

Gleanings

*For everything there is a season,
And a time for every matter under heaven.*

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These words come to us from the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes. they are words of a reminder that seasons come and go ... winter's cold chill turns into spring and spring's warmer weather turns into hot, humid summer days and then summer turns into beautiful, colorful

FALL which is where we are now. For many of us the month of September is a little like "a new beginning". Vacations become memories; children return to school; days grow shorter and once again it seems as if our calendars fill-up with many activities.

As you settle into your own personal fall schedule it is the hope of your SWO Board that all of you will put the following dates (October 7th & 8th) on your calendar and make it a priority to attend the **24th ANNUAL SWO CONVENTION**. We'll conduct the business of our organization, we'll elect new Officers and Board Members, we'll worship together and we'll have the opportunity to participate in two workshops.

We are still in need of some women to take a bold step and say "I will serve on the SWO Board". If you have ever given any thought to serving our Lord and His church here in the Greater Milwaukee Synod - now is the time! Read our "Purpose Statement" and let the Holy Spirit work through you. Then call Cheryl Isotalo at 414-541-4236.

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, 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.

The September issue of *Lutheran Woman Today* arrived bearing the brand new name

GATHER

On the inside cover we read these familiar words recorded in Matthew 18:20 "...Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them"

Lutheran women have a long history of gathering for Bible Study, prayer, service and advocacy. So the magazine hasn't changed just the name and we'll still have the articles and columns that inform and challenge us.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SWO PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters in Christ:

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

The official beginning of Fall is just a few weeks away...it seems our summer has just flown by. Even though we don't like to see summer go, I am reminded that Fall holds many wonderful things for us. We all enjoy the colors of this coming season that certainly is a sign of God's handiwork. I don't know about you, but I welcome the cool, crisp days of Fall as a special blessing after a very hot, humid summer. And with this change in seasons, we resume our many activities after a summer's rest; Bible Study, quilting, Women of the ELCA meetings at our church units, teaching Sunday School, Choir practice and other volunteer activities with which we are involved.

The highlight of my summer was attending the 8th Triennial Convention and Gathering of the Women of the ELCA in Spokane, Washington. The two and one-half days of the Convention were very intense, up early in the morning to have breakfast and attend Bible Study before the business of the convention was begun. A new Churchwide Board was elected, several resolutions were voted on, a lot of discussion and tweaking of the resolutions were very time consuming, but all necessary. Your delegates, Cheryl Isotalo, Mary Ellen Kiesner, Andrea Smith and Julie Starks were diligent in their responsibilities and represented you in a manner you can be proud of. Grateful thanks to each of them. The two days of the Gathering were filled with workshops, inspiring worship services, the outdoor evening reception for our Presiding Bishop, Mark Hanson, the many servant opportunities, the display of the prayer shawls to which many Greater Milwaukee Synod women contributed, along with two featured speakers who shared with us how their faith guided them, each in their own way; peacemaker, Leymah Gbowee and writer Nora Gallagher, rounded out our time together.

We hope that one of the Fall opportunities that you will participate in, includes your attendance at the 24th annual Convention of the Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's organization (SWO) being held on October 7 and 8, at St. John Lutheran Church in Brookfield. Our Convention Chair, Nancy Hanks and our Convention Intern, Robin Fatla, have put in many hours of hard work to organization and prepare for a wonderful day and one-half. Registration begins on Friday at 4:30 p.m. when all delegates are expected to attend, and registration on Saturday begins at 7:45 a.m. A Hymn Sing will be held at 8:15 a.m. followed by worship at 8:30 a.m. Unit and personal offerings will be received during Saturday's worship. You will find more details about the content of the Convention, the In-Kind gifts and other information on other pages of this issue of the Gleanings. **Please send a delegate to this gathering from your church unit. Delegates are expected to attend the Convention on Friday and Saturday. Non-Delegates are also invited to attend both Friday and Saturday, but can decide to attend only on Saturday at a lesser cost.**

Many of you know that my term as your president of the Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) ends with this October's Convention. It has been my privilege to serve our God, our church and you over the past seven years as your Convention Intern, Convention Chair, Vice President and most recently as president. I will deeply miss the many relationships that have been formed over this time. I will keep the Women of the ELCA, as well as your new SWO Officers and Board members, in my daily prayers. Blessings and peace always.

