, President NC Women of the ELCA at 704 392-1932 or e-mail sadj@bellsouth.net

(Please print or type)

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ e-mail _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Congregation _____ City _____

Conference _____

Place an "X " on the lines that apply:

Age: _____ 20-29; _____ 30-39; _____ 40-49; _____ 50-59; _____ 60 and over

Ethnic/Racial Heritage: _____ Asian; _____ African American; _____ Hispanic;
_____ Native American; _____ Caucasian; _____ Other

I did _____ did not _____ attend the 2008 Triennial Convention.

Why would like to receive this scholarship?

How do you intend to use the experience of attending the Triennial?

Discuss your financial need for applying.

Mail completed applications by November 1, 2010 to:

Sharon Johnson, 4237 Freedom Dr., Charlotte, NC 28208 or email to sadj@bellsouth.net

You answered the CALL to ACTION

MUCHAS GRACIAS! MERCI BEAUCOUP THANK YOU!

Thanks to your generosity, we collected 5,509 Lutheran World Relief health kits between February 27 and June 13, 2010 during our emergency appeal!

Those kits have been delivered to Lutheran World Relief in Maryland and are now on their way to Haiti and other places where they are desperately needed. As autumn approaches (finally!) we turn our attention to our regularly scheduled collection of all Lutheran World Relief parish projects. The pick-up of LWR parish projects will be early November so **THERE IS STILL TIME FOR YOUR CONGREGATIONAL EXPRESSION TO COLLECT AND PREPARE quilts, health kits, school kits, layettes, sewing kits, and boxes of soap.** Check the box at the right for contents of the health and school kits and review the LWR booklet, *Be Involved*, for packing instructions and information on the other projects.

LWR's Presence in Haiti Now: Six months after Haiti's devastating 7.0 earthquake, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) remains hard at work assisting those who are still dealing with its aftermath and will be for years to come. LWR plans to work with earthquake-affected communities for five years. LWR is focusing the majority of its efforts on underserved rural communities that found themselves hosting many people who fled the capital city after the quake, putting a severe strain on already limited resources. LWR is working with local partners to help build soil and water conservation structures, distribute seeds in preparation for the rainy season and provide training on agricultural production, to ensure that people have some income and that farmers are able to grow sufficient food to feed everyone. LWR is also supporting the construction of latrines and water filter systems to accommodate the additional people who have fled to rural areas. As a member of the global aid consortium ACT Alliance, LWR has supported life-saving measures in and around Port-au-Prince. ACT Alliance members have provided food, water and sanitation, shelter and other services to more than 341,000 people.

MUCHAS GRACIAS! MERCI BEAUCOUP THANK YOU!

Thanks also to the individuals and congregational expressions who completed the Mission: Action survey forms!

Throughout the coming year, we will report the results of those two surveys. One question asked you to help Mission: Action determine its priorities for the year and your responses included, "environmental concerns and disproportionate consumption and waste of the earth's resources by people in the United States". Look for "Simple Things to Do that Will Have a Big Impact" in the monthly Bulletins.

HEALTH KIT:

- One dark-color hand towel
- One dark-color washcloth
- One bath-size bar soap, original wrapping
- One adult toothbrush, original packaging
- One sturdy large-tooth comb
- One metal nail file or clippers with file attached
- Six Band-Aids®, 1/2" to 3/4"

SCHOOL KIT:

- Notebooks (wide or college rule) totaling 150-200 sheets, no loose-leaf paper
- One blunt scissor
- One 30 centimeter ruler
- One pencil sharpener
- Six new, #2 pencils with erasers
- One eraser
- 12 sheets of construction paper, assorted colors
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One sturdy cloth bag approx. 12" x 14" with cloth handles or drawstring

URGENT! NEW & IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE LWR FALL COLLECTION!

To: All Congregations of the NC Synod of the ELCA
From: Women of the ELCA/The Mission Action Committee/ Lutheran World Relief
Re: Parish Projects/ Drop-off Info
Date: August 14, 2010

I hope your congregation is continuing its efforts in these LWR Year Round Projects. In the year 2009, 1050 cases were collected for LWR with one and one-half trailer loads being delivered to New Windsor. The weight was approximately 17,957 pounds. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK. Remember, the two important changes in the projects--**NO CLOTHING WHATSOEVER AND NO TOOTHPASTE IN THE HEALTH KITS.** Please refer to **BE INVOLVED** for more information, especially related to assembling and packing items. Call 1-800-LWR-LWR2 for free copies of *Be Involved* and keep the brochures as they are used for multiple years. You can also get the same info at the website lwr.org by clicking on **Be Involved**.

