

# SOUTH DAKOTA SYNODICAL Women of the ELCA

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## President

Margene Thompson

### Come Boldly.

### Who, me? Come how?

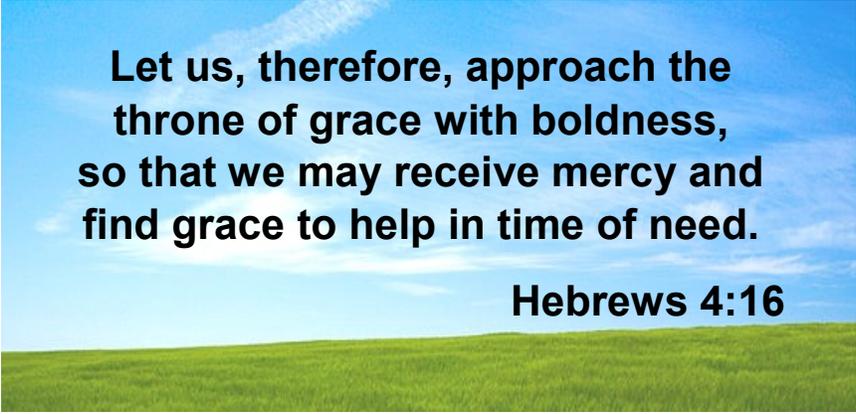
As a woman, my life has been shaped by a quality that runs through the gene pool of those who make their home in the Upper Midwest—stoicism. In that tradition, kindness is a virtue, calmness is something to exude even when you don't feel it, and there is a shared understanding that a quiet, purposeful life is honest and true. None of these "prized qualities" say bold. And yet, I know the stories of courage (the sister to boldness) of the women who are part of our great faith and our communities:

**Katharina von Bora, the runaway nun** who helped an outlaw priest change the world, was the "home keeper" while Luther was the professor and theologian. As the Reformation movement spread across Europe, the house that Katharina

ran became its epicenter. After dinner, Luther, Katharina, and select guests discussed theology and politics in Latin, hammering out the intellectual framework of the Reformation. Read that last clause: hammering out the intellectual framework of the Reformation. For a woman of that time to be at the table, participating in this movement, not quietly mind you — "hammering out the framework" — she had to be both courageous and bold (and smart). Do you applaud her actions but secretly feel that her example, and the choices she made, even that many years ago, are too far afield from your life?

A story that has always stayed with me is one from a devotional book we read every night

when our children were growing up. It's about a girl from the prairie, her brother and sister, and the Children's Blizzard of 1888. Like many, they left the safety of the school to



**Let us, therefore, approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

**Hebrews 4:16**

venture home, a path they thought they knew, a path not so far from the school. Tired and confused, they fell into the snow. The older sister placed her cloak over the two younger siblings and laid down on top of them knowing the weight of her body would keep the cloak in place and that at least for a short period, the

***BOLDNESS, continued on p.3***



## Vice President

### Hannah Fleming

It is that time of the year again when members of the nominating committee begin the search for Synodical board members.

While the name “Synodical board members” may sound a little intimidating, I can tell you from experience that it’s not! It is a time of learning, brainstorming, praying, and leading with other women of faith. You get to attend a few meetings (which usually fits everyone’s schedule) and fellowship throughout the year. Each board member is encouraged to write an article at least three times a year. It is our prayer and hope that you answer the call and be part of the South Dakota Synodical Board.

See below a brief description of the responsibilities of the opened offices.

