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Mission Statement of
Women of the ELCA

TO MOBILIZE
WOMEN TO ACT
BOLDLY ON THEIR
FAITH IN JESUS
CHRIST!

Purpose
Statement:

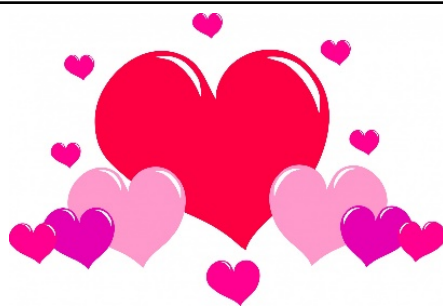
As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the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



Purpose Statement
of the Southwestern
Washington Synodical
Women's Organization

The purpose of this synodical women's organization shall be to assist congregational and inter-congregational units within its territory to fulfill the purpose of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.


Message from the President



You are precious in my sight and honored and I love you.
Isaiah 43:4

These are such comforting and marvelous words. God is with me. I can make it through this omicron variant! It's difficult, though, with churches making restrictions again and the fear of cases still rising! I do hope this letter finds YOU safe and healthy. We all need to continue our prayers for an end to this pandemic and help our friends where we can.

The board is planning a Bible study in the Spring with details on another page.

At the last board meeting it was decided that the board members would be calling all the churches in our Synod asking to be put in touch with a WELCA member or an active woman just for a friendly chat and to answer any questions. So, BE ready 

Blessings to you, Jan Saylor

Treasurer's Chest

First a big Thank you to all who sent in personal offerings to our convention, your gift is a blessing to many. I also want to let you know that I am working on an update to unit treasurer's names and addresses, if you have had a change in the last year please drop me a note and I will be sure to send a copy of the Congregational Unit Treasurers Guide. It may also be found on the Women of the ELCA web site under Tools for Leaders scroll to the bottom of the page and you will find Treasures Guides and Forms.

The following units I have recorded as sending in Offering with date:

All Saints Lutheran, Auburn 12/21	Bethel Lutheran, Brush Prairie 12/21
First Lutheran Community, Port Orchard 9/21	Christ Lutheran, Lakewood 8/21
First Lutheran, Poulsbo 8/21	Immanuel Lutheran, Centralia 11/21
Faith Lutheran, Shelton 12/21	Our Beautiful Savior, Vancouver 8/21
St. John's Lutheran, Chehalis 9/21	Peace Lutheran, Puyallup 12/21
St. Marks, Lacy 10/21	St. Paul, Vancouver 12/21
Silverdale Lutheran 10/21	The Luth. Church of The Good Sheppard, Oly 12/21
Trinity Lutheran, Tacoma 11/21	Zion Lutheran, Camas 11/21

If you do not see your church or unit offering that was sent in the months of Oct thru Dec 2121, please contact us. Please send all offerings to the P.O Box address on the last page of SWATCH.

Kathy Ifft SWO Treasurer

Synodical Treasurer's Notes

Dear Ladies,

I am writing this to update and touch base with our many Women's Groups. With the many changes we have gone through in the last two years I want to send greetings and assure you that we are still here to help all congregations in our synod to maneuver and strengthen for the present and future.

I am including a path to the Congregational Treasurers Guide found on the Women of the ELCA website. I find it is helpful to review this guide for changes that have happened in the last couple of years. This guide can be found following the Tools for Leaders heading at the top of the Women of the ELCA opening page online. Click on it and you will find the Treasurers guides and forms after scrolling down to the bottom of the page. There are many other opportunities/resources to be explored within the Women of the ELCA web site. Please explore the information which is vast and updated as needed.

As always please feel free to contact me with any questions or clarifications you need. Please be on the watch for your SWATCH Newsletter with local information and updates on events and gatherings in our synod.

Thank You,
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Check out these resources from the Women of the ELCA

- Women of the ELCA Web Page - Womenoftheelca.org
- Stay connected with *Bold Connections* - boldcafe.org
- *Gather magazine* – A mix of articles, theological reflections, devotions and stories of comfort and challenge that help readers grow in faith.

Spring Bible Study: Women of the Bible: Abigail

March 26, 2022 10:00 to 11:00 am PST

No Cost

Come hear how Abigail, a woman married to an abusive husband, saves the many lives of the male servants in her large household and eventually becomes the wife of the future King David.

Register at <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=magpslfab&oeidk=a07ej0jkn0dc205f4e9>

By March 25th to receive the Zoom link.

