



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

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Rocky Mountain Synodical President's Corner

It is the beginning of a new year! Along with making resolutions, some people get out the calendar for the year to mark dates for special occasions and make plans for vacation or travel. I hope you will make plans for the following:

What: Fall 2020 Rocky Mountain Synodical Women's Organization Convention and Retreat

When: September 18, 19, 20 (Friday afternoon through Sunday morning)

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church – Greeley, Colorado

How: --to sign up? Registration form and lodging info will be in the April "Views from the Rockies"

Why: --should you attend? The business meeting will include election of officers and adoption of the budget. The retreat portion of the weekend will feature speakers, food, companionship with sisters in Christ and fun!

Life is busy and challenging. Women are challenged daily and busier than ever with jobs, volunteer activities, family commitments, caregiving and just keeping our heads above water! Decide NOW that you will do something for YOU! Decide now that you will join us for a weekend of Bible study, inspirational stories, singing, worship, mealtimes, snack times and coffee time.

Our theme is **"From the Darkness into the Light."** We all have experienced and/or are experiencing not only the dark times of life, but also the LIGHT of life. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to hear others' stories, share some of your own, and

hear about how, IN CHRIST, "The LIGHT shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

We may not know what the new year will bring, but whatever it brings, God's presence will be with you!

Blessings and Peace!

Julie

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RMSWO Fall Convention Information

Theme: “From the Darkness into the Light”

Theme Bible Verse: John 1:5 “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.”

Date: September 18-20, 2020 (Fri-Sun)

Location: Immanuel Lutheran Church
1865 14th Avenue
Greeley, CO 80631

In-Kind Gifts:

- Gift Cards for Sarah’s Home

Other Possibilities for In-Kind Gifts:

- Weld Food Bank (Non-perishable food or monetary donations),
- Migrant worker kits (toiletries – soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloth, comb, etc.),
- School supplies for children of migrant workers (pencils, pens, markers, crayons, spiral notebooks, etc.)

Note: The RMSWO Board will decide which of these other possibilities will be offered at the Fall Convention.

Who can be voting members for Fall 2020 Convention/Retreat?

One person from a Congregational Unit can be a voting member for the business portion of the Convention and Retreat, but all women are welcome to attend.

Congregational Units

Women of all ages come together in these units for study, service, and fellowship.

What does it take to be a unit?

The Approved Model Constitution and Bylaws, Congregational, or Intercongregational Unit and the Approved Model Constitution and Bylaws, Special Unit provide the answers.

To accomplish the purpose of Women of the ELCA, women in this unit shall commit themselves to:

- a. come together for study, support and action;
- b. participate in the ministry of Women of the ELCA beyond the congregation;
- c. support financially the total program of Women of the ELCA; and
- d. designate leadership that shall be in communication with the synodical and churchwide women’s organization. (Article II Section 2.)

The way that each unit lives out these commitments may vary, limited only by the imagination and resources of the women participating in the unit. As to commitment a., some units may meet monthly, others quarterly. Some units may consist of a handful of women; other units may have many women who meet in smaller groupings, organized around interests. Some units may spon-

sor a retreat while other units sponsor service projects.

Likewise, for commitment b., there are many ways to participate in the ministry of Women of the ELCA beyond the congregation. Some units will be active in cluster or conference events while others participate in synodical or regional events. Many units will attend events sponsored by the churchwide organization, including the triennial gathering. All are encouraged to subscribe to the organization’s publications and use its resources. These, too, are ways of participating in the ministry of the organization beyond the congregation.

When it comes to “support financially the total program of Women of the ELCA,” commitment c., questions often arise. Ideally, units would do several things. They would collect regular offerings and submit a portion of them to their synodical organization (which, in turn, submits a portion of those regular offerings to the churchwide organization). Units would hold one or more Thankoffering services each year and transmit to the churchwide organization 100 percent of the Thankofferings collected. Units would also participate in special offerings and designated gifts, as appropriate.

The last commitment is an easy one. Units simply need to designate a participant who will be in communication with the synodical and churchwide organizations. Depending upon how the unit organizes its life together, it will usually be the president or chair of the unit who fills this role.

