



Expressions

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Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization

Serve with Zeal

"Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord."

Romans 12:11 NRSV

Winter has arrived, the calendar tells us so and so does our view out our windows. Before we know it, it will be spring and the flowers will be blooming.

Many of us are looking forward to the melting of the snow, keeping the kids in school, and some normalcy in our routines after the holidays. Pull out your calendar and mark 'NSWO Spring Gathering' on it. The Spring Gatherings give you the opportunity to refuel, refresh, and relax yourself.

This year we will hear about serving with zeal; serving our Lord, serving others, and serving ourselves.

There will be a Spring Gathering in each of the NSWO seven conferences. So attend your conference, attend another, or do both.

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February 26, Midlands Conference is coming soon, so mark your calendar. You will have a day filled with fun and fellowship starting off with a Bible study with Bishop deFreese. You will hear about Today's Dreams/Tomorrow's Reality, Serving with Zeal, and the Story of Hope. You will be singing songs, sharing laughter, and reminiscing with old and making new friends over a hot meal served by "The Office" in Hooper. Come and join us for the day.

March 12, High Plains Conference will be hosted by Calvary Lutheran in Scottsbluff. Bishop deFreese will do the Bible Study. Lunch will be at the Lakota Lutheran Center and attendees will have an opportunity to tour the facility; our tangible offering will go to that ministry. We will have two workshops. Diane Brauer, CWO representative, is doing a workshop titled: "Faithful and Bold: They Were, We Are." This workshop will look at bold (zealous), faithful women today and yesterday that inspire, encourage, and energize us in our faith journey. Recognize your own boldness and strengths as you share and live your faith. Our second workshop, titled "Equal in

God's Eyes" will be lead by the NSWO Anti-Racism team of Brenda Krueger and Fran Hughes. All attending will be able to go to both workshops.

March 26, Southeast Conference is being held at St. Paul's in Auburn. Attendees will be recognizing new signs of life as we hear about Bridges to Hope, the ministry which helps ex-offenders reintegrate into society. Bible study will be led by Assistant to the Bishop, Connie Stover. Tangible gifts will be collected for Project Response which helps victims of domestic violence. We anticipate a few surprises and a great day together.

April 2, Southern Prairie Conference is being held at First Lutheran in Kearney. It will a gathering full of wonderful presentations. Dr. Stuart Embury will give a presentation on Haiti, *Serving Internationally*; Kandy Pflaster will give a presentation on Argentina, *Serving with Others*; and Mary Mayfield will be giving a presentation on Saved to Serve, *Serving with Joy*. May Hanning's presentation will include humor. Pastor Judy Gifford, an Assistant to the Bishop, will be doing the Bible Study. One final note, we know a GREAT lunch will be served.

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Devotions

“Love”

By CAROL ORTEGREN, Central Board Representative



As I researched for devotions for this issue, I thought that February would be an appropriate time to talk about love. As we all know, there are many kinds of love. I inherited my mother-in-law's study Bible. It has been a real privilege to use it for these past years as she was a wonderful, loving lady. This would be my first example of love... I loved her a lot. The concordance in her Bible lists at least one hundred and seventy-eight references to love. I want to give you several of those references and partial text. I encourage you to do your own search. You will be blessed.

John 3:16 – *For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son*

1 John 4:19 – *we love Him because He first loved us*

Ephesians 5:25 – *husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church*

Hebrews 13:1 – *let brotherly love continue*

Leviticus 19:18 – *but thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself*

Proverbs 17:17 – *a friend loveth at all times*

Matthew 5:44 – *love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you*

Solomon 8:6 – *for love is as strong as death*

Galatians 5:13 – *by love serve one another*

Thessalonians 1:3 – *remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love*

Solomon Chapter 1

Today I am listening to news reports of the terrible shooting in Arizona. It is time for our country to remember all of the above and begin to love, not hate. I think that Matthew 5:44 is a verse that we all should live by and talk to others about. I heard many references to prayer in the past days. I also heard one TV commentator who was especially moved say that from now on he planned to tell everyone in his circle that he loves them every day.



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Expressions provides information concerning programs and projects of the Churchwide and Nebraska Synodical Women Organizations, Women of the ELCA; and helpful information for congregational units. It is distributed free to Nebraska congregational unit presidents/coordinators; Nebraska pastors, AIMs, and PMAs; Nebraska female seminarian students; and the other SWO Presidents.

The newsletter is published four times a year, in February, May, August, and November. Deadline is the first of the month preceding the issue date.

