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President

Glenda Ofstehage

...pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. 1 Timothy 6:11

As I opened my Bible one recent morning, this verse from 1 Timothy popped out at me. In the margins of that page was written “enjoy those things God places in your life today and wait, full of hope, for the life to come.” Probably my takeaway from some sermon or speaker I had heard somewhere... Whatever the source, these words called me to set aside my planned reading for the day and chew on this text for a while. It brought to mind the words from our Purpose Statement, “...called to discipleship in Jesus Christ...”

How are we “called to discipleship”? I think we Women of the ELCA, working hard at becoming aware of places where our discipleship and love can make changes in others’ lives, can serve as the hands and feet, heart and mind of Christ in the world. As we walk through our daily lives, we bump into all sorts of situations that this broken world creates. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, sometimes we will be inspired with an idea that will bring comfort and hope to those who find themselves in these situations. I applaud those of you who answer the Spirit’s call when so inspired and find a way to bring relief and joy into the lives of those in need, and thus enrich your own lives.

I am still living in the joy of the days of fellowship we were able to share at our convention at The

Abbey in June! How good it is to see so many of you, to share worship, the Word, fellowship, and good food with you, and to hear of the things you are doing in your own congregations to further the Kingdom. Weren’t the speakers and break out groups interesting and inspiring? The Prairie Couteau convention planning committee did a wonderful job as our hostesses! Your Synodical Board will soon begin planning for the 2019 convention in Aberdeen. We’ll study carefully your comments from this year’s convention and try to incorporate as much as we can in the next gathering. Thank you for providing thoughtful suggestions.

At each convention or gathering, it seems we spend a lot of conversation wondering about those who were NOT there. Everyone seems to have an opinion on why the younger, older, busier, smarter, richer (you can fill in the blank here) women of the church are not here. We cannot pretend to get into the minds of every woman in the church, explain why they were not here, and so gear the next convention that they will be inspired to come. We CAN take home our experiences from this year’s convention and share them enthusiastically with our neighbors and friends. And we can invite, invite, invite someone who has never attended such an event before. Maybe you could save your pennies and sponsor a “scholarship” convention registration for someone you think would gain from attending such an event. It was a delight to see so many first-time attendees at the Abbey. Again, “enjoy the gifts God places in your life today” and work to bring others to enjoy likewise; don’t diminish today’s joy by worrying about who isn’t there with you today and why they didn’t come. Begin, instead, to conspire to bring them next year!

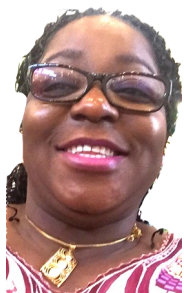
Plans should be well underway for your Fall Workshops in each conference. We hope to see representatives from each conference at the workshop in Chamberlain August 24-25. We hope

you'll find information there that can be shared with your conference as you return home. Just a reminder to all: pull out the constitution for your local unit and conference and compare with the model constitution that can be found on the churchwide Women of the ELCA website. We'll talk about these at the workshop, but it will be helpful if you have done some homework ahead of time.

We welcome our new board members: Hannah Fleming (Vice President); Darla Toben (Treasurer); Cheryl Lundeen (Member at Large); and Laurel Vogl (Member at Large). Lynn Pohlman was reelected as secretary. We thank most sincerely our retiring board members, Connie Bickett (member at large); Arlene Bich (member at large); Nancy Rieke (Vice President); and Kathy Thompson (Treasurer). Kathy

will remain onboard until the new fiscal year begins on February 1. These women have given so generously of their time and talent during the last few years. We will miss the energy and ideas they have brought to our board meetings, and we look forward to seeing them in the pews at future gatherings!

Summer is flying by—today we will take the last of our four granddaughters back to her home after two solid weeks of “Grandma Camp” with them. Now to start canning the produce that has begun to overrun my kitchen counters! The girls came to weekly quilting with me at my church and learned to tie quilts. It makes me smile to see the next generation of Lutheran women learning to add to our work. I pray each of you will find joy in your days and that I will see you soon in Chamberlain!



