

# SOUTH DAKOTA SYNODICAL Women of the ELCA

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## President

Glenda Ofstehage

*O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.—Psalm 8:1-2*

I cannot read or hear this psalm without welling up with joy at the memory of my 5-year-old son singing at the top of his voice, “Oh, Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth” as he was being wheeled away on a hospital gurney to his third open heart surgery. Just as he sang the powerful “Oh Lord, we praise your name. Oh, Lord we magnify your name. Prince of peace, mighty God...” the song trailed off as he succumbed to the anesthesia. There is such joy when we know that our God continues to be faithful throughout the generations, that those who will follow us are arming themselves with the same words and gifts that have blessed our lives.

Recently, I attended Augustana University’s scholarship recognition event and enjoyed the company of six delightful young women who were recipients of scholarships to encourage their studies at Augustana. You can be proud of the effect your gifts to the Dina Johnson scholarship fund and other scholarships to which you may contribute are having in the lives of these students.

### Leadership Conference

It was so good to see and talk with many of you at the workshop in Chamberlain. If you were not able to attend, please be in touch with someone who was.

They will be happy to share the materials and ideas they gained there.

We spent a good amount of time discussing the proposed amendments to the constitution of South Dakota Synodical Women of the ELCA. I’ve heard from several of you who have concerns about how this will affect you, particularly at the conference level. Please be patient and aware that many items we discussed cannot be dealt with on the conference level until the amended constitution has been approved at the 2019 convention. Because we are such a wide-spread synod, South Dakota is a bit of a special case. Nevertheless, we need to lead toward conformity with recommendations of the churchwide organization.

Causing the most concern, as we discussed this at Chamberlain, was the suggestion that conferences do not need a full set of officers mirroring those of the synodical organization and specifically that there is no provision for bonding of a conference treasurer.

Please don’t be alarmed by these thoughts or take any action to make changes without careful consideration. But also know that the intent of these suggestions is not to “take away” from your conference level, but to encourage cooperation with the entire synod and churchwide that will make for more efficient use of all of our resources. Visit with one of your synodical board members if you have concerns.

### Director for...

You will notice that in this issue of the newsletter, we are moving away from the “Mission Action, Mission Growth, Mission Community” titles and toward adoption of the “Director for Stewardship, Director for Justice, Director for Discipleship” labels. Churchwide began encouraging the use of these titles many years ago and we have lagged behind in adopting them.

Through the years, I've heard many conversations about how the former titles were not clear about what kinds of issues each "Mission" addressed, or about the duplication of concerns between the positions.

When moving to the "new" names, we must resist the urge to make them fit into one or the other of the "old" titles. They are not "replacements" for old "missions" as much as they are the way we will look at these titles moving forward.

The churchwide website has resources and staff directed toward each of the titles. I encourage each unit to look at these and make the leap. You may even choose to address all three sets of issues as a "board," eliminating the need for three separate positions. After all, are we not all concerned with justice, stewardship, and discipleship as we enter into kingdom work?

### **Triennial Convention Topics**

I continue to ask you to be aware of the concerns addressed at our triennial convention and to let us know if your unit or conference has offered events or programs that address them. I'd welcome

invitations to some of these, just to see what you are up to!

1. Clean drinking water for all, specifically Flint, Michigan
2. Rights of the child, oppose corporal punishment of children
3. Human Trafficking
4. Domestic Abuse

You can look on churchwide Women of the ELCA website for details of these items.

### **New Secretary**

We welcome Karen Jensen to the Synodical Board to fill the office of secretary until the 2019 Synodical Convention (and yes, she will be eligible for election to a full term at that time). We are sad to see Lynn Pohlman leave the board, but know that she leaves us to answer God's call to other responsibilities. You have our prayers and our hearts, Lynn!

Wishing blessings on your days.

