

# Gleanings

ALL ROADS LEAD TO....

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**S70 W16244 Martin Drive  
Muskego, Wisconsin 53150**

for

## **The Twenty-Third Annual SWO Convention Friday & Saturday, October 1-2, 2010**

At this Convention we transact the business of the W-ELCA within the Greater Milwaukee Synod ... we will elect a Vice-President, Secretary and Board Members (3 for a 1-year terms and 2 for 2-year terms) ... Charleen Walker-Horton, a Churchwide Representative, will bring greetings .... there will be workshops and fellowship and an opportunity to do some shopping from a Christian Bookstore and Trails to Bridges.

All women are invited to attend and each Congregational Unit is encouraged to send a delegate.

More Convention details inside...pages 4 & 5

"Fill my cup, Lord"  
"Fill my cup, Lord"

## *A MESSAGE FROM OUR SWO PRESIDENT*

*Dear Sisters in Christ:*

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord, Jesus Christ.*

Isn't it wonderful to see the trees and grass turning green again and the early flowers blooming in all their glory? Spring! Everywhere you look, one sees God at work in nature. It lifts our spirits and gives us much to look forward to with the return of warmer weather. Thanks be to God for this wonderful time of the year.

As I write this letter we are anticipating our joint Retreat with our sisters from the South Central Wisconsin Synod on May 14-15 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Watertown. It promises to be a great event. Much time has gone into the planning by Jan Fox and Sue Seidemann from our Greater Milwaukee SWO along with women from the South Central WI SWO.

If you will be attending the Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly, June 3-5, please stop by the Women of the ELCA display table and introduce yourself. We'll have information available about next year's Triennial, this year's SWO Convention on October 1-2, Katie's Fund and other valuable information.

Speaking of our SWO Convention, your Convention Evaluation Forms from last year confirmed that you did prefer having the business portion of the convention on Friday evening. We will use that format again this year. While all women are encouraged to attend both Friday and Saturday, we do ask that delegates attend both days of the Convention. There are only a few business items that are voted on during the Saturday session and delegates should be in attendance as a voting member representing your congregation. Please select your delegate as soon as possible and take advantage of the "Early Bird" registration fee. The registration form and other convention information is included on other pages of this issue of the Gleanings.

At this year's SWO Convention on October 1st and 2nd, we will elect four delegates who will attend the business portion of the 2011 Triennial being held in Spokane Washington on July 12-17, 2011. Each church with an active Women of the ELCA unit can nominate one woman from their congregation to act as a delegate to the Triennial. August 16, 2010 is the deadline for Jan Fox to receive your nominations.

I also urge you to consider placing your name in nomination for a position on our Greater Milwaukee SWO Board. Jan Fox, our Nomination Chair, should receive all nomination forms for Board positions by August 1, 2010. Please call Jan, myself or any Board member with any questions you may have regarding the various open positions. We need your help to support the Women of the ELCA in Greater Milwaukee. There is much to do and we cannot do alone what needs to be done without the commitment of women like you. **ACT BOLDLY** and place your name in nomination.

One last thing. I have been diagnosed with breast cancer and will have had surgery in early May. This is a frightening experience but I know our God and my family and friends are walking with me. Thank you for your prayers and concern, I am most appreciative. Please, please be certain to have your annual mammogram.

Carole Ropel, President

## Treasurer's Report

4/28/2010

*Submitted by Donna Derse*

Receipts	Actual YTD	2010 Budget
Board Offerings	\$38.00	
Church Offerings	\$652.41	\$6,500.00
Cluster Funds	\$0.00	
Cluster Offerings	\$270.40	
Convention		\$5,000.00
Convention Offering	\$0.00	\$2,250.00
Gleanings Subscriptions	\$5.00	
Interest on Savings, CD & MIF	\$0.00	\$600.00
Retreat Registrations	\$300.00	\$1,650.00
World Hunger	\$70.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$1,335.81</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>

