



The Rocky Mountain Synodical Women's Organization Newsletter
Women Of The Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

Views August 2017 from the Rockies

~see Fall Gathering Presenters, pp. 4-5

*Greetings from Rocky Mountain
 Synodical President*

President's Corner

As we approach the Fall Gathering, Women of Faith: Past & Present, in Aurora at Bethel Lutheran, I pray each of you receiving this issue of the Views decides to come. We have an engaging program, memories from the past, and challenges for our future. Life sometimes goes by so quickly that we do not stop and reflect on where we have been and where we hope to go. I think this weekend will give you some pause to think about things you would like to change and how we could as a group of women make these changes.

I have been reading *You Are Your Choices* by Alexandra Stoddard and felt this quote went along with our Gathering. "If we do the things that we are capable of doing, no matter how small, the world would be a better place for us all."

Come share memories of the past and help us be challenged to go out into the future knowing we are making a difference in our little part of the world.

In this Issue

Greetings from RMSWO President	1
RMSWO Fall Gathering	1
Southeast "Spring" Cluster	2
Cakes for Las Vegas	3
Peace Lutheran in Sterling	3
Fall Gathering Presenters	4-5
Fall Gathering Registration	6-7
Fall Gathering Schedule	8
In-Kind Opportunities	8
Treasurer's Workshop	8
WELCA Triennial reports	9
WELCA Executive Board	10
Prayerful Support for Sarah's Home	10
ELCA Federal Credit Union	10
Give Monthly	11
RMSWO 2016-2018 Board	12
How to Sign Up for e-Connection	13
About the Views	13

RMSWO Fall Gathering October 6-8, 2017

"Woman of Faith-Past and Present" at Bethel Lutheran in Aurora, CO. Contact: Anna Thompson at (307)221-3218. See more information in this issue!

SE Colorado “Spring” Cluster Gathering—June 10

For the second year in a row, the 2017 Spring Gathering of the Southeast Colorado Women of the ELCA had to be rescheduled due to a Rocky Mountain snow storm. The planning committee, which consisted of Stephanie Bawek, Carolyn Gardner, Bernice Herrold, Helen Peterson, Lorraine Ramsey and Donna Skovgaard, seemed to

This being the 500th year of the Reformation—which took place in Germany—the agenda included German inspired presentations and activities. We sang German songs (in German!) and heard from someone who emigrated from Germany. Ursula Hosford shared her experiences in growing up in Weisbaden. We enjoyed slides of Wittenburg as well as German cuisine.

We learned more of the RMSWO from Tammi Clawson, Board Secretary, and we were blessed to meet Sharon Artau, who sup-

ports Caregivers in the Colorado Springs area as well as serving as a caregiver. She provided us all with valuable information and materials regarding caring for a loved one. In kind donations for health kits were collected and assembled for Lutheran World Relief.

Our meeting took place at Grace Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs where we could socialize, eat, study scripture and our faith, and worship all in one convenient location. Vickie Norris played German songs to the delight of many of us whose heritage is German.

Despite having to reschedule, the annual spring gathering united Lutheran women from many churches within the

South Eastern region. We feel loved by God and supported by our sisters at these annual events and thank God that we have them to reboot our collective and personal faith lives.

—Submitted by: Dena Wangerin Richter of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Canon City, CO.



adjust with the delay with grace and efficiency.

The theme “Baptized We Live” found structure in the study of Daniel Erlander’s book *Baptized We Live: Lutheranism as a Way of Life*. Pastor Julie Britch led the study of this book with Gospel and scripture. Living as a Lutheran gives a way of seeing, hearing, teaching and following where the cross is the central symbol and where God meets us where we are because He is everywhere. Pastor Julie also led us in a service of Healing.

Cakes for Las Vegas

Each year St. Paul Lutheran Church in Albuquerque, NM teams up with St. Luke Lutheran Church and Highland High School to bake cakes for the New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute in Las Vegas, NM. The Institute houses about 350 patients. The cakes are served on birthdays, special occasions or to just brighten up a patient's day. St Paul's congregation supplied Highland High School Culinary Department with 50 cake mixes, oil and



eggs and they bake and decorate the 50 cakes. Both St. Paul and St Luke congregations also bake cakes. This year the three organizations presented the Institute with 124 cakes.



