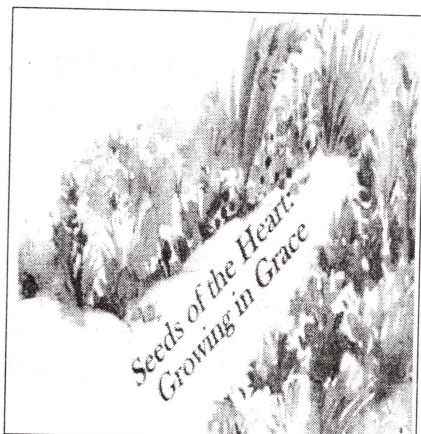




Gatherings To Stress Growing in Grace



Art work from Southern Prairie

"Seeds of the Heart: Growing in Grace" is the theme for this year's Spring Gatherings in the Nebraska Synodical Women of the ELCA.

It is based on Matthew 13:4-8a (NRSV): "And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell

on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

Bible studies on the theme verse will be led by Bishop David deFreese and other Nebraska Synod leaders, as available. President Beth Meyer and Treasurer Nancy Johnson will report to each gathering about the NSWO.

Monetary offerings for the gatherings will be divided one-half to Churchwide Women of the ELCA, one-fourth to the Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization, and one-fourth to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Specifics concerning the gatherings, as supplied to *Expressions* the first week in January:

Feb. 28 - Metro East at Luther Memorial, Omaha

Pastor Martin Russell will lead the Bible Study and Pastor Pam Ciulla will be the keynote speaker. Workshops will be presented by Oaks Indian Mission, Immanuel Senior Living, and Pastor Pam Ciulla on "Heartfelt Prayer: Saying Grace."

Tangible offerings: Oaks Indian Mission, Oaks, Oklahoma. Registration due by Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Contact: Karen Anderson, 402-238-2374

March 7 - Northeast at St. Mark's, Bloomfield

Pastor Martin Russell will lead the Bible Study. Pastor Workshop titles follow the theme: "Cultivating the Garden of Your Heart," "Receiving the Seeds in Your Heart," "Quit Bugging Me" and "Got Water??"

(Non) Tangible offerings: Feed the Roots: Grow the Forest Nebraska Synod Capital Campaign. Make checks to Feed the Roots: Grow the Forest.

Registration due by Feb. 27.

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A Devotional Study

By Laura Hunt

Board Representative, Central Conference

Could Have . . . Should Have . . . Didn't . . . *Who's the Biggest Loser?*

When I saw the advertisement for the TV show "Who's the Biggest Loser," it made me think of all the things I should have done or should be doing, but didn't. Many times I find it too easy to stay home... then it's too late. Who's the biggest loser?

It's cold, windy and snowy or rainy, maybe I'll just stay home from church this morning. They won't miss me . . .

What a long day, the weather really wasn't all that bad, I could have gone to church. I wonder what the choir sang this morning. I missed Pastor's good sermon. Who's the biggest loser?

I'm so tired tonight, I don't think I'll go to W/ELCA (or circle). I'll just relax and watch TV . . .

Sure wasn't anything good on TV. I miss my circle family, and "Ann" always does the best Bible study. I can read my *Lutheran Women Today*, but it isn't the same as being there. Bet they had a good lunch too. Who's the biggest loser?

I hear "Mrs. X" is battling cancer. She is

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such a sweet lady, I should fix a casserole and visit her. I'll do it next week, I'm really busy this week. . .

She's gone now, I put it off too long. Who's the biggest loser?

It's quilt day – should I go? Maybe next time. I think I'll just read my book. Anyway, I do have a headache . . .

Sure was a long day and I would have enjoyed visiting with my friends. Who's the biggest loser?

"And so, dear brothers, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living sacrifice, holy -- the kind he can accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but be a new and different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think. Then you will learn from your own experience how his ways will really satisfy you. As God's messenger I give each of you God's warning: Be honest in your estimate of yourselves, measuring your value by how much faith God has given you. Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each needs all the others." **Romans 12: 1-5** (The Living Bible)

Lord, why do we let these opportunities slip by? We have so much, yet we are so blind, deaf and lazy. Lord, give me strength and courage, help me not to be the biggest loser.