Follow packing directions

No more than 40 pounds to a carton
Only one kind of an item to a carton
No plastic or paper bags!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAPE CASES CLOSED AND WEIGH THEM!

Label with contents, weight, and your church information and address it to:

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
601 MAIN STREET
NEW WINDSOR, MD 21776

THERE IS ONE IMPORTANT CHANGE BEGINNING THIS YEAR! For many, many, years the synod has paid for the shipments of all these cases from the drop-off sites to the Hickory terminal for consolidation. They are no longer able to do this. **IT IS NOW THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NC WOMEN OF THE ELCA to pay for these shipments!** Last year's cost was almost \$2700.00. The charges vary due to distance, but more importantly, the weight. **We invite congregations, groups, and individuals to make monetary contributions to this very worthwhile cause. Make your check payable to: NC Women of the ELCA, mark it for LWR pickups, and send it to the NC Women's treasurer, Karen Mitchell, 280 Carter Loop Road, Rockwell, NC 28138-6694. DO NOT put the check in the cases or take it to the drop-off sites.**

(It is difficult to find a drop-off site for every conference and poor stewardship of our money as it would be very expensive. There is one replacement drop-off site this year. **If the drop-off site listed for your conference is not convenient, you may take your items to another drop-off site, as all items are consolidated in Hickory and sent as one shipment from the NC Synod.**)

The churches at the drop-off sites may contact you if your donations are not packed according to LWR specifications!

The dates are (Mon- Fri.) Nov 1-5, and 8-12, EXCEPT FOR ASHEVILLE AND HICKORY-- these two churches host elections on Nov 2--NO DELIVERIES THERE UNTIL AFTER NOV 2.

We gratefully appreciate these churches agreeing to be drop-off sites for the conferences.

NOTE: RALEIGH HAS A NEW SITE THIS YEAR!

Asheville--St. Mark's (Blue Ridge Mtn. and Smokey Mtn. Conferences)

Dates are Wed., Nov. 3 through Sat., Nov. 13.

10 N Liberty Street, Asheville NC 28814-8608

Contact Eileen Cram 828-253-0043

Charlotte--St. Luke's (Mecklenburg/Union and Cabarrus Conferences)

3200 Park Road, Charlotte NC 28220

Contact Sandra Taylor 704-523-7981

Dallas--St. Paul's (Southwestern and Gaston Conferences)

531 Hardin Road, Dallas NC 28034

Contact Joe Rhyne and Gail Summey 704-922-4387

Hickory--New Jerusalem (East Catawba and West Catawba Conferences)

Dates are Wed., Nov. 3 through Mon., Nov. 15. (No Saturday deliveries, please)

2120 Startown Road, Hickory NC 28602

Contact Pastor Randall Cauble 828-324-7272

Jacksonville--Church of our Savior (Northeast and Southeast Conferences)

1115 Lejuene Boulevard Road, Jacksonville, NC 28540

Contact Sherry Ercolanese 910-347-2207

Raleigh--St. Philip (Northeast Piedmont and Sandhills/Piedmont Conferences)

7304 Falls of Neuse Road, Raleigh NC 27615

Contact Pastor Diane Amidon 919-846-2992

Salisbury Area--Faith (West Central, West Rowan and East Rowan Conferences)

Dates: Mondays (Nov 1 & 8) 9-11am, Tuesdays (Nov 2 & 9) 1-3pm, and Thursdays (Nov 4 & 11) 5-7pm

205 S. Main Street, Faith, NC 28041

Contact Betty Hunt 704-279-4597

Winston-Salem--Augsburg (Northern Piedmont, Triad, and Northwestern Conferences)