Submitted by Sharon Hamilton, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, NM

Peace Lutheran in Sterling

Peace Lutheran women in Sterling, CO have been busy in their quilting group and have donated 64 quilts for children at The Crossing Rescue Mission in Denver, CO and 40 quilts to the Logan County Sheriff's office, Sterling Police Department, Colorado State Patrol and Peetz Fire Department. The quilters are Lila Moore, Patty Wolfe, Judy Kellogg, Naomi Binder, Edna Nickal, Blanca Gallegos and Zella Miller.



Another project they work on is coordinating and delivering food contributed to Peace Luther-



an from the Rocky Mountain Food Bank for 82 children in the five Sterling Schools. This is done every week during the school year. Jan Dermer heads up the project, "Totes of Hope" with Lila Moore who helps deliver each Friday.

Fall Gathering Presenters

Betty Boyd

Betty Boyd was a member of the Colorado Senate from the 21st District from March 2006-January 2013. During her term, she chaired the Health and Human Services Committee and served for a time as the senate president pro tempore. Betty was born in Manchester, Connecticut. Betty earned a baccalaureate degree in Sociology from Upala College in New Jersey. She is married to Douglas and they have two adult children, Jim and Kirsten.

Pastor Emily Cardin

Pastor Emily Cardin was born in Spirit Lake, Iowa and grew up in South Dakota and a suburb of Chicago. She has a BSN from Andrews University and worked for 24 years as an RN in the fields of trauma medicine, addictions, and mother/baby health. She has a Master's of Divinity from Iliff School of Theology and a Certificate of Theological Studies from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Emily served as pastor of the New Beginnings Ministry at the Denver Women's prison, has served churches in Broomfield, Denver, and Centennial. She has successfully completed the transitional ministry training required by the Rocky Mountain Synod. Pastor Emily lives in Broomfield with her husband, Jebb, who is the general manager of Precision Plumbing, Heating, Cooling, and Electric in Boulder. They have four beautiful adult children and five practically perfect grandchildren. They enjoy biking, cross country skiing and traveling.

Pastor Brenda Frelsi

Rev. Brenda Frelsi is the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Casper, WY. Before being a pastor, she was a Youth Director in Portland, OR, first at St. Luke Lutheran then at St. Matthew Lutheran. This summer marks her 15th year of ordination. Her goals for ministry are to demonstrate not taking oneself too seriously while, at the same time, worshiping with intensity and also to demonstrate kindness constantly. Pastor Brenda's hobbies are biking, XC skiing, running, knitting, cooking and sewing. Pastor Brenda has 2 daughters, Liz and Sarah, who help her to stay humble, active and young at heart.

Pat Kenning

Pat Kenning is a long time noted popular storyteller, giving dramatic shows and book reviews, all in costume. In 1980 she began researching, "I Love Luther" thru the eyes of his wife, mother and only surviving daughter, hoping to humanize the great reformer by 1982 to celebrate the 500th anniversary of his birth. She has spoken over 100 times to many clubs and at libraries over the years. In 2007 she was one of the 82 Women of the ELCA who traveled to Lutherland for two weeks—an unforgettable trip.

Pastor Barb Lemke

Pastor Lemke has been at Bethel since August of 2000. Graduating from Wartburg Seminary in May of 1984, she received her first call to Shepherd of the Hills in Fort Collins, Colorado. She served from 1990 to 1999 at Joy Lutheran in Parker, CO with her husband Pastor Mark Lemke. In 2003, she received her Doctor of Ministry from Philips Theological Seminary with an emphasis in prayer and the ministry of the laity. One of her favorite things to do is to play her guitar for preschool chapel. She loves to share God's love and word with the children. It's easy to know that God is the center of her life, just look at her enthusiasm and bright smile.