Vice President Hannah Fleming

"Now **faith** is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" Hebrews 11: 1

So, I got a call and the voice on the other end of the line excitingly asked me to be a vice presidential nominee for South Dakota WELCA. “This must be a joke,” I said to myself. With her strong and passionate encouragement, I soon realized it wasn’t a joke. Then I got a silent reminder that “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
Philippians 4:13

Even though this is all new to me, with lessons from Abraham and the widow of Zarepath, I humbly embrace this responsibility. Abraham had no clue where God was sending him but he obeyed and went anyway. He made the choice to trust God and go to an unknown destination.

Every day we make choices that impact our lives and that of others. The question is, are we willing to take our choices a step further even when it is out of our comfort zone? The widow of Zarepath did just that. She made a hard decision/choice during her interaction with Elijah.

She had a lot going on in her life. Then Elijah

showed up and asked her for water. He even pushed it when he asked her to bring him some bread with the water. Imagine your response to Prophet Elijah. Hmm. She must have realized Elijah was not joking as seen in her response to him. "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread — only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it — and die." 1Kings 17:12.

This widow stepped out of her physical, emotional, and mental pain to cater to Elijah’s requests. She selflessly chose faith in Elijah’s God, probably not realizing that God had chosen her situation to help us grow our faith in Him. The widow’s faith was in action again when her son fell sick and had no breath left in him. She called on Elijah, he prayed and the child’s soul return to him. It is my fervent hope that the Widow of Zarepath story will inspiringly remind us of how special we are to be all Women of God and Women of the ELCA with the purpose of committing “ourselves to grow in faith..”

Thanks to all who made 2018 Convention at the Abbey a success! I feel blessed to be part of such a wonderful group of women! Let’s work together in promoting the mission of Christ as we take a journey of faith in the Lord. We do not know what lies ahead of us but we do know that God is right there walking alongside us. I look forward to greeting many of you at our various WELCA events, and hope that, even if you haven’t attended an event in the past, you will consider doing so this year.



Officers currently serving include President Glenda Ofstehage, Vice President Hannah Fleming, Secretary Lynn Pohlman, Treasurer Darla Toben (effective Feb. 1), Nominating Committee members Diane Bryan and Annette Jonshon, At Large members Cheryl Lundeen and Laurel Vogl, Nominating Committee member Sheila Aaker, Mission Growth Margie Neugebauer and Mission Community Donna Vreugdenhil.



Secretary

Lynn Pohlman

Information updates needed

Unit Secretaries - please submit the names and address information of your unit officers to your Conference secretaries. This information is recorded in a data base at churchwide. It is critical to keep this data base current. Our Editor, Lilah Gillis, uses this address information when sending out the South Dakota Synodical W/ELCA newsletter.

Conference Secretaries – please send me the information you receive from your unit secretaries. After your fall conferences, please send the updated list of your conference officers.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you, unit and conference secretaries, for all your work in keeping these files current.

Blessings, Lynn



Incoming Treasurer

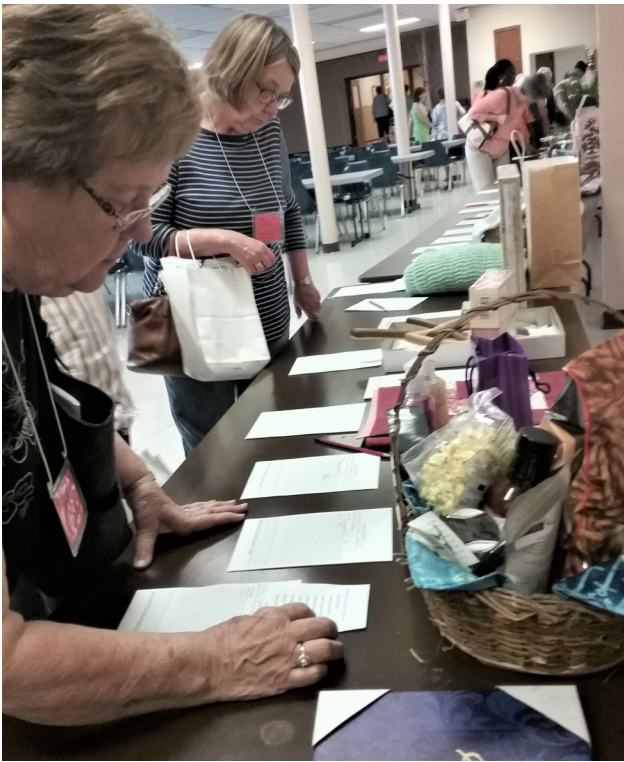
Darla Toben

Greetings ladies,

I am Darla Toben, your elected treasurer. My official duties will not start until February 1, 2019. Continue to send your offerings to Kathy Thompson until you are notified of an address change.