845 W. 5th Street, Winston-Salem NC 27101

Contact Phyllis Still 336-722-8144

The cartons will be picked up by Estes Express Lines, consolidated in Hickory, and delivered to the LWR warehouse in New Windsor, Md. **Many, Many, Many thanks to Estes for delivering our goods all these years. They have also picked up some of the local shipments FREE OF CHARGE. What a wonderful display of love and friendship!**

Thank you so much for your efforts,

Rachel T. Price, LWR Coordinator

1330 Wessex Lane Hickory 28602

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August 14, 2010

To: All Congregations of the North Carolina Synod of the ELCA

From: Rachel T. Price, LWR Synod Coordinator
1330 Wessex Lane, Hickory, NC 28602
Home Phone: 828 294 1135
Email: rtp1330@gmail.com

Re: 2010 Information Sheet for LWR Parish Projects
(NOTE: We do NOT need clothing of any kind, NOR do we need toothpaste in the health kits. Also the number of bars of soap is not needed.)

Please fill in the following information for your 2010 collection of parish projects for your congregation. Make 3 copies. **One goes with your collection to your drop off site, send one to me by December 17, 2010 at the above address and keep one for your record.** Thanks for your participation in our on-going efforts for Lutheran World Relief.

Name of donor church: _____

Address: _____

_____ Conference: _____

LWR Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

<u>Item</u>	<u># of Items</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Weight (lbs)</u>
Blankets & Quilts	_____	_____	_____
Health Kits/No Toothpaste	_____	_____	_____
Layettes	_____	_____	_____
School Kits	_____	_____	_____
Sewing Kits	_____	_____	_____
Soap	_____	_____	_____
	TOTALS	_____	_____

FALL GATHERINGS

2010

CONFERENCE	LOCATION	DATE
Alexander/Iredell	St. Marks, Mooresville	October 2
Blue Ridge	St. John, Hudson	October 16
Cabarrus/Stanly	St. John, Concord	October 16
Catawba	St. Luke, Conover	October 2
Central	Holly Grove, Lexington	October 2
Mecklenburg/Union	Christ Lutheran, Charlotte	October 2
North Coastal	Shepherd of the Sea, Atlantic Beach	October 23
Northern	Friedens, Gibsonville	October 16
Rowan	Immanuel, Rockwell	October 9
Salem	Emmanuel, High Point	September 18
Sandhills	Our Savior, Southern Pines	October 2
Smoky Mountain	Nativity, Arden	October 30
South Coastal	Kure Memorial, Kure Beach	October 23
Southwestern	St. Marks, Cherryville	October 16
Triangle	Holy Trinity, Raleigh	October 23

ONE- DAY LENTEN RETREAT

“Faithful Women: Invite, Encourage, Serve”

With arms wide open faithful women invite, encourage and serve. This study will look at when, what, to whom, and how we do each of these actions. For example, when do you invite others; what do you invite others to do; whom do you invite and how do we invite others. We will apply these actions in specific ways to our daily ministry. The study is adapted from “Lessons for Today’s Disciples” from the Women of the ELCA. Each participant is invited to bring a Bible to the retreat.

The One-day Lenten Retreats are scheduled on February 26, 2011, at the following locations:

Conference	Church
• Alexander/Iredell	Shiloh, Hickory
• Blue Ridge Mountain	Philadelphia, Granite Falls
• Cabarrus/Stanly	Mt. Zion, Richfield
• Central	Beck’s Lutheran, Lexington
• Catawba	St. Andrews, Hickory
• Mecklenburg/Union	A Mighty Fortress, Charlotte
• North Coastal	Our Redeemer, Greenville
• Northern	St. Paul's, Burlington
• Rowan	Ebenezer, China Grove
• Salem	Augsburg, Winston Salem
• Sandhills	Our Savior, Southern Pines
• Smoky Mountains	Grace, Hendersonville
• South Coastal	Reconciliation, Wilmington
• South Western	St. Luke, Gastonia
• Triangle	Abiding Savior, Durham

The purpose of having a church in each conference to host a retreat is to allow more participation and less traveling. If your conference does not have a host church and your church is willing to serve as host, please contact Maxine Amos at 910-738-3309 or macmaxx@bellsouth.net. We need to get the brochure prepared for the Fall Conference Gatherings.