Judy Messal

Judy Messal was born in the Willamette Valley of Oregon in 1947. She grew up in a small desert town in New Mexico near the U.S./Mexico border. During her college years in the Sixties, Judy, who had been baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), became intrigued with secular humanism and left the church. She married and lived in Boulder, Colorado for several years. Two elements drew her back to the church. The first was spending a year in western Asia, in a predominantly Muslim country which was warmly hospitable to Christians and rich with biblical sites. The second was the birth of her daughter in 1985. Back in the U.S. by then, Judy worked for the City of Las Cruces and later New Mexico State University. She and her daughter became part of a congregation that soon joined the newly-formed ELCA and became

Peace Lutheran. Living near Mexico again, Judy engaged in faith-based social justice activities on both sides of the border, learning from scripture and from the witness and work of Catholic nuns who served people living in poverty. She also began an involvement with the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-New Mexico which lasts to this day. Her new location is Albuquerque, where she is a member of All Saints Lutheran Church. There she is on the Community Outreach Committee and is learning to be part of an interfaith sanctuary movement in Albuquerque.

Mary Jo Mettler

Mary Jo Mettler is a retired accounting instructor who planned on traveling, quilting, playing with grandchildren and working in her garden in her retirement. But...in 2012 she accompanied a friend on a Women of the ELCA trip to Liberia to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Women of the ELCA. A visit to Phebe Hospital, a rural, regional, referral hospital in Liberia would be life changing for her. Upon her return to Minnesota she was crazy enough to ask "Is it possible to bring solar power to Phebe Hospital?" Jason Edens, executive director and BJ Allen, special projects manager at Rural Renewable Energy Alliance (RREAL) in Pine River, MN gave a resounding "yes" and a movement began. The NE MN Women of the ELCA and RREAL partnered and over a four year period support spread throughout the church from coast to coast. She will tell about the work that went on to raise the funds, stories about the installation and what's next.

Ihoby Rakotomalala

Ihoby("you-bee") Rakotomalala is a human rights advocate and youth minister who volunteers in Littleton, Colorado. She hails from Madagascar but grew up in Cameroon, West Africa, where her parents served as missionary doctors. Ihoby attended Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and received her Master's in Children, Youth and Family Ministry from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Since moving to Colorado in 2014, Ihoby served on the Rocky Mountain Synod's First Third of Life team, a strategic plan that equips and connects church workers working with people 0 to 30 years old (the first third of life). Ihoby's favorite event is the Denver March Pow Wow because the vibrancy of Native Ameri-

can cultures reminds her of home. Ihoby is passionate about soccer, cupcakes, and corny jokes.

Deacon Cindy Robles

Deacon Cindy graduated from Wartburg Seminary in May 2015. Before going to Seminary, she spent 12 years as a Military Police Officer in the Army and then 12 years as a Parks and Recreation Director in a small community in Wisconsin. Prior to becoming Lutheran I was a member of a United Church of Christ Congregation. While I was a lay leader in this church I led a visioning process for the congregation to consider sharing a Pastor with the Lutheran Church behind us. When I realized, the congregation had no interest in reaching out to the neighborhood, she realized it was time to find a new church home. This is when she began worshipping in a Lutheran Church. Cindy applied for the Youth Director position at the Lutheran Church and then went to certification School with Vibrant Faith Ministries at Wartburg Seminary. While attending this course she discerned a call to full-time ministry and entered the Diaconal Ministry Degree program.