A little bit about myself: I live on our family farm north of Clear Lake with my husband. We have a small grain, row crops and cattle operation. We have three grown children and six grandchildren. Our two sons farm with us and our daughter lives in Aberdeen. I work full-time outside the home as well. I have been active in my churches since I was young. Like many of you, I have been a Sunday School teacher, Youth leader, and officer of the local WELCA unit. I have also served as a conference officer and on synod committees. Some of you may remember me as the coordinator of the bus trip to Minneapolis last summer to the Triennial Convention. I enjoy traveling and look forward to the next Triennial in Phoenix, AZ in 2020. I am also looking forward to serving as your treasurer.

Thanks, Darla



ABOVE: The campfire beside the lake was a popular spot Friday night of the Conference. S'mores and singing entertained everyone. Photo by Jean Wehrkamp

LEFT: WELCA units from across the state brought items for the Silent Auction. It raised \$1,842, which will be split evenly between the Dina Johnson Scholarship endowment and Listen, God is Calling. The convention offering was \$3,507; Love offering checks that were not specifically made out either The Beacon House or the LSS Center for New Americans was \$265.



Mission Growth (Justice)

Margie Neugebauer

"Spiritual Formation: Following the Movements of the Spirit" by Henri Nouwen

Nouwen was a Dutch Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian. His interests were rooted primarily in psychology, pastoral ministry, spirituality, social justice and community. He wrote 39 books on the spiritual life.

"Spiritual formation prepares us for life in which we move away from our fears, compulsions, resentments, and sorrows, to serve with joy and courage in the world, even when this leads us to places we would rather not go. Spiritual formation helps us to see the face of God in the midst of a hardened world and in our own heart. This freedom helps us to use our skills and our very lives to make that face visible to all who live in bondage and fear."

"Spirituality asks us to empty our mind so we can open our heart to receive life as a gift to be lived."

Nouwen identifies five practices that seem of special importance in spiritual formation: reflection,

lectio divina, silence, community, service

Reflection is understanding that the spiritual life finds its basis in the human condition; it isn't lived outside, before, after, or beyond our everyday existence.

Lectio divina refers primarily to the sacred or devotional reading of the Bible and then openness to what the Spirit is saying to us in the present moment. Here is where we can see how God's story and our story intersect.

Silence—without silence the Word of God cannot bear fruit. One of the most depressing aspects of contemporary life is the almost complete absence of silence. The mystics all agree that silence is the royal road to spiritual formation.

Community—spiritual formation requires taking not only the inward journey to the heart, but also the outward journey from the heart to community and ministry. Christian spirituality not only flows from community but creates community.

Service—to serve means to minister, to love and care for others, and to recognize in them the heart of God. A true disciple of Jesus will always go to where people are feeling weak, broken, sick, in pain, poor, lonely, forgotten, anxious, and lost. Thus, spiritual formation means ongoing formation of the heart, in community life, expressed in service to the world.



Mission Community (Discipleship)

Donna Vreugdenhil

Greetings Sisters in Christ:

Summer is flying by and I have been busy with many different activities besides the usual "farm wife" things, such as going on a bus trip to the coal fields in North Dakota, to going to Minneapolis to watch a granddaughter play ball, to gardening, yard work and highlighted by attending the SD Synodical Convention at The Abbey of the Hills near Milbank. What an inspirational place to meet with our Sisters in Christ to pray, worship, attend Bible study and break-out sessions, enjoy music and

nature, and have fantastic fellowship with old friends and new! Later this week I will be getting on a bus with other women to go to visit the Lutheran World Relief and Global Health facilities. I know this is going to be educational and fun!

