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MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!



RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit. ~ Psalm 51:10-12

I have been fortunate to be an assisting minister at my church. I lead prayers, assist with communion and, if my turn happens to fall on Ash Wednesday, I am honored to mark my fellow believers with the sign of the cross. This is a very humbling experience, especially when the people who stand before me are my husband, who has marked my own forehead with ashes for 40 years; next, the retired pastor who recently lost his wife of 60+ years; and finally, the four-month-old baby whose mother presented him to me to receive his cross. These are people I know and care about. This truly fills me with awe and wonder at the greatness of our God and the finiteness of our mortal life.

Now for the “news.” The first of several upcoming events in our Synod will take place in April when several of our conferences will hold a Day of Renewal or Morning of Renewal. [Chippewa Valley](#) will hold theirs on April 11 at Spirit Lutheran in Eau Claire; the following Saturday, [St. Croix Valley's](#) event is on April 18, Apple River will gather on April 25; and [Chequamegon Conference](#) will follow on April 26. Heart of the North's event is planned for October 10. Details on these events may be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our annual [Synod WELCA retreat](#) at Luther Park Bible Camp will be held on Monday and Tuesday,

June 29-30. Pati Kachel will be our guest speaker on the theme of “God is Writing Our Story.” Pati is known to many of us for her portrayals historical figures and this time spent with her will no doubt be a joy. Of course, there will be free-time activities – including some new activities – with the chance to enjoy the natural beauty of the camp as well as time to fellowship with friends old and new. *Please note that this is a change from our typical Wednesday-Thursday retreat and different dates from what had previously been announced.*

Our **Triennial WELCA Gathering** will be held July 16-19 in Des Moines, Iowa with the theme “**I am Worthy.**” Although we do not seem to have enough women signed up to charter a bus from here, the Central Synod of Wisconsin will have a bus leaving from Madison on Thursday, July 16. The cost for this is \$150 and you may contact Donna Peterson at dpeter8182@gmail.com or (608) 574-5389 for more information and to sign up for that bus. Our board would like to get a better idea of how many women from our Synod will be attending the Gathering. If you are planning to go, email me at presidentnwswiswo@gmail.com, moejoan@gmail.com or call me at 715-533-3820. More information on the gathering may be found at <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>.

I wish you peace and forgiveness this Lenten season.

Faithfully yours,
Joan Moe
SWO President
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**DEADLINE
FOR THE NEXT
NORTHWESTER
MAY 20, 2026**

OUR MANY BLESSINGS

Here we are in March. Wow, how time does fly! During the cold days I did not mind the time to fly, did you? We did have one church service canceled which I was grateful for because of the traveling to our country churches.

Now, looking ahead to Lent and getting together for our Spring meetings, it is great to see all of you come out to hear great speakers and the music is very moving as well. You all have such beautiful voices and I hope you sing from your hearts and remember that by singing you are praying twice. I was told this many years.

If you have a great speaker, please suggest them for our speakers list. Please check with the individual before asking they be added. Please be sure to include their name, address, telephone number and/or email address, and subjects they speak on. It is also helpful to know if the speaker requests a fee.

Have a wonderful Spring. Are you going to attend the July Gathering in Iowa? Look for more information later in this newsletter. Our Northwest Synod of WI Convention is set for September 26, 2026 at Bethany Lutheran in Rice Lake. Keep these meetings in your thoughts.

Blessings to you all and Just Keep Singing!

Carol Medchill
Vice President



**FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF
GOD'S GIFTS**

To all the WELCA units in the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, thank you for your faithful stewardship. It is through you that the Synodical Women's Organization and the Churchwide Women's Organization can fulfill their mission and ministries. The SWO fiscal year ended January 31st and the offerings from your units totaled \$13,657 and from that \$7000 was shared with Churchwide Women of the ELCA. We did not meet our offering goal of \$16,000, which is also our offering goal for this next fiscal year, but we financially supported Bible Camps, Scholarships for Lay School participants and other ministries with the offerings you shared with us.

Your offerings from conference events was outstanding totaling \$4,481.50 and was sent in full to Churchwide WELCA. These offerings are truly a blessing for Churchwide Women of the ELCA.