#### Vice President:

- Act in the absence, disability, or resignation of the president. She shall assume the duties of the office until the vacancy is filled by the Synodical board
- Perform such duties as requested by the president or the board
- Act as convener of the nominating committee
- Attend workshops or meetings as invited
- Keep a file of all your work such as letters, articles, reports, etc., which can used by your successor

#### Secretary:

- Pray for guidance in carrying out the duties of the Synodical Women Organization (SWO)
- Record and distribute minutes of meetings and convention
- Keep an accurate record of meetings and

convention

- Preserve a file of all your work such as letters, articles, reports, etc., which can used by your successor

#### Director of Stewardship:

- Pray for guidance in carrying out the duties of the Synodical Women Organization (SWO)
- Encourage and equip women to consider their responsibility and capacity for stewardship
- Provide educational resources that help women learn about giving and managing money.
- Attend workshops or meetings as invited
- Keep a file of all your work such as letters, articles, reports, etc., which can used by your successor

#### Member at Large:

- Pray for guidance in carrying out the duties of the Synodical Women Organization (SWO)
- Work closely with other board members, especially Stewardship, Discipleship, and Justice members as well as the other Member At Large
- Attend workshops or meetings as invited
- Keep a file of all your work such as letters, articles, reports, etc., which can used by your successors

#### Nominating Committee:

- Pray for guidance in carrying out the duties of the Synodical Women Organization (SWO)
- Work with other committee members attempting to find two candidates for each open office, preferably evenly spaced throughout the synod
- Attend workshops or meetings as invited
- Keep a file of all your work such as letters, articles, reports, etc., which can used by your successor

#### Current Nominations Committee Members:

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**BOLDNESS,**  
*continued from p.1*

heat from her body would seep into theirs. As a child of the prairie, she had to know what it meant to take off the cloak— that she was giving up her life to save theirs. And faced with such an impossible choice, she was courageous and bold (and protective) of the two littles in her charge. Do you feel the strength and courage and boldness of this little prairie girl in your heart?

When I think of these examples, I think of the beauty of the diversity of talents and skills, and *qualities* God has given women of faith. God may not be calling you to be a partner in a reformation or to face down the storm of a century or perform miracles or speak boldly in front of many people. He might be calling you to be an officer or committee member of the Synodical board. He might be calling you to simply love someone boldly and without condition. He might be calling you to show someone kindness without any promise of getting it back. Or perhaps, He is calling you to forgive someone who you think doesn't deserve your forgiveness, and instead of holding a grudge (like most people do), He wants you to be different. He wants you to be bold in forgiving the unforgivable, just as Jesus forgave you.

Whether it's through your words or through your actions, large or small, be bold in knowing that God is with you. Hold this thought: He will give you strength to do what you're called to do. Come boldly.



**Director for  
Stewardship  
(Mission Action)**  
Kathy Heffernan

Beloved Sisters in Christ,

As the spring winds begin warming the soil, waking up the sleeping trees and animals, I am amazed and awestruck at how the hands of God created this wonderful world for us to live on and to be His stewards to watch over and protect. God, your love, majesty, and power goes beyond human understanding. All I can do is give you thanks and praise through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Across the S.D. Synodical Women of the ELCA, I received the Stewardship reports from seven hard-working women, your conference Directors of Stewardship. I am truly impressed by how the data made a great rebound from the two difficult years of making quilts and kits. Here's a brief snapshot of the report: (More details will be included in the State Convention booklet).

Support to other Lutheran Projects:	\$108,056.02
Support to your Congregations:	\$142,393.42
LWR Quilts:	7,443
School kits:	3549
GHM Hospice Kits:	91
GHM pounds of rolled bandages:	1,059

THANK YOU!

Now is the time to get registered for the **BUS TRIP TO MPLS/ST PAUL** on July 29- 30. Two 54-passenger buses, 2 bus routes, 2 hotels with awesome prices, tours of Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Ministries (service project time, too), a Sunset Dinner cruise on the Mississippi, and shopping/dining at the Nicollet Mall.