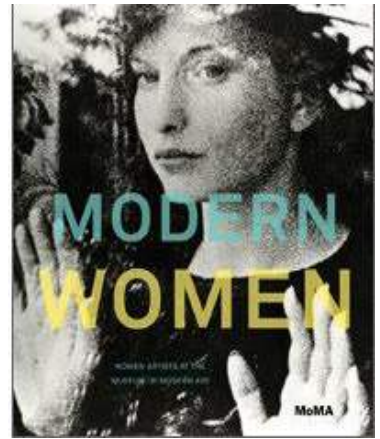
After entering seminary Cindy felt called to work with the marginalized community. She began to study Hispanic Ministry and working with at-risk youth. Along with a Masters in Diaconal Ministry, Cindy also has a Masters in organizational management and was trained as a Mission Developer. She will complete her training as a re-developer the end of August. Since December 2015, she has served as the Area Ministry Strategy Coordinator for the Aurora Church Together Strategy (ACTS). In this role she assists the congregations in Aurora to work on three things. 1) Individual Spiritual Transformation; 2) Congregational Renewal; 3) Make a Collective Impact in the Community. The Rocky Mountain Synod mission statement is one that has been adopted since it is so fitting for this ministry. "Together we proclaim and embody God's unconditional love for the sake of the world." It is God working through us to be able to reach out to our neighbors. We know that God has a mission and is already at work in our neighborhoods, it is our goal to discern how we are called to participate in what God is already doing in this community.



WOMEN OF FAITH PAST AND PRESENT

SPONSORED BY YOUR ROCKY
MOUNTAIN SYNOD WOMEN'S
ORGANIZATION

**Friday through Sunday
October 6 – 8th, 2017**



In Aurora Colorado @ Bethel Lutheran Church

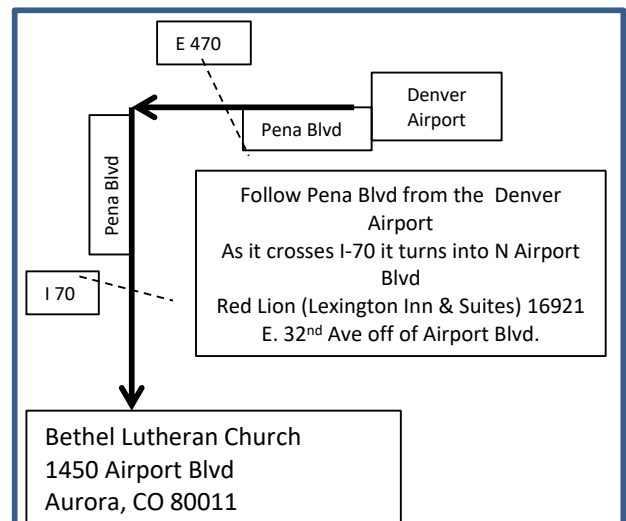
It is time to register for the Fall Gathering!

Everyone will agree that women are a powerful force in our church today. What current issues do women face? What have your “Sisters in Christ” been promoting? How can you help? How can you get involved? The Fall Gathering event will raise awareness in how you can act boldly on your faith.

The RMSWO Board are: Cheyenne, Wyoming- Anna Thompson (St. Paul’s); Price, Utah-Jan Young (Ascension - St Mathews); Sterling, CO-Lila Moore (Peace); Colorado Springs, CO-Debra Haar (Prince of Peace); Colorado Springs, CO-Tammi Clawson (Grace); Greeley, CO-Julie Elmquist (Immanuel); Albuquerque, NM-Rhonda Bentz (All Saints); Albuquerque, NM-Sharon Hamilton (St. Paul).

The current RMSWO Board invites you to attend. The Fall Gathering will strengthen our churches because we meet and share God’s love through new ideas and fellowship. Enjoy visiting with your friends from all the ELCA churches in the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Directions to both the church and the hotel.





Invite your friends to come! For questions about the event, please call RMSWO President Anna Thompson @ (307) 221-3218.

The registration fee is \$75. Please bring gift cards of \$10 & \$20 denominations for the homeless in the Aurora, CO area and a free-will offering for Sarah's Home, Current for Curran and RMSWO. (Read more about these in the *Views* article.)

Arrive for the Friday evening kick-off session. Drive Carefully. For questions, call Debra Haar, registrar@ (719) 392-5398 or (719) 650-5688.

The hotel being used for the Fall Gathering is the **Red Lion (aka Lexington Inn & Suites)**, 16921 E. 32nd Avenue, Aurora, CO 80011. Double Queen Standard = \$79+taxes; Double Queen Handicap = \$79+taxes; Double Queen Suite = \$109+taxes; 3 Queen Bed Suite = \$119+taxes.