Disbursements	Actual YTD	2010 Budget
Convention Offering (Synod)	0	\$2,250.00
Offerings to CWO	\$326.20	\$3,250.00
Triennial Promoter (God is So Good)	0	\$100.00
World Hunger to CWO	\$70.00	
Program I Mission Growth	0	\$25.00
Program II Mission Community	0	\$25.00
Program III Mission Action	0	\$25.00
Program IV Executive Committee	0	\$1,625.00
Program V Executive Board	\$56.26	
Program VI Convention Committee	\$535.00	\$5,000.00
Program VII Clusters	0	\$50.00
Program VIII Financial Matters	0	\$300.00
Program IX Newsletter	\$423.51	\$1,600.00
Program X Special Events	\$27.44	\$500.00
Program XI Scholarships-Camp	0	\$200.00
-		
Triennial	0	\$600.00
-		
Other	0	\$200.00
Program XII Anti-Racism	0	\$50.00
Program XIII Miscellaneous	\$44.00	\$200.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$1,482.41</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>

Assets	Actual YTD	2010 Budget
SWO Checking	\$6,186.54	
SWO Savings	\$1,677.35	
Certificate of Deposit	\$2,216.46	
Mission Investment Fund	\$556.75	
<b>Total Accounts</b>	<b>\$10,637.10</b>	

### Designated Funds

Campus Hymnals	\$164.00
Certificate of Deposit	\$2,215.46
God Is So Good	\$846.99
Mission Investment Fund	\$556.75
Scholarship-Camp	\$377.50
-Triennial Convention	\$2,710.00
-Other	\$377.50
Triennial Promoter	\$17.21
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>\$7,265.41</b>

**Total Funds Available** **\$3,217.49**

**Notice-Change in SWO  
Treasurer**  
Regular Offerings should be sent using Form A to:  
**Donna Derse**  
5621 East Peninsula Road  
Waterford, WI 53185-2963

### KATIE'S FUND

Katie's Fund, established in honor of the life of Katharina von Bora Luther, began in 1997 as an endowment fund with gifts given in "thanks" for the first 10 years of our W-ELCA Organization.

This fund supports our commitment to community, growth and action in the following three areas:

- **Leadership Development** which provides opportunities for current and future leaders to participate in and further the mission of Women of the ELCA.
- **Global Sharing** which builds global partnerships that increase multicultural awareness and promotes service projects.
- **Living Theology** which nurtures faith through Bible Studies, worship experiences and educational theological forums.

As bold women of the ELCA we have the opportunity to contribute to Katie's Fund, watch it grow and see it accomplish the above objectives.

For more information, please contact the Women of the ELCA at: 800-638-3522 ext. 2740 or e-mail our Executive Director, Linda Post Bushkofsky at:  
[linda.bushkofsky@elca.org](mailto:linda.bushkofsky@elca.org)

## INTRODUCING

### Cheryl Isotalo, Convention Chair



This is Cheryl's first year on the SWO Board although she served last year as the Convention Intern. Cheryl is a member at Nativity Lutheran Church where she is very active serving on the Church Council, teaching Sunday School and filling in wherever needed. She works for Mobile Meals delivering food to the disabled and seniors which she thoroughly enjoys. For seven years Cheryl has also been a salesperson for Avon.

Cheryl, and her husband Dale, have one son and two grandsons.

Cheryl is a cancer survivor twice, having had leukemia and cervical cancer. We are grateful for Cheryl's good health and that she is able to share her talents with the women in the Greater Milwaukee SWO.

### Nancy Hanks, Convention Intern



We welcome our newest Board Member, Nancy Hanks who stepped forward to replace Joyce Waltz. Nancy, and her husband Scott, moved to Muskego in 2005 and are members of Atonement Lutheran Church where she is very active in their women's organization.

Nancy is a retired teacher who enjoys various volunteer opportunities outside of the church including tutoring ESL students, helping out at the local food pantry and at a parochial school library where her grandchildren attend. She also enjoys quilting, reading and gardening.

Nancy is the mother of three and grandmother of eight. We warmly welcome Nancy and the gifts she brings to the Greater Milwaukee SWO.