Celebrate Bold Women's Day: February 23, 2020

Women of the ELCA's mission is mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. We know that each woman will act boldly in a way that's unique to her, so we talk about each of us "finding our bold." Bold Women's Day—observed annually on the fourth Sunday of February—celebrates all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Some women are bold in their unceasing prayers. Other women are bold in their service to those in need. Still other women are bold in their ad-

vocacy or through their hospitality. Whether we live out our bold story of faith in the workplace, family home or community, our faith compels us to make a difference in the lives of others. It's all about living out our baptismal call, about being a disciple of Christ.

Do you know a bold woman? Who is she and why do you think she is a bold woman? On February 23rd, consider giving an offering to the Women of the ELCA in honor of these bold women in your life. (Resources on welca.org/bwd)

RACHEL'S DAY: Women boldly standing for Children

What is Rachel's Day? In 1994, one woman urged her congregation Bethel Lutheran Church on the west side of Chicago, to support children facing violence. They began by clearing a vacant lot and turning it into a garden—Rachel's Garden. It became a place where folks—mostly mothers—could come to mourn children killed by gun violence in the past year. They also planted a white cross and flowers in remembrance of these young ones. Two years later, the Metro Chicago Synodical Women's Organization brought a memorial to the Third Triennial Convention (1996) of Women

of the ELCA to broaden awareness of the violence children face and actions to address it. The convention passed the memorial, resolving, "That ELCA women encourage their congregations to recognize the first Sunday in May each year as Rachel's Day, based on Jeremiah 31:15-17 wherein Rachel grieved for her children, to mourn the loss of our children and to renounce the forces of evil and fear that plague our nation."

Remember, Rachel's Day is to serve as a beginning, a place and time to move participants to action. (Resources on welca.org/resources)

Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly... ...coming to a town near you!

May 1st and 2nd are the dates for the 2020 Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly. This year, instead of everyone meeting in ONE location, the Synod is trying out an idea of five (5) geographic locations with portions of the Assembly shared with all by video conferencing technology.

Usually, the Rocky Mountain Synodical Women's Organization (RMSWO) has been an exhibitor at the Synod Assembly. With five locations this year, we wondered how to accomplish this. The good news is that we will be able to have a table as an exhibitor at each of the five sites if we so choose. The other good news is that many of our RMSWO Board members live near one of the sites.

However, we would LOVE to have some help from

other Women of the ELCA to staff these tables!

The churches and their locations are:

Ascension St. Matthew's—Price, Utah

Ascension—Cheyenne, Wyoming

Cross of Christ—Broomfield, Colorado

Trinity—Monument, Colorado

Cross of Hope—Albuquerque, New Mexico

If you live near one of these churches and would like to assist at the RMSWO table on Saturday, May 2nd, please contact RMSWO President, Julie Elmquist, who will then put you in touch with the corresponding board member. (Cell phone: 970.371.2734 or email at: sjelmquist@msn.com)

RMSWO Convention Elections

This year at the convention in Greeley we will be electing new officers and board members. If you are interested in becoming part of a great group of women who laugh together, have fun together and really get down to business, this is the board for you. We are primarily looking for a vice president and treasurer and board members, but if you wish to run for president or secretary indicate it on the form. A Board Nomination Form is included in the Views.

Duties of the vice president: The vice president acts and presides in the absence of the president.

The vice president also performs duties as requested by the president. The vice president is in charge of the re-elections every two years at the synodical women's organization.

Duties of the treasurer: The treasurer keeps all financial records, is accountable for all funds and disburses funds. The treasurer presents reports to churchwide, to the board and at the synodical women's organization convention. The treasurer, with the board, prepares annual budgets.

Top 10 reasons to join the Rocky Mountain Synodical Women's board

10. You get to help plan events
9. You get to spend some time with some amazing women of faith
8. You get to learn first hand about what other WELCA groups do in their churches
7. You get to get out of town for occasional weekends, visiting other cities and churches
6. You get to meet women that you would not get to know otherwise
5. You get to see just how much this team works together and how much you are appreciated
4. You get to have fun while supporting worthwhile causes
3. You get to use your skills and experience to help the RMSWO grow
2. You get to pray with and for each other
1. You get to grow in your faith

Please consider joining this group! We need your voices, your ideas and your prayers! No experience is necessary!

Update:

"Umbrella Ministry" and the "Pool of Living Water" donations.