[Phone: 303.367.5000 Call directly and ask for the RMSWO Room Block.]

Cut on the dotted line* REGISTRATION FORM *Fill out completely

Your \$75 registration fee covers program costs, meals, presenter fees, and childcare.

The registration fee is \$75, however
registration received before Sept 5th will be \$50.

Mail your form and registration fee to the Registrar:

Debra Haar, 6555 Weeping Willow Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80925

All are welcome to the event and the RMSWO Board wants to make this event possible for everyone!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "RMSWO WELCA"

Print Name: _____ Church: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Do you have any allergies? _____ Do you have any special needs? _____

Will you need childcare? Circle: No Yes If yes, what ages? _____

The hotel being used for the Fall Gathering is the **Red Lion (aka Lexington Inn & Suites)**, 16921 E. 32nd Avenue, Aurora, CO 80011. Double Queen Standard = \$79+taxes; Double Queen Handicap = \$79+taxes; Double Queen Suite = \$109+taxes; 3 Queen Bed Suite = \$119+taxes. **[Phone: 303.367.5000 Call directly and ask for the RMSWO Room Block.]**

Fall Gathering Schedule at Bethel Lutheran

Friday, October 6

3-5 Registration (Narthex)
4-5 Treasurer's Workshop – Jan (Fireside Rm)
5- 6 Welcome/Mixer (Back of Sanctuary)
6-6:45 Dinner- (Fellowship Hall)
6:45-7:30 Speakers-Ihoby "You-be" Rakotomalala & Judy Messal
7:45 Pat Kenning "I Love Luther" & Video "Katherine von Bora Luther"
8:15-9:00 Vespers Pastor Barb Lemke

Saturday, October 7

8-9 Registration/Vendors – (Narthex & Back of Sanctuary)
9:00 Welcome/Skit/Songs
9:45 Surprise visitor/ Speakers Jennifer Reili & Pastor Emily Cardin
10:30 Bible Study – Pastor Brenda Frelsi/ Songs
12:00 Lunch /Vendors
1:15 Speaker - Former Senator Betty Boyd
1:45 Break
2- 3 Guest Speaker – Mary Jo Mettler – PV for Phebe
3-4:30 Project time & Vendors
(Tie blankets, chair yoga, Hygiene Kit assembly)
5:30 Dinner / Singing
6:45 Wrap Up-- Deacon Cindy Robles
7:45 Hospitality – Bible Bingo with Prizes

Sunday, October 8

8:30 Worship with Bethel
9:30 Fellowship

In-Kind Opportunities:

Gift Cards for the homeless in the Bethel Lutheran Church area in denominations of \$10 & \$20 from King Soopers, Walmart & Safeway to be used for both groceries & gas.

New greeting cards of all types and occasions to be given to the Prison Ministry in Colorado. The cards do not need to be sorted.

Woman's Hygiene Kits – Goal 110 bags

Kit contains: toothbrush & paste, deodorant, razor & shaving lotion, 5 feminine pads/tampons, shampoo & conditioner, hand sanitizer, socks, sunscreen, soap & washcloth, & gallon size zip-lock bag.

Treasurer's Workshop before Fall Gathering

Calling all RMSWO Treasurers!

We will host a Treasurer's Workshop before the Fall Gathering on October 6th, from 4:00-5:00pm. The workshop will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church in Aurora.

We will discuss donations, new forms, retention of records, insurance forms, etc. There will also be time for a question and answer period.

If you plan on coming, please send me any questions you might have ahead of time if possible so I can do the research and come prepared.

Hope to see you there. God Bless!

Jan Young, RMSWO Treasurer

ajyoung@sisna.com

All Anew Triennial Gathering Facts

Nearly 3,400 participants attended the gathering, and more than 1,300 were first-timers.

Nearly \$64,000 was given during Sunday's service of Holy Communion. The offering is being shared among PV for Phebe (25 %); Cherish All Children (25 percent); and Women of the ELCA (50 percent).