Carole Ropel, President

From the Treasurer
4/30/2011
Submitted by Donna Derse

Receipts	Actual YTD	2011 Budget
Board Offerings	\$116.00	
Unit Offerings	\$2,610.27	\$6,500.00
Cluster Funds	\$0.00	
Cluster Offerings	\$256.56	\$700.00
Convention Offering	\$0.00	\$2,250.00
Convention Registration (Synod)	\$696.43	\$5,000.00
Gleanings Subscriptions	\$10.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$250.00
Retreat Offering	\$150.00	\$150.00
Retreat Registrations	\$530.00	\$1,500.00
Designated Income	\$109.00	\$1,500.00
Total Receipts	\$4,478.26	\$17,850.00
Disbursements		
Program I Mission Growth	\$0.00	\$25.00
Program II Mission Community	\$0.00	\$25.00
Program III Mission Action	\$0.00	\$25.00
Program IV & V Executive Com & Brd	\$693.47	\$1,600.00
Program VI Convention Committee	\$774.26	\$5,000.00
Program VII Clusters	\$0.00	\$25.00
Program VIII Financial Matters	\$108.50	\$300.00
Program IX Newsletter	\$689.78	\$1,600.00
Program X Special Events	\$601.91	\$500.00
Program XI Scholarships-Camp	\$0.00	\$200.00
-Triennial	\$1,175.00	\$600.00
-Other	\$0.00	\$200.00
Program XII Anti-Racism	\$0.00	\$100.00
Program XIII Miscellaneous	\$207.88	\$250.00
Convention Offering to CWO	\$0.00	\$2,250.00
Triennial Breakfast Refunds	\$126.00	
Triennial Promoter	\$12.98	\$150.00
Unit Offerings to CWO	\$1,305.14	\$3,500.00
Designated Disbursements	\$375.00	\$1,500.00
Total Disbursements	\$6,069.92	\$17,850.00
Checkbook Balance 1/31/11	\$6,517.93	
Assets		
SWO Checking	\$4,926.27	
SWO Savings	\$1,678.41	
Certificate of Deposit	\$2,230.43	
Mission Investment Fund	\$577.97	
Total Accounts	\$9,413.08	

Treasurer's report is continued on next column

THANK OFFERINGS

Is your Unit gearing up to have the Annual Thankoffering In-gathering? If so, please remember to use the two available W-ELCA Thankoffering resources (1) All about Thankofferings and (2) the 2010-2011 Thankoffering Service. To locate these items please go to www.womenoftheelca.org.

Designated Funds	
1/2 Unit Offering	\$0.00
Board Offering	\$0.00
Campus Ministries	\$164.00
Certificate of Deposit	\$2,230.43
God Is So Good	\$246.99
Mission Investment Fund	\$577.97
Scholarship-Camp	\$200.00
-Triennial Convention	\$1,512.00
-Other	\$200.00
SWO Savings	\$1,678.41
Triennial Promoter	\$156.25
Total Designated Funds	\$6,966.05
Total Funds Available	\$2,447.03

2011 SWO CONVENTION OFFERING

The only convention offering will be received on Saturday morning (October 8th) during the opening Worship Service. This will be the time to bring the offering from you Unit as well as your personal gifts.

One-half of the offering received will be forwarded to Churchwide to continue the mission of our ELCA Women. The other half will be sent to the **ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN**.

The ELCA Assembly officially launched this Malaria Campaign on August 15th by a 968-19 vote. The goal of this campaign is to raise fifteen million dollars over a four-year period.

