

# SOUTH DAKOTA SYNODICAL Women of the ELCA

## Wednesday, June 21

- 3-5 pm Register at Calvary Lutheran Church  
Explore Rapid City
- 5:00 pm Woyatan Lutheran serving Indian Tacos, \$10 per plate  
Explore Chapel in the Hills area: trails, museum, gift shop
- 7:30 pm Vespers at the Stav Kirke (Chapel in the Hills)

## Thursday, June 22

- 8 am Registration, browse vendor tables, coffee
- 8:45 am Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary, led by Pastor Erika Lehmann  
and Deacon Kris Wollman
- 9:00 am Opening of the 36<sup>th</sup> W/ELCA Annual Convention  
Devotions: Pastor Becky Piper, Calvary Lutheran  
Introductions – Purpose Statement, Land Acknowledgment  
Greetings and Report: Pastor Jonathon Steiner,  
Assistant to the Bishop  
Good Shepherd Clinic, Peg Holmquest  
Treasured Lives, Kelly Patterson  
Global Health Ministries – Video presentation
- 12–1 pm Lunch, browsing vendors and Silent Auction bidding
- 1:00 pm Report by Church Wide Representative, Laura Krueger  
Katie Luther – aka Diana Glover  
Bold Woman Award and Katie's Fund Scholarship  
Kathy McHenry, SD Women of the ELCA Endowment Fund  
Matt Rusch, Outlaw Ranch Director, Lutherans Outdoors  
Pastor Jeff Backer, St Dymas Prison Ministries  
Youth and Family Services (recipient of Love Offering)  
Dee Sanderson, promote Triennial Gathering  
Open time to browse, relax, bid on Silent Auction items
- 5:30 pm Banquet - Fellowship Hall  
Lily Mendosa, Red Skirt Society Presentation: "Missing and  
Murdered Indigenous Women and Children"

## Friday, June 23

- 8 am Church doors open, fellowship, browse tables
- 8:45 Music in sanctuary  
Welcome and Introductions  
Devotions: Deacon Laura Campbell,  
Our Savior's Lutheran, Spearfish
- 9:20 am 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting

**SCHEDULE CONTINUED on next page**

## **36th Annual Convention**

### **Calvary Lutheran Church**

5311 Sheridan Lake Road,  
Rapid City SD 57702

June 21-23, 2023

### **All Are Welcome**

*"Let all that you do  
be done in love."  
1 Corinthians 16:14*

### **Convention Goals:**

- All are Welcome
- Enjoy the beauty  
of the Black Hills
- Fellowship

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

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

### **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

As a community of  
women created in the  
image of God, called to  
discipleship in Jesus Christ,  
and empowered by the  
Holy Spirit,

We commit ourselves to  
**grow** in faith, to **affirm** our  
gifts, and **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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## President

Margene Thompson

Dear Women, created in the image of God:

Thank you for attending! We hope you will be blessed and renewed in your faith at this, the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Synodical Convention.

Every great interaction brings with it planning and preparation. On behalf of the Synodical Board, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who gave of their time and talents to planning our annual Synodical Convention this year in Bear Butte Conference.

It is our hope that this program fills your spirit with grace and that you will carry messages of our time together home, to your sisters in Christ, encouraging them to act as you have: **BOLDLY** accepting Christ's will for your life. How **BOLD**, how **STRONG**, how **POWERFUL** are we when we, the Women of the ELCA, are united and uplifted by our faith.

We hope to see you in Mitchell in 2024 as we graciously accept the hospitality of the Prairie Rivers Conference.

Please fill out the evaluation form and leave it in a designated basket as you leave. We learn and plan from your comments and ideas.

We pray for safe travels as you return home, rejoicing in God's goodness.

## SCHEDULE, CONTINUED from Page 1

SILENT AUCTION ends after business meeting  
 Jessie Schmidt, Better Business Bureau  
 Laura Krueger, CW Representative,  
 Report from treasurer  
 Report from election  
 Prairie Rivers invitation to 2024 Convention in  
 Mitchell, SD  
 Service of Recognition and Installation  
 of Officers, Laura Krueger  
 Blessing and Sending of Voting  
 Members to Triennial  
 Closing Service with Communion  
 12:00 pm **Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!**

## Land Acknowledgement

South Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Women of the ELCA recognize that the Oceti Sakowin, (the Seven Council Fires of the Lakota, Dakota, Nakota) the Arikara, and the Cheyenne, are the original inhabitants of South Dakota; and South Dakota is the current home of the Cheyenne River Tribe, Crow Creek Tribe, Flandreau Santee Tribe, Lower Brule Tribe, Oglala Tribe, Rosebud Tribe, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, Standing Rock Tribe.