## *Twenty-Third Annual SWO Convention*

Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> & Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

Atonement Lutheran Church ... Muskego

The Theme, chosen by Convention Chair Cheryl, is

*"Fill my cup, Lord"*

What a wonderful image this Convention Theme gives each woman in the Greater Milwaukee Synodical Organization. We will gather for business, learning experiences, fellowship and worship and then having been "filled" we will go out into the world to be a blessing to others.

Having good feed-back about the format for last year's Convention, it was decided to do the same this year. Most of the business will be transacted on Friday evening giving everyone more opportunities to attend the workshops on Saturday.

Everyone is welcome to attend on Friday evening but delegates **MUST** attend and every Congregational Unit is strongly encouraged to send a delegate.

Read more about the Convention on page 5



## 2010 CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

Come to be informed and enlightened

The Workshops will all be on Saturday and because most of the business will be transacted on Friday, delegates as well as visitors can take part in these Workshops.

1. "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible"  
Presenter: Frank Waltz
2. "Kenya"  
Presenter: Pastor Diane Olson
3. "Women Walking to the Well"  
Presenter: Audrey Riley
4. "Prayer Journey: Walking the Labyrinth"  
Presenters: Marcia Marquart & Judy Kolstad

A complete description of each workshop and a biographical sketch of the presenters will be in the September Gleanings.

## CONVENTION OFFERINGS

Our convention offering will be divided in half with one half going to Churchwide to support the ministries of the Women of the ELCA.

The other half will be sent to the ELCA Good Gifts earmarked for the "Water Project".

- \$12 will provide six water jugs for transporting water
- \$150 offers a hand water pump
- \$275 builds a home cistern
- \$1,250 constructs a community rainwater catchment system
- \$2,500 digs and installs a well

Did you know over one billion people in the world lack access to safe drinking water?

Approximately one-third of the deaths in the developing world are caused by contaminated water.

We who are so accustomed to turning on a faucet and having clear, clean water can be bold and generous in our convention offerings to help with this project.

**In-Kind-Gifts** will stay within our own Synod and be given to All People's Church on N. Second Street. Items that are being requested ...

- Laundry detergent & dishwashing soap
- Juices
- Powder drink mixes enriched with vitamin E.
- Coffee and tea

**Churchwide Representative, Charleen Walker-Horton**, will bring greetings to our SWO Convention on behalf of President, Beth Wrenn.

Charleen was elected to the Churchwide Executive Board in July 2008. She serves on the Budget and Finance Committee and is the representative of Women of the ELCA to the Lutheran Women's Cooperating Committee.



Charleen is a member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Baltimore, Maryland where she has served as president of her W-ELCA Unit and she is one of seven congregational coordinators. Until her elections to the Churchwide Board, Charleen served as treasurer for the Delaware-Maryland SWO.

She is also active outside the congregation serving Meals-on-Wheels in the urban community and teaching senior and cadet Girl Scouts to sew.

Charleen is married to Wilson J. Horton, Jr. They have a blended family with five children, fourteen grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. She once owned and operated her own retail clothing and accessory business in partnership with her spouse. They are now both retired.

We welcome Charleen and look forward to the message she has to share with us.

**Women of the ELCA** 

Looking for program ideas ... have questions?  
Search the W-ELCA website:  
[www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org)

## "SAY CHEESE"



For program promotion purposes, photographs may be taken from time to time of participants during a Women of the ELCA event. If you do not wish to have your photo taken, please notify the photographer. Photos may be used in Women of the ELCA publications and/or on the website.

# **Registration Form**

Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization 23rd Annual Convention

## **“Fill My Cup, Lord”**

October 1-2, 2010

Atonement Lutheran Church

16244 Martin Dr., Muskego, WI 53150

Friday & Saturday attendees “Early bird” - \$65 – after August 9<sup>th</sup> - \$75  
Friday only attendees.....\$30  
Saturday only attendees “Early bird” - \$40 .....after August 9<sup>th</sup> \$45

**Due to the entire business portion of the convention being conducted on Friday evening, delegates are required to attend Friday, but ALL women are encouraged to attend Friday & Saturday.**

*Meals are included with all registrations.*

Check for **Vegetarian Meal** – [ ] Friday [ ] Saturday **Food Allergies** \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form (which may be duplicated as necessary) and a check made payable to the **Women of the ELCA** to:

Robin Fatla, Convention Registrar

W62 N616 Washington Ave.