REMINDERS:

I will gladly e-mail or mail the 2026 offering guide. This will help you if you're unsure of where to send offerings and which form to use. Please submit Form A with all your offerings to me and Form B for gifts going to churchwide.

Now is the time to send the yearly \$30 for the Convention Expense Fund (if you haven't yet). Each congregational unit shall submit this yearly to the SWO treasurer to help defray the expenses of the convention, enabling a lower convention registration fee and encouraging more to attend. Our next convention is September 26 at Bethany Lutheran in Rice Lake.

Encourage your Thrivent members to request **Thrivent Action Team grants** – each member can request two yearly, each for \$250. These can be used to purchase batting and other quilting supplies, items for Lutheran World Relief kits, diapers for the food pantry - consider the needs of your congregation or community and apply for the Thrivent Action Team grants.

Units are encouraged to collect a Regular Offering every time they meet (Bible Study, fellowship over lunch, making quilts, assembling kits, planning an event). The unit treasurer shares one half of the offerings received with the Synodical Women's Organization, who then shares one half of that amount with the churchwide organization of Women of the ELCA. In summary, your unit offering supports the missions of your congregation, and the Synodical and the Churchwide Women of the ELCA.

Thank you for your faithfulness and your offerings of love for women ministries.

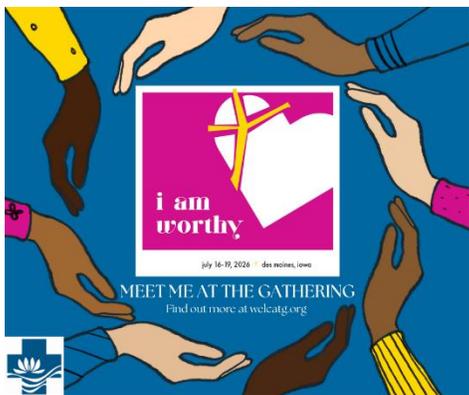
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SWO Treasurer

**SWO of the NW Synod
Biennial Conference**

Our synodical WELCA biennial convention will be held Saturday, September 26, 2026 at Bethany Lutheran, Rice Lake. We will be electing new board members. The theme for the gathering and more details will be announced.



Triennial Gathering in 2026



You are worthy. Come to the WELCA Triennial Gathering and invite the women and girls in your life to join you in Des Moines, Iowa, July 16-19, 2026.

If you have experienced a Triennial Gathering and found it life-changing, invite five women from your congregation to attend. Start a lemonade stand-themed fundraiser to help support their participation. [Click here to learn how to get started.](#)

At the end of February, almost 800 women from across the ELCA were registered and we have at least 18 from our synod who will attend.

Find information on the gathering at: <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>.

CONFERENCES

Chequamegon Conference

Barb Krug

The Chequamegon Conference “Spring Rally” is set for Sunday, April 26, 2026 from noon to 3 pm. Trinity Lutheran in Unity, WI is hosting the gathering. Click [here](#) for the flyer. Contact Barb Krug by phone at 715-965-5696 or email barbkrug@charter.net for more information.



Apple River Conference

Spring Fling Sat. April 25, 2026

“I Need a Faith Lift!”

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” *Hebrews 11:1*

Guest Speaker:
(Helda Pay) Penne Fewall

8:00 - Registration

9:00 - Program

Registration fee is \$15 and includes lunch.

Hosted by: Luck Lutheran
510 E Foster Ave
Luck, WI

Bone Lake Lutheran, Luck

Joan Sorenson, WELCA co-president

It was such a pleasure to host all who came to the September 6th “Change it Up” gathering. We enjoyed a delightful program with speaker Mary Segerstrom and were able to tell everyone about two of our outreaches the Polk County Fair Booth and distribution of winter outerwear through “Gift of Warm Clothes.” We also have been able to enjoy our quilting groups with the ladies providing 83 quilts to Lutheran World Relief along with 107 School Kits, 24 Personal Care Kits, 28 Baby Care Kits and 4 Fabric Kits plus we had one High School Graduate who received a color choice handmade quilt. Two baptized babies received quilts and 4 young people received handmade crocheted crosses.