We recognize that we are called to be in good relationship with our neighbors, that the tribes are sovereign nations, that there is a history of broken treaties and broken trust, and that there is lots of work to be done. But we also recognize that as Christians, we have faith in new life, in hope for mending what is broken, and in our calling through the Holy Spirit to do this work.

**SOUTH DAKOTA SYNODICAL  
WOMEN OF THE ELCA TRIENNIAL  
GATHERING 2023 SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION**

September 21-24, 2023, Phoenix, Arizona

At least two scholarships will be distributed, one designated for a woman under the age of 50. Priority will be given to first-time attendees. The monetary amount will depend on the number of applicants. This will be a monetary scholarship which will be reimbursed after the gathering.

Monies are available through a \$1,000 grant from Katie's Fund to the SD Women of the ELCA.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation/City \_\_\_\_\_

Age range (18-30) (31-40) (41-50) (51-60) (61& over)

Why is attending the Triennial important to you?  
(continue on back if needed)

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How are you involved in your church and/or Women of the ELCA?

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I have never attended a national Women of ELCA Triennial Gathering. I understand that if I am granted this scholarship, I will attend and participate in the opportunities available at the 2023 Triennial Gathering. If I am unable to attend the Triennial Gathering, I will notify Cheryl Lundeen ([clundeen@midco.net](mailto:clundeen@midco.net)) by August 1 to allow my scholarship to be used by another applicant.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Submit Complete Application no later than July 14, 2023,  
to Cheryl Lundeen, 50 N Knoll Dr. #3,  
Sioux Falls, SD, 57110  
Phone 605-201-3102, [clundeen@midco.net](mailto:clundeen@midco.net)

## 2023 Convention Speakers

**Laura Krueger** was elected to the churchwide executive board of Women of the ELCA in July 2017 and re-elected in August 2021. She has served as parliamentarian and on many committees.



Laura has served on synodical boards in the Upstate New York and Grand Canyon synods in varied roles. She has been a unit and a conference leader. Laura is passionate about the ministries of Women of the ELCA.

A resident of Avondale, Ariz., Laura is active in Alleluia Lutheran Church, Phoenix. She is married to Jim. They have three sons and three grandchildren. Laura enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, and crocheting.

**Lily Mendoza** is an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe in South Dakota and Founder of the Red Ribbon Skirt Society.

The RRSS is led by Indigenous women dedicated to confronting the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Children and Two-Spirit. The RRSS is based out of Rapid City, South Dakota.

Lily is a mother, grandmother, owner of Deer Woman Consulting, Bird Cage Book Store and a member of the North American Indian Womens Association ( NIAWA). A community activist for social justice and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Children and Two-Spirit.



Deacon **Kris Wollman** began serving at

Mitchell's First Lutheran in December 2022. She has been a life-long worship and music director and ordained as deacon in November of 2009 with a focus on caring ministries. Deacon Kris has served congregations in Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, and Pierre. She is mom to two adult sons. Deacon Kris loves to hike, sing with others, read, share a meal out with friends, and take in the prairie sunsets.





**Pastor Erika (Schmutterer) Lehmann** was raised in Sioux Falls, attended Augustana College, and went on to attend seminary graduating in 1982 from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. She lived several years in Athens, Greece, with her family before returning to the US and being ordained in 1987. She has served most of her 36 years as pastor in rural South Dakota.



Erika's special interests involve ELCA World Hunger and singing hymns. She has two grown children and will retire and move to Garretson at the end of the month. She has been active in the Women of the ELCA her entire ministry.

**Kelly Patterson's** journey of healing and freedom from sexual exploitation give her a loud voice today. She collaborates with others to wage war against sex slavery. Kelly serves as a consultant for anti-trafficking organizations, and she is an active member of the West River Human Trafficking Task Force.



Kelly is a survivor of commercial sexual exploitation, beginning at the age of 4 and escaping at age 22. She has worked with survivors of sexual trauma since 1996 through her previous private practice and currently via Treasured Lives.

