

SNOW Newsletter

From the Desk of the President



Dear Sisters in Christ,

This is my final SNOW letter as your President. It has been my honor to serve you these past years. COVID gave me a longer term than expected, but it was your support that we made it through, and are rebuilding our Synod Women's Organization.

Please join me September 19 and 20 for our 36th Annual Convention of the Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization at Christ the King in Moorhead, MN. We have a full day and a half planned for you. Our speaker is Deb Hadley from the Alexandria area. She is an awesome speaker, who will leave you inspired and blessed.

Our business meeting is on Friday afternoon, followed by dinner, and entertainment. We begin Saturday with devotions and end the day in worship with Bishop Bill Tesch. In between the Devotions and worship, there will be a Bible Study, our Keynote speaker, breakout sessions and plenty of fellowship. We will also be honoring our Mary Magdalene Award Recipients!

Is God calling you to leadership in the NWMN SWO? We need to elect the following: President, Treasurer, and three board members. Please prayerfully consider putting your name in nomination for one of the SWO board positions. I encourage you step out of your comfort zone and serve the Women of the Northwestern Minnesota synod. If you have questions about any of the board positions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your support these past five years. I'm so thankful for each one of you. May God richly bless you as you continue to live out our mission as BOLD WOMEN!

Peace and Blessings!

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Special points of interest:

- Convention Schedule
- Grove Lake LWR Project
- Silent Auction
- In-Kind Gifts
- Forms for First Timers and Convention Registration

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Northwestern MN SWO 36th Annual Convention & Gathering



Convention Schedule

*Christ the King Lutheran
1900 14th St. South
Moorhead, MN 56560*

Friday, September 20

12:00 - 1:00 PM	Registration
1:00 - 4:30 PM	Business Meeting
4:30 - 4:45 PM	Fellowship
4:45 - 5:00 PM	Devotions
5:00 - 6:00 PM	Banquet
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Entertainment, Desert & Hymns

Saturday, September 21

8:00 - 9:00 AM	Registration & Coffee
9:00 - 9:30 AM	Opening Devotions
9:30 - 10:30 AM	Bible Study: Pastor Genelle Netland
10:30 - 10:45 AM	Morning Break
10:45 - 12:00 PM	Keynote Speaker: Deb Hadley
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 - 1:45 PM	Breakout Session 1
1:45 - 2:00 PM	Afternoon Break
2:00 - 2:45 PM	Breakout Session 2
2:45	Closing Worship with Bishop Bill Tesch

Keynote Speaker



Deb Hadley—Inspirational Speaker, Author and Mom from Alexandria, MN.
Be Kind. Give More. Stay Humble..
Shine God's love and light on all you meet, and God Bless you richly!

Silent Auction



Once again we will offer a silent auction at the NW MN SWO Convention on September 20 and 21.

All WELCA units are encouraged to create baskets to contribute to this auction. Popular themes for this auction have been: baby, gardening, spa, popcorn/ movie night, chocolates, homemade

items, fresh vegetables.

Proceeds from the auction will help to defray costs for women to attend the upcoming Triennial Convention.

Auction items may be brought to the convention on Friday, September 20th.



Accepting Nominations for Mary Magdalene Award

We are now accepting nominations for the Mary Magdalene Award. We will be honoring Women from our conferences at our annual convention. These special and treasured women will be given a rose, a certificate and a monetary donation to a charity of their choice that is associated with the Women of the ELCA. The nomination form can be found on the Synod website: www.nwmnsynod.org.



Please send your nomination form to:
Luella Thom PO Box 103 Carlos, MN 56319
Phone: 320-815-7701 or email: thom17@wisper-wireless.com



LEADERSHIP

- ✓ Inspire People
- ✓ Empower People
- ✓ Shared Vision
- ✓ Lead Change

At the convention this year, we will be electing a president, treasurer, and 3 board members (*the goal is to elect 1 board member from Conferences 1,2,3, 1 board member from Conferences 4,5,6, and 1 board member from Conferences 7,8.*) If you or if you know someone that would be interested in any of these positions, please contact :

Shawn Brunelle
205 Washington St SE
Warroad, MN 56673
218-386-3644
shwnbrll@gmail.com

In-Kind Gifts

Help your neighbors in need



Please bring gift cards for area charities. The gift cards can be in any amount, but from major stores like Target, Walmart, gas companies, major grocery stores, etc.



OUR MISSION

Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

OUR PURPOSE

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.



Grove Lake Church LWR Service Project

Grove Lake Lutheran Church near Pelican Rapids, Mn does a multi-generational 'God's Work/ Our Hands' LWR mission project together every year. Our WELCA women sew beautiful school kit bags, with Noisy Offering our Sunday School kids collect money to pay for the school supplies, in SS we teach faith-in-action lessons & show them where the LWR school kits go all over the world, then the WELCA ladies & SS kids fill the bags together and our men help box the school kits to take them to the LWR pick-up point in Fargo, ND. This year we did 105 LWR School Kits.