A Message from the President

I am writing this article on January 1, 2009, and I can't help but reflect on the events of 2008 in which I have participated as the president of the Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization. The events within Nebraska were: Winter Retreat, the Synod Council meetings, the seven Spring Gatherings, the two Autumn Renewals, the trip throughout Nebraska with our sisters from Argentina and Tanzania, and the Meet and Greet the Churchwide Board. The events that were held out of the state were: the Conference of Presidents in Chicago, the Women of the ELCA Convention and Gathering in Salt Lake City, and the Conference of Presidents Planning Team meeting for the 2009 COP in Chicago.

It is through these events and the privilege of meeting so many Christian people that I feel truly blessed to be serving as the NSWO president. For all of you that I have met I thank God for you and am glad to call you my friend. I pray that your 2009 will be filled with many blessings from God.

The events of this year will bring us together in some of the same places and in some new ones. By the time you receive this *Expressions*, Winter Retreat will have taken place Jan. 17 at St. Paul's Lutheran in Grand Island. Our thanks go to Ruth, Roger, Sue, and Pr. Tom for your presentations. If you didn't send your unit offering for Winter Retreat, you can still send it to our treasurer, Nancy Johnson.

I will be attending the Conference of Presidents in February and I request your prayers for this event and for the 64 synodical presidents and CWO board members as they travel to and from Chicago.

Spring Gatherings will be held in all seven conferences and the theme for these events will be "Seeds of the Heart: Growing in Grace." I plan on attending all seven Spring Gatherings and I hope to see you there. The offerings for these events will go 1/2 to CWO, 1/4 to NSWO and 1/4 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

"Saved to Serve" will have two opportunities this summer. The first one will be with the Lakota Ministry. The second opportunity will be in Lincoln and will be helping with the Prison Ministry.

The NSWO Convention will be held Sept. 25-27, 2009. It is important for you to elect your delegates for this convention so you have representation. We will be electing officers,



conference representatives and delegates to the 2011 Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention. Nomination forms will be available on our website and from your unit president.

Patty Morrison will be the key note speaker. Look in the Convention Brochure for details of the convention. Scholarships are available for young women and for first time attendees.

How many of you are participating in a book discussion group with Stephanie Spellers' book *Radical Welcome: Embracing God, the Other, and the Spirit of Transformation* as the topic? It is not too late! The online discussion goes on through May.

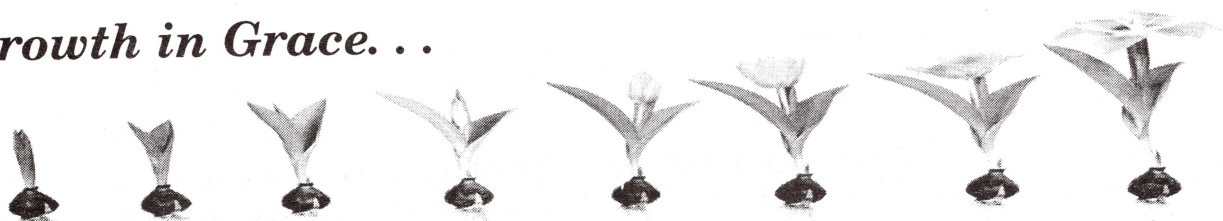
Our calendar of events is filling up quickly and we must not forget that we need to participate in our own church activities and our Synod Assembly. If you have not been a delegate from your church to the Synod Assembly you might want to think about that. It is important to know what is going on as the business of the "Church." Attending the assembly can be very inspirational and enlightening.

Called and Saying Yes,

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Growth in Grace...



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March 14 - High Plains at Trinity, Sidney

Pastor Martin Russell, Assistant to the Bishop, will lead the Bible Study and make a presentation on the Tanzania project of a new well for one of the schools. Pastor Eric Messinger will conduct the worship and communion service, Jennifer Mead will provide special music. Workshops will concern spiritual giving, and planting a forgiving heart.

Tangible offering: Sullivan Hills Retreat Center.

Registrations due by March 6.

Contact: Leslie Marchando-Cook, 308-249-0578

March 28 - Southeast at First, Nebraska City

Worship service will be led by Pastor Marsha Anderson and humorous guest speaker about "Hugs" will be Sue Brown. Brown recently retired from the Adams County Extension Agency in Hastings. She resides in Hastings but hails from Falls City originally. Music will be by Belles Appealing, Nebraska City.

Tangible Offering (personal care items, paper products, food items): Nebraska City Food Pantry and Project Response in Nebraska City.