Where do we find places and opportunities to carry out our Mission Community/Discipleship? Pretty much anywhere near or far we can be reaching out to people and help spread the Word. It isn't always what we say; but many times it's by our actions, how we act or what we do, that can tell people of our intentions. You may be saying and doing things and don't even realize you are sending a message to others. Actions sometimes speak louder than words! It is sad that all people do not have the opportunity to get to know Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Act Boldly! Keep up the good work and keep reaching out!



Member at Large

Cheryl Lundeen

I am excited to be involved on the Synodical level of Women of the ELCA. I have been a life-long Lutheran and have been active at my church and WELCA unit for a long time.

I became much more aware of the happenings on a wider, broader level of the church when I worked as the Executive Secretary for Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota from 1985 through 2012. Our office in Sioux Falls was connected to the South Dakota ELCA Synod's office, where I learned a lot more about what goes on for mission work, who various pastors were around the state and the activities in the Bishop's office. Lutherans Outdoors also works closely with the WELCA units throughout the state so it has been great to reconnect with people I know throughout the

various conferences now that I have time to attend these conference meetings.

I am currently retired and enjoying more time for quilting and volunteering with organizations I like to support. I have been the WELCA Chairman/President at Brandon Lutheran for the past 3 years and was just elected as President of the Crossroads WELCA conference this past spring. I also volunteer as an usher for the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls.

I have two daughters, two sons-in-law and one grandchild who is 5 years old. My oldest daughter, her husband and their son Julius live in Costa Rica, so I don't get to see them very often. I have visited there a number of times. My youngest daughter and her husband live in Luck, Wisconsin, and she owns a local coffee shop called Café Wren. It's quite a ways to go for a cup of coffee, but well worth it!

My motto throughout my past few years as a unit President for WELCA is to listen for the needs of the people and women in particular, and if we can do something, we should! I will be listening as I learn more about the Synodical level of our great organization.



Member at Large

Laurel Vogl

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.

When asked what is the most important commandment, Jesus respond with the line above. Loving God and loving my neighbor is the verse I use as a basis for reading and understanding the Bible and, especially, in living my life.

My name is Laurel Vogl. I was born and raised in Brandon, SD, attended Augustana College (now University), and I graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary with a Master of Diaconal Ministry. Diaconal Ministry is similar to Pastoral Ministry, except the focus is on service. The word diaconal stems from the Greek word *diakonia*, which means service or service-based ministry. Most

Diaconal Ministers specialize in an area of service such as a hospital chaplain, spiritual director, or working in a homeless shelter or food pantry. My focus is on crisis ministry, specifically working with survivors of sexual violence.

While I was in seminary, I studied abroad at our sister seminary in Neuendettelsau, Germany. It was there I met my husband, Alois Vogl, who is an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germany. After I graduated I took a leave of absence for two years to live with my husband in Germany while he was finishing his education. Once he was ordained, we decided to move to the U.S. so he could experience my culture and what it is like to be a pastor in the United States. We are currently serving as the ministers for the Great Plains Parish, which is made up of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bowdle, and the St. John's Lutheran Church in Hosmer, SD.

I am excited to be serving the South Dakota WECLA as a Member at Large. I look forward to engaging both the congregations I serve and the greater area in ministry with WELCA, and learning about the activities and ministries in South Dakota.

LSS Appreciates WELCA Support

Thank you

We are touched by your support to LSS and your commitment to fundraising \$75,000 for the Campaign for Hope. The generosity of South Dakota WELCA will be recognized in the reception area of the Center for New Americans within the Campus on East Bank on 6th Street Sioux Falls.

Thank you also to all those who attended the breakout sessions at the recent Synodical convention to learn more about the LSS Center for New Americans and to hear from LSS employee Mohamed Ahmed. Your compassion for welcoming our neighbors resurrects hope for thousands of South Dakotans.

Campaign for Hope

For nearly a century, LSS has partnered with individuals, churches, organizations, communities and you—the South Dakota Synod of the ELCA. Your support resurrects Hope. It's what the Campaign for Hope is all about.