It is currently team designed, edited, and proofread. Contact the team at gfredwardsnsw@aol.com, or by phone, 402-291-1087. Content information can be sent via e-mail.

February *Expressions* team members were Gwen Edwards, Arlene Johnson, and Beth Meyer. Additional contributors included Carol Bosshardt, Emily Laaker, and the Conference Coordinators. **Thank you!**

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

God doesn't give us more than we can handle. I have said that and I have heard others say that. However, the verse people refer to when making this statement is 1 Corinthians 10:13, "*No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.*"



In researching this statement "God doesn't give us more than we can handle" and my own re-reading of this verse, it does not say that. It says that God will not tempt me more than I can bear, and if tempted, he will give me a way out. So last week as I grabbed that muffin for breakfast, he allowed my eyes to see the bananas instead; so back went the muffin and banana was the breakfast. Is that what this verse is saying?

Bible verses speak to each person differently, they also speak differently to us each time we read them based on our need at that time. I still like to think that God doesn't give me more than I can handle, however, how can I grow if He doesn't push me.

Speaking of Bible verses, the following verse is on the base of my monitor at work. *What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?* Romans 8:31. I don't necessarily look at it everyday as my eyes are focused on the monitor screen itself or the papers that always cross my desk. I can't remember why I put it there, it's been there for years and moved from monitor to monitor as they were swapped out. Perhaps it wasn't a good day at the office when I put it there and I knew that regardless of what was happening that day, God was on my side; perhaps put there to remind me God was there.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

This year will be a busy year for the Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization. There are many women planning wonderful opportunities for all to attend. It is my prayers that you will be attending them.

So pull out those calendars and mark Spring Gatherings, Saved to Serve Opportunities, and Biennial Convention on your calendar. The ladies have been busy planning the Spring Gatherings to help us serve with zeal. Saved to Serve team is enabling us to help at Synod Assembly and the Asian Ministry in Dakota City. Biennial Convention will enable us to open the doors of our hearts; to ask; to seek; to knock.

As the board begins their work for 2011, I ask that you pray for them, for us. That we hear God's voice, feel Christ's heart, as we do His work in Nebraska.

Enjoy the snow with your loved ones and I look forward to seeing you at Spring Gatherings.

Your sister in Christ,





Since 1998, the Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization has committed to provide at least two Saved to Serve Opportunities every year through partnership with ELCA supported institutions and agencies.

Believing that faith without action is not alive, we commit ourselves to provide opportunities for participants to share their gifts and experiences as they grow in their faith journey by:

- Reinforcing the connection between our faith and our actions by intentionally becoming involved with our neighbors.
- Building relationships with people of diverse ages, cultures, and situations.
- Initiating partnerships with the social service agencies of the Nebraska Synod ELCA, as well as with agencies in our communities and beyond.
- Providing times for participants to share their experiences at convention, Spring Gatherings, and congregational unit meetings.
- Including Bible study as a key component at each event.
- Remembering always that we are **Saved to Serve**.

Watch the Mail for New Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Guidelines!

For more information contact either:

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cbosshardt@hotmail.com or 308-224-3734

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NSWO's hope is to model servant type activities that can be adopted and altered to fit the needs of conferences and congregational units for service in their communities.

Two 2011 Saved to Serve Opportunities were announced at the NSWO Winter Retreat on Saturday, January 15, 2011.

June 2 to 5, Midland University, Fremont

Our service this opportunity will be helping with the Synod Assembly registration, hosting, setup, etc. We hope to visit the LFS Boutique, the Food Pantry, and the May Museum, too. Please note: an extra day is involved, 6:00 p.m. Thursday to 1:00 p.m. Sunday. Tangibles are baby items for LFS Boutique.

For our second opportunity in 2011, we are making plans to help with the Asian Ministry, Salem Lutheran, Dakota City. More information will be posted on our website once it is finalized. So stay tuned.

Convention Servant Room and LWR Opportunities

More information will be announced at the Spring Gatherings and in the next issue of *Expressions*.

If you want to volunteer in the Servant Room contact either:

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Triennial News

By BETSY HANSEN,
NSWO Triennial Gathering Promoter



Renew, Respond, Rejoice!

Eighth Triennial Gathering
July 14-17, 2011 • Spokane, Wash.

Yes, we all Can, Can, Can go to Spokane! Look at the airfare sales to this lovely city. Prices are cheaper than I've ever seen them. Hooray! Make your reservations. The Women of the ELCA staff have planned a fantastic Triennial Gathering for you with wonderful speakers and workshops. It's a "gotta go" moment for women who want to learn; for women who love to worship; for women who are ready to be empowered to live out their Christian lives with joy. You can be a part of the gathering.

