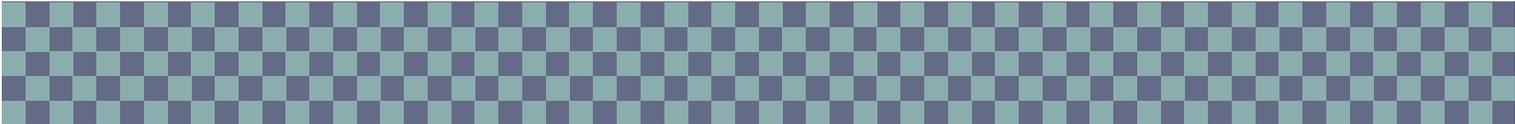


**The Bulletin September 2019**

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From the Desk of our President—September 2019



September is upon us and many have begun a regular routine of making sure that all is ready. Some of these things may be: is the car gassed up and ready to roll; do the kids and grandkids have all the school supplies needed; have I shopped enough for clothes that will be needed; and I am sure each of us can add many other items to this list of needs to prepare for. If we look at the North Carolina Women of the ELCA calendar we see that September is Elder Care Awareness month. Are we doing our part to help in this worthwhile effort? Do we make regular visits to our Assisted Living Facilities in the area? Is anyone helping with rehabilitation for friends, church family members, or maybe total strangers? Are we keeping our eyes open for any type of abuse toward the elderly?

These are only a few ways to help. Also let's be aware of what healthy aging really is. This covers a lot of areas. Aging in a healthy way can mean different actions for different people. Are we being aware of the healthy, physically, socially, and financially aspects of aging? I realize none of us like to think of ourselves as getting older or possibly needing help, but that time will come for all of us. Let's be ready to help in any way we possibly can.

Ladies, please don't get left out due to the lack of space during our Fall Retreat. The weather in Blowing Rock should be fantastic. Susan Harris, our former SWO president, is planning a great weekend and we get to be the POTTERS and design a piece of our own creation. Get your registration in for this fabulous weekend, September 27-29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Fall Gatherings will soon begin in all conferences. Let's have all our congregations participating. Remember also, this is the time of year that we remember our North Carolina Women of the ELCA Sisters who have left us since last year and joined the Church triumphant.

Yes, Committee Day I has passed, but it is not too late to join a Committee and help with the planning of our organization. Just pick up the phone and call the Committee Chairperson to join.

Also, ladies please participate in the International Day of Prayer for Peace on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Registration will soon begin for the Triennial Gathering that will be held in Phoenix, Arizona during July 2020. Go on line and sign up for this fabulous Gathering. Hopefully North Carolina will have a large group attending. Hope to see you there.

Ladies the work of the North Carolina Women of the ELCA would not be possible without your hard work and support. Thank you for all you do.

May Love, Joy, and Peace be with you.

Jane Cadwallader

NC Women of the ELCA President

## Thursdays in Black

Looking in my closet each morning and deciding what I will wear has been made easier, at least, one day of the week. On Thursday mornings, I can choose that pair of black slacks, or that black dress, or the black sweater to wear. In doing so, I will be speaking out against violence and ensuring “that women and men, boys and girls, are safe from rape and violence in homes, schools, work, streets – in all places in our societies.”

I learned about “Thursdays in Black” when I recently attended the Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee, WI. This is an ecumenical campaign supported by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, along with other of the 348 member churches which are part of the World Council of Churches.

According to the literature produced by the World Council of Churches, “the campaign is simple but profound:

- Wear black on Thursday.
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- Wear a pin to declare you are part of the global movement resisting attitudes and practices that permit rape and violence.
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- Show your respect for women who are resilient in the face of injustice and violence.
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- Encourage others to join you.”
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Black is often connected with negative connotations; but in this campaign black signifies resistance and resilience.

Here are some statistics furnished by the World Council of Churches:

“One in three women experience physical or sexual violence, mostly by an intimate partner.

Globally, more than eight out of ten girls experience street harassment before the age of seventeen.

Women and girls represent 70 percent of human trafficking victims.