Gathering/Planning “Women of Faith, With Arms Wide Open”

The Gathering/Planning Committee hit the ground running on Committee Day I August 14th. We chose Pastor Ruth Ann Sipe of Mt. Zion, Richfield as our chaplain. Pastor Kristina Johnson of La Iglesia Luterana – La Vela, Greensboro as our keynote speaker. We are happy to announce that both have accepted our invitations. More about both of them will come in later editions of the Bulletin.

We are happy to announce that we will provide child care this year.

We will be choosing Scripture and Hymns really soon. If you have some favorite ones that go along with our theme please e-mail your suggestions to Phyllis Myers at phylma@suddenlink.net or Kathy Wallace at herseywal@aol.com by October 23rd.

We are taking all of the evaluation sheets that we received very seriously and will try to change what we can.

Be sure to look in future Bulletins for more updates.

Submitted by Kathy Wallace
Co. Chair Gathering/Planning Committee

Child care will be available at all Gatherings this year

Because of an insurance glitch a number of years ago, our NC Women of the ELCA Board had to drop child care at the Annual Gathering in Hickory. Yes, it was a not the best decision ever made and not looking into alternatives was the second part. But, as always, God had other plans, and those children also did not want to stop coming. The TEEN/TWEEN programs were born.

With thanks to the Leadership Committee, we have TAGG's (Totally Awesome Groupies for God) and TGIF's (Teens Gathering in Faith) and some very special leaders for these groups, who keep these groups interested and participating in our Annual Gathering.

Because of the missing child care, we have had fewer applications for our YWGaB (Young Women Gifted and Blessed). The cut off for that program is 35, which also means young Mothers. So, by a unanimous vote of the Board, child care is to be provided at the Annual Gatherings. It will also be provided at the Spring and Fall Gatherings.

In keeping with the great programs already in place, the Gathering Planning Committee is looking for ideas from, you, young mothers to provide the very best experience for your children while you are attending and enjoying the Gathering. Contact Phyllis Myers or Kathy Wallace with your suggestions.

And for all of our Women of the ELCA, encourage the young women/mothers from your congregation to apply for the Young Women Gifted and Blessed program. There are 8 scholarships available. If you have more than one young Woman in your church that might like to apply, why not have your group collect money to provide a scholarship for the second one so both can attend.

Phyllis Myers
Co-chair of the Gathering Planning Committee

“MISSION MORSELS” FOR OCTOBER, 2010

- On Friday, November 5, 2010, Church Women United, will celebrate, World Community Day. The theme for this year is “Building the Beloved Community”. It was written by men and women who share the aspirations and challenges that began with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He had a vision of people of many nations and communities working together in a commitment of non-violent means. Together we consider examples of economic injustice in the light of a goal: a community that promotes dignity, safety, and economic opportunities for all, which Dr. King called the “beloved community”. Those living in the Hickory area will have an opportunity to attend the World Community Day Service at Northminster Presbyterian Church on Friday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. Check your local newspaper for the day, time, and place of the celebration closest to you. Announce the event in your church unit and congregation. Organize a carpool for the women of your church.

Submitted by Gail Welch for Mission Community

- Many congregations throughout the ELCA will celebrate Women of the ELCA Sunday on November 7, 2010. Has your church unit made plans? Many good suggestions are in this month's Bulletin under the heading “Women of the ELCA Sunday... It's Like Planning a Wedding!”

Submitted by Kim Sheeks for Mission Community

- Heard about Green? Green dollars, green grass, green paint, green outfit but what about “Going Green”? By now we know that the new use of the word “green” means conservation, i.e. recycle, water watch, energy save, walk instead of ride, improve home's insulation. But are you incorporating it into all of your life? At home we cut off water while brushing our teeth. At work we turn off the lights as we leave the toilet. At church, St. James Lutheran Church in Fayetteville, we have gotten rid of Styrofoam. Now, we use our dishwashers after every social function, because we have dirty plates, cups, and utensils. The decision was made to not have paper plates, Styrofoam cups, or plastic forks for any of our eating/drinking get together. So now, we have a variety of donated coffee mugs for Sunday morning coffee and juice. We have regular plates and silverware for our lunches and pot lucks. We are doing better all over the nation, according to our National Association of Conservation. Compared to the first half of the 20th century, by the end of the 1990's we did almost twice as much work with the same unit of energy. You can help even more by continuing to recycle glass, paper, metal, and plastic, where ever you find yourself, i.e. church, home, work or play. God gave us a gift of the planet, let us be better stewards.