We maintain the kitchen at church as we enjoy “Coffee and..” most Sundays after church. A Spring Fling (garage sale) is

held in the spring and the first Saturday of Hunting we have a Craft and Bake Sale which help us to send youth to Luther Point Bible Camp (14 this year) and support activities of the youth. We also support the church general fund, Operation Christmas for Polk County, Salvation Army Backpack Program, Unity Lion’s Building Beds, a community Thanksgiving Dinner, Luck Fire Department. We enjoy being God’s hands with Him in our heart.

St. Croix Valley Conference

Anne Janda

Morning of Renewal

Sat. April 18, 2026

8:30 - Doors open (Registration/Coffee)

9:15 - Program

11:30 - Lunch

Registration fee is \$15 and includes lunch.

Hosted by: Cross Lutheran
1246 Co Rd TT
Roberts, WI

The event flyer is included later in this newsletter. Feel free to forward this to friends and family who may be interested.

Heart of the North Conference

Janice Ahneman

SAVE THE DATE! The Heart of the North Conference Board has begun planning a Day of Renewal. The Date is October 10, 2026 and the place is Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake. More information will be coming. Another Save the Date. The Synod Womens' Organization has begun planning the biennial convention. The date is September 26, 2026. The place is Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice

Lake. The theme is "Who is My Neighbor". Watch for more information to come.

(As the Northwester comes out after this event, I am writing as if it has already happened.) Augustana in Cumberland held a Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper on February 17th. The event was open to the public and well attended. I researched Shrove Tuesday. While not mentioned explicitly in the Bible, it acts as a traditional Christian day of repentance (or "shriving") and preparation as occurring the day before Ash Wednesday and the Lenten fast. It signifies confessing sins, seeking forgiveness, and using up rich foods like fats and eggs before the 40-day Lenten season. It is also the last day of Mardi Gras, the last festival before Lent. Augustana will hold Lenten Soup and Sandwich Suppers before each Wednesday evening Lenten service.

Dairyland Conference
Amelie Lindberg-Livingston

Immanuel Lutheran in Strum, WI is hosting their [Annual Prayer Breakfast](#) on April 22, 2026 at 9:30 am. Jamie Halverson, pilot for Wycliffe Bible Translators, is the guest speaker. More information is available on the flyer included later in this newsletter.



HAPPENINGS

Palm Sunday Path

Join members of churches across the Chippewa Valley March 29, 3 to 4 pm, on The Palm Sunday Path to stand for truth telling, and the honor, dignity and worth of every child of God. We will gather at Trinity Lutheran in Eau Claire, following the Gospel of Matthew 25:31-

47, and march for those who are sick, thirsty, hungry, strangers, naked and imprisoned.

We will march to proclaim God’s values in contrast to the dominant politics of hate, greed, and injustice as we see the powerful in our country moving toward authoritarianism. We will be Christ’s body now. Be part of this important event that will unite with thousands across the state, the Midwest and the nation and stand as Christ’s body now. A [flyer](#) with more details is included later in this newsletter and can be found online [here](#).



Walking Together



The Northwest Synod of WI will hold the annual Walking Together event on Saturday, March 18 from 8 am to 4 pm. Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake is hosting the event.

Registration fee is \$25 (includes lunch) and the opportunity to hear guest speaker, Natalia Terfa, a Lutheran pastor, podcaster, and author who lives in Minneapolis.

Participants will have the opportunity to select from a variety of workshops to attend that will focus on ministering beyond the church walls. A [flyer](#) with more information is included later in this newsletter. Register online by clicking [here](#).



Let’s Learn Spanish!



“Let’s Learn Spanish!” is a series of workshops offered through the Synod’s Neighbor to Neighbor ministry and led by Deacon Lidixe Montoye. Trinity Lutheran in Eau Claire hosts the two-day sessions scheduled on the upcoming dates:

Let’s Learn Spanish! 101
March 19-20, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
Basic grammar, reading practice, cooking and introductions of Lutheran liturgies in Spanish.

