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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



CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! I don't know about you, but those words bring such hope for me. Hope that our future is safe. Hope that the conflicts in the world can be settled. Hope that the word of God reaches more families. Hope that Lutheran women will come together and share in God's word and grow in our faith. **WOW**, that's a lot of hope, but God is Almighty!!

Quite a few ladies shared in an excellent Bible study on Abigail presented by Leslie Woldseth, one of our new Board members. If you missed it, maybe she'll share another woman of the Bible.

YES, the convention is moving ahead with exciting plans. It will be Oct. 8th, so mark it on your calendar now!! Our speaker will a new pastor in our Synod, Chavaleh Forgey, from Christ Lutheran in Federal Way.

In closing, I pray that this season of Spring brings you **HOPE** that will affect you in a positive way.

Blessings, Jan Saylor

Treasurer's Chest

Hello all I hope you are ready to get back out there and that all stays safe so that we may resume gatherings. I have some information to share for Unit Treasurers if they are new to the position or have done this service for years. The Women of the ELCA web site under "Tools for Leaders" has loads of cool stuff to help, forms, and who, what, where and when of it all. Unit offerings are sent to me @ PoBox 73754 Puyallup WA 98373 Thank offerings are sent directly to Churchwide Women of the ELCA. Always feel free to call or Email me with any Questions or Suggestions
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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.*

The Swatch Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATE:

WELCA CONVENTION – **OCTOBER 8, 2022** – ST. MARKS LUTHERAN CHURCH, TACOMA, WA
Registration information will be posted in July. We are looking forward to once again having an in-person event.

WELCA Retreat

Save the Date...We have a date and are on for **April 28th-30th 2023** at Black Diamond Camp. If you or your women's group want to help with this wonderful fellowship weekend contact Kathy Ifft. More details to follow as this evolves.

Synod Educational Gatherings

GROW TOGETHER

The Synod will host **3 regional Educational Gatherings that are open to all congregational members and rostered leaders this spring.** This day together will include worship, two workshop sessions on a variety of interesting topics for church and individual growth, a keynote, and a boxed lunch. Meet new people from area churches, too.

ALL ARE INVITED!

Hours: 10am-3:30pm all sites.

Fee: \$25 each, includes lunch, workshops, worship, keynote, displays. (Congregations may register several people with 1 check.)

Please pre-register so we can be sure to have a lunch for you. Choose the best date and location that works for you to attend:

Saturday, April 30th at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Port Angeles

Register here for Port Angeles site: <https://cvent.me/Kbeq5l>

Saturday, May 14th at St. Mark's Lutheran Church by the Narrows, Tacoma

Register here for Tacoma site: <https://cvent.me/n8VMRO>

Saturday, June 4th at Trinity Lutheran Church, Longview

Register here for Longview site: <https://cvent.me/kMxnR7>

Keynote: Joey Ager, our Bishop's Associate and DEM, will speak on "Sacred Encounter". As a community organizer, Joey will talk about how we grow together as congregations, communities and society. We'll look at sacred encounters- with others, our selves, the land and God- as a foundational practice of being community together and of growing in new directions.

Workshops:

- **Welcoming People with Disabilities** (Tacoma site only)
- **I Love to Tell the Story: writing grants that can help fund your mission and vision** (All Sites)
- **Finding Resurrection in the Tomb** (Building relationships with "out of the box" ministries to renew your ministry) (All Sites)
- **Growing Young as we Grow Together** (Supporting and building Birth to Age 35 Ministries) (All Sites)
- **All Creation Sings** (new ELCA hymnal introduction) (All sites)
- **Healing from the Legacy of Indian Boarding Schools and the Orange Banner Project** (Synod Native American Work Team discusses the schools and the orange banner project supporting the trauma recovery.) (All Sites)
- **Cultivating Spiritual Imagination** (Port Angeles and Tacoma sites only)
- **Faith Land Stewardship** (Discerning the future of your church's land) (All Sites)

Questions: Call Synod Office 253-535-8300 or email us .

You can also find this information on our Synod website at <https://swwasynod.org/events/> and click on "Educational Gatherings" on the list.

All you can do is have faith. Faith that the cross has saved you. Relentless forward momentum in this race we call Christian life is reliant on faith and trust in the unseen and the intangible. Run with perseverance. Look to the cross. Jesus will perfect your faith.

from "Running the race" by Maggie Olson in the April 2017 [Gather](#) magazine.

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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