**Peg Holmquest** is an Augustana University Alumnus who spent her professional career teaching middle school students Life Science & Health, and teaching Biology & Chemistry to high school students in Huron, Watertown and Brandon. After moving to Spearfish, she began volunteering with Good Shepherd Clinic, Inc., and has helped that clinic provide quality medical care and emergency dental care to uninsured residents of the Northern Hills for the past 15 years. Peg volunteers in the community, hikes the Northern Hills, bikes, snowshoes, reads, and plays piano for the Spearfish Senior Center Choir. She is a member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Spearfish.



**Pastor Becky Piper** currently serves as co-senior pastor (with her husband) at Calvary Lutheran Church in Rapid City SD. She is trained through the grassroots movement in the ELCA, Anchor Church. Pastor Becky also serves as the first female chaplain for the Pennington County Sheriff's Office, and is serving on the governing board of LSS of SD.



She works alongside her husband, Pastor David Piper. They have two high school-aged children. Pastor Becky enjoys attending their cross country and track meets. To recharge, she enjoys hiking, running, backpacking, biking, camping, reading, and praying in color.

**Kathy McHenry** is the Executive Director of Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota, a ministry of the South Dakota Synod and ELCA partner organizations. She believes that a life's legacy is to be shared, and that planning to express your gratitude and generosity should be a joy-filled act of faith. Kathy has been involved in estate and endowment planning and making presentations across Nebraska and South Dakota since 1999. When not on the road, Kathy enjoys time at home with her husband, Larry, on their farm south of Clark.



**Pastor Jonathan Steiner** has served as the Director for Evangelical Mission and Associate to Bishop Hagmaier for Stewardship and Outreach since 2019. After studies at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, he was called to Rapid City, and has been a leader in the Bear Butte Conference.



Centered on God's grace and promises for all people, Pastor Jonathan brings creativity, team-building, and energy to ministry. Pastor Jonathan believes we flourish as a church when we work together, when we are led by the Spirit of joy, and because of what Christ has done for us.

**Diana Babb Glover**, Rapid City, is a retired elementary teacher who loved her profession. She grew up with a sister and a brother on a ranch in Butte County. For 54 years she has been a member of South Canyon Lutheran. Her adult children live in Fargo, ND and Bayfield, WI. She enjoys hiking, reading and coffee with friends. One of her passions is Outlaw Ranch.



**Matt Rusch** loved the camp experience during his first summer working at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp in Colorado while in college. He met his wife at camp, got married at camp, and their oldest child was 6 months old when they moved to Washington state so Matt could begin work as a camp director. Three children and 18 years later, camp is the Rusch family way of life! Accumulating over two decades of experience in various camp roles, with 18 years as Camp Director, Matt feels blessed to serve Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota as the Director of Outlaw Ranch for the past nine years.



**Brianna Nelson** is the Communications Coordinator at Youth & Family Services (YFS). She has been helping individuals access opportunities that allow them to grow and be fulfilled for 12 years.

Brianna was born and raised in Rapid City, SD. She earned her bachelor's degree in English and mass communication with an emphasis in public relations from Black Hills State University in 2010. She enjoys spending time with her husband, 6-year-old son, 4-year-old daughter, and family pets. She is an avid reader and enjoys hiking in the Black Hills.



Following her first career as a teacher, **Deacon Laura Lee Campbell** began serving Our Savior's Lutheran in Spearfish in 1996. She is a graduate of Augustana College and Wartburg Seminary. She serves primarily in areas of pastoral care, program administration, and volunteer coordination. Laura enjoys helping people make connections with each other and use their gifts in ways that bring them joy. She invites adults of all ages into a deeper spiritual life through small groups and Bible study. Laura loves to read and spend time outdoors hiking and gardening.



**Jessie Schmidt** is Vice President of the Better Business Bureau for the South Dakota Region. She speaks about consumer awareness and vigilance against scams.



## Scholarship Winners

Brynn Heinart, an Anthropology major from Sioux Falls, is the 2022-23 recipient of the Dina Johnson Scholarship.

Women of the ELCA Fund for Leaders in Mission  
2022 and 2023: Nicole Phillips, Luther Seminary, SAM, is serving parishes at Bergen Lutheran in Bristol and American Lutheran in Webster.