*All are Welcome!* Bring moms, daughters, aunts, grandmothers, girlfriends on a trip that will be exciting, memorable, and fun! **A \$50 deposit will hold a seat on the bus. We need 65 women to keep the Total cost at \$225 per person.**

UNIT PRESIDENTS: Please make a copy for each woman in your Unit

## SOUTH DAKOTA SYNODICAL 35<sup>TH</sup> Annual Convention



# “COME BOLDLY”

“Let us, therefore, approach the throne of grace with boldness,  
so that we may receive mercy and  
find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16

Inspirational Speaker: VJ Smith, author of “The Richest Man in Town”

Banquet Speaker: Pastor Cassandra Lamb, SDSU

Love Offering & Silent Auction Proceeds \*  
Lutheran University Ministry, all campuses

## June 23-24, 2022

First Lutheran Church 337 8<sup>th</sup> Street Brookings SD 57006

\*Encourage members of your Unit to bring a silent auction  
donation with them.

Women of the ELCA: Please read the newsletter for more details about the 35<sup>th</sup> Convention



**Treasurer**  
**Darla Toben**

The Lord loves a cheerful giver! I heard that many times in my early years. I can truly say that the Women of the ELCA are very cheerful givers!

The Campaign for Lutheran Social Services Center for New Americans that started in 2018 wrapped up in December 2021. We had revised our goal to \$37,500 in August 2021. **We exceeded that goal**, and a total of \$38,898.29 was sent to the LSS Center for New Americans from the SD W/ELCA for their campaign. Thank you again to each conference, unit and individual who have given to this campaign. You are awesome!

By this time, all units should have received their annual giving statements for our fiscal year of

Feb. 1, 2021-Jan. 31, 2022. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, 605-880-3506.

The Synodical Convention is soon coming, and you may register by mail or register and pay online using Tithe.ly. There is a link on the [SD ELCA website](#). There will be a \$10 Early bird discount if registration is received in my mail, email or online by June 1 (online, use discount code EARLYBIRD). After June 1, registration will be \$45 per individual. So get your registrations in EARLY!

You might **consider coming in a day early** to the convention to take in an evening at the [SDSU's Prairie Repertory Theatre production of "The Cemetery Club"](#) by Ivan Menchell June 22-24, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. and June 25th at 2 p.m. at the Oscar Larson Theatre. Three Jewish widows meet once a month for tea before visiting their husbands' graves. Ida, sweet-tempered and ready to begin a new life; Lucille, the feisty girl who just wants to have fun; and Doris,

priggish and judgmental, especially when Sam the butcher meets the widows while visiting his wife's grave. Doris and Lucille squash the budding romance between Sam and Ida but are guilt-stricken when this nearly breaks Ida's heart. Tickets go on sale May 23. Call Box office at 605-688-6045 for tickets, which are about \$20.

Other things to do and see in Brookings might include visiting [SDSU Agricultural Heritage Museum](#) (free), [SDSU Art Museum](#) (free), [SDSU Ice Cream Bar](#), [McCrorry Gardens](#) (\$6 for age 65 and older \$4), and [Downtown Shops](#) (Carrot Seed, Thrift Store, Kool Beans Coffee shop, etc) just to name a few.

Ladies, I have loved the personal notes that accompany your forms/ checks and your faithfulness in gathering together. It is healthy to gather as women in community with each other. Bless each of you and we hope to see you in June at the Synodical Convention in Brookings.

**Conferences:**

- Crossroads Conference**
- Medary Conference**
- Northern Plains Conference
- Praire Coteau Conference
- Prairie Rivers Conference
- Southeastern Conference
- SD Synod ELCA-**
- Bishop Constanze**

**Church W/ELCA units**

- American Lutheran-Milbank**
- American Lutheran-Webster
- Bethlehem Lutheran-**
- Aberdeen**
- Brandon Lutheran-Brandon
- East Nidaros-Baltic
- East Side Lutheran-Sioux Falls
- Evangelical Langford-Langford
- Faith Lutheran-Rapid City
- First Lutheran-Mitchell**
- First Lutheran Sioux Falls
- Gayville Lutheran-Gayville
- Good Hope Lutheran-**
- Willow Lake**
- Hope Lutheran- Sioux Falls
- Hudson Lutheran-Hudson**
- Lake Campbell-Volga