Registrations due by March 21.

Contact: Glenda VanEperen 402-662-4695

April 4 - Southern Prairie at Immanuel, Glenvil

Bible Study will be led by Lisa Kramme,

Director of Faith Formation for the Nebraska Synod. Workshops will feature five sessions of discovery on growing faith, comparing the scriptures to the growth of a garden.

Tangible offering: MOSAIC at Hastings
Registrations due by March 28.

Contact: Arlene Hjelm 308-928-9078

April 18 - Central at St. Mark's, St. Paul

Bible Study will be led by Jim Petersen, Assistant to the Bishop. Pastor Harvey Johnson will speak on Community Gardens. Vicky Hingst will talk about the Wayne State Prayer Garden and Saved to Serve. Special music will feature Pastor Larry Sydow, Albion; Pastor Joe Javorsky, St. Paul, will lead the worship service.

Tangible offering (non-perishable food items, paper products): Howard County Food Pantry.

Registrations due by April 11.

Contact: Pal Matuszek, 402-747-6201

April 25 - Midlands at Bethlehem, Wahoo

Bible Study will be led by Pastor Martin Russell, Assistant to the Bishop. Women will have the choice of two workshops. Tentative subjects include Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (Planting Joy and Hope), MOSAIC, Tabitha (greenhouse), Midland Lutheran College (campus trees). Tangible Offering will go to the local food pantry.

Registrations due by April 17.

Contact: Estelle Riemann 402-438-2934

Practicing The Ministry of Presence

One of the ELCA's three mission goals is Mission:ACTION. The word ACTION certainly suggests DOING something. Well, children saying how WE NEED 13 positive reinforcements every day. That might mean a GOOD WORD, a SMILE, a PAT ON THE BACK, etc.

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doing something doesn't always mean a HUGE PROJECT.

Sometimes Mission Action can be as simple as the "Ministry of Presence" as suggested in a 1986 *Daily Guideposts* Jan. 1, 2009, Thought for the Day. It was suggested that we practice HIS PRESENCE in our lives. That article made me think of all the little things we can do for others in Christ's name. How we can SERVE HIM by being His hands, feet, etc.

The next thing I knew, I had a little pink recipe card in my purse and was writing down how we might actively serve in "a Ministry of Presence"

Might we LISTEN to what others have to say . . . especially to the elderly, who just need someone to care, and the young, who need to develop social skills.

Might we TOUCH or HUG??? I remember reading a book when I was raising my

Might we GIVE A RIDE to someone to the grocery store, or a doctor's appointment, or bring them to a meeting at church?

Might we VISIT SOMEONE in their home, or in the hospital or INVITE them to our homes for coffee or tea?

Might we be a SPONSOR for a youth group, be a Bible Study LEADER, serve as an officer in a circle, even serve on the church council?

Might we COLLECT items for Lutheran World Relief or a local pantry?

Might we PLAN and/or HELP with a fund raiser?

Might we ATTEND a Saved to Serve weekend, helping and learning about others in need?

Then, of course, there is always the need to PROVIDE food for funerals and socials and giving your TIME helping with clean-up and so on.

But, the one perhaps MOST IMPORTANT ACTION IS PRAYING for our family and friends, those who are needy, and our country and the world at large.

So, perhaps this year at the beginning of every week we might decide to DO JUST ONE THING TO BE THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN ANOTHER'S LIFE.

'A Simple Act, A World of Good': Recycle Cell Phones

The Women of the ELCA has teamed up with the Women's Funding Network and the Good Deed Foundation to recycle 250,000 cell phones by May 1, 2009. Money raised will be used to support programs that lift women and children out of

poverty and to provide 911 emergency phones for senior citizens and people at risk.

The recycled phones will be sold in developing countries as a low-cost alternative to a new phone.

To participate in the recycling of phones, go to

<http://www.gooddeedfoundation.org/welca> to request a postage paid recycling envelope.

The Good Deed Foundation mailing address is 90 Main Street, P.O. Box 82, Phoenicia, NY 12464. Phone 845-688-2318

Tanzania Requests More Hospice Kits

A request for more hospice kits -- a lot more hospice kits -- has been received from the ELC church in Tanzania.

