

# 20?? YEARBOOK



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

**Sixth Lutheran Church  
??? West ????? Street  
?????????, North Carolina 272??  
Phone: (555-555-1111)**

## **Our Mission:**

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

## **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.

Women of the ELCA is the women's organization of the 4.8 million-member Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This network of nearly 500,000 participants in 64 areas (called synods) in the United States and the Caribbean exists for mutual support and bold action on participants' faith in Jesus Christ.

**NC Women of the ELCA (Synodical)** [www.ncwelca.org](http://www.ncwelca.org)

(Monthly Bulletin, Events, Committees, Prayer Requests)

**Women of the ELCA (Churchwide)** [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org)

(Resources, news and events, *Interchange*, Bold Connections)

**NC Synod of the ELCA** [www.nclutheran.org](http://www.nclutheran.org)

**CAROLINE VINE** (to subscribe email Kiana Sinz at [ksinz@vnet.net](mailto:ksinz@vnet.net))

**Gather** (to subscribe [www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org))

**Café** (to receive this ezine [www.boldcafe.org](http://www.boldcafe.org))

**LSA Keeping the Promise** [www.lsakeepingthepromise.org](http://www.lsakeepingthepromise.org)

**Church Women United** [www.churchwomen.org/](http://www.churchwomen.org/)



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To accomplish the purpose of Women of the ELCA, we shall commit ourselves to

- a. come together for study, support, and action;
- b. participate in the ministry of Women of the ELCA beyond the congregation;
- c. support financially the total program of Women of the ELCA; and
- d. designate leadership that shall be in communication with the synodical and churchwide women's organization.

**Sixth Lutheran Church  
Women of the ELCA  
Unit Officers and Chairpersons**

<b>President:</b>	.....Phone.....	email
<b>Vice President:</b>	.....Phone.....	email
<b>Secretary:</b>	.....Phone.....	email
<b>Treasurer:</b>	.....Phone.....	email
<b>Mission Growth:</b>	.....Phone.....	email
<b>Mission Action:</b>	.....Phone.....	email
<b>Mission Community:</b>	.....Phone.....	email

# Committees of Sixth Lutheran Women of the ELCA

## MISSION: COMMUNITY

**Goal:** To enable each woman to value herself and others as disciples created in God's image and redeemed through Jesus Christ; and to build up and celebrate relationships that are global, diverse, and interdependent.

### What does this mean?

**MISSION: COMMUNITY** is about relationships among women of faith. These relationships are disciple relationships, which include God, family, other persons of faith, the global community, Women of the ELCA units, and the unchurched.

Ecumenical Experiences  
Church Women United – Ms. Representative XXX  
Hosting Lenten Luncheon with Downtown Churches  
“Local Senior Citizen home”, “Local nursing home”  
Women of the ELCA Gatherings

## MISSION: GROWTH

**Goal:** To provide a variety of learning and growth experiences that strengthen each woman as a disciple, develop her sense of call as a child of God, and equip her for further ministry in God's world.

### What does this mean?

**MISSION: GROWTH** nurtures spiritual growth through enabling and encouraging women to share the good news as disciples of Jesus Christ in their daily lives. It also provides opportunities for each woman to identify her own gifts and leadership skills and makes available resources for Bible study and personal faith development.

Bible Studies	Gatherings
Retreats	<i>Gather</i> magazine
Conventions	“Carolina Vine” newsletter
Circle Programs	

## **MISSION: ACTION**

**Goal:** To enable women to articulate and act upon their faith as disciples of Jesus Christ in all arenas of life.

### **What does this mean?**

**MISSION: ACTION** is about being in direct servant roles. We act to ensure that all people have access to basic human needs, equality, justice, and safety. This includes developing active partnerships with workers of God's justice to provide tangible goods and services, education, and advocacy against injustice.

ACCESS – Meals-on-Wheels –

Ms. Representative A

Allied Churches' Night Shelter for the Homeless –

Ms BBB

Meals for bereaved families of Macedonia –

Ms. DDD, Ms. EEE, asst.

Allied Churches Community Kitchen –

Ms. GHI

Collecting Campbell's UPC codes for Crossnore School –

Ms. FFFFF

## **ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN OF THE ELCA AT SIXTH LUTHERAN**

Provide support for congregational dinners.

Provide refreshments for Red Cross blood drive.

Fill pew pockets.

Nurture the home-bound women of Sixth Lutheran

Nurture college students and deployed military personnel of Sixth  
Lutheran

Christmas Tea

Mother / Daughter Banquet

Father / Son Banquet

# **ELCA, Synodical & Our Own Conference Women of the ELCA**

## **Our Own Conference**

Presider, Director for Communications, and Treasurer's Assistant (list names and contact information)  
One Day Retreat: Feb. ??, 201? "A Cup of our Life"  
Spring Gathering: March ?, 201? ???? Lutheran,????  
Fall Gathering: ?????, 201?, at ???? Lutheran, in ?????