Malaria: A Few Quick Facts:

- On average, 1500 cases of malaria are reported every year in the United States, even though malaria has been eradicated in this country since the early 1950's. Most of these cases are found in travelers and immigrants returning from countries where malaria transmission occurs, mostly from sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.
- 3.3 billion people (half the world's population in 109 countries and territories live in areas where malaria is prevalent.
- 89 percent of the malaria deaths worldwide occur in Africa, especially among young children and pregnant women.
- Usually people get malaria by being bitten by an infected female "anopheles" mosquito. Only this mosquitoes can transmit malaria, and only after biting an infected person.
- Because the malaria parasite is found in red blood cells of an infected person, malaria can also be transmitted through blood transfusions.



24th Annual SWO Convention

Friday, October 7, 2011

Registration begins at 4:30 PM

&

Saturday, October 8, 2011

Registration begins at 7:45 AM

Opening Worship at 8:30 AM

St. John Lutheran Church

20275 Davidson Road

Brookfield, WI 53045

The Theme for our 2011 Convention is **OPEN MY HEART, LORD** and our Biblical Text comes from the 1st chapter of Ephesians the 18th verse: *"I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the wonderful future he has promised to those he called. I want you to realize what a rich and glorious inheritance he has given to his people"*.

Our 24th Annual SWO Convention will begin on Friday evening when we will take care of the business of the Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization. One of the main items on the agenda will be the election of new a President and Board Members.

At our opening Worship Service on Saturday morning we will be privileged to hear our own Bishop Jeff Barrow preach and then later in the day we'll have the opportunity to ask him questions as he leads one of the workshops.

Other Workshops will be

- * **PRAYING YOUR LIFE** Prayer is a gift from God. It is an invitation to intentionally connect with God's presence in and around us. Presenter for this Workshop will be Pastor Rachel Young Binter who is currently the Campus Pastor at The Corner House - UWM. She invites everyone to come and learn more about campus ministry, prayer, and the way in which each one of us is called to make the connection between our daily lives and the greater life of God in which we live and move and have our being.
- * **ARE YOU READY TO REACT?** This is a volunteer disaster response team from our St. John's Lutheran Church in Brookfield. REACT is prepared to assist the community during disasters by providing volunteer management, general labor and mass care support. Presenter Kate Pillman is the Executive Director of Southeast Wisconsin Citizens and Organizations Active in Disaster.
- * **"A-BUZZ about MALARIA.** Some of the most needed social change in the world starts within the walls of our Churches. Jessica Nipp from the Churchwide Office will be with us to share important information about this deadly disease and the **ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN.**

* **SOCIAL MEDIA? WHY ME?** In this workshop we'll explore the world of Facebook, Twitter and Blogs to stay connected in the 21st Century. Leading this "hands on" workshop will be Presenters Julie Starks, Char Guiliani and Erin Clark.

* **SEEDFOLKS YOUTH MINISTRY.** Presenter Venice Williams is the executive Director of SeedFolks Youth Ministry and the Kujichagulia Lutheran Center. She will share her passion for creation and pieces of her work as it relates to people, spirit, food and land. She strongly believes that the Creator modeled for us all that we need to learn on this journey in Nature and Mother Earth. She will share how working with the land and people is her faith-filled calling.

In addition to all of the exciting workshops we'll hear from our Churchwide representative, Kristine Brugamy. Kris will not only bring us greetings, she will give us an update on resources available to enhance the programs used by your congregational Unit.



FIRST LADIES OF FASHION

A Vintage Fashion Show created and presented by Goodwill Industries Volunteer Services as we conclude our Convention. We have contracted with Goodwill to present this show and the proceeds are used to support the mission of Goodwill, which is to provide work and training opportunities for persons with disabilities.