Cedarburg, WI 53012

Phone Number: 262 377-0046 e-mail address: [rlwfatla@gmail.com](mailto:rlwfatla@gmail.com)

All registrations will be acknowledged by e-mail, if address is provided.

Check one: [ ] **I am a Delegate** [ ] **I am a Visitor**  
**(Registration deadline is August 31, 2010)**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Church \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Child Care will be available on **Saturday only**. The cost is \$10 per child. A snack will be provided but each child is requested to bring a bag lunch. Please list the names and ages of all children joining you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

**By checking this box, I give permission for any photos of me to be used in any Women of the ELCA publications.**

### **REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS .**

LaQuinta Inn, 15300 West Rock Ridge Road, New Berlin, WI 53151 262 717-0900

I43 & Moreland Rd North

\$71.70 (2 persons) – over 2 persons -\$76.50 **Ask for group #285**

**Deadline for the discounted rate is September 1st.**

**Scholarship Application ... Deadline is August 9, 2010**

**Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization**

**23rd Annual Convention ... *"Fill My Cup, Lord"***

**October 1-2, 2010**

**Atonement Lutheran Church**

**16244 Martin Dr.**

**Muskego, WI 53150**

**Please complete this form and mail to:**

**Robin Fatla, Convention Registrar**

**W62 N616 Washington Ave.**

**Cedarburg, WI 53012**

Please print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for this scholarship because financially I could not attend the Convention without it.

Please sign your name and date \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:**

- **3 Scholarship awards are available and apply only to the Saturday of Convention (includes dinner).**
- **Scholarship recipients will be notified by e-mail or telephone within seven days after the deadline. If you do not receive a scholarship, you may register with the "Early bird" fee of \$40.**
- **This form may be duplicated as necessary.**

**CONGREGATIONS ... SHOWCASE YOUR MINISTRIES**

Because this was such a success last year, we would like to once again showcase a ministry of your Unit or congregation at the 2010 SWO Convention.

Please consider setting up a display to share your work with the other women of our Synod, both as an inspiration and a celebration.

We have room for you so please indicate your desire to share your ministries by contacting:

Robin Fatla .... 262-377-0046

**Mission!**  
**Possible!**

**“Tea Time With Christian Women”  
Hosted by Women of Hephatha Lutheran Church**

The women from Hephatha were very gracious hostesses on Saturday afternoon, April 24<sup>th</sup> as they served tea to 50 some women, many wearing lovely hats, from partnership congregations.



Each woman had been asked to bring her own tea cup and then, as part of the afternoon’s program, each woman had the opportunity to show her cup and tell the cup’s story. What beautiful cups! What wonderful stories! A delicious lunch was served, songs were sung and scripture was read.

The following “Friendship Spiced Tea” recipe was shared

- |                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 18oz jar of tang       | Combine all ingredients and  |
| 2 cups sugar             | store in an airtight con-    |
| 1/2 cup red cinnamon     | tainer. To serve, stir 1 1/2 |
| candy (red hots)         | tablespoons of mix into 1    |
| 1/3 cup instant tea mix  | cup of hot water, stirring   |
| 1 teaspoon each cinnamon | until the candies dissolve.  |
| & ground cloves.         |                              |



**WHAT WOULD HAPPEN  
IF EACH MEMBER IN OUR W-ELCA UNITS ...**

- Would reach out to surround a family in need?
- Would bring one new person to Bible Study?
- Would volunteer to call on new or prospective church members and invite them to their homes for coffee?
- Would be concerned about one person who is sick, shut-in, or has some other special need?
- Would become a support group for each other in a deep and meaningful way?
- Would become a prayer support group for the pastor, the church council and for activities of their congregation?
- Would reach out into the community in a new and loving relationship?

Women of the ELCA already do most of the above things but we can always do more! If each individual would invite one new person to come to one SWO event we would continue to fulfill our Mission Statement ... *“grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world”*.