Think about it, seriously – a vast congregation renewing themselves, rejoicing in God's promises, and ready to respond to the needs of the world. Contact me, Betsy Hansen, at etullishansen@hotmail.com with your questions.

Being a part of a Triennial is something that you will never forget.

If you are attending the Triennial Convention and/or Gathering, please let myself or Nancy Johnson, nancy.johnson5@cox.net, know; we want to know who from Nebraska is attending.

Companion Synod News

By PEARL ANDERSON,
NSWO Companion Synod Coordinator



In February, eight women from Nebraska and two women from Argentina will make the trip to Tanzania. We are available to share this amazing adventure with you. Ask us about what we learned, the wonderful women we met, and the amazing sights we saw on safari.

We want to share our stories with you at your unit meetings, Spring Gatherings, and any gatherings you may have at your church or local group of citizens. Call Pearl Anderson at 402-493-6326 or email at pj_a@cox.net for the name of someone residing close to your town.

Today's Dreams: Tomorrow's Reality

By BRENDA KRUEGER,
NSWO Anti-Racism Appointee/TDTR Team Member

Our grandson, Trey, was Tiny Tim in a production of Scrooge, based on *A Christmas Carol*. This inspired their family Christmas Card with a picture from the production and under it the caption, "God bless us everyone," then – "God bless us tax collectors, prostitutes, Samaritans, drug addicts, the homeless, the unborn, mass murderers, inattentive store clerks, politicians, the envious, gossips, idiots, deacons, gluttons," and the list went on ending with Ebenezer Scrooge.

Yes, we want God to bless everyone, but it's harder to pray that blessing for some more than others. It's hard for me to pray for today's "Pharisees" who seem to think it is more important to judge than to love. Or for those who think we have certain rights because "we've worked hard for them."

While we struggle to wish God's blessing on those we disagree with, we must also stand up for the rights of the oppressed in our society. Who will speak for struggling aliens, those of a different color and background if we don't? We need to spread the word that "everyone" means just that – everyone!

Fran Hughes and I are your Today's Dream, Tomorrow's Reality team and we will be happy to come and present a program for your group. We have a variety of programs to choose from to fit your time frame and interest. There is no fee for our presentation, only our cost, such as mileage. You may reach me at 402-721-1508 or at grand_travelers@hotmail.com.

Run, Walk, and Roll

will return to the NSWO Convention. Stay tuned to future issues for more information.



Women of the ELCA

Meet the New Board Members

At the January 2011 NSWO Board meeting, the board voted to appoint Kandy Pflaster, American Lutheran/Cozad, to fill the remainder of the term for Vice President after receiving a letter of resignation from Leslie Marchando-Cook. The board also voted to appoint Emily Laaker, St. John's Lutheran/Bennington to fill the remainder of the term for Metro East Board Representative after receiving the resignation notice from Jeanne Dunn. Their terms will end September 25, 2011.



Vice President Kandy Pflaster has been a member of American Lutheran in Cozad for twenty years. She is a past president of her women's unit for four terms; served as Council member for Evangelism; past NSWO High Plains Board Representative, two terms; and Nebraska Synod Voting Member to ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Orlando 2005. Kandy has traveled on NSWO Vision Trips to Companion Synods Argentina in 2004 and to Tanzania in 2005. Her other travels have taken her on a Leadership Training for NSWO in Atlanta, GA with other NSWO members; attended Women of the ELCA Triennial Gatherings in: Philadelphia, San Antonio, and Salt Lake City. She is a Surgical Nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital & Trauma Center in Kearney. Tony and Kandy have been married for eighteen years and they have three children: Dusty, Lindsey, and Ozzie; and two grandchildren: Khayden and Kelseigh. They also have one dog and one cat. Kandy is currently serving as a Cozad Hospital Board Member.



Board Representative Emily Laaker is a member of St. John's Lutheran in Bennington. She is a former Metro East Representative, having served two terms, 2005-07 and 2007-09. She has served several terms as president and secretary of St. John's Women of the ELCA; she is currently secretary. Her other volunteer roles include secretary of St. John's church council and president of the Northern Douglas-Sarpy chapter of Thrivent. She is chairman of St. John's Worship and Music committee and a member of the Evangelism committee and Cooks 4 Christ. She sings in the chancel choir and keeps track of the money for BennTown Gals.