Gathering's Renewal Offers Opportunity for Change

By Linda Post Bushkofsky

I'm writing today to the 3,322 women who gathered in Minneapolis 12 days ago. Those of you who participated from afar, by following social media and reading news releases (<http://www.welcatg.org/news/>), I'm talking to you, too. From social media posts (<https://tagboard.com/welcatg/369069>) and emails received, you've described the gathering as "transformational" and "energizing," "an opportunity for 'spiritual renewal.'"

So when Monday, July 17th rolled around, and you were at work or shuttling kids back and forth or doing the laundry, was anything different because you had been at the gathering? Because you had heard the speakers, walked the labyrinth, worshiped together, dug into workshops, applied your gifts in servant events? Were you seeing the world with new eyes? Offering up altered prayers? Sensing the needs of neighbors in a different way? Even recognizing that your definition of "neighbors" had changed?

REMEMBER THE WORDS WE HEARD

We are daughters of a troublemaker, Kelly Fryer told us. We are called to follow Jesus' example of standing with those on the margins, even at great risk to one's own personal comfort or reputation.

Doing that, Fryer reminded us, is to stand side by side with Jesus.

Anew is not an event, Leymah Gbowee informed us. It is a process. And Jesus renews us all daily to do his work. It is in working together, not in a silo, that we will bring change to a world plagued by racism, violence and greed.

While we Lutheran Christian women are good at mercy, we must move into justice work, Alexia Salvatierra implored. We are called to treat each other as family, exercising both compassion and justice.

Being a Christian is not easy or comfortable. If you are comfortable in Jesus, Angela Khabeb warned us, you are doing it wrong. God of the universe blesses everyone.

My continuing prayer for us, both individually and collectively as the organization known as Women of the ELCA, is that we latch onto this "all anew" momentum and work to bring about the change that is so sorely needed in our church, the society and the world.

I'm ready. Will you join me?

Linda Post Bushkofsky is executive director of Women of the ELCA.

In-Kind Gifts Go Global

By sending and bringing in-kind gifts to Minneapolis, women across the church are continuing a longstanding tradition of Lutheran women providing support to the Triennial Gathering host city. "This year our support extends beyond Minneapolis and has gone global," said Freddie Jordan, newly elected secretary for the Women of the ELCA executive board. She, with Lisa Plorin, newly elected executive board president, presented the in-kind gifts to recipients. **In-kind gifts collected included more than \$19,000 in gift cards, more than 27,000 items of hygiene products, clothing, quilt kits, and Days for Girls kits. Labyrinths collected totaled 5,850.** Those agencies receiving in-kind gifts included: Alice's Garden, Breaking Free, Days for Girls,

Families Moving Forward, Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota and Lutheran World Relief.

Healthy Women And Girls Big Winners at 5K

Wearing yellow T-shirts and an occasional tutu, 404 participants assembled in Loring Park, Minneapolis, Saturday, July 15 at 6:15am, for Women of the ELCA's Run, Walk and Roll 5K. Between the \$30 registration fee and friend-to-friend fundraising, they raised \$19,116 to support the programming and grants of Women of the ELCA's health initiative, "Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls." *The four RMSWO voting members participated as walkers with their completion time of 45:54. We were all tired but happy to have completed the race.*

The Women of the ELCA 21-member Churchwide Executive Board

The Women of the ELCA 21-member churchwide executive board is elected every three years by the triennial convention.