At our RMSWO convention in 2014, the voting members in attendance voted to approve changing the name of the Umbrella Ministry and the Pool of Living Water to "Women's Justice-an ongoing ministry". These are the funds donated with dimes, and sometimes nickels, that are collected. The money collected will go to women and children in need. Who it goes to is determined by one cluster at each convention, the next one this coming fall. We currently have 10 clusters. This is not a huge fund, but currently has about \$100 in it. We will determine the cluster that decides during the fall convention. Get your group discussing who you would like this donation sent to in case your cluster is chosen to make the decision. It can be given to a local, national or world wide organization that your cluster wants to help.



On sleepless nights by Daily Grace

Can't sleep? Bundle up, go outside, and look into the night sky. Gaze at the stars shining down on you. Look at the moon. Even if the lights of the night sky are hidden behind clouds, you know they are there. They have been above you and your family since the day your lives began. So has God. Take comfort from knowing this, and get some sleep. (January 16, 2020, Adapted from "Finding Peace" written by Kay L. Stewart)

RMSWO BOARD NOMINATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cluster: _____

Congregation: _____

Office ___ President ___ Vice President ___ Secretary ___ Treasurer ___ Board Member

Women of the ELCA Experience _____

ELCA Experience _____

Ecumenical Experience _____

Community Experience _____

Why you are interested in serving on the RMSWO Board. _____

Describe the special gifts, skills and experience that you would bring to the Board _____

Vocation/Occupation _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM (with photo if possible) to Sharon Hamilton, 7401 San Pedro Dr. NE #93, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109 or e-mail to sharonh0223@yahoo.com. (attach additional pages as necessary)

The STÖÄHOUSE
New Mexico



November 8, 2019

*I am
Thank you so
much!
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Jan Young
Women of the ELCA Rocky
Mountain Synod
1567 Eastwood Dr
Price, UT 84501

Dear Jan,

On behalf of the Storehouse family, thank you for your recent gift of \$760.00 contributed at the St. Paul's gathering on September 21, 2019.

Every dollar donated to the Storehouse provides five meals; therefore, your gift of \$760.00 provides 3,800 meals. You should also be aware that \$.95 of every dollar donated directly supports the work of the Storehouse.

For over 43 years, the Storehouse has been providing millions of meals annually to hungry children, families, and working individuals. Many of these individuals do not make enough to make ends meet. We value your support in helping to provide our clients with a promise of a brighter future.

Thank you so much for your philanthropy!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Swarupa".

Swarupa /arupa Watlington
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sue".

Watl Sue Prelozni
Development Director

The Storehouse New Mexico is a 501 (c) 3 organization (EIN: 35-251 1614). For tax purposes, this letter will serve as your written receipt and will confirm that the Storehouse provided no goods or services to you in return for your contribution.

PO Box 94810 Albuquerque, NM 871994810

Current for Curran Update

The Current for Curran team continues to work at raising the remaining \$183,994 needed to bring this project to fruition. Here's a detail

REAL	Cash donations	\$112,352.16
	Solar Panels donated by First Solar	<u>\$133,350.00</u>
	Total	\$245,702.16
NE MN Synod	Cash donations	<u>\$163,303.95</u>
Total Donations		\$413,006.00
Remaining Funds Needed		\$183,994.00

Two companies have indicated interest in bidding on doing the installation. Both of them have locations in the U.S. and in Liberia. They are making site visits and gathering cost information and we should have final bids by the end of January. It's getting very exciting.

Blessings

Mary Jo Mettler

Calendar of Events

Feb 23, 2020 – Bold Women's Day
Resources: womenoftheelca.org/bwd

March 6, 2020 – World Day of Prayer
Resources: wdp-usa.org

March 21, 2020 – National Quilting Day
Resources: lwr.org/nqd

May 3, 2020 – Rachel's Day- Women boldly standing for children
Resources: womenoftheelca.org/

July 16-19, 2020 – Triennial Gathering in Phoenix
Resources: www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page

September 18-20 – RMSWO Fall Convention in Greeley
Resources: Future issues of the **Views**

Bye to Ginny

At the January 11, 2020 Board meeting of the RMSWO, we accepted, with regret, the resignation of Ginny Hallagin as a board member. Ginny's resignation was due to health concerns, and we on the board ask all of you for prayers for Ginny and her family. We hope, someday, to welcome Ginny back to the board, where she has been such a positive influence.