Recently, Dr. Kristopher Hartwig, who is

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leading an effort to expand hospice and palliative care programs there, told Global Health Ministries, "I love hospice kits. They are simple, aimed at assistance in a critical area (hygiene!) and valuable." He said a year ago the total number of clients served was 500, today they approach 5,000. "We'd like each one to receive a hospice kit."

He said the goal is to have a full container of hospice kits shipped to Tanzania. But GHM needs another 5,000 kits to fill the container. And then there are the shipping costs -- \$12,000.

"That's a lot," he said.

"But we are waiting for them now in Arusha, ready to put them to use in the care of suffering people. Will you help us?"

A hospice kit includes:

1 regular size bath towel (may be gently used)

1 wash cloth

1 small devotional booklet (not necessarily current)

New items:

1 bath size bar of hand soap (wrapped)

1 toothbrush

1 tube tooth paste (or two sample sized)

1 "pick" comb

1 nail clipper

6 Band-Aids

1 jar or tube of petroleum jelly
1 pair heavy duty household gloves (kitchen type) size: medium

Instructions: Wrap items in towel. Place in 2 gallon or larger "Ziploc" plastic bag. Include note: "AIDS/Hospice Kit" (visible through the bag). Squeeze air out of bag. Pack 10-15 per box.

Originally, ibuprofen and multivitamins were included in hospice kits. This has been discontinued in deference to overseas government regulations. To help cover cost of these medications along with the costs of shipping, persons giving kits are asked to consider contributing about \$5 with each kit. The money should be sent separately to GHM, marked "For Hospice Kits."



Helping The Hands That Heal

GHM shipping costs for 2008 were over \$250,000. GHM sends medical supplies and equipment to hospital and clinics around the world, at an average cost of over \$7,000 in 2007.

Not only are these huge containers helpful for getting the medical supplies and kits to their destinations, but the containers themselves are used. They may become bookstores, house internet cafes, offices or store rooms lined with shelves.

GHM invites your prayers and financial support to help them continue to fulfill their mission to "Help the Hands that Heal" around the world.

Address for GHM kits, the \$5 donations per Hospice Kit, and money to help with shipping costs is:

Global Health Ministries
7381 Hickory Street NE
Minneapolis MN 55432

Ways To Celebrate Bold Women's Day

(For more ideas or details see *Interchange* or visit womenoftheelca.org)

Our third annual Bold Women's Day is Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009!

Here are some ideas for celebrating the day.

As a group:

- * Show your congregation the new DVD "Created in the Image of God: A Community of Women."

- * Use the Litany for Bold Women's Day during Feb. 22 worship.

- * Join the Cell Phone Recycling Challenge.

- * Plan a program using "I Am She," a workbook on discovering all the ways you are a uniquely bold woman.

- * Honor the women in your congregation with a Bold Women's Day Certificate.

- * Be bold women of the heart: Hold a Healthy Heart Fair.

- * Encourage your legislators to support the HEART for Women Act.

- * Invite the young women from the cam-

pus ministry group at a local college or university out for coffee.

- * Hold a weekend or day-long retreat.

- * Sponsor a fair-trade fair at your church.

- * Host a fund raiser and contribute the money you raise to Women of the ELCA grants or scholarships.

As an individual:

- * Reflect on the question, "How have I acted boldly on my faith in Jesus Christ?" Think about ways you can commit to acting boldly on your faith during the coming year.

- * Visit a local nursing home; invite women there to tell you their bold stories of faith.

- * Move outside your comfort zone: take a continuing education class, volunteer with a new ministry, begin an exercise class, or take up a new sport.

- * Read the biography of a bold girl or woman.

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New Opportunities

The 2009 Saved To Serve Opportunities will involve women in two new facets of Nebraska Synod's Serving Arms as participants travel to Scottsbluff and Lincoln.

Lakota Lutheran Center

Participants at Scottsbluff June 12-14 will be putting finishing touches on the just-completed Lakota Lutheran Center and Chapel. They will assist with landscaping, paint a steel cross, and do window washing and other general cleanup.

Those who are able will sleep on air mattresses or cots in the new center. Alternate housing will be available for those less hardy.

Cross-cultural contacts with the Lakota will include a pow-wow Saturday night at Gering. On Sunday, the meal will be prepared by the Native American congregation. Pastor Will Voss will direct Bible studies.

Kandy Pflaster of Cozad is coordinating this event.