The convention is made up of voting members from our 64 WELCA synodical women's organizations plus the members of the churchwide executive board. The triennial convention is the highest legislative authority in our organization. The board for the 2017-2020 triennium was elected at the Tenth Triennial Convention held July 11-13, 2017, in Minneapolis, Minn. Lisa Plorin of Upham, N.D., is serving a three-year term as executive board president. Other board officers include Becky Shurson, vice president, Eugene, Oregon; Freddie Jordan, secretary, Columbus, Ohio, and Anna Saver, treasurer,



Lisa Plorin, Becky Shurson, Freddie Jordan, Anna Saver

Greensburg, Penn. The board members are: Angela Bell, Bellville, Texas; Tina Bigelow, Poulsbo, Wash.;

Elizabeth Burgess, Augusta, Maine; Lois Byland, Moorhead, Minn.; Anissa Canova, Gouldsboro, Penn.; Lydia Davila, Bayamon, Puerto Rico; Dinah Dutta, Lawrence, Kansas; Sandra Grier, Williamsport, Penn.; Laura Krueger, Avondale, Ariz.; Sara Larson, Balaton, Minn.; Joy Michalicek, Duluth,

Minn.; Kandy Pflaster, Cozad, Nebr.; Keala Simeos, Honolulu, Hawaii; Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld, Brookfield, Wisc.; Lynette Todd, Baltimore, Maryland; Barbara Tormondsen, Greenwich, Conn.; and Karen Voris, Anchorage, Alaska.

Prayerful Support for Sarah's Home

Sarah's Home is a faith-based, therapeutic home for underage girls who have been freed from the forced commercial sex trade in the U.S. The RM-SWO is a partner with Sarah's Home.

Please Pray for Sarah's Home:

- For God's presence in the midst of the struggle.

- That the love of Christ would give the girls a genuine hope for the future.
- For the staff as they demonstrate the love of God to the girls.
- For the girls as they learn to accept the embrace of God's love.

Go to www.sarahshome.us for more information about Sarah's Home.

ELCA Federal Credit Union

The ELCA Federal Credit Union was created by the ELCA to provide a wide variety of financial services to ELCA members, employees of synods, congregations and other ELCA-related ministries. Every member is also an owner, with a vote in how the credit union conducts business. With the church as its sponsor, the ELCA Federal Credit Union operates in ways that are consistent with the church's values. And because the ELCA Federal Credit Union is a financial cooperative, any earnings are returned to member/owners like

yourself in the form of lower rates on loans, higher rates on savings, reduced fees and enhanced services. When you belong to the ELCA Federal Credit Union, you're part of a financial cooperative, and the money you save is loaned out to other members. So take advantage of better interest rates than you'll find at many other financial institutions and help fellow Lutherans.

Ready to join? Become a member of the ELCA Federal Credit Union today by visiting www.elcafcu.org.

GIVE MONTHLY

Make a monthly recurring gift and join

Faithful Friends,

A group of especially devoted friends of Women of the ELCA
who provide consistent, sustaining support for our many ministries.



YES I want to join Faithful Friends of Women of the ELCA!

Please deduct my recurring gift of \$_____ (\$10 or above) from my **checking account** on the 15th of each month.

My voided check is enclosed.

Signature My signature authorizes Women of the ELCA, through ELCA Gift Processing, to initiate and continue monthly deductions as indicated on this form. I understand that I can cancel my recurring gift at any time by calling Women of the ELCA at 773-380-2730 or emailing women.elca@elca.org.

Please mail this form and your voided check to:

Women of the ELCA
ELCA Gift Processing Supervisor
8765 W. Higgins Road, 5th Floor
Chicago IL 60631

-----OR-----

To give by credit card, please go to www.welca.org/faithfulfriends to print off the form.

More All Anew Triennial Gathering Facts

\$49,094.60 was given in Thursday evening's Thankoffering service.

404 participants ran in the Run, Walk and Roll, and \$19,116 was raised for seed grants to support Women of the ELCA's health initiative, Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls.

In-kind gifts included more than \$19,000 in gift cards and more than 27,000 items of hygiene products, clothing, quilt kits, and Days for Girls kits.

97 people gave blood for a total of 81 units. Each unit is separated into red cells, platelets and plasma, which could help as many as 243 people.