As of August 22nd 35 people had registered for
Register Now - use the form on page 5

Registration Form

Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization 24th Annual Convention

“Open My Heart, Lord”

October 7-8, 2011

St. John Lutheran Church

20275 Davidson Road Brookfield, WI 53045

Friday & Saturday attendees - \$75

Friday only attendees - \$30

Saturday only attendees - \$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:

Janice Camus, Registrar

5253 N. Lovers Lane Rd., Unit 323

Milwaukee, WI 53225

414-464-0708

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 September 16, 2011)

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 registering for this event, you give Women of the ELCA permission to use your image (picture) and comments in educational, informational and promotional materials in a variety of media, including electronic media.

REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Quality Inn, 20150 W. Blue Mound Rd., Brookfield, WI

\$60 per room (up to 4 people) 262-785-0500 Reference: Women of ELCA

Deadline for the discounted rate is September 23rd.

TODAY'S DREAM - TOMORROW'S REALITY ... As I said in the last issue of the Gleanings, I was looking forward to attending the 8th Triennial Gathering. I did attend the Triennial and a number of different workshops. The one workshop based on anti-racism was presented by Romi Pierce and Pastor Violet Little. The workshop related to “Spirituality of Anti-Racism”. Carolyn Jewett from All People Church, myself along with 35 other women from around the country were present. Each told how we use our spiritual gifts. A Bible study was held based on John 20:19-29. Three different versions of Bibles were read from and questions regarding the verses were discussed in small groups. They related to Race - Tolerance and Practice. It was noted that we should direct our attention to Education (the art of listening); Action (need changes both small and large); and Reflections on our blessing from God. We should try to TDTR seriously and live in harmony with our neighbors. -Nancy Sack

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization
24th Annual Covention**

“Open My Heart, Lord”

**October 7-8, 2011
St. John Lutheran Church
20275 Davidson Road
Brookfield, WI 53045**

**Pease complete this form and mail to:
Janice Camus, Convention Registrar
5153 N. Lovers Lane Rod., Unit #323
Milwaukee, WI 53225**

DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

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 you name _____ Date _____

Please note:

1. 3 Scholarship awards are available and apply only to the Saturday of Convention (includes dinner)
2. Scholarship recipients will be notified by e-mail or telephone within seven (7) days after the deadline. If you do not receive a scholarship, you may register with the “EARLY BIRD” fee of \$40.
3. This form may be duplicated as necessary.

IN-KIND GIFTS

In-Kind Gifts are those tangible items we bring to convention for a specific cause. This year those gifts will be **Layette Items** and will be given to the **HOPE CENTER** in Waukesha. Items requested are newborn clothes, size #1 diapers, crib sheets, hooded bath towels, burp cloths, onesies, baby blankets, baby wipes, diaper bags, baby bottles, baby wash, baby shampoo and baby lotion.

The Hope Center also accepts **“GENTLY USED”** crib sheets, blankets, wash cloths, bath towels and bottles IF they are in very good condition.

RESOLUTIONS/MEMORIALS

Among the benefits of participating in Women of the ELCA is the opportunity to have a voice in determining the activities and direction of the organization. Where we go and what we do as a churchwide organization and as synodical organization is very much up to you. A resolution should be thought of as:

- A way to participate in the democratic process and have your voice heard.
- A means of educating women about a particular need or concern.
- A vehicle for inspiring others to take a particular action.

Resolutions are your voice! At our October 7-8, 2011 SWO Convention any delegate may offer a resolution. Ideally, resolutions should be sent to Joyce Spinn at least seven days prior to the Convention. Resolutions can also be presented to the Resolution Committee by a Delegate on the Friday of the Convention prior to the dinner, and no later than 5:30 PM. The Committee then prepares recommendations for convention action on the resolutions it received. This committee will also help delegates with the proper wording of resolutions. Three copies are necessary: one for the Secretary, one for the Resolutions Chair and one for the delegate presenting the resolution.