*Glenda*



**Vice  
President**  
Hannah Fleming

### **Just a Little Reminder**

Anybody remember the Golden Rule? I love the golden rule because it reminds me of who I am: a child of the King. I love the golden rule because it serves as a constant reminder to do what is right. Love sincerely. It serves as a constant reminder of our Christian values and how we should treat one another. Care sincerely. In this busy world of ours, we are so focused on taking care of ourselves, making ourselves look good in front of others, we often tend to forget those around us. The golden rule paints a clear picture of our shortcoming—egocentricity. God doesn't want us to be selfish people. He wants us to value others.

Although we are not perfect, Christ instructs us to "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Luke 6:31). He is asking us to be sincere in our love and not just fake it to give ourselves flashing images. Simply put, treat others the way you want them to treat you. How do we want to be treated? I think it boils down to our everyday regular word: Respect.

At home we teach our children the golden rule; we teach them to respect each other. At our work places we are reminded to treat our colleagues with respect. But what exactly is respect? How do we go about showing respect?

Merriam-Webster describes respect as recognizing the worth of somebody or something. It is the ability to see and celebrate the values in ourselves as well as others. Respect is a simple yet complicated word that forms an integral part of our daily lives. It just cannot be overlooked. It takes the grace of God and constant practice to value others. Let us keep working on valuing others because we all have some good in us. Love in deed and truth.

Stay Blessed! And have a Happy Thanksgiving.



## Treasurer

### Kathy Thompson

Dear Sisters in Christ,

This will be my last article for the Newsletter. I have enjoyed these last four and one-half years as your Synodical Treasurer.

Fall Retreats and Workshops are complete. Just a reminder to all conference treasurers: for insurance purposes, I need the number that attended your respective retreats, and how many days.

Starting Feb. 1, 2019, all remittances of

**Regular Unit offerings on Form A** are to be sent to: Darla Toben, 47906 171st St., Clear Lake, SD 57226, your new Synodical Treasurer.

Thank you for your contributions to our organization and churchwide, for all the projects that are assembled and shipped from your local units to parts of the world and people we will never meet; you are truly examples of His teachings and service.

I would like to close with a poem by Marjorie Shackelford McCune entitled "In Praise of Friends."

*Friends are the essence of life we have learned:  
Through our sorrows and joys they are truly  
concerned.*

*Perceptive and caring, responsive and kind—  
To such people as these special tasks are assigned.  
Emissaries of God, His work to perform  
Walking with others through sunshine and storm.*

Wishing all a good year as we continue in His Work in His World.



## Secretary

### Karen Jensen

#### Psalm 46:10a ESV

*"Be still and know that I am God."*

This verse continues to be meaningful at various points of my life as time marches on. As a youth we all likely memorized John 3:16, or if we were asked to recite a verse, we hoped to be chosen for the shortest one possible, John 11:35.

But life does not always bring us what we want or expect. In April 2010 my only sibling, a brother, passed away unexpectedly. The last email he sent out was forwarding "Be Still and Know that I am God." What a message in those words. It's one of the reasons I am in this position as Interim Synodical Secretary for the South Dakota WELCA. If one is silent, we can hear those calls, which are unmistakable. We are like Samuel, "Here I am, Lord; You have called."

At the WELCA Crossroads Spring Conference

2018, they were asking for volunteers to fill their Conference Secretary position. After hearing the song leader's choice of "Listen Sisters, Listen Brothers," instead the verse "Listen God is Calling" went through my head on and on, like a stuck record album/CD. I knew I had to offer my services. That position led me to being at Chamberlain for WELCA Leadership Training in late August 2018. They announced that they were looking for an Interim Synodical Secretary. As the day went on, again the call, "You can do it," so...here I am, Lord.

A bit of background on me, I was born and raised on a farm near Viborg, South Dakota. My post-secondary education included earning a diploma, then four increasingly higher-level degrees in Nursing, ending in the receipt of an MSN. Retired from nursing for nearly 5 years, I still maintain my RN license and work with the group LifeCircle South Dakota. Hope Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls is the congregation where I am an active participant. I will be their WELCA President/Coordinator in 2019, after being WELCA Vice-President the past few years. Other activities like substitute offering counter, Circle, Sanctuary Choir, Church Council (2017-2018), Worship Committee (2017-2018), past Co-Chair and Chair of Annual Bazaar have filled and continue to fill my time.