Prison Ministries

On July 10-12, Saved To Serve will concentrate on the Prison Ministry in Lincoln. Participants will tour the Lincoln Correctional Center; Oxford House, where former prison inmates are helped to transition back to the community; and The Warehouse, which supplies furniture, clothing and household items when prisoners are released.

They will participate in service projects at the facilities and prepare a meal to be served on Sunday to about 100 work release prisoners and their families. This is a part of the weekly FEAST program in which Our Savior's Lutheran Church picks up inmates from the correctional center for worship, lunch, Bible study, prayers and fellowship. Members of their families also attend.

Saturday night the women will serve as a choir for worship at the Followers of Christ Church at the Ne-

You Can't Go? Send 'Stuff'

Women who for one reason or another are not able to attend either Saved To Serve opportunity are invited to participate in two ways:

1. Contribute in-kind gifts.

* Lakota Lutheran Center needs coffee, paper (not Styrofoam) coffee cups, sugar, sugar substitute, creamer, plastic knives, forks and spoons.

* Prison Ministry needs personal items, such as shampoo, toilet paper, razors, hand soap, toothpaste; cleaning supplies and laundry soap; and new or used men's clothing (jeans, T-shirts, boxer shorts) especially in X-large, XX or XXX

2. Send money to NSWOTreasurer -- two purposes:

* Scholarships to help women who are able to go but need help.

* Monetary contributions to assist with the weekly FEAST meals, which cost an average of \$300 each Sunday.

Nebraska Penitentiary. Registrations are needed early so these women can be cleared by security.

Cost for Saved To Serve weekends remains at \$39.

For more details and registration information see brochure mailed with this issue of *Expressions*.

Let Your Light Shine

Ten women at **Augustana/Genoa** have been making quilts for Lutheran World Relief for many years, as well as layettes, school kits and health kits.

In 2008, they made a total of 323 quilts.



They sent 311 quilts to LWR, two to Carol Joy Holling for its auction, and gave five to families who had lost everything in fires. Three were kept to sell at their annual bake sale.

They also made 24 pillows of all sizes from upholstery material which had been donated, and sold those at the bake sale. Money from the quilts and pillows was used to buy more material for the next year's quilting.

Sample Copies

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Salem/Superior accepted the suggestion from *Lutheran Women Today* to hold a "Come to the Waters" Bible study event.

They set aside a July Saturday, started with breakfast, included a tasty salad lunch and ended in the early afternoon, having completed all three of the summer Bible lessons.

Between the lessons, interesting facts about water usage and reports on the Triennial Convention were shared.

The gathering attracted 13 women and was successful enough to prompt the unit to plan quarterly Bible events for 2009, rather than the monthly evening Bible studies held in prior years.

Each event will be held in a member's home on a Saturday, with two lessons being studied in the morning and the third lesson after lunch.

Editor's Note: Thank you, Augustana and Salem for sharing your "Light" with us.

Now, how about the rest of you? What have you been doing that you'd like the rest of us to know about? It might be something that others would like to try too.

Send information and pictures to Beth Bohling, editor, 1345 N. Commercial, Superior NE 68978-1023, or email to beth.b@windstream.net

Up-Date Constitutions

Changes which were made to the Women of the ELCA constitutions at the Triennial Convention in July are in the process of "trickling down" into the unit constitutions. Changes voted at a convention affect constitutions at all levels and become effective immediately.

The January issue of *Interchange* carries an updated, current copy of the model constitution for units. Each congregational or inter-congregational unit is supposed to update its constitution so that it conforms to the new model. Changes made at the convention need to be incorporated without being voted on by the unit membership.

Units may modify the constitution to reflect their unique customs or practices as long as they do not contradict the required terms of the model constitution.

A New Year's Prayer

Another year is dawning,
With chance to start anew
May I be kinder, wiser, Lord
In all I say and do.
Not so caught up in selfish games
That I would fail to see
The things in life that mean the most
Cost not a fancy fee.
The warm, kind word that I can give,
The outstretched hand to help
The prayers that I pray for those in need
More precious these than wealth.
I know not what may lie ahead
Of laughter or of tears;
I only need to know each day
That you are walking near.
I'm thankful for this brand new year
As I now humbly pray
My hand secure in Yours, dear Lord,
Each step along the way. Amen

-- From *The Scribe* by way of *The Northwester* (Newsletters of Western Iowa and Northwest Wisconsin synodicals)

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Scholarships, Grants -- To Get

Applications are due Feb. 17 for both Women of the ELCA scholarships and Women of the ELCA grants. Guidelines and application forms are available at www.womenoftheelca.org

Scholarships are offered to Lutheran women of all ages, whether undergraduate, graduate or seminary students. They are listed in three categories -- laywomen, administrators, seminarians.