Submitted by Tonie Neal for Mission Community

- It is not too early to think about Christmas donations! There are needs at Crossnore School such as: For these 40+ girls (ages 5-19) and 30+ boys (ages 7-19) the gift cars from Wal-Mart, Old Navy, Belk, etc. are a blessing. But, if you want to do something personal, pajamas are a big need along with pillows, towels, sheets, and CASH! For more information read the “Fall Carolina Vine” about my visit to Crossnore.

Submitted by Tonie Neal for Mission Community

Mission Community: Women of the ELCA Sunday... ...It's Like Planning a Wedding!

Whether your congregation uses a Blackberry...or...a computer...or...an oversized calendar in the hall...or even just a scratchpad, make certain that your congregation has saved a space for Women of the ELCA Sunday. No matter what method your congregation uses for scheduling purposes, it's important that a congregation has set aside a time to observe this day.

Traditionally, the first Sunday in November is designated as Women of the ELCA Sunday, but the date isn't as important as the message. That message is that Women of the ELCA is guided by its Mission Statement, **“To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ”**.

Finding it hard to squeeze two separate services such as Thankoffering and a Women of the ELCA Sunday into calendars is often hard for congregations. So combining the Women of the ELCA Sunday with a Thankoffering service enables participation from the total congregation. This choice affords itself to be a splendid opportunity to provide a powerful worship experience.

It's like planning a wedding or other special event. Once the date is set, then the plans begin. Even though planning a wedding may be stressful, it needn't be—with lots of productive thinking and willing workers. In fact, it can be fun and exciting. Such planning may bring new and zestful energy to your church! After all, we find in the New Testament, that Christ, the Bridegroom, has sacrificially and lovingly chosen the church to be His bride (Ephesians 5:25-27; so why shouldn't we be excited about the “wedding Plans)?

Your group may begin by asking some or all of the following questions:

- Who will coordinate the special event?
- What format will we use?
- What will the “theme” of the day be?
- What scripture will best convey our theme?
- Who will be the “guest preacher”?
- Will we want to do a skit?
- Do we want a special choir made up of Women of the ELCA members?
- How will we advertise this special event?
- Will we send out special invitations?
- Where do we get resources?
- Will we have displays of our projects and activities?
- Will we use a special bulletin?
- Will we have a special reception afterwards or a special breakfast beforehand?
- What can we do that makes this occasion unique and memorable?
- What are some changes which could be made from previously held events?

Many resources can be found in book stores, in church or public libraries, online and especially at the Women of the ELCA website at: [/www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Women-of-the-ELCA.aspx](http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Women-of-the-ELCA.aspx). Go ahead...set the date...and plan away! The more excited you are with the project, the more excited your whole congregational unit will be. Now...gather the names for the guest list...and...send out the invitations!!!

Offerings From Fall Gatherings 2010

Just a little heads up!

At the Board retreat in July at Camp Agape, it was decided that the fall offering would be split between two very worthy ministries and missions. The first \$500 of the total offering will go to fund Beth Woodard (a recent graduate of Southern Seminary) for her mission internship in the Lutheran Mission church LaIglesia Luterana-La Vela in Greensboro, North Carolina. The remainder of the offering will go to help Brenda Rivera with her third year in Seminary in Costa Rica as she studies to become a Lutheran pastor. If you missed Brenda's dance at our annual gathering in Hickory, you missed a beautiful expression!

Also, the Service of Remembering will be held at the Fall Gatherings. Remember the scholarship is now called the Christine Bohr Anderson Seminary Scholarship. As always, pennies are still welcome for this year's project – Lutheran Family Services.

The women of the NC Women of the ELCA are always generous in their giving and a big "Thank You" in advance.

Linda Holden, Conference Coordinator/ Offering Interpretations

FALL RETREAT at LUTHERIDGE

November 12-14, 2010

"Sister Take My Hand. Dance with me!"

Deadline is October 25!