Leslie Woldseth is very excited to be the leader for the SWW SWO Bible study on March 26th. She will bring a story style teaching on Abigail, one of King David's wives. Leslie was laid off during the beginning of the pandemic and she spent her time putting together four teachings on women of the Bible. Abigail is the first and her favorite of the women.

Leslie loves to study the Bible and spends as much time as she can reading from God's Word. She completed the synod's PSALM program (Program for Strengthening Active Lay Ministry) and is a lay minister. Leslie discovered the Scriptures at a time of great emotional pain and she was ministered to by the comfort it brought. She began to memorize the promises of the Lord and continues to memorize and cling to them.

Your New Board Members

We wish to thank Mary Ann Nelson and Sue Anna Tucker for their time and service to the SW Synod Women's Board and welcome two new members; Leslie Woldseth and Carol Kriesel. Leslie introduces herself below:

Leslie Woldseth is the wife of Mark Woldseth, a retired ELCA pastor; the mother of four grown children and grandmother of two little boys. She is a composer of church music and playwright. She wrote and produced the musical passion play *Parables*. Leslie also composed a children's Christmas musical *The Time has Come*. She serves as the church musician at *United Lutheran Church in Tacoma*.

Leslie currently works as a paraeducator in a high school special education program and also teaches piano lessons. She enjoys studying the Bible, doing pulpit supply and speaking to women. She has spoken at women's retreats and for church women's groups. Leslie is very excited to serve on the board for the SWW Synodical Women's Organization!

The Swatch Newsletter

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Southwestern Washington Synod Churches listed by Clusters

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Coastal Cluster

Aberdeen, Amazing Grace
Chinook, Chinook
Grayland, Twin harbors
Hoquim, Saron Lutheran-First
Presbyterian
Naselle, Naselle
Ocean Park, Ocean Park
Ocean Shores, Galilean Chapel
South Bend, First

Evergreen Cluster

Auburn, All Saints
Auburn, Family of Grace
Auburn, Messiah
Auburn, New Wave Lutheran
Mission
Enumclaw, Hope
Enumclaw, Trinity
Federal Way, Calvary
Federal Way, Chinese
Fellowship
Federal Way, Christ
Federal Way, Light of Grace
Tacoma, Resurrection

Ft Vancouver Cluster

Brush Prairie, Bethel
Camas, Zion
La Center, Highland
Stevenson, Shepherd of the
Hills
Vancouver, Beautiful Saviour
Vancouver, Family of Christ
Vancouver, Immanuel
Vancouver, Messiah
Vancouver, St Andrew
Vancouver, St Paul
Vancouver, Trinity

Narrows Cluster

Fircrest, Redeemer
Gig Harbor, Agnus Dei
Gig Harbor, Peninsula
Lakebay, Key Peninsula
Lakewood, Christ
Lakewood, St John's
Tacoma, Bethlehem
Tacoma, Emmanuel
Tacoma, First
Tacoma, Gloria Dei
Tacoma, Hope
Tacoma, Mision de Belen
Tacoma, Peace
Tacoma, Pueblo de Dios
Tacoma, Salishan Mission
Tacoma, St Marks's by the
Narrows
Tacoma, United
University Place, Mt Cross

Olympic Cluster

Belfair, Christ
Bremerton, Emmanuel
Bremerton, Family of God
Bremerton, Our Saviour's
Forks, Prince of Peace
Port Angeles, Holy Trinity
Port Ludlow, Peace Lutheran
Fellowship
Port Townsend, Grace
Port Orchard, Elim
Port Orchard, First
Port Orchard, Spirit of Life
Poulsbo, First
Poulsbo, Vinland
Sequim, Dungeness Valley
Silverdale, Silverdale

Mt Rainier Cluster

Bonney Lake, Creator
Edgewood, Mountain View
Puyallup, Celebration!
Puyallup, Peace
Puyallup, Pilgrim
Spanaway, Bethany
Spanaway, Spanaway
Sumner, Christ the King
Tacoma, Lutheran Church of
Christ the King
Tacoma, Trinity
Tacoma, University
Congregation-PLU

South Sound Cluster

Centralia, Immanuel
Chehalis, St John's
Elma, Faith
Lacey, St Mark
Olympia, Gloria Dei
Olympia, Gull Harbor
Olympia, St Christopher's
Episcopal
Olympia, The Lutheran Church
of The Good Shepherd
Shelton, Faith
Shelton, Living Stones Prison
Congregation
Yelm, Emanuel

Three Rivers Cluster

Castle Rock, St Paul
Kelso, Gloria Dei
Longview, Bethany
Longview, Stella Chapel
Longview, Trinity
Winlock, St Paul



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