I look forward to what the future brings, heeding His call.



## Director for Justice (Mission Growth)

Margie Neugebauer

### Women and Justice Social Statement

At the churchwide assembly next August in Milwaukee, WI, the assembly will be voting to approve this Draft Social Statement. At our Leadership Training this past August, Deacon Maggie Fink provided us with an overview and encouragement to study this document further. I want to again encourage all of us to study this document and make your wishes known to your conference delegates who will be attending this churchwide assembly.

At our synod assembly last June, several pastors held an awareness session and gave us a handout that they had prepared. Those pastors were Rev. Heidi Binstock and Rev. Ann Rosendale. I am quoting from the document they prepared which gives us an overview of this social statement.

- **Core convictions that all of humanity is created equally in the image of God**, that it is God's intention for equity and fullness of life for all, that variety in God's creation (male, female, LGBTQ+) is to be celebrated, and that as forgiven people we should seek justice and redemption for all that is broken in our world, including and especially gender injustice and inequity.
- **A critical evaluation of patriarchy and sexism in our world.** "Patriarchy and sexism are a mix of power and privilege, and prejudice." Male privilege, both subtle and overt, fuels patriarchy and sexism, so too do gender stereotypes (for both men and women), so too does over-use of male language and imagery for God, so too do certain laws, practices, policies, and social structures (pay disparities or parental leave policies, for example).
- **A commitment to justice that is essential for human flourishing.** "The church has identified sufficiency, sustainability, solidarity, and participation as key principles of justice." Christians are compelled to confess sins of both commission

and omission around women and justice, and called to repent of them and turn toward a new way of life in Christ. Holy Scripture and Lutheran confessions ground our understandings of justice and help us imagine a new, more just world.

- **Ideas for responding to God's call for justice.** These include eradicating gender-based violence (rape, domestic abuse, assault and harassment, human trafficking), advocating for policies that make progress toward justice and equity for all people and particularly for the marginalized (including economic policies, health care laws, media regulations, etc.), providing resources for families to live in ways that do not reinforce gender based stereotypes (encouraging men to participate in all family roles associated with the home, caregiving, parenting, and nurturing), supporting women's increasing participating in leadership roles in business and government, rejecting the misuse of scripture to support sexism and patriarchy, adopting theology and language for God that is expansive and inclusive (liturgies, prayers, hymns, etc. that widen our imagination beyond typical male imagery).

The entire Social Statement on Women and Justice can be found here:

<https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Women-and-Justice/Draft>

or go to Women and Justice on the ELCA page and follow the links.

The deadline for personal and group responses has past; however, your conference delegates still need to hear from you to inform their voting at the Churchwide Assembly in August of 2019. Please study and respond. This document will affect all of us in the ELCA. Ask your pastor for assistance.

### **ELCA Good Gifts**

ELCA Good Gifts provides more than 50 gift-giving options to grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives. These gifts, starting at just \$10, provide direct support for the churchwide ministries of the ELCA.

**Ready to shop now?** Visit the [ELCA Good Gifts](#) store to print or order cards to tell loved ones about gifts given in their honor.



## Director for Discipleship (Mission Community)

Donna Vreugdenhil

Greetings, Sisters in Christ:

This morning we had our first snowfall of the season; but by late afternoon it was all gone! Oh, I do like the variety of seasons and weather we have in South Dakota.

By now you have probably had your Conference Fall Workshop. I hope you got a chance to look at what is happening in your office and what is going on in the other offices, so you can see places you can work together and what is going on in your organization. We have been looking at Approved Model Constitution and Bylaws for your Unit and Special Units. Now may be a good time to dust off your constitution and go through it to see if it is still relevant or if some up-dating is needed.

Another thing to look at is the changes, name and duties, of the three Mission offices. As you may have noticed, we have been using the combination of the old and new names in the Synodical Newsletters. Since I was elected as the Mission Community person, my new label is Discipleship.