Let’s Learn Spanish! 102
April 9-10, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
Go deeper in grammar where we will learn together about spelling rules, pronouns, articles, prepositions, verbs and more. We will do some writing and conversations with native Spanish speakers.

Spanish for Rostered Leaders & SAMs
April 13-14, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
Learn the structure of Lutheran services Spanish, including baptisms, confirmation and quinceañera special services

Click [here](#) to register online for these workshops and find more details. The [flyer](#) for the March 19-20 workshop is included later in this newsletter.

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Vacant

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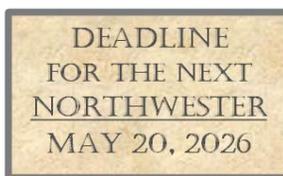


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www.facebook.com/WomenoftheNorthwestSynod/

Articles/photos of your W/ELCA activities are welcome.



The NORTHWESTER

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition of the NORTHWESTER. This digital publication continues to be a work in progress and your ideas and comments are welcome! Submit individual comments and ideas, as well as news and photos from your conference, congregation, or women's group to Kim Vlcek at vlcekk@yahoo.com.



Women of the ELCA

Our Mission – Mobilize 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.

Women of the ELCA -- Northwest Synod of Wisconsin -- Synodical Women's Organization
CONGREGATIONAL UNIT CONTACTS FOR YEAR _____

NAME OF CHURCH

Conference

Location, if different than mailing address

Mailing address of Church

Church Phone Number

Email address

CONTACT PERSON AND/OR PRESIDENT

Name

Address

Phone

Email Address

TREASURER

Name

Address

Phone

Email Address

PLEASE return with current information electronically at your earliest convenience:

• **Your CONFERENCE Representative**

Apple River- Suzanne Grill, 2269 211th Street, Luck, WI 54853-2030 sk_grill@yahoo.com

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Thank you!



Let's LEARN Spanish!

A two-day Interactive Language **101** Learning Class

March 19 & 20 + 9:30-2:30
Trinity Lutheran Church + Eau Claire, WI

Class Schedule:

Day 1: Basic Grammar through poetry, readings, and more.

Day 2: Be ready to go grocery shopping, cook a Mexican meal, share food, and learn Lutheran liturgies - Todo en ESPANOL!



Registration:

Registration Limited to 12
\$100 per participant
<https://nswwi.org/neighbor-to-neighbor>





WALKING TOGETHER

Church Without Walls

March 21, 2026

8:00 - 4:00

\$25 Per Participant

Bethany Lutheran Church - Rice Lake, WI

Keynote Speaker: Natalia Terfa



Register and Details Here:

<https://nswi.org/walking-together-event>



Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

FOR LOVE OF NEIGHBOR

A PALM SUNDAY PATH TO UNITY,
WELCOME, AND INCLUSION



MARCH 29, 2026
3:00-4:00PM

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
PARKING LOT**

1314 E LEXINGTON BLVD,
EAU CLAIRE WI

Communities gathering in solidarity for:

- Peaceful witness of faith
- Building community with our neighbors
- Uplifting the core Christian values to care for the hungry, the thirsty, the strangers, the sick, the naked, the prisoners (Matt 25:31-47)



ELCA WOMEN'S CHIPPEWA VALLEY CONFERENCE
DAY OF RENEWAL | 2026

CARING FOR GOD'S
CREATION
BEGINNING WITH YOU

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

SPIRIT LUTHERAN

1310 MAIN ST. | EAU CLAIRE

\$25 REGISTRATION FEE
(INCLUDES LUNCH)

COME BE PART OF THIS YEAR'S DAY OF
RENEWAL, AS WE FOCUS ON BODY, MIND,
AND SPIRIT — AND DISCOVER HOW
CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION
BEGINS WITH YOU.

REGISTRATION AND
PAYMENT ARE DUE BY
MARCH 22.