Let the Spirit move you! Or...simply take this opportunity to kick back for a weekend at beautiful Lutheridge. We especially encourage the participation of young women so bring your teens and show them how women can mix faith and fun. Could Sacred Dance be a part of worship in your congregation? See the enclosed Fall Retreat brochure/registration form.

CORRECTION! FALL RETREAT

In the September Bulletin, the information about the Fall Retreat mistakenly said that Saturday supper is not provided. This is incorrect. Meals include Sat and Sun breakfasts and lunch and dinner on Sat as stated in the registration form. Hope to see you there!

NEWS FLASH!!!! MISSION: GROWTH COMMITTEE

The Spring Retreat at Kure Beach Retreat Center has been scheduled for April 8 -10, 2011. Inez Torres Davis, Associate in Ministry and Director for Justice for the Women of the ELCA, will be the presenter/facilitator. The theme for the retreat is "SACRED SPACES". Inez states "Creating and maintaining sacred spaces are passions for me. I will share some of these with you as well as it is a chance for me to learn how your experiences with the Sacred and Divine Creator of All have kept you!"

Mark your calendar and begin planning to attend this retreat. This is another way that the Mission: Growth Committee is utilizing resources from the Women of the ELCA. Go to www.welca.org and view the many resources available to you.

Look for additional information in the BULLETIN and *The Carolina Vine*.

From Mission: Growth Committee

How often have you said, “I need an idea for a program?” There is no need to ask that question with all the resources available at the Churchwide office of the Women of the ELCA. A new program deals with the expression, “Give us today our daily bread”. Have you ever thought what you could learn about your faith from making bread? “Living a Life of Daily Bread” is a short study reflecting on the phrase “Give us today our daily bread” and what you can learn about baking bread – patience, building community, how to be intentional, how to be attentive and the joy that comes from anticipation. This study will make daily bread and fullness of life a reality.

The only thing that one needs to do is download the study from www.welca.org and click on “Living a Life of Daily Bread”. Let us know the outcome.

THANKOFFERING Resources:

The 2010-2011 Building Stewardship Planning resource is now available for downloading. The Thankoffering Service and Litany are available. There are monthly and seasonal offering devotions in *Interchange* as they become available. These are all available at www.welca.org.

PRAYER for OCTOBER BULLETIN – Mission: Growth Committee

God of all, we thank you for your gift of life. We praise you for your goodness, faithfulness and mercy! We want to know your will and we need your strength as we seek to serve you. Living in this battered world, we implore you to help people suffering from domestic violence. We know that it’s happening to people of every income level, educational level, race, religion and profession. We know that it is the leading cause of injury to American women and it comes in many forms. Oh God, please bring comfort and hope to these women, children, and families struggling with domestic violence. Help them to move beyond denial and to acknowledge the devastating impact of intimidation and abuse on all family members. Our hearts go out to these victims ...use us, show us how we can help them.

Oh God, give peace in all the world; for only in you can we live in safety

Amen.

(Prayer by Jeannette Snipes....Some words of the prayer comes from the ELCA website and the ELW – page 329)

NC WOMEN OF THE ELCA PLANNING CALENDAR 2010-2011

July 2010

9-11 *Board Retreat* – Agape
15 **Carolina Vine** (Summer issue) articles due to Editor and Pres

August 2010

1 **Bulletin** Deadline for September
1 **Carolina Vine** (Summer issue) copy to Graphic Designer
13 Conference Leaders Meeting prior to Committee Day I
14 Committee Day I - Calvary, Morganton
15 **Carolina Vine** (Summer issue) Send out
21 **Bulletin** Send September

September 2010

Literacy Month

1 **Bulletin** Deadline for October
15 **Bulletin** Send October
15 **Carolina Vine** (Fall issue) articles to Editor and Pres
15 Registration Opens for Eighth Triennial Gathering
18 Fall Conference Gathering Salem – Emmanuel, High Point
21 International Day of Prayer for Peace

October, 2010

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

1 **Bulletin** Deadline for November
1 **Carolina Vine** (Fall issue) copy to Graphic Designer
2 Fall Conference Gathering Catawaba – St. Luke, Conover
2 Fall Conference Gathering Mecklenburg/Union – Christ, Charlotte
2 Fall Conference Gathering Alexander/Iredell – St Marks, Mooresville
2 Fall Conference Gathering Central – Holly Grove, Lexington
2 Fall Conference Gathering Sandhills – Our Savior, Southern Pines