2023: Wanda Biel, Wartburg Seminary, SAM and TEEM candidate, serves Oldham Lutheran Church and St. John's Lutheran Church, Ramona

2023: Deacon Hannah Fleming, Wartburg Seminary, serving Spirit of John's in Sioux Falls, to become a minister of word and sacrament

## Calvary Quilting Room Open

Calvary Lutheran Quilters will display quilts during their "Open Quilt Room" from 3:30-5 pm Thursday. The quilt room is just down the hallway and to the left.

Around 10 ladies work each week, making over 200 quilts a year. Some of the members prepare kits and work on extra projects at home. They raise funds with an annual quilt sale and send about \$1000 dollars to Lutheran World Relief for shipping costs.

**36<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention –  
Synodical Women of the ELCA  
South Dakota Synod  
Business Meeting Agenda  
Friday, June 23, 2023  
“All Are Welcome”**

**Theme Verse:** 1 Corinthians 16:14 “Let all that you do be done in love.”

**Theme Hymn:** “All Are Welcome” ELW #641

**Convention Offering:**

50% to Churchwide Women of the ELCA

50% to Convention Expenses

**Silent Auction:** Youth and Family Services

**Business Meeting:** *Everyone is welcome to stay for the business meeting. Voting members should be seated in the area designated.*

*Non-voters may also visit vendor tables or silent auction tables.*

**Call to Order**

Report of Credentials Committee ..... Darla Toben

Appointment of Convention Business Committees

Adoption of Agenda

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**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

Report of Nominating Committee.. Deacon Wanda Biel  
convenor of Nominating Committee

Call for Ballot (this page)

President

Treasurer

Director of Discipleship, Pastor Erika Lehmann

Director of Justice, incumbent Connie Matzner

Member-at-Large, incumbent Dee Sanderson

Nominating Committee, Vicki Persson

Nominating Committee

Election

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Other New Business

Closing of Business Meeting

**SAMPLE BALLOT**

**June 23, 2023**

**President:**

two-year term (Vote for one)

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**Treasurer:**

two-year term (Vote for one)

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**Director of Discipleship:**

two-year term (Vote for one)

Erika Lehmann, Crossroads Conf.

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**Director of Justice:**

two-year term (Vote for one)

Connie Matzner, Prairie Rivers—Incumbent

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**Member At Large:**

two-year term (Vote for one)

Dee Sanderson, Northern Plains—Incumbent

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**Nominating Committee:**

one-year term (Vote for two)

Vicki Persson, Prairie Rivers

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**Vita for Synodical Nominee**

**Director of Discipleship:** Erika Lehmann, Garretson, SD, [elehmann1869@gmail.com](mailto:elehmann1869@gmail.com)  
605-338-4737, Crossroads Conference

Erika is currently Director of Stewardship in Prairie Rivers Conference. Previous offices in W/ELCA: synodical vice-president and Mission Growth for Southeastern Conference. She is a frequent Bible Study leader, song leader, SD Synod Hunger Coordinator, LWR Speaker, Bread for the World member, Former St. Dysmas Associate Council Member. She has two grown children and will be a retired pastor as of July 15, 2023.



# 2022 south dakota synod WOMEN OF THE ELCA

## SUMMARY REPORT FOR 2023 SWO GATHERING

**TOTAL**  
SD W/ELCA  
DOLLARS

**\$87,102**  
TO LUTHERAN  
PROJECTS

**\$68,277**  
TO YOUR OWN  
CONGREGATION

**\$73,736**  
TO NON-LUTHERAN  
PROJECTS

**\$229,019**  
TOTAL

### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SUPPORT

Quilts **5,505**Baby Care Kits **1,040**Personal Care Kits **2,265**School Kits **3,110**

### GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES SUPPORT

Knitted/  
Crocheted Baby  
Kits **302**Regular/Twin  
Quilts **144**Newborn Kits  
**385**Pounds Rolled  
Bandages **1,030**

### SUPPORT TO PEOPLE IN NEED

Pounds of Clothing  
**3,955**Prayer Shawls Made/  
Given **590/595**Blankets **1,443**Health Kits **64**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING!**

Submitted by Kathy Heffernan, Synodical Director of Stewardship  
[kheffernan1957@gmail.com](mailto:kheffernan1957@gmail.com) 605-324-3638



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**



**Global  
Health  
Ministries**

Congratulations on another generous year of giving and support to our local, state, and world ministries! Make a point to come, look, and visit the Quilts, Kits, and Mats table in the Vendors section. There will be Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Ministries folders (one each per unit please), and informational flyers for you to take and share with your local women's group. I look forward to visiting and answering questions about lots of things!