Some information I have gotten on discipleship is that Women of the ELCA practice seven marks of discipleship: praying, studying, worshiping, inviting, encouraging, serving, and giving. Whether it be making quilts, health and school kits, studying the Bible together, or assisting in worship, they grow in faith and share what they've learned with friends and

neighbors. Discipleship is a lifelong journey of living out and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. Disciples are followers of Jesus who are intent on carrying out the Great Commission and the Great Command.

Last newsletter I told you I was going on a bus trip to Minneapolis/St. Paul to tour Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Ministries. You can't help but have a fantastic time with a bus load of Christian women! These places were very interesting and informative.

At LWR we saw bales of quilts and large boxes filled with kits waiting to be shipped. In another room we saw guys making quilt bales that each contained about 27 to 38 quilts, were 6.25 cubic feet and weighed about 125 pounds. Guys put quilts into a special compactor and kept adding and compacting until the bale got to a certain size. Then they fastened three steel bands around the quilts, took them to another station where they were bagged twice, first in black plastic then in white poly burlap wrap, then labeled with its contents, number, weight and other shipping information. They had a shipping container filled that was waiting for the truck to take it away on the next leg of its journey. The container is 40 feet long and holds about 280 bales and 480 boxes. It is transported by truck, train, and ship.

The next morning at Global Health we were told about the operation, toured the warehouse, and then got to sort, fold, box, seal and label hundreds of hospital gowns! The other group sorted and folded sheets. We also went to a musical at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater. See page 7 for Jan's pictures from the 2018 tour.

There was so much interest that Jan Anderson is planning another trip in 2019. Get your name on the list so you don't get left out!

## Bus Tour to Minneapolis

Thursday and Friday, July 25-26, 2019

*Tours of Lutheran World Relief Headquarters and Global Health Ministries  
plus "Mamma Mia" at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater.*

Cost: \$225, double occupancy. \$50 deposit due at registration. Balance due by June 1.

**Includes motor coach transportation from Sioux Falls, Brookings or Watertown; lunches Thursday and Friday; dinner theater Thursday; 1 night lodging at Hampton Inn with breakfast & 2 tours.**

To register, contact Jan Anderson, 409 Kringen Ave., Baltic, SD 57003  
605-529-5387 or 605-496-2459 Make checks payable to Jan Anderson.





## Member at Large

### Laurel Vogl

The leaves are changing, and the air is cooling: Autumn has arrived. Autumn is my favorite season of the year. It's beautiful with the colorful leaves, and I love the crisp feel of the cool breeze, especially after a hot summer. As autumn arrives, so does the fall harvest. With much anticipation my family is planning for Thanksgiving. My husband, who is German, is excited to experience this American holiday but he is especially excited to experience the other "American holiday" that comes the day after Thanksgiving: Black Friday.

Though I know my husband is just looking forward to the sales, and a new TV, it still bothers me that he refers to Black Friday as the other "American Holiday." Has American culture become so consumer-focused that it is all the world outside the U.S. see of us? As one of my German friends described it, "Thanksgiving is a day where you give thanks for everything you have and the next day you trample each other to buy more stuff."

In the Gospel of Mark, a rich man comes to Jesus asking him what he can do to earn eternal life. Jesus answers that he must go, sell all of his possessions, and follow Jesus. The rich man goes away grieving because he had many possessions (Mark 10: 17-31). Jesus was not saying this to be cruel. His statement made two points: one, there is nothing we can do to earn eternal life, eternal life is a gift from God given to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Two, if your true aim is eternal life with God, your possessions are only going to get in the way.

Possessions in themselves are not bad, but the value we put on them can be. When we love our stuff more than we love one another, we are going to have problems. When we focus on our greed more than we focus on being thankful, we are going to have trouble being happy. God loves us and wants us to be happy. Happiness comes, not from the newest gaming system or the biggest TV, but from a place of thankfulness and joy in what we have and who we are with.

This Thanksgiving, practice having a thankful heart. Giving thanks to God for all that you have, your time, your family and friends, your possessions, and your own self. Embrace the love that God has for you and give thanks for all God has done in your life.



## Member at Large

### Cheryl Lundeen

Have you been listening? Listening for ideas? Listening for ways to help serve our Women's organization? Listening for God's call?