One in four children under the age of five lives in a household experiencing domestic violence.

An estimated 246 million girls and boys experience school-related violence each year.”

It is our responsibility to take a stand and to ensure that everyone is safe from rape and violence.

For more information, visit the website [www.oikoumene.org/thursdays-in-black](http://www.oikoumene.org/thursdays-in-black).

Just by doing something as simple as wearing black on Thursdays, you can make a difference in the lives





**Justice Committee—Anita Miller and Tonie Neal**



We are doing it!

Earth’s protective ozone layer is finally healing from damage caused by aerosol sprays and coolants. A picture shows images from NASA of the Antarctica on Sept. 2000 and Sept. 2018. These images give hope that our reducing, recycling, and reusing are working. The ozone layer had been thinning since late 1970’s. Now it appears to be reversing this trend.

The good news, is that if we continue or do even more recycling, reducing and reusing we will find the ozone layer in the Northern and Southern Hemisphere could be healed by mid-century. They predict we could have repaired the gaping Antarctic ozone hole and the hole would disappear by 2060’s. I know I don’t plan on being here, but I’d like for it to be gone for my children’s children.

Of course, there is always a but...and the but here is that the scientists don’t know how much a healed ozone hole will further warm Antarctica. The immediate effects of ozone depletion on the world and human health are of course, known, so the fight must continue. In case, you need a reminder a few of the effects included, crop damage and skin cancer.

The healed ozone layer will worsen man-made climate change. It is not known how much a healed ozone hole will further warm Antarctica. They do know global warming is a result of the chemicals that replaced the man-made chemicals that were destroying the ozone. The severe weather changes are supposed to be result of the global warming. The release of these different new chemicals has been predicted to worsen the melting. The chemical that are being used to cool cars and refrigerators need to be replaced with something that doesn’t worsen global warming. So, we may have just gone from the frying pan into the fire. Or maybe we just need to go back to riding around with our windows down again. I remember those days well.

Tonie Neal, Justice SWO NC WELCA

Sources: Fayetteville Observer, November 2018, page A3, UN: Earth’s Ozone Layer is Healing, Seth Bornstein, The Associated Press. Quoted, Paul Newman, chief Earth scientist NASA Goddard Space Flight Center,



**Volunteer Opportunities at Crossnore School, Avery Campus**

Last year in North Carolina, more than 16,000 children were in foster care at some point during the year. We need all of our community partners to help care for these children..

On our Avery Campus, we have a particular need for **Visiting Resources** and **Cottage Sponsors**. We are also looking for churches to partner with us in **Fostering Communities**, our newest initiative designed to help churches shift the landscape of foster care.

Additionally, we need volunteers who can give a few hours a week to work at Blair Fraley Sales Stores and Crossnore Weavers, two of our retail businesses. Marjorie Williams Academy, our charter school, needs volunteers who can commit regularly to offering one-on-one math and reading instruction during the school day.

If you are able to assist in any of these areas on our Avery campus, please contact Elizabeth O’Hagan at 828-733-4305 or eohagen@crossnore.org.

## **ELDER CARE, SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES IN NORTH CAROLINA!**

One of our Justice Goals for 2019-2020 is Elder Care Awareness. During our Committee Day I at St. Mark's, Mooresville, the Justice Committee discussed **Lutheran Services Carolinas** and Senior Living Communities.. There are actually 8 Trinity facilities in North Carolina and a new one under construction in Wilmington-Trinity Landing! Listed below are the facilities and contact information. Please go to Lutheran Services Carolinas website and click on services for seniors to learn more about services offered at these Senior Living Communities in North Carolina!