Kathy Heffernan, SWO Director for Stewardship

## South Dakota Synodical Women of the ELCA Report to the SD Synod Assembly



### President

Margene Thompson

I've been thinking about the extensive changes I have experienced as a member and a leader in the Women of the ELCA since I became active in 1961, and the changes I anticipate ahead of us to remain vital, strong and meaningful.

Women have always been and will continue to be in the church. Once we nurtured our husbands, brothers, fathers in their leadership roles within the church. We made egg coffee, did mission work, and supplied the church with necessities to serve 500 at Lutfisk suppers.

Do you think that our Lutfisk grandmothers could have imagined where we are today? We can vote in our church meetings. We can hold office. We can be pastors. We can be vital lay persons. We can be all of that and we can continue to nurture our families and our global neighbors. Vast changes!

And, because we continue to grow, we will always be changing. Change can be scary. Change can be difficult. Change can be more difficult for some than others. But change is inevitable.

In the context of change, we shall strive. Strive to put our beautiful gifts and talents to use where they are needed, where we may be tested to grow, and where it continues to open our hearts to the great mission we share.

Please join me in the spirit of Katie Luther: let's strive 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, society, and the world.

You Are Called. I Am Called. And, most important, We Are All Welcome!

I emphasize **shall strive**. We are changing. Make it work for your Unit – change!

Resources to help you reignite and resources that are meaningful to your Unit:

- Use the website [welca.org](http://welca.org). Daily devotions, online Bible studies; Bold Café, monthly chats with the churchwide office and authors of our Bible studies (first Thursday of the month)
- Fellowship with women. Remember, women need women. Embrace fellowship with women at your Unit, Conference and Synodical levels
- Women in your Unit can be the catalyst for preparing women for leadership roles.
- We feel obligated to support our local causes, but must also remember we are called into the world to do the work of Christ.
- Go to the website and look at the work we do through [Katie's Fund](#)
- Thankoffering is another avenue of doing Christ's work around the globe.
- Scholarships
- Six Models of Mission. Explains different ways to have a Unit
- Even if you don't use the Gather bible study, subscribe to the magazine. It keeps you in the loop as to what is going on and you read stories from other women that lead lives just as you and I do.

As I leave the office as your president, I leave with the profound knowledge of being a part of so many wonderful women. Women who are courageous, who aren't afraid of stepping out to defend the underprivileged, of standing up to social biases, of spreading the Good News that Jesus Christ has truly Risen and we as women spread that Good News with joy, wholeheartedness and grace. We shall continue to strive.



Spring 2023

Shalom!

Thank you for all you do for the Women of the ELCA! Your time, talents and treasures are needed now more than ever not only to the Women of the ELCA, but also to the World. You also make a huge difference in our churches and communities. Thank you again for all that you do and continue to do!

So here is what is currently going on:

1. The Triennial Convention is September 19-21. Committee members are needed. If you are a voting member (delegate) and would like to serve on a committee, please email me at [jmichali@d.umn.edu](mailto:jmichali@d.umn.edu).
2. The Triennial Gathering is September 21-24. To register for the Gathering or for information please visit the website at [welcatg.org](http://welcatg.org). The Triennial Gathering is held every three years and is our national women's gathering much like the ELCA Youth Gathering. What makes Triennial extra special is there is not a minimum or maximum age. Come one come all!
3. Thank you for all your support and prayers during this triennium. There is no way that the Executive Board and officers could function without your continued support and prayers. In September, we will elect a new Executive Board and officers. Please keep these women in prayer.

God's Special Blessings on your time together! I am praying for you and your time together. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [jmichali@d.umn.edu](mailto:jmichali@d.umn.edu).

Blessings,



Joy Michalicek,  
President, 2020-2023 Triennium  
Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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

8765 West Higgins Road  
Chicago, IL 60631

800-638-3522, ext. 2730  
773-380-2730  
Fax: 773-380-2419  
[www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org)

**RESOLUTION:****Support for Katie's Fund 2122  
\$1 Million Campaign**

**Whereas** – The South Dakota Synodical Women of the ELCA are aware of the need for good leaders and participation in our organization, we want to support this organization through education, participation and financial support.