2016-2018

Rocky Mountain Synodical Women's Organizations Board Members

President, Anna Thompson

5015 W. Villa Circle
Cheyenne, WY 82009
307.221.3218
anna498.at@gmail.com
St. Paul's Lutheran, Cheyenne

Vice President, Sharon Hamilton

7401 San Pedro NE #93
Albuquerque, NM 87109
Sharonh0223@yahoo.com
St. Paul Lutheran, Albuquerque

Secretary, Tammi Clawson

318 N. Foote Ave.
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
tbclawson58@msn.com
Grace Lutheran, Colorado Springs

Treasurer, Jan Young

1567 Eastwood Drive
Price, Utah 84501
ajyoung@sisna.com
Ascension St. Matthew's, Price

Board Member, Debra Haar

6555 Weeping Willow Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80925
haardap@hotmail.com
Prince of Peace, Colorado Springs

Board Member, Lila Moore

305 Platte
Sterling, CO 80751
oggram@KCI.net
Peace Lutheran, Sterling

Board Member, Julie Elmquist

2152 27th Ave.
Greeley, CO 80634
sjelmquist@msn.com
Immanuel Lutheran, Greeley

Board Member, Rhonda Bentz

5 Highway 474
Algodones, NM 87001
rhonda_8588@hotmail.com
All Saints Lutheran, Albuquerque

New e-mail address for the RMSWO: rmswoelca16@gmail.com



**Women of the ELCA President
Lisa Plorin with Rocky
Mountain Synod Women's
President Anna Thompson
at the Triennial Gathering in
Minneapolis.**

How To Sign Up For The RMS e-Connection by e-mail

By Susan Mitchell

We encourage every woman in the Rocky Mountain Synod to sign up to receive the weekly Synod Newsletter called e-Connection. It is sent out every Wednesday to your e-mail address, and it contains articles and pictures about many things in our lives together as Lutherans living in the states that make up the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Once a quarter, e-Connection will have an article about the current issue of our “Views from the Rockies”—the newsletter of the RMS Women’s Organization. You will be directed to the Synod website, which is where “Views” issues will be available. You may read them online, and you may also print a copy for your personal use. Ask your church office to print the Views for you if you do not have access to the website.

Please sign up as follows:

1. On your computer, go to the Rocky Mountain

Synod website by putting this URL into your browser: www.rmselca.org

2. On the home page, scroll down to the bottom, and in the middle of the page you will see: Subscribe to e-mail Newsletter. Below that line is a yellow rectangle that says e-mail List. Simply click on the yellow rectangle! This takes you to a page that asks for your e-mail Address, your first & last name, and to check a box stating if you are a Pastor, Associate in Ministry, Diaconal Minister, or Deaconess. Below this you should check the box that states: “I wish to receive e-Connection each week.”
3. Finally, click on the bottom bar that says “Sign Up.” That’s it! Remember, this is a free subscription to the synod e-mail weekly newsletter. You will receive notice of new issues of our Views from the Rockies newsletters from the synod’s e-Connection e-mail.

About Views from the Rockies



The “Views” is written/circulated by the Rocky Mountain Synodical Women’s Organization, Women of the ELCA, and provides information about programs and projects.

NOTE: Articles for the Views are to be sent to anna498.at@gmail.com by the 12th of January, 12th of April, 12th of July, 12th of August and 12th of November.

There are no longer printed copies of “Views from the Rockies.” Each church and all individuals may now download and/or print FREE COPIES from the Rocky Mountain Synod website. To access the website and get the newsletter, go to **www.rmselca.org/Ministries/Women**.

If you would like to receive the Views newsletter in your personal e-mail, please send an e-mail to rmswoelca16@gmail.com with the subject line “Add me.” You will be added to the e-mail list and receive all future newsletters and e-mail blasts from the RMSWO Board. Your e-mail address will not be shared with any other organization.

The website of the Rocky Mountain Synodical Women’s Organization has not only this newsletter but more information about what is going on now, what has happened in the past, and what to look to in the future. Erin Powers at the synod office has kindly kept the site updated. We will keep new, interesting information highlighted on the web.

**Mission:
To mobilize
women to act
boldly on
their faith in
Jesus Christ**

RMSWO Website: www.rmselca.org/Ministries/Women

Newsletter design/layout by Mary Lauck

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD
7375 Samuel Drive
Denver, CO 80221**