LSS Center for New Americans Reception/Waiting Area

Regional Needs for the Campaign for Hope

Aberdeen

- New Beginnings: kitchen, occupational therapy, outdoor recreation.
- Endowment to fund local capital needs.

Rapid City & Spearfish

- New Alternatives: occupational therapy, outdoor recreation.

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- Canyon Hills Center: dining room, outdoor recreation.
- Rapid City regional office: remodel.
- Endowment to fund local capital needs.

Sioux Falls

- Remodel and finance 2nd floor to accommodate multiple services and statewide administration.

Endowment for Sustainable Families

- \$1,000,000 endowment to ensure continuation of LSS Pregnancy Counseling and Adoption Services.

Statewide

Evidenced-based practice training fund

Get in touch

We would love to join you for one of your upcoming meetings to share in fellowship and offer an update of how you can resurrect hope. Please reach out to one of our Development Directors who would be happy to come out and visit with your unit.

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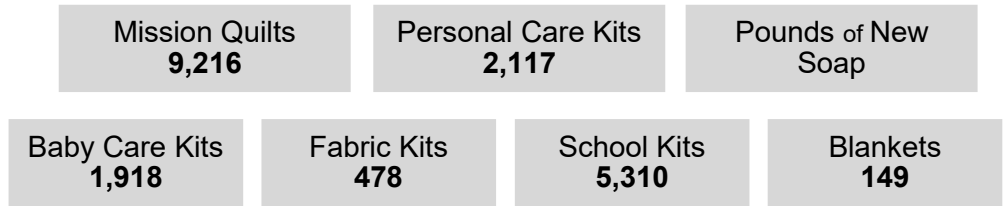
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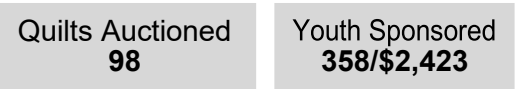
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THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS GIVING!

Submitted by Janice Anderson, Synodical Mission Action/Stewardship Officer



Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota

Kathy McHenry,
Executive Director

Are you blessed to have celebrated your 70th birthday? Do you have retirement accounts that now generate something called **Required Minimum Distributions (RMD's)**? Are you writing checks to support your church and other non-profit ministries? What if you could avoid the income tax bill that comes with those RMD's and still be generous?

With the new tax laws enacted earlier this year, increasing the standard deduction to \$12,000 for a single person and \$24,000 for a couple, most of us will not be able to deduct charitable contributions.

Instead of making a donation from your

checking account, call your adviser and request that all or a portion of your RMD be sent directly to the church and/or ministries of your choice. You'll satisfy the IRS requirements and make a difference with your gifts, but will not be required to pay the income tax that would otherwise be due!

Additionally, a Qualified Charitable Distribution reduces your total income for the year, which could in turn reduce or eliminate extra Medicare premiums deducted from your Social Security check because you would have otherwise exceeded income limits.

This strategy isn't limited by the amount of your annual RMD – the IRS allows a charitable distribution of up to \$100,000/year. If generosity is a part of your plan, make sure that it all goes to ministry. Call me if you have questions or would like to know more.....***because you want your life to make a difference.***

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Prison Congregations of America

Mary Mortenson,
Executive Director

“It's Not About You”

Two important lessons I've learned in this work is 1) Plan, but be patient, and 2) It's not about you. As my long-suffering husband will attest, I am a list maker. I plan and I envision. This works OK for grocery shopping, but not so much for planting prison congregations. On many occasions, I thought everything was in order, when one of the many variables suddenly was off. Maybe the denomination had lost heart, or maybe the prison had a new warden who was not interested in new programming. Maybe it's a lockdown and the prison worship service gets cancelled.

Case in point: For almost two years I have been in conversation with some clergy leaders of the United Methodist Church in Florida. They had heard about the PCA Model and very much wanted to

sponsor a prison congregation in their area. They had the will, the support and the funds. All they needed was a prison that would let us in.

