Diversity

2020 Justice Event

March 28, 2020
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church
8227 Hamilton Blvd.
Breinigsville, PA 18031

Justice Committee
Kathy Walter
Sandi Wagaman

Fall Cluster Meeting Topic

Feeling Safe

Presentation and discussion on ways to feel safe in this world; how to think about safety and how to achieve it - and even why not feeling safe is perfectly ok.

31st Annual Convention

May 16, 2020
Hope Lutheran Church
240 S 8th St
Tatamy, PA 18085

Newsletter of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Women of the ELCA

June 2019
**Communication**: Think of that word. It actually comes from two Latin words, “Communis”, and “Communicare”. Communis is a noun which means “to share”, and Communicare is a verb which means to make something common. As W-ELCA members, we have so much to share and make common to all. Share and Communicate the Good News of Christ Jesus. Communicate with invitations to church and your W-ELCA meetings. Communicate with your actions as well as your words. Communicate by taking a stand for justice in our communities and the world. Communicate by telling the old stories, and by reading God’s Living Word.

*Sometimes Lord, I feel as though I’m a fledgling. Show me what you would have me do, and help me communicate your love to others.*

Your Sister in Christ,
Lenna
Lenna Harris, President W-ELCA, NEPA

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**Where Does the Money Go?**

Hi, I’m Linda Ballew-Johnson, your SWO Treasurer. If you are like me, you wonder where the dues and offerings go. How is the money used? On what is it spent?

The money you send in to the Synod Women’s Organization (SWO) comes to me, your treasurer. Here’s what I do with it:

- For regular offering (this includes cluster offerings), 70% goes to Churchwide – that’s the Women of the ELCA in Chicago. The remaining 30% or roughly $2200 is used to fund synod events.
- Should any income come into your treasurer for Triennial, Churchwide, Designated or Thankoffering events – it goes directly, in total, to Churchwide - directed to those specific purposes.

What Synod events are supported? The three main events are Annual Convention, Justice and Fall Fun/Service Events. Convention costs us about $2500 and registrations usually total around $1500. The Justice and Fall Fun/Service Events usually cost us about $1000 each and registrations usually bring in $500 each. So, your treasury covers $1,000 for the Convention, and $500 each for the Justice event and the Fall Fun/Service Event. The remaining $200 supports scholarships to attend other events such as Region 7 Events.

If you have any how-to or why questions or just want to chat, feel free to call me or email me.

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**Welcome New W-ELCA Chapter**

We are pleased to announce the formation of a special new W-ELCA Unit at Muhlenberg College in Allentown. This group will be shepherded by Pastor Kristen Glass-Perez, the college chaplain and director of religious life at Muhlenberg.

In her application for a special WELCA Campus Unit, Rev. Perez said she is “excited about exploring the possibilities for new programs, partnerships, and service with Women of the ELCA.”

The new campus unit plans to address human trafficking, domestic violence, immigration, and racial justice.

We are so excited to include these ladies as part of NEPA, and we look forward to their dedication and enthusiasm.

Please keep this chapter in mind when scheduling events within your chapter since they are very much interested in subjects we are currently addressing.
Our Fall Fun and Service Event is overnight, September 27, 28, 2019.
Overnight guests is limited to 25; so first come, first to get a reservation.
$60 for overnight $30 for Saturday Sessions

Committee Members
Brenda Benner
Lenna Harris
Joyce Wallace
Karen Woolley

Watch your mail for registration information this summer.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 30TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
of
NEPA Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Approximately 28 women gathered in the sanctuary for our worship service which was conducted by The Rev Nancy I. Moore and Bishop Zeiser. Women from the board served as ushers, lector, and assistants. For the 11th year, Bishop Zeiser addressed the women and spoke about the changing culture of the Lutheran Church in NEPA from the German heritage of its founding.

*I Love to Tell the Story* was our theme and in keeping with our theme, our keynote speaker, Women of the ELCA Board Representative, Joy Michalicek, from Minnesota spoke about some of the women that have imparted some very interesting faith happenings to the group.

The ladies from Trinity Lutheran Church outdid themselves with the luncheon they provided, and the hospitality they extended to everyone.

The afternoon was very eventful with the election of board members and 2020 triennial voting delegates.

Thank you for all those that assisted in making this event a success, and for the wonderful women who attended.

NEPA Women of the ELCA Board Members
President Lenna Harris St. John’s, Nazareth
Vice President Kathleen Mathews St. John’s, Williams Twp.
Secretary Sharon Bortz St Paul’s, Breinigsville
Treasurer Linda Ballew-Johnson Zion’s Union, Maxatawny
Mission: Stewardship
Joyce Wallace St. John’s, Nazareth
Karen Woolley Hope Lutheran, Tatamy
Mission: Justice
Kathy Walter Weisenberg, Weisenberg
Sandi Wagaman St. Paul’s, Breinigsville
30th Annual Convention - May 18, 2019

WORSHIP

Installation of 2019 NEPA Women of the ELCA Board Members

Joyce Wallace
Keynote Speaker—Joy Michalicek

Delegates for 11th Triennial Convention, Phoenix, AZ

Trinity's Women of the ELCA