- Leganger Lutheran-Toronto
- Lutheran Church of**
- Dell Rapids**
- New Home Lutheran-Mitchell
- Our Redeemer Lutheran-Irene**
- Our Saviors Lutheran-**
- Flandreau**
- Our Saviors Lutheran-**
- Sioux Falls**
- Our Savior Lutheran-Veblen**
- Our Saviors Lutheran-Waubay
- Scandia Lutheran-Centerville**
- St Mark's Lutheran-Sioux Falls
- St James Lutheran-**
- Belle Fourche**
- St John Lutheran-Dimock
- St. John American Lutheran-
- Sioux Falls
- St. John's Lutheran-Webster
- St Mark's Lutheran-Sioux Falls
- St. Paul's Lutheran-Clear Lake
- St Paul Lutheran -Stickney
- Storla Lutheran-Letcher
- Wilmot Lutheran-Wilmot
- Women of Hope-Sioux Falls**
- Woyaton Multicultural W/ELCA
- Zion Lutheran-Harford
- Zoar Lutheran -Revillo

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Cash Donations at the Business/ Leadership Meeting

**Donations in bold are from October-December 2021**  
**Campaign Goal: \$37,500**  
Total monies given to LSS from SD-W/ELCA - **\$38,898.29**

**Campaign for Hope**





## Director for Justice (Mission Growth)

Connie Matzner

Come Boldly – Have you ever thought of what you do that is bold?

When have you “come boldly” to anything? Do you “come boldly” each Sunday to worship? Do you “come boldly” to your job? Do you ever “come boldly” to the throne of grace and meet Jesus?

The theme for our Synodical Convention in June is Hebrews 4:16 – “Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Jesus knows our weaknesses and knows of the things in which we suffer. The writer of Hebrews reminds us to look at God’s word and find what we need in our time of need.

One dictionary says a person who is bold shows an ability to take risks. They are confident and courageous. Does that describe you?

We need to go before God’s throne of grace each day with boldness. God knows what we need before we ask him, but he wants to have a conversation with him about our needs. We need to be confident and courageous when we go before God in prayer.

The theme hymn for our Synodical Convention in June is “Will You Come and Follow Me” also known as “The Summons.” Throughout this hymn, the writer asks questions about things we can do that are bold: Come and follow Jesus, care for the cruel and kind, take risks, help the prisoners, help the sick, use your faith to reshape the world, and many more.

When Jesus calls us to be bold and follow him, we need be kind, take risks and help those sick and in prison. What will you do today that is BOLD?

Please consider joining us June 23-24 for our Synodical Convention, where we will join with our ELCA sisters from across the state of South Dakota and have conversations about being bold and how we “Come Boldly” before God’s throne of grace.

In Christ,  
Connie Matzner  
Director for Justice



## Member at Large

Cheryl Lundeen

### A Peek at the Awareness Sessions to be held at June 23/24 Convention:

Awareness Sessions are being planned for our time together in Brookings at the W/ELCA Convention. These sessions are about 40-45 minutes in length and are held in smaller breakout groups. It gives the presenter and the attendees a more intimate time to share ideas

and ask questions as well. Here is a quick look at a couple of the sessions that will be available:

**Call To Freedom**, an organization based in Sioux Falls, works against human trafficking. Call to Freedom offers services to ensure the safety and well-being of women victimized by human trafficking. Becky Rasmussen, co-founder and Executive Director, will share her involvement in creating a safe haven for victims and help build awareness of the grim reality of human trafficking.

Church Wide W/ELCA currently has human trafficking as one of its primary social justice issues for us to be aware of.

***AWARENESS, continued on p.7***



## Director for Discipleship (Mission Community)

Vicki Persson

### Campus Ministries to receive proceeds from Synodical Silent Auction

South Dakota Women of the ELCA will have their Synodical Convention on June 23 and 24 at First Lutheran Church in Brookings. Our theme is "Come Boldly." My name is Vicki Persson and I am the Director of Discipleship.