Spring Conference Gathering Highlights



Conference 7-Spring Gathering was held Monday, April 8, 2024, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls. The theme verses were Proverbs 4:26, "Give careful thought to the paths of your feet and be steadfast in all our ways" and Proverbs 3:6, "In all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straights." Pastor Eliza Johnson provided a devotional based on Proverbs 8 reminding us that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom and daily living with integrity is with God's wisdom. We are to live in God's way and only desire what God desires for us. The opening hymn, "Thine is the Glory" was sung. Music was provided by violinist Val Johnson and pianist Susie Sanner. The keynote speaker, Pastor Lynn Melchior presented a PowerPoint showing her Pilgrimage to Israel with other pastors in January of 2023. She showed the sites she visited which depicted the life of Jesus with Bible references listed. Pastor Lynn installed Cindy Kunde as Conference 7 Financial Recorder. The closing hymn "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" was sung. The meeting concluded with praying the Lord's Prayer and Benediction.



SIGN UP FOR DAILY GRACE

Daily Grace is an on-the-go companion for your journey, offering a faith reflection every day. Encounter God's extravagant, boundless and often surprising grace by signing up for a daily email message. You can also download the newly updated app for your IOS and Android devices.



Chicken Broccoli Rice Casserole

This Chicken Broccoli Rice Casserole is ultimate comfort food. With easy ingredients and the ability to make it ahead, this chicken broccoli and rice casserole will become part of the meal rotation.



★★★★★
4.87 from 15 votes

Prep Time	Cook Time	Total Time
5 mins	1 hr 5 mins	1 hr 10 mins

Course: Main Course Cuisine: American
 Keyword: chicken casserole, freezer friendly, make ahead
 Servings: 6 people Calories: 469kcal Author: Lisa Longley

Ingredients

- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 small yellow onion diced
- 16 ounces frozen broccoli
- 1 teaspoon onion powder optional
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder optional
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 10 ounces condensed cream of chicken soup (store bought or homemade)
- 1 cup milk (I used skim)
- 1 cup instant rice
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese divided
- 1 pound Gold'n Plump Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts diced (uncooked)
- 1 cup fried onions

Instructions

1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9 by 13 inch casserole dish with cooking spray.
2. In a large sauce pan, melt the butter. Add the onion, and cook until translucent, about 5 minutes. Stir in the broccoli, and cook until no longer frozen, about 5 minutes.



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Mark Your Calendar

SNOW Newsletter Deadline

Oct. 30, 2024



**First Timer's Grant Application
NW MN SWO Of The ELCA
Annual Convention**

Convention registration and lodging will be paid by the NW MN SWO with the local congregational unit responsible for transportation.

Selection Criteria:

- The woman has never attended a SWO Convention.
- Complete the question below of why you would like to attend the convention.
- Each congregational unit can have only one applicant.
More can apply, but we are limited to only 10 scholarships.
- The woman may or may not serve as a voting delegate, but is encouraged to attend the business meeting, as a learning experience.

Selection Procedure:

- All applications should be sent to the address below and a committee, appointed by the SWO President, comprised of board members, will review each application.
- All applications are due one month prior to the convention.
- The applicants who are chosen, based on the above criteria, will receive a phone call and letter informing her of the scholarship.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

E-Mail Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Congregational Unit and Town

Occupation

Interests

Why you would like to attend the Gathering

(Use the back of page if necessary.)

Deadline is August 15, 2024

Return to: Pamela Bowman, SWO Secretary
1817 Aspen Lane
Fergus Falls MN 56537
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701-789-0380

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Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization Convention
September 20 & 21, 2024 @ CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN
1900 - 14TH Street South, Moorhead, MN 56560

Convention Registration - ALL ATTENDEES MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM

EARLY .. Registration due by August 15, 2024

All registrations must be received by September 1st

NO CASH... CHECKS ONLY.... PAYABLE TO: NW MN SWO

All registrations MUST be postmarked on or before due dates. Full payment is required with registration form. No refunds after September 1st, however registrations are transferable.

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM ... WITH CHECK TO:

NWMN SWO CONVENTION
Attn: Luella Thom
PO Box 103
Carlos, MN 56319

Phone: 320-815-7701
Email: Thom17@wisper-wireless.com

*** Please make your own hotel reservations. See attached list

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ E-mail _____

Conference # _____ Name of Congregation _____ City _____

Are you the contact for your Congregation Unit? Yes _____ No _____

____ Voting Member (1 per Congregation) ____ Non-Voting ____ Conference Officer

Please register early to save money and facility Convention Planning!!

If postmarked before August 15 If postmarked after August 15

____ Friday & Saturday \$100.00 \$ 125.00

I will be attending banquet: Friday: _____ Saturday _____

Please indicate any special dietary needs: _____

For Office use only: Name: _____ Check # _____ Amt: _____



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NW MN SWO Convention September 20 - 21, 2024



Theme: Teach Me how to P.R.A.Y.

Matthew 7:7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened to you."



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