**CLEMMONS-TRINITY ELMS**, 3750 Harper Road, Clemmons, NC 27012, Ph: 336-766-2131  
Services offered: Assisted Living, Specialized Memory Care, Skilled Nursing Care, Rehabilitation, Independent Living Apartments

**WINSTON-SALEM TRINITY GLEN**, 849 Waterworks Road, Winston Salem, NC 27101 ph. 336-595-2166  
Services offered: Rehabilitation, Skilled Nursing Care

**WILMINGTON-TRINITY GROVE**, 631 Junction Creek Drive, Wilmington, NC 28412 ph. 910-442-3000  
Services offered: Rehabilitation, Skilled Nursing Care, Specialized Memory Care

**SALISBURY- TRINITY OAKS**, 728 Klumac Road, Salisbury, NC 28144 ph. 704-633-1002  
Services offered: Independent living cottages and apartments, Rehabilitation, skilled nursing care, assisted living, specialized memory care

**ALBEMARLE-TRINITY PLACE** 24724 S. Business 52, POBox 308, Albemarle, NC 28001 ph. 704-982-8191.  
Services offered: Assisted Living, Rehabilitation, Skilled Nursing Care

**HICKORY-TRINITY RIDGE** 2140 Medical Park Dr., Hickory, NC 28602 ph. 828-322-6995  
Services offered: Rehabilitation, Skilled Nursing Care

**HICKORY-TRINITY VILLAGE 1265** 21<sup>st</sup>. Street. NE, Hickory, NC 28601 ph. 828-328-2006  
Services: Rehabilitation, Skilled Nursing Care, Assisted Living, Specialized Memory Care

**ARDEN – TRINITY VIEW**, 2533 Hendersonville Road, Arden, NC 28704 ph. 828-687-0068  
Services offered: Independent Living and Assisted Living

Submitted by Anita Miller

### **New Testament**

James 2:14-17

**What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. (NRSV)**

# What's Going On in North Carolina?

This is a new section of our Bulletin. Our readers are wanting to know more about you and your congregations. Everyone is welcome to participate. Write a paragraph about what is going on in your church or church group. For example, a new pastor, your gracious gift-giving, your church anniversaries, your Outreach Ministries, etc. You can send a picture, if you'd like; also send your Conference, the name of your church and your town. Please send your short article to Joyce Ohlson at [karmagma@gmail.com](mailto:karmagma@gmail.com)

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## 2019 Women of the ELCA Fall Gatherings

Check the Calendar Page to see where your Conference has scheduled your Fall Gathering .

The Fall Conference Gathering Bible Study is about Immigration and AMMPARO. (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities). It is written and compiled by Ginny Hultquist with information provided by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS). Ginny attends First Lutheran in Greensboro and is an active advocate for LIRS.

Your Conference Leaders were given the information at Committee Day I in Mooresville on August 24, and they will be distributing it to the Presenters. If you have any questions contact your Conference Coordinators, Lorri Monterose or Tamarah Hefner.

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## Fall Retreat

There is still time to reserve your spot at the Fall Retreat in Blowing Rock. See attached Brochure. If you are interested, email Alecia, in addition to mailing in your registration.

## The Past, Present, and Future

Today is the present, a gift from God. The past has already happened; and the future is what lies ahead. We heard some comments at the Annual Gathering in June regarding “young women being the future of the Women of the ELCA” and some other remarks made contradicting that statement. Ladies, young and old, let me assure you that **All are welcome here**, regardless of age.

As Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton said at the Churchwide Assembly, "Youth are not the future of the church, Jesus is. Youth are the church now!"

On July 10, 2019, the *Daily Grace* app was titled “Embrace Our Differences.” It was an excerpt of an article that first appeared in the May 2019 issue of *Gather* magazine entitled “Welcome: Walking Together,” written by Sarah Carson. The author wrote, “The family of God requires the participation of all generations.” She went on to say, “Without people of different generations, we don’t grow and mature as members of the community.” And we, the Women of the ELCA, are a “community of women,” according to our Purpose Statement.

Again, quoting Sarah Carson, “Intergenerational relationships aren’t always easy. But the challenges posed by living in community can make us stronger if we are willing to embrace differences rather than run from them.”

What are our differences? Other than what part of the synod we are from, the major difference may be age. After all, we are all women and we are all part of this “community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.” As Women of the ELCA, our common purpose and focus is “to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness.”

Every woman, whether young or old, has something to offer. Older women bring their wisdom and experience while younger women bring energy, enthusiasm, and new ways of thinking. We are at our best when we work together for the good of “the church, the society, and the world.”