**Whereas** - Katie's Fund is an Endowment Fund of the ChurchWide Women of the ELCA for promoting leadership development, scholarships, global connections, and support of our ministry and mission,

**Whereas** – Katie's Fund is named in honor of Katharina von Bora Luther, a practical and bold woman of faith which our women of today see as a model and person to follow in our faith life,

**Whereas** – The women of the South Dakota Synodical organization are willing to make a difference in supporting the future of our organization,

**Be it Resolved:**

To support the 2122 \$1 Million Campaign for Katie's Fund by the following:

Each Conference and Unit take time to educate their members regarding Katie's Fund and Katie Luther.

Each Conference and Unit seriously consider supporting the Campaign by a financial gift through a budgeted donation/pledge, a specific fundraiser, or individual donation.

Complete this effort by the end of 2024.

As an extra project, each Conference and Unit could consider awarding their own "Bold Woman" award in their group to highlight and honor our faithful women who have worked hard for our organization and its mission.

Cheryl Lundeen, Sioux Falls

Joan Anderson, Mitchell

Pam Seefeldt, Clark

SD Synodical Women of the ELCA Task Force  
Members For Distribution of \$1000 Katie's Fund

Grant

June 2023

**Silent Auction 2023**

This year our Silent Auction is raising money for Katie's Fund. Katie's Fund is an endowment that supports ministry in three areas:

- leadership development
- global connections
- living theology

It was established in 1997 to honor the legacy of Katharina von Bora Luther, to raise up bold leaders for the women's organization and support bold and creative ministry for generations to come. It can provide grants, scholarships or health initiatives. Katie's Fund has been helping others for 26 years. Last year we launched a one million dollar campaign to support the organization into the next 100 years of mission and ministry through 2122.

**Vendors**

- Kathy McHenry—Lutheran Planned Generosity
- Pastor Cassandra Lamb—LuMin (Campus ministry)
- Mara Stillson—Lutherans Outdoors
- Pastor Jeff Backer—St Dysmas
- Pam Englund—Sharing the Dream
- Janet Lustig—Woyatan
- Kelly Patterson—Treasured Lives
- Jessica Lilliboe—Lutheran Social Services
- Peg Holmquest—Good Shepherd Clinic, Spearfish, SD
- The Shepherd Shop Bookstore, Madison, SD
- Kathy Heffernan—Quilts, Kits, & Mats
- Lily Mendosa—Red Dress Display (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women)
- Erika Lehmann—Fair Trade and World Hunger

Recommend Do Pass \_\_\_\_\_

## SOUTH DAKOTA SYNODICAL WOMEN OF THE ELCA BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Brookings, SD

June 24, 2022

Call to Order to convene business meeting was done by President Margene Thompson at 9:45am. Our purpose statement was said.

Report of Credentials Committee - Darla Toben (chair), Diane Olive and Teresa Mikkelsen.

8 Synodical Officers and Board Members

45 Registered Voting Members

53 Total eligible to vote

6 Guests

29 Visitors

88 Total in attendance

### Convention Business Committees:

Convention Nurse: Vicki Persson

Parliamentarian: Lori Tendler; using Roberts

Rules of Order

Newsletter Editor: Lilah Gillis

Nominating Committee: Hannah Fleming, Darlene Bresson, Janice Anderson, Sheryn Ekstrum, Joan Ernst

Minutes Committee: Teresa Mikkelsen, Linda Meier (Laura Campbell was unexpectedly unable to attend)

**Adoption of convention agenda:** Motion by Margene Thompson, second, carried to accept the printed convention agenda.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Teresa Mikkelsen, second, carried to approve the 2021 W/ELCA Synodical Convention minutes as printed in the booklet.

After reviewing procedures for Elections, Darlene Bresson presented the ballot:

Vice-President – Wanda Biel (Crossroads conference). Margene called for nominations from the floor. Being none, nominations closed.

Secretary – Teresa Mikkelsen (Prairie Coteau conference). Margene called for nominations from the floor. Being none, nominations closed.

Director of Stewardship – Kathy Heffernan (Northern Plains conference). Margene called for nominations from the floor. Being none, nominations closed.

Member at Large – Cheryl Lundeen (Crossroads conference). Margene called for nominations from the floor. Being none, nominations closed.