8-10 **Region 9** Retreat - Simpsonwood, Atlanta

9 Fall Conference Gathering Rowan - Immanuel, Rockwell

15 **Bulletin** Send November
15 **Carolina Vine** (Fall issue) Send out

16 Fall Conference Gathering Blue Ridge - St John, Hudson
16 Fall Conference Gathering Cabarrus/Stanly – St. John, Concord
16 Fall Conference Gathering Northern – Friedens, Gibsonville
16 Fall Conference Gathering Southwestern – St Marks, Cherryville
23 Fall Conference Gathering Triangle – Holy Trinity, Raleigh
23 Fall Conference Gathering North Coastal – Shepherd of the Sea, Atlantic Beach
23 Fall Conference Gathering South Coastal – Kure Memorial, Kure Beach

23 *Board Reports Due*

30 Fall Conference Gathering Smoky Mountain – Nativity, Arden

November, 2010**Thankoffering Month**

1 **Bulletin** Deadline for December
 5 Church Women United, World Community Day
 5-6 **SWO Board Meeting** – Synod House
 12-14 Fall Retreat – Lutheridge (Sister Take My Hand – Dance With Me – Rev Sue Gamelin)
 7 All Saints Sunday
 7 Women of the ELCA Sunday (or other date designated)
 15 **Bulletin** Send December

December, 2010**Christmas**

1 **Bulletin** Deadline for January
 1 World AIDS Day
 15 **Bulletin** Send January
 15 **Carolina Vine** (Winter issue) articles to Editor and Pres
 19 **Board Reports Due**

January, 2011**New Year**

1 **Bulletin** Deadline for February
 1 **Carolina Vine** (Winter issue) copy to Graphic Designer
 15 **Bulletin** Send February
 15 **Carolina Vine** (Winter issue) Send Out
 22 Committee Day II – Kimball, Kannapolis
 17-24 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
 29 Committee Day II (Snow date)

February, 2011**Black History Month**

1 **Bulletin** Deadline for March
 15 **Bulletin** Send March
 17-20 Conference of SWO Presidents – Chicago
 20 **Board Reports Due**
 26 One Day Lenten Retreat

March, 2011**Women's History Month**

1 **Bulletin** Deadline for April
 4 World Day of Prayer
 5 Spring Conference Gathering Triangle – Joy of Discovery, Raleigh
 9 Ash Wednesday
 12 Spring Conference Gathering Salem – Epiphany, Winston Salem
 15 **Bulletin** Send April
 15 **Carolina Vine** (Spring issue) articles to Editor and Pres
 18-19 **SWO Board Meeting**

April, 2011**Child Abuse Prevention Month**

1 **Bulletin** Deadline for May/June
 1 **Carolina Vine** (Spring issue) copy to Graphic Designer
 8-10 Spring Retreat – Kure Beach (“Sacred Spaces” – Inez Torres-Davis)
 15 **Bulletin** Send May/June
 15 **Carolina Vine** (Spring issue) Send Out
 24 Easter
 30 Spring Conference Gathering Rowan – Grace, Salisbury

May, 2011

1 Rachel's Day
21 **Board Reports Due**

June, 2011

2-4 NC Synod Assembly
10-12 NC Women of ELCA SWO **Annual Gathering**
15 **Carolina Vine** (Summer issue) articles to Editor and Pres
16 **Committee Evaluations Due**
24-26 **Board Retreat** – Agape

July, 2011

1 **Carolina Vine** (Summer issue) copy to Graphic Designer
12-14 Women of the ELCA Convention – Spokane
14-17 Women of the ELCA Eighth Triennial Gathering - Spokane
15 **Carolina Vine** (Summer issue) Send Out

November, 2011

11-12 Theological Seminar for Women – Synod House, Salisbury

NC Women of the ELCA was honored by Prison MATCH of North Carolina as 2009 Organizational Donor of the Year based on our 2008 fall conference gathering program on incarcerated women and their children and our donation of \$9,640.39 from the Pennies of Hope project.