Reading from “Devotions from the Kitchen Table” by Stacy Edwards, she writes, “We are responsible for passing our faith on to the generations that follow us. They need to know what we have seen the Lord do in our day.” What better way for them to see our faith than being together in worship and learning together at retreats.

Also, in the May edition of *Gather*, Karris A. Golden writes, “when we interact with people of other generations, we sometimes say imprecise, poorly conceived, upsetting things to each other. When this happens...we could assume the best. We could forgive what hurts.”

Do you recall the theme of the Ninth Triennial Convention and Gathering held in Charlotte in 2014? “Of Many Generations” emphasized the inclusion of all – young and old and in between. As we commit to work together as Women of the ELCA, we can remember the past while we honor the present and celebrate the future. All are important. All are valued. All are loved. And all are appreciated!

Thank you for your continued commitment to the NC Women of the ELCA!

Submitted by Susan P. Harris, former SWO President

## NC WOMEN OF THE ELCA

### Calendar

August 2019 – July 2020

#### September 2019 Elder Care Awareness

2 Labor Day Holiday  
8 God's Hand, s Our Work Sunday  
21 International Day of Prayer for Peace  
21 **Fall Gathering (Meck/Union)** - *Mighty Fortress, Charlotte*  
21 **Fall Gathering (Central)** *St Luke's , Lexington*  
27-29 **Fall Retreat** - *Potter, Vessel, or Clay? - Blowing Rock*

#### October 2019 Immigration Awareness

5 **Fall Gathering (Sandhills)** - *St. Mark's, Lumberton*  
5 **Fall Gathering (Smoky Mountain)** *Nativity , Arden*  
5 **Fall Gathering (Southwestern)** *Cedar Grove, Vale*  
12 **Fall Gathering (Alex/Iredell)** - *St. Paul's, Statesville*  
12 **Fall Gathering (Cab/Stanly)** - *Calvary, Concord*  
12 **Fall Gathering (Northern)** - *Macedonia, Burlington*  
12 **Fall Gathering (Rowan)** *St Peters , Salisbury*  
14 Columbus Day Holiday  
19 **Fall Gathering (Catawba)** - *St. Mark's, Claremont*  
26 **Fall Gathering (Triangle)** *Grace, Raleigh*  
20 **Board Reports Due**

#### November 2019 Veterans Affairs

5 All Saints Sunday  
9 **Fall Gathering (Blue Ridge)** *St John's, Hudson*  
11 Veterans Day Holiday  
15-16 **SWO Board Meeting** – High Rock Lake  
TBA Lutheran World Relief Fall Collections – Drop off Dates  
28 Thanksgiving

#### December 2019 Affordable Housing/Homelessness

1 World AIDS Day  
25 Christmas  
29 Board Reports Due

#### January 2020 Human Trafficking Prevention

18 Committee Day 2  
20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
TBA Committee Day 2 (snow day)

#### February 2020 Racial Justice Month1

15 One-Day Retreat  
23 Bold Women's Sunday  
26 Ash Wednesday

#### March 2020 Domestic Violence

2 World Day of Prayer – *"All God's Creation is Very Good"*  
2 Board Reports Due  
13-15 **Spring Retreat** – *Kure Beach*  
27-28 **SWO Board Meeting** – *High Rock Lake*

**April 2020 Child/Animal Advocacy Month**

5 Palm Sunday

8 Passover

12 Easter

**May 2020 Suicide Awareness/Substance Abuse Month**

1 Christine Bohr Anderson Seminary Scholarship Applications Due

3 Rachel's Day

10 Mother's Day

25 Memorial Day Holiday

31 Pentecost

**June 2020 LGBTQ/Pride**

1-2 Synod Assembly

12-14 *NC Women of the ELCA 33rd Annual Gathering* – LRU, Hickory

20 World Refugee Day

21 Father's Day

25 Patterson Memorial Scholarship Applications Due

31 Committee Evaluations Due

**July 2020 Voter Privilege**

4 Independence Day Holiday

TBA *SWO Board Retreat* – TBD

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