**BOLD WOMEN ... YOU ARE NEEDED**

In our Purpose Statement we say:

*As a community of women  
created in the Image of God,  
called to discipleship  
in Jesus Christ and  
empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we commit ourselves to grow in faith,  
affirm our gifts, support one another in  
our callings, engage in ministry  
and action,  
and promote healing and wholeness in the  
church, the society and the world.*

Now is the time for us to put these words into action. Jesus has promised to “fill our cup” and to give us the strength and ability to do His work. We are looking for women to serve on our Synodical Women’s Organization (SWO) Board. In the next few months the SWO will be preparing a slate of nominees to present to our Annual Convention on October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> and then the assembled delegates will have the task of voting for a Vice-President, Secretary and three Board Member to serve two-year terms and two Board Members to serve one-year terms.

Board members have a definite position on the Board. However, they are not elected to a certain position, they are elected and following the elections, in consultation with the Executive Committee, they are assigned a position for their term.

Board positions to be filled this year are Anti-Racism Chair, Convention Intern, Communication Chair and Mission Team.

If you have any questions about these positions, please call Jan Fox at 262-782-5680. Using the form on page 9, Units are encouraged to submit names from their Unit (be sure that you check with the person before submitting her name).

Serving on the SWO Board is a commitment to be taken very seriously. We are looking for women who have the love of our Lord in their hearts, the work of the Women of the ELCA in their hearts. minds and spirit. We are looking for those women willing to work within the Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women’s Organization.

If you nominate someone at the Convention, you must have the paperwork completed and given to the Nomination Committee at the Convention Nomination Desk by 7:00 PM on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Our president will not call for nominations during the election process of the business meeting.



# EIGHTH TRIENNIAL CONVENTION & GATHERING

July 2011

Spokane, Washington



**Renew, Respond, Rejoice!**

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

*“Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.”* *Philippians 4:9*

The above Scripture verse is the final verse of the theme verses for the 2011 Triennial Gathering. The entire theme verses are Philippians 4:4-9.

One of the best places to be renewed, uplifted, inspired and educated, is the Triennial Gathering. There are always plenty of opportunities for all of the above – speakers, workshops, service projects, worship, travel experiences and much more.

Several of the speakers have been announced: **Nora Gallagher** – author and journalist, her latest book is *The Sacred Meal*, reflections on the Eucharist; **Leymah Gbowee** – peacemaker, headed up the interfaith, female-led efforts that brought peace to Liberia after more than a decade of civil war; **Jane Redmont** – educator and spiritual director, she is the chair of the anti-racism committee of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina and is known for her book *When in Doubt, Sing: Prayer in Daily Life*. I will provide information on additional speakers as it becomes available.

There will again be packages available for social gatherings for our synod and sightseeing tours.

A Triennial Promotion committee has been working on getting information out to all the congregations in the synod. Members include, Betty Warber, Donna Yourell, Donna Hallada, Carole LaFond, Cheryl Isotalo and myself. If you need any information, please contact one of these ladies or you can always contact me. I will soon have packets available with up-to-date information.

**\*The most important thing to know right now is that registration opens on September 15, 2010 – coming up very soon!** Early bird discount, as known at this time, is \$295.00. Please start planning and saving for this event you won't want to miss!

Robin Fatla, Triennial Gathering Promoter  
262 377-0046  
rlwfatla@gmail.com

## TRIENNIAL CONVENTION

July 12-14, 2011

All women are invited to attend the Triennial Convention as visitors. The Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization will send four (4) delegates plus the SWO President. The four delegates will be elected at our Annual SWO Convention, October 1st and 2nd, 2010. If you are interested in serving in this capacity please use the form on page 11 and send it to Jan Fox.

## WHY BE A DELEGATE TO THE TRIENNIAL CONVENTION?

Being a delegate is a serious commitment. The Triennial Convention is the highest legislative authority of Women of the ELCA, and the actions taken in convention will shape the future of the organization. The convention sets the budget for 2012 and elects the board that will lead the organization between conventions.