This reminds me of the hymn "Listen, God is Calling." Yes, calling us to serve, but how and where? By listening to your neighbor, your pastor, your friends at church, you will begin to figure it out.

As our Crossroads Conference Units met for our Fall Leadership Workshop, I was listening (as well as doing a lot of talking!) but I did hear that our Unit leaders want to have more time to share ideas

among our units. They are eager to find out about more resources and new ways of doing things to attract more women.

I would suggest several ideas:

1. Perhaps your WELCA unit has a great speaker coming for one of your meetings – think about sharing that speaker with another nearby WELCA unit! Getting to know your neighboring sisters and sharing resources is an idea we haven't really made good use of in past years. We are all expressing the same purpose and mission statement so hopefully this should serve us well to share these resources.

2. Support one another — There are lots of Fall dinners, soup suppers, bazaars and "fundraisers" going in this time of year. Of course you support your own WELCA activities, but let's support our neighboring WELCA's too. If at all possible – help our fellow units by advertising and attending each others

**CHERYL continued on p.7**



ABOVE: Lutheran World Relief ships “baled” quilts in reusable bags. The bale weighs 125 pounds. UPPER RIGHT: An employee of LWR compresses about 30 quilts, which are secured with three steel bands. LOWER RIGHT: A work group at Global Health Ministries folds and packs hospital gowns and sheets donated by hospitals and hotels.



### ***CHERYL, continued***

fundraisers. It’s inspiring to see how other groups organize their events – you just might pick up on an idea that would work for your group as well.

3. Breakout groups for various topics such as officers input, quilting groups, the new Mission secretary descriptions, etc., are ways we can listen to each other and ask questions and share ideas. The conference meetings are a good place to make this happen – be sure to attend your Conference meetings in the Spring and Fall to gain as much help and ideas as possible.

4. Use the Mission and Purpose Statement at your meetings and in your printed materials. It helps us to realize what a broad and wonderful

support group of women there is besides just our own local units. It is very inspiring to be a part of this committed larger ministry of the church.

Keep Listening! God will help you discover ways to do His ministry right in your own Unit of WELCA.

### **Do you know about the Thrivent Action Team program?**

Thrivent members can apply for a \$250 grant for a project to make a difference in their community or cause. For more information, go to <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/>



## Prison Congregations of America

Mary Mortenson,  
Executive Director

### The Beat Goes On

I've been reminded lately of the song by Sonny and Cher called "The Beat Goes On." As I write this I am in the middle of the list of seemingly endless details leading up to our Partners at the Cross Banquet. For most of the year, I have been promising that we would introduce my successor at the banquet. That timeline proved to be a bit too impractical, and it has become clear that our amazing Search Committee simply needs a bit more time. But the beat will go on, and we'll have a great

time at the banquet with old friends and new as we look back on the last ten years, but also look ahead to the future.

The beat goes on...this isn't the first time that things haven't gone according to my timeline – over and over God has had to remind me that this is God's work, done in God's good time. The PCA Model of Prison Ministry will continue to grow in popularity as more denominations and prisons see how healthy and inclusive this ministry model is.

I can hardly wait to see what the next ten years bring. Of this I am sure – there will be blessings, for the "beat that goes on" in this case is a Holy Heartbeat!!

As always, I'd love to come talk to your church or group about this church and world-changing ministry! Contact me at [mary@prisoncongregations.org](mailto:mary@prisoncongregations.org)



## Lutherans Outdoors

Mara Stillson

### The Season of Giving

Please join us in this season of giving, both of giving gifts and giving thanks. We are thankful for you all and are grateful for your support. Please join us as we get in the giving spirit.

Mark your calendars now for #givingtuesday and SD Gives — this is a day of giving around the world! This year's event takes place online, November 27th, please be on the lookout for fun giving opportunities for this day.