Nominating Committee (need two) -

Margene called for nominations from the floor.

Angela Bell (churchwide rep) encouraged the group to volunteer for this position. Cheryl Lundeen nominated Lori Tendler (Crossroads conference). Lori Tendler nominated Karen Jensen (Crossroads conference). Being no other nominations, nominations closed.

Unanimous votes cast to approve this ballot by raising of hands.

**Treasurer's Report:** Darla Toben presented the reviewed Treasurer's report that is printed in the booklet. Total assets and Liabilities: \$18,907.17. Total Endowment Funds: \$205,355.10. A statement of the review of the SD Women of the ELCA financial records for the time period of February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022 was completed by Rose Belaen, Diane Olive, and Phyllis Pates. Reports as written to be placed on file.

There is no Unfinished Business.

### New Business:

Darla Toben presented the proposed 2024 budget printed in the booklet. Darla motioned to approve the 2024 budget. Motion carried.

Kathy Heffernan recommended that we have Synodical Leadership Workshops every two years. After discussion, Kathy motioned to have Synodical Leadership Workshops every two years, having them on odd numbered years. Motion carried.

Constitutional Revisions for the SD Synodical Women of the ELCA were presented by Margie Neugebauer, chair of the Task Force. These revisions (to comply with churchwide) were sent to the voting members prior to the conference. Some of the revisions included: some language changes, no more than two people from the same unit for elections, digital guidelines, date changes. Motion, second, carried to approve the revisions.

Margene reviewed other printed reports.

Being no other business, motion, second, carried for adjournment at 10:50am.

Teresa Mikkelsen, Secretary

**South Dakota Synodical Women's Organization**  
**Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
**Statement of Financial Position January 31, 2023**

**ASSETS****CURRENT ASSETS**

Cash in Bank- DNB National	\$	21,183.98		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			\$	<b>21,183.98</b>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

Current Liabilities	\$	0.00		
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$	18,907.12		
Year to date increase (decrease)	\$	2,276.81		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET</b>			\$	<b>21,183.93</b>

**ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

Dina Johnson Scholarship Fund (Augustana)	\$	28,742.00		
ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust FLIM (12-31-22)	\$	141,099.55		
ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust Income Account (12-31-22)	\$	3,256.23		
<b>TOTAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS</b>			\$	<b>173,097.78</b>

**Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements**  
**For Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2023**

**UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS:****CASH RECEIPTS:**

Congregational Units	\$	16,789.59		
Conference gatherings offering	\$	3,625.00		
SWO (Synodical Women Organization) Convention offering	\$	4,290.00		
SWO (Synodical Women Organization) Convention registration	\$	2,535.00		
Newsletters	\$	125.00		
LSS Campaign for Hope	\$	250.00		
Other Designated Receipts	\$	16,288.04		
<b>TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS</b>	\$	<b>43,902.63</b>		

**CASH DISBURSEMENTS****SWO PROGRAM:**

Board and Committees	\$	369.58		
Newsletter	\$	1,200.39		
Winter Board meeting	\$	0.00		
<b>TOTAL BOARD AND COMMITTEES</b>	\$	<b>1,569.97</b>		

**EVENTS**

SWO (Synodical Women Organization) Convention	\$	6,903.30		
Conference Officers Workshop/Business Meeting	\$	0.00		
<b>TOTAL EVENTS</b>	\$	<b>6,903.30</b>		



**CHURCHWIDE**

Regular Offering (65%)	\$ 10,945.75
Convention Offering (50%)	\$ 2,145.00
Conference Gathering Offerings (65%)	\$ 2,323.76
Global Health Ministries	\$ 450.00
Katie's Fund	\$ 550.00
Thankoffering	\$ 732.21
World Hunger	\$ 209.00
Where needed most	\$ 1,535.82
<b>TOTAL CHURCHWIDE</b>	<b>\$ 18,891.54</b>

**SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD**

Campus Ministries	\$ 1,865.81
Campus Ministries-LuMin (Love Offering at Conven-	\$ 813.00
Campus Ministries-LuMin (Silent Auction at Conven-	\$ 1,935.00
Church on the Street	\$ 300.00
Heartland Ephaphata	\$ 150.00
LSS Campaign for Hope	\$ 250.00
Lutheran Social Services	\$ 1,715.84
Lutheran Outdoor Camps	\$ 1,150.00
Lutheran Outdoor Camp-Ne-So-Dak	\$ 200.00
Runner's Club	\$ 83.82
SD Synod	\$ 50.00
<b>TOTAL SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD</b>	<b>\$ 8,513.47</b>