As a delegate you will represent the women from our region which is J-5 and the women of the Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization. You will carry their voice with you, and you will cast votes on their behalf. This is a great responsibility!

## FIVE THINGS THAT MAKE A GOOD DELEGATE

### What will make you the best delegate you can be?

- Take the time to become thoroughly familiar with all the materials you will receive ahead of time and on site.
- Read and think about the issues you are voting on.
- Ask questions.
- Be familiar with the concerns and wishes of women in your area.
- Be present at all business meetings and be engaged; you need to be an active participant.

Being a delegate to the Triennial Convention involves a good deal of work, but it is also interesting, rewarding, even exciting. When the Convention is over you will be ready to *“RENEW, RESPOND, REJOICE”* at the Eighth Triennial Gathering!

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**NOMINATION FORM FOR TRIENNIAL CONVENTION DELEGATE  
JULY 10-17, 2011  
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON**

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip Code

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name and City of Congregational Unit submitting this nomination

\_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply to the Nominee:

- Age of Nominee [ ] Under 40 [ ] Over 40
- [ ] First time delegate to the Triennial
- [ ] Woman of Color or primary language other than English
- [ ] Active in a Women of the ELCA Congregational Unit
- [ ] Active as a Cluster Leader
- [ ] Active as a Synodical Women's Organization Leader

Experience: Beginning with the most recent, list the nominee's experience for 5 years.

Local Congregational Women's Unit \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Cluster Leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Synodical Leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Form submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Church Unit Telephone

**Note:** Our constitution states that each Unit may submit only one nomination and that a participant is limited to serve as a delegate for only two consecutive conventions.

During the business meeting of the Annual SWO Convention in October 2010, we will elect our delegates for the 2011 Triennial Convention. Your President will also be a delegate by virtue of the office. The Business Plenary Sessions will be held before the actual Gathering. Delegates will have their round trip travel paid as well as their lodging and meals during the Convention dates of July 12-14, 2011. Lodging, meals and registration for the Gathering, July 14-17, 2011 will be at the delegate's own expense.

Please submit a nominee from your Congregational Unit **by August 16, 2010** to:

Jan Fox  
4130 S. Carnaby Lane  
New Berlin, Wisconsin 53151  
Phone: 262-782-5680

# WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND

Crossway Camping Ministries  
Pine Lake Camp Site  
Waupaca, Wisconsin

August 20-22, 2010

Nancy Sack, Camp Coordinator



Come and share your memories of the past and make new memories for the future. The 2010 retreat will be held from Friday, August 20th to Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. This year's camp theme is "*Reflecting God*". We will be studying various passages from both the Old and New Testaments. We will see how we can be connected, created and celebrate. Pastor Laurie Veenendahl from Lakeview Lutheran Church, Madison, will be the Worship and Bible Study Leader. In addition to Worship and Bible Study there will be a sunset sing and meditation, fun and free time and a Taizé Service. There will be time for shopping at the SERRV table and the camp canteen.

The cost for the entire weekend is \$85.00 for the regular cabins. For \$105.00 you can stay in the EVER-GREEN LODGE which is a high comfort adult facility with semi-private rooms and linens provided. Get your reservations in early especially if your would like to stay in Evergreen because it is limited to 20 women and it's a first come, first reserved basis.

### Registration deadline is August 5, 2010

A \$10.00 late fee will be assessed for registrations postmarked on or after August 7, 2010

Please indicated if you have special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

Feel free to duplicate this registration form and extend an invitation to any and all of your women friends. Please help us to spread the news about this event. Encourage others from your congregation to attend with you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed:	Regular Cabins	_____	\$ 85.00	_____	\$ 95.00 (Late Fee)
	Evergreen	_____	\$105.00	_____	\$115.00 (Late Fee)

Send your registration form, and **check made payable, to Kathy Holat**, 625 North 104th Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53226. If you have question, you may call her at 1-414-258-6362. A confirmation letter will be mailed to you.

"Camping ministry is a pilgrimage. It is a journey of people traveling together to Jerusalem. It is a way that goes on foot, alone, in company, in tents, for peace, for justice, by grace, through faith. This journey is open to you. Love and wonder and praise are our reasons to go".