Our Synodical Board works hard to support and bring awareness to several Christian Ministries. W/ELCA women have played a huge role in the success of our organization for 35 years. Women get things done!

I am asking each church or interested individuals to provide an item for our Silent Auction. We have always had a good variety of donated gifts for our Silent Auction. (Gift baskets, food is popular, electronics, jewelry, purses, pictures, wine, books, cards, gadgets, etc.)

All proceeds from the Silent Auction will be donated to Campus Ministries on the Campuses in South Dakota.

Campus Ministry reaches out to students who need direction in their adult life and to staff and faculty. Campus Ministry gives us an ELCA presence in our colleges. Campus Ministry bears witness and is known throughout SD as LuMin. LuMin strives to communicate the gospel in fresh ways by worship, study, fellowship and service. It is a place of grace, love, and acceptance for college students and helps develop disciples for Christ.

Pastor Cassandra Lamb from the University Lutheran Center at SDSU will be one of our speakers, and we look forward to hearing from her.

I am grateful for the role our women have played in pushing our ministries forward. I am grateful for the opportunity to get Christian women involved in providing funding for our various Campus Ministries at Northern State University, School of Mines & Technology, Black Hills State University, USD, Augustana, and SDSU. Bring your silent auction items to the Synodical Convention or send them with a friend.

### **AWARENESS, continued from p.6**

**Thrivent** - Thrivent professionals Erich Olson and Michelle Smith of the 1429 Financial Group of Brookings will be sharing information on Charitable Giving Solutions, i.e. Thrivent Action Teams. They will provide educational material and examples on how Thrivent Action teams can be beneficial for your church and community. The team will give us great information on the steps to apply for, receive, and complete projects. This team will help us understand the process and how easy it is to receive up to \$250 for many of our W/ELCA projects. If you are a Thrivent member and/or know Thrivent members in your church, there are many ways to get those dollars used in your church.

**Making Angels with Jewelry** – This will be a "hands-on" project – take an angel home with you! Rose Belaen will lead this activity, and has quite a story to share with others on how and why she started making angels from costume jewelry. Come hear her story while you make your own angel pin. This is an interactive session with her audience. Rose is from Brandt SD and is the Medary Conference treasurer.

Several more Awareness Sessions will also be offered. This is just a sneak preview of what will be available. Come to Brookings and enjoy all of the speakers, activities, food and fellowship it will have to offer!

REGISTRATION FORM  
**SD Women of the ELCA 35<sup>th</sup> Synodical Convention**

June 23-24, 2022  
 First Lutheran Church  
 337 8<sup>th</sup> St, Brookings SD 57006

Please **Circle** one:      Voting Member    Non-Voting Member  
**(One voting member per unit)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ Conference \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fee: \$35 before June 1, 2022    \$45 after June 1, 2022**

**(includes Thursday Evening supper and Friday Banquet)**

**Register online at:** <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/3977038>

and use discount code EARLYBIRD for \$10 off before June 1

**Registration starts at noon Thursday, June 23rd**

Make your own room arrangements. Each has a limited number of rooms at this price:

Quality Inn – 605-692-9471 \$85+tax; \$75+tax for one queen

Brookings Inn – 605-692-9471 \$85+tax

Comfort Suites University – 605-937-5867 Double queen suites \$169+tax

Brookings Holiday Inn Express & Suites – 605-692-9060

Standard room \$149.95+tax; Suites \$169.95+tax

*June 22 & 23 prices. Use “SD-WELCA” when booking. Prices good through June 1 at each hotel.* There are several other hotels in Brookings if choosing to make reservations.

Offerings: ½ to Churchwide ½ to SD Women of the ELCA

Love Offering: LUMin Lutheran University Ministries, all campuses

Silent Auction Proceeds: LUMin, all campuses

- Masks optional
- AC will be in use; dress accordingly.

See page 5 of this newsletter for some of the Pre-Convention Activities.