Resolutions are to be mailed at least seven (7) days prior to the Convention to:
Joyce Spinn
4132 West Orchard Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215

RESOLUTION/MEMORIAL FORMAT FOR THE 2011 GREATER MILWAUKEE SWO CONVENTION

The goal of a Resolution/Memorial is to inform and educate the readers so that they are inspired to take action and approve the resolution. Therefore, every resolution should have a clear and concise title and address only one issue. A resolution begins with **WHEREAS:**

The second portion of the resolution states the action proposed in order to address what you identified in the WHEREAS portion. When writing the RESOLVED section, a guide to keep in mind is that this section ought to be able to stand on its own, the reader should not have to refer back to the WHEREAS sections.

WHEREAS: _____

WHEREAS: _____

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED _____
_____ **and be it further**

RESOLVED _____

Submitted by: _____ **Signature** _____
(Church Unit Name) (Your signature)

Date: _____



REFLECTIONS and MEMORIES from the EIGHTH TRIENNIAL CONVENTION and GATHERING



Julie Starks, Carole Ropel, Cheryl Isotalo, Andre Smith and Mary Ellen Kiesner, delegates from the Greater Milwaukee Synod, were part of nearly 400 women who were on hand as the 8th Triennial Convention convened on July 12, 2011 in Spokane, Washington. These women worked hard as they listened to reports, made changes to the WELCA Constitution, voted on Memorials and Resolutions and elected a new Churchwide Board to lead us through the coming triennium. Jennifer Michael from Pensacola, Florida was elected on the third ballot as our new president. Jennifer is a vivacious young woman and we look forward to her leadership.

Triennial Reflections, July, 2011
By Julie Starks

Renew, Respond, Rejoice: the theme for the Women of the ELCA's Triennial Convention and Gathering wonderfully describes the hope for many "getaways." Spending a week in Spokane, WA with 2,000 like-minded women (and a few men) did just that for me. The workshops, keynotes and even business meetings certainly did their part to renew my passion for living my faith. But those "chance" meetings with women from all over the U.S. put a realness to the actions called for from the various podiums. These occurred throughout each day while walking about, sitting at meals and even while shopping the booths in the display area. These women are active in so many ways and are living their faith through Bible study, youth gatherings, disaster relief efforts, food pantries – just like the so many opportunities we have here in the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Seeing that present in a country-wide scale was uplifting.

We rejoiced in the election of a new Board to govern the future of the Women of the ELCA. We rejoiced in being present with Bishop Hanson. We rejoiced in worship and in receiving communion.

Then there is "respond." A week away is wonderful. Being invigorated with so many others is validating. But how one responds shows the true impact of an event like the Triennial Gathering. One response I have taken on will be to moderate an online Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark. Our blogsite, <http://fitandfaithful.blogspot.com/> will be the host while the Women of the ELCA magazine, newly titled, "Gather" will be our resource. Please join the study and discussion beginning in late August! Begin now by reading the 16 Chapter Gospel of Mark.



Delegate Cheryl Isotalo writes:

Thank you for letting me represent you at the 8th Triennial Convention. I learned a lot, it was amazing to be with 2,000 women singing, praying and sharing. The days were very fulfilling with workshops and Bible Studies. I would definitely go again.



This is a picture of part of the delegation from the Greater Milwaukee Synod attending the 8th Triennial Gathering July 14-17, 2011. In total we had between 35 & 40 women from our Synod at the Gathering. We want to take this opportunity to thank our Triennial Coordinator, Robin Fatla, for all of her hard work in promoting this event. After months of hard work, Robin was unable to attend the Gathering because of health issues. We know that she was with us in spirit and she is looking forward to the next Triennial Gathering which will be in July 2014 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

2,225 prayer shawls were brought to the Gathering and were presented to Lutheran Community Services Northwest for distribution to Spokane area Hospitals. These will be given to women and children affected by rape and domestic violence. Many of our congregations contributed to this cause ... Martin Luther (4); Trinity in West Bend (3); Atonement in Muskego (2); Gethsemane in Brookfield (6); St. Stephen the Martyr (12). We know that many more prayer shawls were given from the Greater Milwaukee Synod but the above were the only ones who had let us know. To everyone we say "thank you" these shawls mean so much to those who receive them.