From Julie, Sharon, Tammi, Jan, Deb, Lila and Ruth

Unit Treasurers:

Would you be interested in online training?

As a congregational unit treasurer, would you be interested in an online video training session customized for your needs? It would take only a little more than half an hour. If so, please email Audrey Riley, audrey.riley@elca.org, and leave a note to say so. If there is enough interest, we'll put one together this spring. Read how online video training for the treasurers of synodical women's organizations is a big hit. Please download the "Guide for Unit Treasurers" and copies of Form

A and Form B from our website! They're available for free at welca.org/toolsforleaders (scroll down a bit). Note: Both Form A & B are part of this issue of the Views. The RMSWO treasurer is Jan Young at ajyoung@sisna.com and her mailing address is: 1567 Eastwood Dr, Price, Utah 84501. She is happy to answer any questions you might have as a treasurer.



Offering Form A

For use by CONGREGATIONAL UNITS
for offerings to SYNODICAL TREASURER

Use Form A to submit **Regular Offerings** and **SWO Convention Offerings** to your Synodical Women's Organization. Make check payable to "Women of the ELCA." **Mail form with check to your synodical treasurer.**

For more information, please call 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2730.

DATE	
CONGREGATION	CONGREGATION NUMBER
CONGREGATION CITY/STATE	CONFERENCE OR CLUSTER NAME
UNIT TREASURER NAME	PHONE NUMBER
ADDRESS	EMAIL
CITY/STATE	ZIP

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
REGULAR OFFERING	\$
SWO CONVENTION OFFERING	\$
CONFERENCE OR CLUSTER OFFERING*	\$
	\$
	\$
TOTAL	\$

* It is recommended that at least 50% of any cluster or conference offering be sent to the synodical treasurer to be passed on in full to the churchwide women's organization. Use this line if you are handling the offering from a cluster or conference event.

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Form updated 5/2017



Offering Form B

For use by CONGREGATIONAL UNITS
for offerings to CHURCHWIDE

Use Form B for **Thankofferings**, **Where Needed Most**, **Katie's Fund**, **Special Offerings**, and **Designated Gifts** to WELCA and ELCA ministries. Make check payable to "Women of the ELCA." For more information, please call 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2730 or go online to womenoftheelca.org.

Mail form with check to: Women of the ELCA, ELCA Gift Processing Center, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

DATE	
CONGREGATION	CONGREGATION NUMBER
CONGREGATION CITY/STATE	ZIP REGION/SYNOD
UNIT TREASURER NAME	PHONE NUMBER
ADDRESS	EMAIL
CITY/STATE	ZIP

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
WOG0420	THANKOFFERING \$
DESIGNATED GIFTS & SPECIAL OFFERINGS (PLEASE SPECIFY)	
WOG0466	WELCA WHERE NEEDED MOST \$
	\$
	\$
	\$
TOTAL	\$

ELCAWO1022

Form updated 5/2017

SWO TREASURER'S QUICK GUIDE

Beginning of Term

- You will take office on **February 1** after the convention when you were elected.
- Meet with the outgoing treasurer to pass on the files, equipment, and information you'll need, including a copy of the SWO's constitution, list of active units and their contacts, and the SWO's EIN or TIN. Spend plenty of time talking about your SWO's particular policies, procedures, and practices.
- Go to irs.gov and download form **8822-B**, the change of address form. Use your home address on the form and send it back.
- Add your name to the SWO's existing bank account and make your home address the primary mailing address on the account. Banking regulations are different from state to state, so follow the banker's advice. Your president should also be a signer on the account. Have all bank information mailed to your home address.
- Order checks that show your mailing address, deposit slips, and a deposit stamp. Depending on the activity of your synodical organization, you may not write many checks, so ask the previous treasurer how many she wrote to get an idea of how many to order.
- Contact the churchwide women's organization to confirm that your title and contact information are accurate. Contact Eva James Yeo at 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2450 or eva.yeo@elca.org.
- It is recommended that you use a computer for your bookkeeping. Some synodical organizations purchase a laptop for the sole use of the treasurer. Other equipment the SWO should purchase for you and your successors include a flash drive (thumb drive, jump drive) exclusively for the SWO's use; a locking file cabinet or drawer for SWO records and equipment; a small paper shredder.
- Some SWOs have a generic email address for the treasurer's use. A fictitious example might be: *homeSWOtreasurer@gmail.com*.
- Ask your SWO president and secretary for an up-to-date list of active units. You will use this to contact the unit treasurers.
- Purchase stamps, envelopes, and mailing labels. Print out mailing labels with your name, title, and mailing address on them.
- Contact the unit treasurers by mail or email. Introduce yourself and let them know where to send their Regular Offerings (to you). It is very helpful to enclose a few copies of Form A and Form B with your introductory letter, along with a reminder of where to send which types of offerings. Mailing labels might be very well received. You might also include a copy of the Guide for Unit Treasurers, which may be downloaded at welca.org/tools-for-leaders (scroll down). Encourage them to send in their Regular Offerings to you monthly, or, at a minimum, quarterly.