Get out your knitting needles and crochet hooks and create a prayer shawl. This is a great opportunity for all women, whether attending the triennial gathering or not. The shawls will be given to ministries in our host synod, the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod. Work alone or in group. For patterns, check out www.shawlministry.com or any of the many books on the topic available at your local library.



Renew, Respond, Rejoice!

Eighth Triennial Gathering
July 14-17, 2011 • Spokane, Wash.

Quilters of all abilities are invited to create a quilt interpreting the gathering theme, Renew, Respond, Rejoice! The challenge comes not only in interpreting the gathering theme but also in working within certain rules.

Check out www.womenoftheelca.org for more information regarding the Prayer Shawl Collection and the Quilt Challenge.

NEBRASKA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

NOMINATION FORM FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

2011-2013 TERM

Congregational Units: Please complete the information requested before returning this nomination form.

Check below the position in which the nominee is willing to serve. The individual nominated must consent to serve if elected. All positions are for a **two-year** term.

_____ Vice President _____ Secretary _____ Treasurer _____ Central Conference Board Rep _____ High Plains Conference Board Rep	_____ Metro East Conference Board Rep _____ Midlands Conference Board Rep _____ Northeast Conference Board Rep _____ Southeast Conference Board Rep _____ Southern Prairie Conference Board Rep
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☐ Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Hispanic

☐ American Indian ☐ Black ☐ Other: _____

Primary Language if other than English: _____

Name of Conference _____

Name of Congregation _____

Address & Town of Congregation _____

Please complete both sides and return by July 1, 2011 to:

Kandy Pflaster, Vice President
 Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization
 1009 Meridian Avenue
 Cozad, NE 69130-1758

For more information, call Kandy at 308.784.2193 or e-mail at tkpflaster@gmail.com

EXPERIENCE & CHURCH SERVICE: (Positions held in office and service work done.) Begin with the most recent and significant experience in each over the **LAST FIVE YEARS**.

Congregational Level: _____

Conference Level: _____

Synodical Level: _____

Regional or Churchwide Level: _____

Community Service: _____

Special Gifts or Talents: _____

The information below this line is to be completed by the person recommending this nominee.

RATIONALE for believing this nominee can serve effectively in the position for which she has been nominated.

Signature of Nominating Participant _____

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Name of Congregation _____

Town of Congregation _____

**NEBRASKA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
TENTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION, SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2011
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

FOURTEEN SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!!

Each scholarship will be \$90.00; the cost of the early registration fee.

SEVEN scholarships will be awarded to women who are **FIRST-TIME** convention attendees; one from each of the NSWOW conferences. Recipients will be chosen randomly from those applying.

SEVEN scholarships will be awarded to a woman who is **35 YEARS OR YOUNGER**; one from each of the NSWOW conferences. Recipient will be chosen randomly from those applying.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Prairie | |

Indicate below the scholarship you are applying for – if applying for more than one scholarship, separate forms must be submitted. Only one scholarship can be received.

- ☐ I would like to be considered for the First-Timer Scholarship.
- ☐ I would like to be considered for the Young Women Scholarship (35 and younger)

Send applications by July 1 to:

Gwendolynn F. Edwards
NSWO President
3402 Castile Drive
Bellevue, NE 68123-1327

Scholarship recipients will be notified in writing.

Spring Gatherings continued

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April 9, Central Conference will be held at Salem Lutheran Church in Stromsburg. Bishop deFreese will be our Bible study leader. The day will be brightened by Bea Fiala, a humorous motivational speaker. We will start our worship session with "The Three Stations." So come join us for a day of Serving with ZEAL.

April 9, Metro East Conference is focused on "Serving with Zeal" for Lutheran Family Services Healthy Family Centers. There will be two workshops. In one workshop, everyone will participate in making fleece blankets. The blankets will be used to wrap the contents of a kit for a child under the age of five. The kit items are our Tangible Offerings. In the second one, attendees will hear the story of LFS services presented by Ruth Henrichs, President and CEO, and Ruth Henneman, Director of Development. Just for fun, we've planned a juice break in the morning and a chocolate break in the afternoon. We're looking for lots of helping hands.

April 16, Northeast Conference has requested beautiful weather for the day of their Spring Gathering. St. Paul and St. Luke Lutheran Churches of Emerson, will be hosting the gathering. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The program will include Marci Broyhill, Prairie Poet; Bible Study by Bishop deFreese; and Serve with Zeal, Pastor Gretchen Ritola. Mark your calendar; it will be a blessing you will not want to miss.