ELCA WOMEN'S CHIPPEWA VALLEY CONFERENCE
DAY OF RENEWAL

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION: BEGINNING WITH YOU

SPIRIT LUTHERAN • 1310 MAIN ST. • EAU CLAIRE

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

(REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS: 8:00 - 8:45 AM)

ACTIVITIES (YOU CHOOSE):

SELF-DEFENSE • PRAYER/MEDITATION • MAHJONG • GREEN TEAM TOUR/RECYCLING

COMMON SCAMS & FRAUD

JEFFERY KERSTEN, OUTREACH SPECIALIST • DIVISION OF TRADE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

COST: \$25.00 PER PERSON • MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WELCA

PAYMENT IS REQUIRED AT TIME OF REGISTRATION. NO REFUNDS!

LUNCH IS INCLUDED WITH COST OF REGISTRATION. PLEASE CHECK BELOW IF YOU REQUIRE A GLUTEN-FREE MEAL.

SEND REGISTRATION AND CHECK TO:

SPIRIT LUTHERAN • ATTN: JULIE CARR • 1310 MAIN ST., EAU CLAIRE, WI 54701

QUESTIONS?: JULIE CARR • 715-225-2133 • CARRJK0825@GMAIL.COM

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT BY MARCH 22



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE # _____ CHURCH & CITY _____

PLEASE CHECK HERE IF YOU REQUIRE A GLUTEN-FREE LUNCH:

Morning of Renewal
St. Croix Valley Conference
Saturday, April 18, 2026
Cross Lutheran Church
1246 Co. Rd. TT
Roberts, WI

Theme:
"The Freedom that God Provides Through Forgiveness"

If you have experienced betrayal or have been wounded by someone in your life, you'll want to hear Rebekah's encouraging discoveries to learn how to let go of the burdens of anger and bitterness so that you can experience the freedom that God provides through forgiveness.

Rebekah is a Christian speaker who shares events from her life that:

- shaped who she has become,
- taught her lessons she never thought she'd need to learn,
- forged a strength she never knew she would need.

Encouraging, uplifting, and insightful, Rebekah is a captivating and unforgettable storyteller. Her vulnerability is inspiring and eye-opening. She will share with you the lessons that God taught her so that you can discover that forgiveness is possible no matter the circumstance.



Speaker:
Rebekah Storey

Schedule:
8:30 am - Registration
9:15 am - Program
11:30 am - Lunch

Registration fee: \$15.00/person



You're invited to Immanuel Lutheran's Prayer Breakfast.

Where: Strum, WI

Date: Wednesday April 22nd 2026

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Jamie Halverson

Topic: Pilot for Wycliffe Bible Translators

RSVP by April 15th or as soon as possible

Church 715-695-3511

Karen Franson 715-695-3553

Jamie and his family will be joining us from Papua New Guinea. He is the youngest son of Dennis & Ellen Halverson. In 2004 he graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Missionary Aviation-Flight Emphasis from Moody Bible Institute. He joined the WBT in 2004, and moved to PNG in 2006, where he has served as a missionary pilot/mechanic supporting Bible translation for the past 20 years. Jamie flies a Cessna 206. The Cessna is a versatile, six seat, high wing utility aircraft known as the SUV of the air. It's excellent for families, cargo, and bush flying due to its robust build, large cargo doors, and ability to operate from short, unimproved strips. He met his wife, Lisa in 2005 when she joined WBT, in 2007 Lisa arrived in PNG as a language intern with WBT. Jamie and Lisa married in 2009 and have 4 children, Thad, Thea, Zeke, & Ziah.

CHEQUAMEGON CONFERENCE WELCA SPRING RALLY

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

(Trying something new)



NOON – 3:00 P.M.

Trinity Lutheran Church 201 S Washington St. Unity, WI

Lunch at Noon

To include a presentation by Joleen Schade from [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#).

Guest Speaker: Kathy Schwanke

Kathy is a mom, recovering people-pleasing perfectionist, and public speaker with one mission; she loves to introduce people to Jesus through the word of God. Kathy is a gardener but also a Sower of God's Word for our busy world.

Business Meeting and Worship to end our day

\$20.00 per person, includes lunch and speaker

In-kind donations will go to [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#).

Items requested:

New twin size bedding, twin size mattress pads, blue comforters, pillows, monetary donations, Kwik Trip cards, gift cards to purchase above items; Amazon/Target/Walmart.