Persistent women by Daily Grace

When God created women, God put something in us that was exhibiting itself within that parable of the widow and the unjust judge—persistence. In the parable, maybe Jesus was saying, “Go deeper within yourself. God has given you a double portion of determination, a double portion of resilience, a double portion of perseverance. You can do anything that you put your heart to do.”

If all of us will just reach down and realize that double portion within ourselves, we'll do wonders, and we'll not be seen as weak. We'll be seen as the most powerful people in the world.

This message is adapted from “Persistence and Peace” written by Leymah Gbowee.

Eleventh Triennial Gathering 2020

Triennial Gathering brings Lutheran women together from across the church with life-changing workshops, worship, Bible study and more. The Eleventh Triennial Gathering, July 16-19, 2020, will be no exception. Women will gather in Phoenix, Ariz., under the theme “Just Love.” Registration is now \$375. Day registration is \$200. Register at welcatg.org or email women.elca@elca.org for a registration form.



Phoenix Area Tours Enhance Experience at Gathering 2020

by [Women of the ELCA](#), 1.29.2020; [Gathering 2020](#), News



Horseshoe Bend | Photo by [Quentin Dr](#) on [Unsplash](#)

Phoenix in July is a cool place to be, even in the summer—especially when you’re in an air-conditioned building, tour bus, or steamboat.

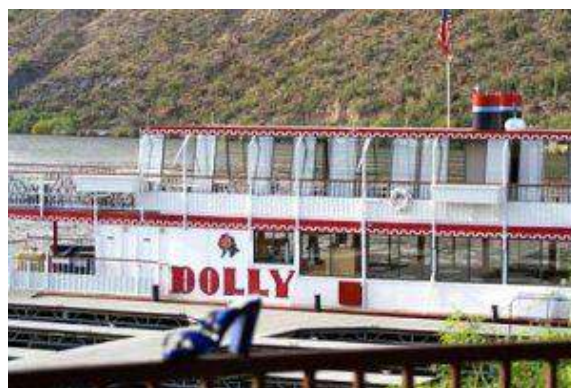
Participate in one of our tour offerings, and you can enhance the fun you will have at the [Gathering 2020](#), July 16-19, by enjoying top sights in Arizona.

[Register now](#) for one, two or more of the tours offered:

TOUR THE APACHE TRAIL

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Explore the beauty of the [Sonoran Desert](#) by touring Arizona’s first “historic highway” and scenic byway, [Apache Trail](#). You’ll experience [Superstition Mountain Wilderness](#), [Tortilla Flat](#), and [Goldfield Ghost Town](#). The tour includes a narrated nature cruise on Canyon Lake on the famous [Dolly Steamboat](#). Lunch is included. **Thursday, July 16, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; \$99.**



ART AND OIL

Learn local flora, fauna and wild west history while driving to Tucson. You will visit [San Juan Bautista Lutheran Church](#) where you'll meet [Michael Schultz](#), local graffiti artist, who will speak about [Open Space Church](#). On the return drive, you'll stop at [Queen Creek Olive Mill](#), Arizona's only working olive farm and mill. Tour the mill, shop the marketplace and enjoy lunch on your own. **Thursday, July 16, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; \$79**