Ideas to get in the giving spirit:

#### 1. Bake goodies and give to a neighbor.

Use your favorite recipe or try one from the Outlaw Ranch Thoughts on Food Cookbook (email [outlaw@losd.org](mailto:outlaw@losd.org) to purchase a copy)

#### 2. Give the gift of a night out.

*Joy Ranch Chef Nights*

*Bring your friends, family or WELCA group for a social setting with delicious food and beautiful*

*scenery! Chef Night features an upscale three course meal all prepared by a different Guest Chef per event. Chef Nights are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month October through May.*

*Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m., and reservations are **required**. Tickets are \$30. Please call [\(605\) 886-4622](tel:605-886-4622) or email: [joyranchevents@losd.org](mailto:joyranchevents@losd.org)*

#### 3. Give to camp by attending the Scandinavian Smorgasborg at NeSoDak Nov. 9-11.

*Lutefisk, Lefse! Ya sure you betcha! All are welcome for a delicious meal of Scandinavian favorites in support of the ministry of Camp NeSoDak! Please join us for cider and conversation in the Fireside Room prior to the meal.*

*Homemade caramels and other tasty treats will be available to purchase for holiday pickup/delivery.*

*A limited quantity of lingonberries, herring, and lutefisk will be available for purchase at the event.*

*Call [605-947-4440](tel:605-947-4440) to order tickets.*

#### WINTER ADDRESSES

Do you fly south for the winter? We would love to have your winter address for year-round communications and visits in the winter months. Please send any updated information for you winter adventures to [shannon@losd.org](mailto:shannon@losd.org)

Thank you for your continued support of Lutherans Outdoors in SD!



## Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota

Kathy McHenry,  
Executive Director

### An Easy Way to Make a Difference

It doesn't have to be expensive, complicated or time-consuming to make a difference for the ministries that you care about most. Here's one example of how a beneficiary designation can create a gift with tremendous impact:

Etta and her late husband, Edgar, had been longtime supporters of Lutheran ministries in their church and around the world. She had been thinking about how she could make a gift to support God's work, originally planning to leave her IRA to her kids, and instruct them to give a certificate of deposit to her church memorial fund after her death.

Etta learned, however, that if her children inherited the IRA, they would pay income taxes on the entire IRA and also have full access to spend it immediately. But, by giving the IRA to ministry and other assets to her children, Etta could still provide a very nice inheritance to her children while avoiding the income tax!

Etta contacted her IRA custodian, who sent her an IRA beneficiary designation form. She worked with a representative of Lutheran Planned Giving to provide gifts for several organizations that she and Edgar supported, including her church. She completed the form and mailed it back. Etta was thrilled with the fact that she was able to create this plan that will avoid probate and did not require any additional legal expense.

It doesn't have to be an IRA – a beneficiary designation can be made with life insurance policies, annuities or investment accounts. If you'd like more information or assistance walking through the process, please contact me at 605-274-5030 or [kmchenry@sdsynod.org](mailto:kmchenry@sdsynod.org).

## Keep in Touch!

Your Synodical Board wants to  
keep in touch with all of you.

To do this, our secretary needs **contact information** for each unit. Please report to your conference recorder the contact information for your unit's leaders. We recognize that you may not have someone to fill each position, but if we have a couple of contacts, we can be in touch with someone who can share the information. Please include in this report the **date the office was assumed** as this is included in our report to churchwide. Conference recorders will share this with information with our Synodical ducal secretary. Thank you.



LAMP is seeking volunteers to teach VBS among indigenous children in northern Canada.

LAMP has been invited to far more indigenous communities to teach Bible Schools than we have mission teams to support.

To learn more, watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lv64Grx2RNA> and share during a meeting or visit <https://www.lampministry.org/> for devotionals and the latest information and needs of this group.





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## PASS IT ON!!

This SD Synodical Newsletter is published to inform Women of the ELCA of the SD Synodical happenings, activities and opportunities with the Synod. The newsletter is published four times a year: Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall.

Please share this newsletter with your congregational unit officers:

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 Nov. 9-11. Call [605-947-4440](tel:6059474440) to order tickets.

## We are on the Web

Women of the ELCA, South Dakota Synod is now found on [Facebook](#), [Pinterest](#), [Twitter](#) and we even have a [blog](#)! Be sure to *LIKE* the Facebook page, and *FOLLOW* the Pinterest page.

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