So mark those calendars now to attend the Spring Gatherings. See you there! Drive safe!

Scholarships Available

At the October 2010 board meeting, the Board approved fourteen scholarships for the 2011 NSW Convention. Seven will be awarded to first time attendees, one from each NSW conference; and seven young women scholarships, <35 years and younger, one from each NSW conference.

If applying for more than one scholarship, separate forms must be submitted – they can be mailed in the same envelope.

Scholarship forms are included in this issue on page nine. Deadline is July 1. Recipients will be randomly selected and notified in writing.

Convention Plans Underway

Your NSW Convention Team is busily planning the Tenth Biennial Convention. Mark September 23-25, on your calendar now! Come and

Open the Door of Your Heart

Ask....

Seek....

Knock....

"Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." Matthew 7:7-8 NLT

Tell your friends to mark their calendars, let's fill the house (hotel)! Stay tuned to the next issue of *Expressions* for Convention information.

Save These Dates

- February 7-22, Tanzania Vision Trip
- Spring Gathering 2011 schedule:
- February 26 - Midlands - St. John's Ridgely
- March 12 - High Plains - Calvary/Scottsbluff
- March 26 - Southeast - St. Paul's/Auburn
- April 2 - Southern Prairie, First Lutheran/Kearney
- April 9 - Metro East, Kountze/Omaha
- April 9 - Central - Salem/Stromsburg
- April 16 - Northeast, St. Paul's St. Luke's/Emerson
- July 1, Deadline for Nominations - 2011 to 2013
NSWO Officers and Board Reps (see pgs 7-8)
- July 1, Scholarship Deadline NSW Convention
(see page 9)
- July 12-14, CWO Triennial Convention, WA
- July 14-17, CWO Triennial Gathering, WA
- July 15, NSW Convention Delegate Registration
Deadline
- August 19, NSW Convention Early Registration
Deadline
- September 9, NSW Convention Registration
Deadline
- September 23-25, NSW Convention, Kearney

Bold Women's Day

An annual celebration on the fourth Sunday of February

Be bold, take risks on account of the gospel, but believe more boldly still in Christ Jesus; that's what Martin Luther tells us.

And that's what Women of the ELCA celebrates through Bold Women's Day: women who are bold, women who take risks on account of the gospel, women who believe more boldly still in Jesus Christ.

Our mission is mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. We know that each woman will act boldly in a way that's unique to her, so we talk about each of us "finding our bold." Some boldness is firm and quiet. Some is bright and loud. We want to help each other find that bold, live it out and celebrate it.

Bold Women's Day—observed annually on the fourth Sunday of February—celebrates all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Whether you live out your bold story of faith in your workplace, family or community, let's celebrate your bold!

For more information and ideas, visit www.womenoftheelca.org.

Let us know what your unit did for Bold Women's Day; we want to share your stories in *Expressions*.

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To Do Every Month

- ___ Send stories and pictures about your unit to the *Expressions* Team
- ___ Remind women to use their Thankoffering boxes
- ___ Share information received from SWO and CWO
- ___ Send offerings to synodical treasurer

To Do on Specific Months

(S applies to units whose year starts in Sept.; J to those starting in Jan.)

February

- ___ Share *Expressions* with members
- ___ (J) Send list of new officers to Database Coordinator and to Conference Board Representative

- 7-22 – NSWO Vision Trip to Tanzania with NE Synod
- 12 – NE Lutheran Men in Mission Annual Meeting
- 17-20 – CWO Conference of Presidents – Lisle, IL
- 26 – Midlands Spring Gathering/Scribner (Ridgeley)
- ___ Publicize/Promote Spring Gatherings
- ___ Send Gathering Offering

March

- ___ Publicize/Promote Spring Gatherings
- 12 – High Plains Spring Gathering/Scottsbluff, NE
- 17-19 – CWO Board Meeting – Chicago, IL
- 18-19 – NE Synod Council Meeting in Albion, NE

- 26 – Southeast Spring Gathering/Auburn, NE

April

- ___ Publicize/Promote Spring Gatherings
- ___ Remember in prayer the SWO conventions this month
- 1 – *Expressions* deadline
- 2 – Southern Prairie Spring Gathering/Kearney, NE
- 9 – Central Spring Gathering/Stromsburg, NE
- 9 – Metro East Spring Gathering/Omaha, NE
- 16 – Northeast Spring Gathering/Emerson, NE

May

- ___ Share *Expressions* with members
- ___ Remember in prayer the SWO conventions this month