Any non-profit organization is eligible to apply for Women of the ELCA **grants**. Proposals are accepted from both domestic and international not-for-profit organizations that support healing and wholeness for women of all ages. Applications are encouraged for new and existing projects in the areas of physical, emotional and spiritual health.

Scholarships, Grants -- Opportunities to Give

Special offerings to scholarship funds and designated gifts to the grants program both are given **totally** to those programs. Checks should be made payable to Women of the ELCA, with the check's memo line indicating either "Scholarships" or "Grants Program."

Scholarship funds which benefit from special offerings (either individual or group) are endowments, so they make a lasting difference in the lives of others. This makes them good gifts on special occasions, like an anniversary or memorial.

The grants program is one important way the Women of the ELCA fulfills its commitment to "promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world." Designated gifts enable the organization to increase the number and dollar amounts of grants to projects dedicated to education, health care and justice.

NSWO Book Reviews

The Devil's Highway

by Luis Alberta Urrea
Little, Brown and Co., New York,
Boston, 2004

This is an account of 26 men who attempted to cross the harsh Arizona desert in May, 2001, and only 12 of them survived.

The area in which the group traveled and got lost is known as "The Devil's Highway" and may have died in that wilderness.

This book tells of the "coyotes" who, for large fees and high interest loans, lure the poor to attempt the trip North. We see how they hire others to do the actual leading in the desert and find these employees expendable.

In the case of the 26 traced in this story, the leaders lost their way across the desert. There are graphic descriptions of the suffering and death that occurred. It follows the aftermath of both the dead and survivors -- the attempts to identify and return those who have died and the outcome for the survivors.

It ends by discussing the complexity of the immigration problem, its economics and very human face.

--Brenda Krueger

Christianity Rediscovered

by Vincent J. Donovan
Orbis Books

This is another book that I think your readers (especially those who have visited Tanzania) might find interesting.

It is the story of how Donovan, an American missionary, worked among the Masai in Tanzania. He went from village to village and talked to them about God and the Christian message, all of the time showing respect for their culture. As he does his work, he often thinks about the apostle Paul and his missionary journeys.

I was able to order it at Gloria Deo Christian Book Store in Omaha.

-- Brenda Krueger

*And what have **you** been reading lately?*

Won't you take a few minutes to share a brief description of something you have read you think others would enjoy? Email to beth.b@windstream.net or mail to Beth Bohling, 1345 N. Commercial, Superior Ne 68978. Reviews for the next issue should be received by April 1.

And thank you, Brenda.

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Check List for Congregational Units

To Do Every Month

- ___ Remind women to use their Thankoffering boxes
- ___ Share information received from SWO and CWO
- ___ Send offerings to synodical treasurer

Do on Specific Months

(S = units whose year starts in September; J = those starting in January.)

February

- ___ 3 Lutheran Day at the Legislature

- ___ 22 Bold Women's Day
- ___ 25 Ash Wednesday
- ___ 28 Metro East Sp. Gath.
- ___ Circulate copies of *Expressions* among members
- ___ Publicize Spring Gatherings
- ___ Plan offerings for " "
- ___ Plan in-kind gifts for " "

March

- ___ 6 World Day of Prayer
- ___ 7 Northeast Sp. Gath.
- ___ 14 High Plains Sp. Gath.
- ___ 28 Southeast Sp. Gath.
- ___ Women's History Month
- ___ (S) Elect officers

- ___ Publicize Spring Gath.
- ___ Make offering to Sp. Gath.
- ___ Collect in-kind gifts for "
- ___ Send 2008 travel fund (\$16) assessment to Nancy Johnson, 12777 A Street, Omaha NE 68144

April

- ___ 1 *Expressions* deadline
- ___ 4 Southern Pr. Sp. Gath.
- ___ 12 Easter Sunday
- ___ 18 Central Sp. Gath.
- ___ 25 Midlands Sp. Gath.
- ___ (S) Plan budget, program
- ___ Have you sent your travel fund assessment?

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