## **NC Synodical Women's Organization (SWO)**

Ms. WXY, President (include contact information)  
Theological Seminar for Women: Nov. ??-??, 201?, Synod Office, Salisbury  
Spring Retreat: April ??-??, 201?, Kure Beach  
2?th Annual Gathering: June 2?-2?, 201?, Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory

## **Projects of North Carolina's Synodical Women's Organization (SWO)**

- At each of our Gatherings (fall, spring, and annual) a mission is designated as the recipient of the offering.
- Each year the NCSWO designates a mission to be the beneficiary of our year-long Pennies Project.

### **201? PENNIES PROJECT:** (list and explain Current year's project)

EXAMPLE: ELCA GOOD GIFTS – MICROLOANS. The pennies collected from February 1, 201? through January 31, 201? are designated for the ELCA Good Gifts nurture program called Microloans. Microloans are offered to women who wish to escape poverty by starting a new business in their homes or in small collaborative groups. Our offering of pennies for microloans will help make sustainable solutions possible for women who are ready to start a home-based or collaborative business. The women, their children, their families and their communities all benefit!

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA OFFERINGS

**Women of the ELCA has four avenues for giving:** Each avenue gives participants an opportunity to bear witness to the collective blessings of women remaining faithful.



**Regular Offerings** support women in ministry and keep our organization running! They cover the costs of the churchwide organization so that collectively, united as one body of women throughout the ELCA, we can make the kind of difference we cannot make otherwise. Regular offerings are usually collected at circle meetings, Bible study sessions, and other general meetings.



**Thankofferings**, a long-standing tradition in our organization, show our gratitude for God's blessings. We are called to offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given to us. Thankofferings help Women of the ELCA provide resources, events, programs, and much more. Thankofferings also support the organization's crucial annual gift to the ELCA, which supports global mission, the ELCA's world hunger program, and much more. Thankofferings are collected during a Thankoffering service or Thankoffering devotion.



**Designated gifts** give the opportunity to support a specific ministry and are passed in total to that chosen ministry.



**Special offerings** are given in observance of a special occasion, such as a memorial or anniversary. The funds that benefit from special offerings are endowments, so they make a lasting memory and different in the lives of others. One can make a special offering to **Katie's Fund** (Katherine von Bora Luther Endowment) or one of the Women of the ELCA scholarship endowment funds.

## **Sixth Lutheran's Women of the ELCA unit Treasury**

Each circle's treasurer sends money to the Unit Treasurer on a regular basis. Proceeds from large group meals are also added to the treasury.

- Each month a designated amount is given to the North Carolina Synodical Women's Organization.
- Our Women of the ELCA Board decides an amount to donate to the NCSWO's Designated gift project at each of our three Gatherings during the year.
- Our Women of the ELCA Board also funds particular projects at Sixth Lutheran from time to time.

### **Sunshine Fund**

Circles within our Women of the ELCA unit collect money to support their individual group's needs.

## **Sixth Lutheran's Events and General Meetings**

Women of the ELCA Bible Study: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.

Homecoming: September ??, 201?

Mother / Daughter Celebration: May ?, 201?

Father / Son Dinner

Christmas Tea: December ?, 201?

## **Church Women United – Ms. Rep XXX**

A National Movement of Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Other Christian Women which is recognized by the United Nations

### **CWU Local Celebrations – Ms. SSS, President**

May Friendship Day: Fellowship Luncheon, May ?, 201?

World Community Day: November 4, 201?

Human Rights Celebration:

### **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES**

Sponsored by Sixth Lutheran's Social Ministry Committee

Circles are scheduled to provide refreshments for the blood donors as follows:

**Circle #1 ..... January 6, 20??**

**Circle #2 ..... March 24, 20??**

**Circle #3 ..... June 16, 20??**

**Circle #4 ..... September 20??**

**Circle #6 ..... January 20??**

**Circle #7 ..... March 20??**

**Circle #1 ..... June 20??**

**Circle #1**

**Meeting Time:** 9:30 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, except July and August

**Circle Leader:** .....Phone.....email  
**Secretary:** .....Phone.....email  
**Treasurer:** .....Phone.....email

**Pew Pockets:** June and December

**Refreshments for Blood Drive:** January 201?, June 201?

**Circle #2**

**Meeting Time:** 7:00 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, except June, and July

**Circle Leader:** .....Phone.....email  
**Secretary:** .....Phone.....email  
**Treasurer:** .....Phone.....email

**Circle #3 cont . . . . .**

**Circle #4 cont. . . . .**

**Circle #5 cont. . . . .**