Direct any questions to Darla Toben 605-880-3506 [dgtooben@itctel.com](mailto:dgtooben@itctel.com)  
 Mail-in registration to Darla Toben 47906 171<sup>st</sup> St, Clear Lake SD 57226



## Member at Large

Dee Sanderson

*2 Corinthians 3:12: Since we have such a hope, we are very bold.*

This verse reinforces our Synodical Convention theme of “Come Boldly.” The SD Women of the ELCA will hold their Synodical Convention on June 23 and 24 at First Lutheran Church in Brookings, SD.

**Why should I care?** One goal of the Convention is to inform and educate members of the purpose and happenings in our W/ELCA organization, such as the Triennial Gathering in Phoenix, AZ in September 2023. **Another reason to care** is the opportunity for scholarships to the Churchwide from W/ELCA. **Another goal** of the gathering is to associate for friendship purposes. It is an opportunity to greet old friends and make new friends from across the entire Synod. The more often you can attend, the more friends there are to be made.

This year is **the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the founding of the ELCA as we know it today. So we are planning special festivities to recognize the anniversary. You won't want to miss it!!

**Another reason to attend is to educate** our members on issues in our church and in our society. We boldly support our women in society on issues of missing women and children, girls and women abducted for sexual exploitation. Our dollars continue to help to raise awareness of these issues.

**A sixth reason** to attend is to have some fun!! We are excited to have inspirational speaker VJ Smith, author of “The Richest Man in Town,” who will share his insights and heartwarming stories.

**Two final reasons:** eat good food someone else cooks! And bond with women within and outside our own community.

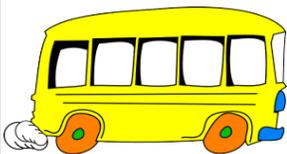
**I challenge EACH UNIT** to bring one woman who has NEVER attended a Synodical Convention before. Perhaps your unit could pay the registration fee for a first-time attendee. It could be a life-changing event for that woman.

See you ALL in June!!

Blessings from Christ, Dee Sanderson

## Save your Seat on the Bus Tour to Minneapolis/St. Paul

Friday and Saturday, July 29-30, 2022



*Tours of Lutheran World Relief  
Headquarters, Global Health  
Ministries plus Sunset Dinner Cruise  
on the Mississippi.*

Cost: \$225—includes bus fare, hotel, river cruise and dinner. More info coming in June!

There will be two bus routes to pick up ladies at various locations.

Send a \$50 deposit and registration to:

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## Spring Conference Gatherings

*See page 11 for contact info to get more information*

**Crossroads:** April 23

**Medary:** April 23

**Northern Plains:** April 2

**Prairie Coteau:** April 23

**Prairie Rivers:** April 23

**Southeastern:** April 9, 9am,  
Scandia Lutheran in Centerville



## Bread for the World

Cathy Brechtelsbauer  
Volunteer SD Coordinator

### Using Your Gift of Influence

*“Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interest of others.”*

Philippians 2:4

U.S. Christians have a special gift we can share on behalf of neighbors in need—our influence. With our votes, we raised minimum wage up from \$7.25. We also capped payday loan interest at 36%, which had averaged 574%.

To protect this gift, please vote No on Constitutional Amendment C. Why it's important:

- Sometimes we must take action when the legislature doesn't, like minimum wage and payday loan interest.

- Citizen rights to initiative and referendum are a cherished tradition here in the first state to have them. Majority rule has worked for South Dakota voters for 120 years.
- A new 60% rule gives our citizen power to a minority. Would we want this state motto?: “Under God the minority rules.”
- Amendment C was admittedly designed to make it harder to get Medicaid expansion by taking away majority rule on it.

Even if your party doesn't have a primary, ALL voters should vote on Amendment C on June 7. Please vote NO.

Reminder: South Dakota needs Medicaid expansion. And, ask Congress to make Child Tax Credit improvements permanent.

Thanks!

Cathy Brechtelsbauer, volunteer, SD Coordinator, Bread for the World

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## SD Women of the ELCA Our Mission

Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

### Our Purpose

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.

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