**OTHER**

Call to Freedom	\$ 64.79
Family Connections	\$ 100.00
Fund for Leaders (formerly Answer the Call)	\$ 100.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$ 350.00
LWR Quilts and Kit Project	\$ 3,251.90
Misc.	\$ 240.00
Prison Congregations of America	\$ 50.00
Refund on Registration fees	\$ 35.00
St. Dysmas	\$ 1,555.85
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<b>\$ 5,747.54</b>

**TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS** **\$ 41,625.82**

**INCREASE (DECREASE) NET ASSETS** **\$ 2,276.81**

**ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR** **\$ 18,907.17**

**NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR** **\$ 21,183.98**

**CONGREGATION UNIT OFFERINGS FOR YEAR ENDING 1/31/23**

CONFERENCE I Prairie Coteau	\$ 3,410.25
CONFERENCE II Medary	\$ 2,865.75
CONFERENCE III Crossroads	\$ 5,528.16
CONFERENCE IV Southeastern	\$ 557.50
CONFERENCE V Northern Plains	\$ 2,675.78
CONFERENCE VI Prairie Rivers	\$ 1,435.15
CONFERENCE VII Bear Butte	\$ 317.00
<b>TOTAL CONFERENCE OFFERINGS</b>	<b>\$ 16,789.59</b>

Respectfully submitted  
Darla Toben, Treasurer

May 9, 2023

Board of Directors  
South Dakota Synodical Women's Organization  
Women of the ELCA

To whom it may concern,

Rose Belaen, Linda Meier and Phyllis Pates have reviewed the financial records from February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023.

Our review consisted of reconciling cash receive with deposits recorded in the bank statement and computer reports and verifying vouchers paid with check copies and bank statements.

The account is in good order. We appreciate the manual record of activity with the computerized accounting as it is a good check and balance tool.

It was a pleasure to review the financials for you. If you have any questions, feel free to contact one of us.


Called to serve,

  
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Rose Belaen

5-9-2023

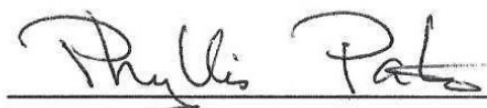
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Linda Meier

5-9-2023

Date

  
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Phyllis Pates

5-9-23

Date

## SD Women of the ELCA Proposed FY 2025 Budget as recommended by the SWO Board

	Recommended by SWO Board FY2025	Approved Budget FY2024	Actual Inc/Exp FYE 2023
<b>CASH RECEIPTS:</b>			
Offerings			
Congregational Units	\$18,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$16,789.59
Conference gatherings	\$3,800.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,625.00
SWO Convention	\$4,200.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,290.00
SWO Convention Reg.	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00	\$2,535.00
Newletters	\$140.00	\$200.00	\$125.00
LSS Campaign for Hope	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Other (Synodical Projects/Designated Gifts)	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$16,288.04
<b>Total Cash receipts</b>	<b>\$44,540.00</b>	<b>\$45,600.00</b>	<b>\$43,902.63</b>
<b>CASH DISBURSEMENTS:</b>			
Board and Committees:			
Board Expenses	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$191.58
Nominating Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Newsletters	\$1,400.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,200.39
TDTR	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other expenses	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$178.00
Events:			
SWO Convention	\$6,070.00	\$3,500.00	\$6,938.30
Board Meetings	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
Leadership Workshop	\$2,000.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00
Triennial Gathering Promo	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Churchwide			
Regular Offering (65%)	\$11,700.00	\$13,000.00	\$10,945.75
Convention offering (50%)	\$2,100.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,145.00
Conf. gathering offerings (65%)	\$2,470.00	\$1,950.00	\$2,323.76
Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Designated gifts-churchwide	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,377.03
Katie's Fund (Bold Woman Award)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$550.00
South Dakota Synod:			
Synodical Projects/Designated Gifts	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$14,526.01
LSS Campaign for Hope	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Other:			
Other Lutheran Designated Gifts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Cash disbursements</b>	<b>\$44,540.00</b>	<b>\$45,600.00</b>	<b>\$41,625.82</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,276.81</b>

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