*-Herb Brokering*

## A SECOND WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND

Crossways Camping Ministry  
Pine Lake Camp Site  
Waupaca, Wisconsin

**September 17-19, 2010**

The theme of the second Women's Retreat Weekend is:

***"Finding hope, peace, strength and more in the river of life".***

The Biblical text is Revelation 22:1 "There is a river of the water of life that flows from the throne of GOD".

The registration fee for this event is \$100.....the registration deadline is June 30, 2010

Mail registrations, and checks payable, to Debbie Krueger - 1818 Oakwood Dr.- Neenah, WI 54956  
Questions? Call Debbie at 920-277-6073

Scholarships available - see form below

### SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THESE WOMEN'S RETREATS - USE THIS FORM

Deadline - July 24, 2010

Mail to: Sue Seidemann - 3729 North 12th Street - Sheboygan, WI 53803

Questions: Call Sue at 920-452-1634

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#### FRIENDS = LESS STRESS

(taken from Thrivent Magazine, Fall 2009)

Had a rotten day? Feeling overwhelmed because you have too much to do and not enough time in which to do it? Here is a quick and simple way to feel better fast - reach for the phone and call a friend. A recent study of 160 female students from the University of Michigan found that emotional bonds increase levels of the hormone progesterone, which puts people in a good mood and leads to a greater willingness to help others. "This may help us understand why people in close relationships are happier, healthier and live longer than those who are socially isolated," say researcher Stephanie Brown. Think of it as another reason to use all those cell phone minutes!



## THANK YOU

*The "cookies" were beautiful to look at and delicious to eat!*

On Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, Jeff Barrow was installed as the new Bishop in the Greater

Milwaukee Synod. In preparation for the reception to follow the 3:00 PM Worship Service, your SWO Board contacted 20 plus congregations asking each to supply twelve (12) dozen cookies. The response was overwhelming - a beautiful array of cookies were delivered to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Menomonee Falls. There were cut-outs, beautifully decorated as butterflies and crosses; and many, many delicious drop cookies and bars.

It has been said that a picture is worth a 1000 words so we hope these pictures give you a tiny glimpse of the many cookies that you, the women in the Greater Milwaukee Synod supplied.



Yes, there were some leftovers and those were delivered to a shelter so your willingness to share your time and baking talents were appreciated by so many!

*So we just say "Thank you!"*



**Saturday, November 13, 2010**

**Joint Cluster Event**



Chairperson, Nancy Sack, writes "you are cordially invited to reserve November 13 for the Fall Joint Cluster Event to be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in West Milwaukee. Look for more details in the September of the Gleanings".



**ATTENTION:** At the present time the Joint Cluster (Milwaukee Coalition, Clusters III & IV) is the only functioning Cluster. Our Cluster liaison, Jan Camus, is willing to help Kenosha/Racine, Northern Lakeshore, Lake Country and Racine re-active and revitalize their women's Cluster organization. give Jan Camus a call at 414-464-0708 or e-mail [jcamus@wi.rr.com](mailto:jcamus@wi.rr.com).

## PSALM 23

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm is probably one of the best known and most loved pieces of scripture. It is scripture that most of us know by heart and yet, most of us never thought nor looked at this Psalm in the following way.

**The Lord is my Shepherd**  
That's Relationship!

**I shall not want**  
That's Supply!

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures**  
That's Rest!

**He leadeth me beside the still waters**  
That's Refreshment!

**He restoreth my Soul**  
That's Healing!

**He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness**  
That's Guidance!

**For His name sake**  
That's Purpose!

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of  
of the shadow of death**  
That's Testing!

**I will fear no evil**  
That's Protection!

**For Thou art with me**  
That's Faithfulness!

**Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me**  
That's Discipline!

**Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies**  
That's Hope!

**Thou annointest my head with oil**  
That's Consecration!

**My cup runneth over**  
That Abundance!

**Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life**  
That's Blessing!

**And I will dwell in the house of the Lord**  
That's Security!

**Forever**  
That's Eternity!

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