On July 16th In-Kind gifts were presented to the Spokane-area organizations to support women and children living with homelessness, in transition or who have been victims of violence. Received were gift cards in the amount of \$10,420 and 11,160 minutes of phone cards (several women from the GMS had let the Gleanings editor know they had personally given gift/or phone cards - we thank them for being so generous). Also received were 58 clothing support kits. nearly 800 bags of socks and 80 completed quilts to Lutheran World Relief as part of the Gathering's global gift.

A NOTE OF



A Lakota Thank You.

Hello Quilters, I recently received the following letter from the Office of the Principal of Batesland School. I'm passing it on to ALL of you quilters and knitters because I feel you deserve it more than I do. I will display the pictures of Batesland School they sent and possibly others of interest at the October Convention. LaVerne Mueller

Dear LaVerne,

On behalf of all the students at Batesland School, we would like to thank you for all the things you do for us!

We really appreciate the hats and mittens and quilts your ladies organization sends to us. Many of our families do not have heat throughout the winter months and the quilts are a necessary addition to our "school store". I know that the families appreciate your generosity.

I have enclosed some pictures of the students wearing the hats and mittens, as well as snuggling up in the quilts.

Thank you again for all you have done for our students.

Sincerely, Melody Bohlander, School Counselor; Dee Lefthand Anderson, Elementary Teacher and Connie TwoLance LaBeau, Headstart Teacher

Greetings to all Quilters,

It is August and the temperature of 95 degrees coupled with high humidity is making for an uncomfortable day! I'm having a difficult time concentrating on quilting duties and the possible needs of my Lakota friends. September, the month when I usually start asking that you might donate just two of your wonderful quilts for the school children and their families in the Batesland area.

Did you know that most Heating Oil Companies will not deliver fuel to homes in the Batesland area unless the order is for a full tank. You're probably wondering why I stick this bit of information in this letter. I'm doing so because you need to know that as a result some families without enough funds must close up their homes and move in with others who still have heat. They take their quilts along because by the end of the heating season there may be two or three families crowded into a small home. The LWR quilts go to distant lands. Our quilts go from house to house, and maybe even to another house if families must split up. Because of such use many need to be replaced. I only ask for two, that is a start.

I am thankful for all the quilts you have donated over the years. I'll see you at the Convention in October.

LaVerne Mueller

THE MILWAUKEE JOINT CLUSTER

(Clusters I, II, III & IV)

ISSUES THE FOLLOWING INVITATION

Join us for our Fall Gathering

Saturday, November 12, 2011

At: Unity Lutheran Church

1025 East Oklahoma Avenue

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

(This church is handicapped accessible)

Street parking only

Registration begins at 8:00 AM

Cost: \$8.00

(registration \$2.00 and the meal is \$6.00)

An Offering will be received during the Worship

The special table offering will be designated for
The Malaria Campaign

Welcome and Breakfast at 8:30 AM

Unity's Pastor Kevan Penvose will lead our morning Bible Study which will be based on the program's theme ... **"REALLY, BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE"**.

Reservations should be sent to: **Jan Fox**

4130 South Carnaby Lane New Berlin, WI 53151

Phone: 262-782-5680 E-mail: Janice-fox@att.net

The Churchwide Organization of the Women of the ELCA has awarded a 2011 Grant to Faith/Santa Fe Lutheran Church, Peacemakers in the amount of \$500. This project offers training in resolving personal conflict to Spanish speaking immigrant women in a biblical and nurturing ELCA setting.

The granting of funds to organizations and programs that support the needs and the development of women is one way we help fulfill the purposes of the Women of the ELCA. Since 1990 our grants in support of women and children have totaled over three and one-half million dollars. It is our prayer that through the projects supported this year, Women of the ELCA will continue to make a strong and positive difference in the lives of women and their families throughout the country and abroad.

Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization

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