For two years we talked and strategized, but except for a couple of short conversations, we had no contact, certainly no positive contact with the prison. Finally, we started talking about exploring the possibility of some sort of ministry in a youth detention center, thinking that might be easier. Before I started contacting administrators in the youth facilities, I made one more call to the adult prison. Someone answered and referred me to their newly hired program manager. This man immediately saw the value of what we were offering and convinced his leadership team to give us a try. It appears that we will have a pastor in place by early next year! Everyone is joyfully on board!

I hear God say – this time as so many times previously: “Plan, but be patient, because at the end of the day, it's not about you and your plans. It's all about me.”

I'd love to come talk to your church or group about this church and world-changing ministry! Contact me at mary@prisoncongregations.org



Lutherans Outdoors

Mara Stillson

Quilt Auction 2018

We will be having a quilt auction again this year! It will be a little different in format. We accepted quilts from individuals and congregations at the Synod Assembly. Some quilts will be displayed at each camp. These quilts will be available for purchase (with a set price) at that time. The remainder of the quilts will be placed on an online auction (stay tuned for more information on this).

We ask that each individual or congregation provide one quilt (no more than two, please). For those of you who are following our rotation, this year we are asking quilters from Prairie Coteau, Crossroads, Bear Butte and Northern Plains Conferences to send quilts. You do not have to

follow this rotation.

Quilts which sell best are:

- King and Queen sizes
- Themed quilts - Vikings, Packers, Twins, Augustana University, SDSU, USD, etc.
- Traditional and modern patterns, and contemporary colors

Another option some have chosen is selling the quilt locally and sending the proceeds to Lutherans Outdoors. Others simply send a gift to the quilt project, and we gratefully receive those as well.

So, as you see, there is a change coming. We hope you will continue to support this major fundraiser for the camps of Lutherans Outdoors. We THANK YOU for your wonderful partnership that helps keep the cost of camp more affordable for children and their families!

Summer 2018

Thank you for prayers, financial support and for coming to camp! Take a look at faith in action at Lutherans Outdoors in SD. We hope to see you again soon!



Bread for the World

Cathy Brechtelsbauer
Volunteer SD Coordinator

How You helped SD Win its Supreme Court Case

For over 14 years you have been paying higher tax on your groceries so that South Dakota could win its tax case in the Supreme Court this year.

Why? The preparation for the state to collect sales tax on online sales caused a significant hike in the tax on food, **only on food**.

How? Before 2003, SD cities were limited to 1% tax on food. Then, tax "streamlining" rules were needed in order to tax online sales. The new rules allowed each city only one sales tax rate, even though the rules allowed the state itself to have a lower rate on food, even zero tax.

Thus, cities' food taxes rose from 1% to 2% in

most South Dakota cities, rather than lowering tax on other things to match the 1% on food. (Some cities had not been taxing food at all, including Rapid City, Spearfish, Mitchell, Pierre. They were forced to start taxing groceries.)

Back in 2003, some legislators said they would cut the food tax when the state finally receives tax from online sales. Now this revenue will be coming.

Bread for the World-South Dakota is calling on the next legislature to recognize the contribution made by grocery shoppers to the Supreme Court success and hunger in South Dakota and turn next tax cut into a cut in the food tax. (With cities still allowed only one tax rate, a food tax cut would need to be a reduction in the state's portion of the sales tax.)

Rather than current law taking tenths of percents off the general rate, for the same money, the state legislature could choose to take whole percents off food. We can ask candidates for state legislature to choose to cut the food tax.

Thanks.

Cathy ryebread@breadrising.org, www.bread.org

thank you

Thank you so much for the scholarship gift from the SD WELCA Fund for Leaders In Mission! It will be a tremendous help for me as I complete the final year of the MDiv program at Luther Seminary. I am awaiting news of an internship placement in Sioux Falls. I'm looking forward to continuing to do God's work, and this scholarship is so supportive of that. Thank you!

Elisa Berndt

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Synodical Leadership Training, 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24 until 3 p.m Saturday, Aug. 25, AmericInn, Chamberlain. Reserve by Aug. 1 for best price: \$105 for 2 queen beds.

Southeastern Conference Fall Workshop, Oct. 13 at Hudson Lutheran Church, Hudson SD

Aberdeen Winter Board Meeting, 10 a.m. Oct. 20 at Zion Lutheran Church,

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