Please make checks payable to [WELCA](#) and send registration **BY APRIL 13** to:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 321 N Park Ave. Medford, WI 54451

Additional questions feel free to contact Dawn Harder @ 715-965-1487

Name(s): _____.

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_____.

Church: _____.

NORTHWEST SYNOD OF WISCONSIN



WELCA WOMEN'S RETREAT

God Is Writing Your Story

Speaker: Pati Kachel

<https://www.theparablefund.org/bio>

Monday and Tuesday, June 29 & 30

One day option available for Monday, June 29

\$95.00 (2 days) Early bird special available until 6/5/26

\$65.00 (Monday) Early bird special until 6/5/26

Luther Park Bible Camp

944 24 1/4 Street Chetek, WI

Contact Barb Krug for more information
715-965-5696 or barbkrug@charter.net



God is still writing
YOUR STORY, STOP
trying to steal the pen

Trust God ♡

SVG | PNG | DXF | EPS | VECTRAICE

2026

WELCA WOMEN'S RETREAT

INFORMATION SHEET

Mon. June 29 & Tue. June 30

Presenter: Pati Kachel

God Is Writing Your Story

Music: Sue Saarem

Hosted by: Women of the ELCA

Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

Jacki Johnson – coordinator 715-864-1489

Held at: Luther Park Bible Camp

944 24 ¼ Street Chetek, WI

Full 2 day - Retreat - Early Bird Registration \$95 postmarked by 6/5/26. \$120 postmarked after 6/5/26

This includes 4 meals, overnight lodging in a handicap accessible cabin, cabins sleep 6 women (per side – 2 sides), Speaker, camp activities, and costs to host the retreat.

Needed items for overnight stay: Bible and pen along with personal items, towels, pillows, bedding or sleeping bag, flashlight, swimsuit (if you want to swim), snacks, camera, and spending money.

Monday only, Early Bird Registration \$65 postmarked by 6/5/26. \$90.00 postmarked after 6/5/26

This includes 2 meals, Speaker, camp activities, and costs to host the retreat.

Needed items for one day retreat: Bible and pen along with swimsuit (if you want to swim), towel, camera, and spending money.

NO ONSITE Registration* and *No early check-ins for Cabins

No refunds, but registration can transfer to another woman

Registration: Monday – 9:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M. in the Ministry Center

First time participant orientation begins at 9:15 a.m. and 9:40 a.m.

A free will offering will be taken with proceeds going to

(Church Women's Group and Personal offerings are encouraged)

½ WELCA for Synod use

¼ Luther Park

¼ Feed My People

TO BE ECO FRIENDLY – PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN RE-FILLABLE WATER BOTTLE
WATER JUGS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CAMP - PLASTIC BOTTLES OF WATER WILL NOT BE PROVIDED

REGISTRATION FORM

Early bird rates apply if postmarked by 6/5/2026



2026

WELCA WOMEN'S RETREAT

Mon. June 29 & Tue. June 30

Meet our Presenter: Pati Kachel

Pati loves God, His people, and His Holy Word....and she loves to tell stories about all of these!

Pati's stories are humorous, heartwarming and above all, Christ-centered.

Drawing on her Norwegian and German heritage, Pati weaves family stories and colorful characters into her homespun tales.

Check out The Parable Fund to learn more about Pati.

<https://www.theparablefund.org/bio>

*God is still writing
YOUR STORY, STOP
trying to steal the pen*

Trust God ♥

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-----PLEASE DUPLICATE THIS FORM AS NEEDED-----

Registration required by June 22nd

Make Checks Payable to **WELCA** (not your church or Luther Park)

Send to: Barb Krug @ 883 Brucker Street Medford, WI 54451

Questions: call or text 715-965-5696 email: barbkrug@charter.net

Name: First & Last (as you would like it on your name tag) _____

Is this your 1st retreat? _____ Would you like an orientation at the camp? _____

Address: _____

Email _____

Telephone: _____

Church Name and City _____

Attending only on Monday _____

Do you have any special dietary requirements? _____