EARTH SCIENCE AND OIL

Biosphere2 | Photo by Erin | CC NC-ND

Visit [Biosphere 2](#), a science research facility in Oracle, Arizona, dedicated to research, outreach, teaching and life-long learning about the Earth and its place in the universe. Experience the Rainforest, an Ocean overlook, and a Coastal Fog Desert. Grab lunch before heading to [Queen Creek Olive Mill](#), Arizona's only working olive farm and mill. Tour the mill and shop the marketplace that features oils and delicacies. **Thursday, July 16, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; \$109**



CITY TOUR: PHOENIX AND SCOTTSDALE

You'll be treated to architecture, modern art, desert views, and more in Phoenix, the Valley of the Sun. Spot the [Arizona State Capitol building](#) and the [Arizona Biltmore](#) (featuring design elements from Frank Lloyd Wright) as you make your way to [Old Town Scottsdale](#). In Old Town Scottsdale explore fashion shops and art galleries and enjoy some Southwest cuisine. Lunch is on your own. **Thursday, July 16, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or Sunday, July 19, 12:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; \$69**

HEARD OF THE HEARD?

Heard Museum | Photo by Jill Richards

You have three opportunities to visit the [Heard Museum](#), created in 1929 and dedicated to the advancement of American Indian Art. Featuring both traditional and contemporary art, the Heard houses about 44,000 objects and displays many of them in its 12 exhibit galleries. Lunch can be purchased at the Heard's Courtyard Café. You'll also be introduced to Phoenix houses of worship on the way to and from the Heard. **Thursday, July 16, Tour one departs at 10:30 a.m. and returns around 2:30 p.m.; Tour two departs at 12 p.m. and returns around 3 p.m.; Sunday, July 19, tour departs at 12:30 p.m. and returns around 2:30 p.m.; \$59**



SEDONA SITES

Travel north of Phoenix to [Sedona](#), a beautiful city nestled among a geographical wonderland of red rock buttes, green pine forests, and steep canyon walls. Enjoy exploring Sedona on your own for two

hours, then board a trolley for a guided ride to **Chapel of the Holy Cross**. Then it's on to **Tlaquepaque Arts Village** for lunch (on your own) and some shopping. **Thursday, July 16, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; \$79**

QUEEN CREEK OLIVE MILL

Photo by Roberta Sorge | Unsplash

Spend the final afternoon of the Gathering touring **Arizona's only working olive farm** and mill. Learn how extra virgin olive oil is made, how to use it in the kitchen, and why it's so good for you. Experts will teach you how to taste olive oil correctly. After touring the mill, shop the marketplace that features oils and delicacies, a perfect place to pick up gifts before returning home. You can choose from a delicious selection of food and beverage items in their store. And don't forget to sample their ice cream for dessert! **Sunday, July 19, 12:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; \$45**



EXTENDED POST-GATHERING TOUR

The five-day post-gathering tour gets you out and about into the Grand Canyon State, focusing on must-see venues. On Sunday, you'll drive from downtown Phoenix to **Sedona**, with a stop at **Montezuma Castle** along the way. Enjoy dinner in Sedona on your own. Begin Monday with some optional tours around Sedona and then travel to the **Grand Canyon**, where more optional tours await you. Following optional tours on Tuesday morning, you'll depart for Page. You get to explore the **Antelope Canyon** Wednesday morning before you head off to Flagstaff, with a stop at **Horseshoe Bend** along the way. Enjoy a visit to the **Lowell Observatory** that evening. You can enjoy Thursday morning in Flagstaff at your leisure before departing at 1:30 p.m. for Phoenix. **Sunday, July 19, leaving approximately 12 p.m.; returning Thursday, July 23, in Phoenix approximately 4 p.m. Single occupancy: \$1,698.00; Double occupancy: \$1,199.00**

Questions about tours should be addressed to Framework Meetings and Destinations (208) 502-1150; registration@frameworkmeetings.com. If you've registered for the **Gathering 2020** and want to add a tour, re-visit your online registration form or call Framework.

Also available is the 2020 Official Phoenix Travel Guide, containing trip inspiration, local expertise, tour recommendations, dining details, and more, is out now. Order a free copy by going to the website below and clicking on the link

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>

Check out what's new in the Greater Phoenix area ahead of your next visit for the Gathering 2020, July 16-19.

More information about the Gathering in Phoenix is also available at the website listed above.

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Your 2018-2020 RMSWO Board

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.rmselfca.org/faithformation/RockyMountainSynodicalWyomensOrganization.

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.”

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