



32nd SYNODICAL CONVENTION

Southwestern Minnesota
Synodical Women's Organization of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Friday, May 3 & Saturday, May 4, 2019

First Lutheran Church, 100 Church Street, Marshall MN

Theme: *Embraced by the Winds of Grace*

Theme Verse: "The wind blows to the south, and goes around to the north; round and round goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns." Ecclesiastes 1:6

Theme Hymn: "Spirit of Gentleness" 396 ELW

Offering Objectives:

50% to Churchwide Women of the ELCA

25% to Shetek Lutheran Ministries

25% to Lutheran Campus Ministry – Marshall



IN-Kind Offering:

School Kits for LWR with all LWR kits/quilts accepted

(semi available morning of May 4th)

Christian Literature *(van available morning of May 4th)*

for Hope Harbor: monetary donations; gift cards for Hy-Vee, Walmart or Amazon; toilet paper & paper towels *(items accepted both Friday & Saturday)*

Katie's Cans on dining room tables – bring your loose change!

Jett Skrien, Illusionist - Friday evening entertainment

Lydia Dávila – Churchwide Representative

Cindy McKittrick, Hope Harbor of Marshall – Saturday afternoon speaker

Hallelujah Hooligans of Baltic SD - Saturday closing worship

Plenary Sessions (and displays) on Friday, May 3rd

Worship, Speakers, Workshops, Displays on Saturday, May 4th

CONVENTION 2019 PUBLICITY PACKET COVER LETTER

This is your electronic Convention Publicity Packet

Read it over and share with all those interested in attending the

32nd Annual Convention

at First Lutheran Church, Marshall MN

Friday, May 3 & Saturday, May 4, 2019

MAKE AS MANY COPIES AS YOU NEED

If you know of someone without a computer, offer to print a copy for them!

CHANGE in the convention format

FRIDAY, MAY 3RD – will be the Plenary Sessions (all business sessions). *There will be some or all displays available that afternoon.* Visitors are welcome to attend – just make sure you pre-register.

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH – will be a day of Worship, Speakers, Workshops, Displays

The In-Kind offerings will be accepted on **Saturday morning only** with the exception of the items for Hope Harbor - they can be brought Friday or Saturday.

Please review the ‘IN-KIND OFFERING’ page so you know the items to bring along.

Questions can be directed to: Joan Iverson, SW MN SWO President

507-445-3388 (home) 507-227-8670 (cell) jackjoan73@gmail.com

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Southwestern



Minnesota Synod

DATE: March 2019
TO: Congregational Unit Presidents and Interested Women – Women of the ELCA
FROM: Joan Iverson, SW MN SWO President and the Synodical Women's Board

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! This electronic mailing is your **Publicity Packet** for the 32nd annual Convention of the SW MN Synodical Women's Organization – Women of the ELCA. Please read it carefully and pass on the information to **ALL WOMEN** in your congregational unit.

Being this is the only publication you will receive (there are no packets mailed anymore) – please make as many copies of the packet that you need and distribute them to the women of your unit. If you know of someone without a computer, print a copy for them. I'm sure they will appreciate your time and effort!

This one and a half day convention will be held at FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, 100 Church Street, Marshall, MN. The Women of First Lutheran are really excited to have us come and they will be there with open arms!

The format of this convention has something new to it, so please pay close attention to the agenda for the one and a half day convention.

FRIDAY, MAY 3rd This will be an afternoon and evening of PLENARY SESSIONS. If that wording confuses you – in plain language we will be doing the BUSINESS of the convention on Friday this year. The voting members need to be there by 1:30 p.m. to register. YES, there will be coffee and a treat to greet you this year!! There will be some or all of the Displays for visiting available before the business begins. The business sessions will be held in the Dining Room of First Lutheran. There will be women there to direct you as you come in the door! We begin the session with Devotion/Prayer at 2:15 p.m. and then go into the orientation at 2:30. The BUSINESS will begin at 2:45 p.m. and we will break with a light meal around 5:00 p.m. followed by the rest of the business at 6:00 p.m. We hope to have the business wrapped up so that we can enjoy the entertainment of "Magic Time" by a Marshall resident, Jette Skrien. The evening will then end around 8:00 p.m. with Closing Vespers.

Each unit is allowed and strongly encouraged to have **ONE VOTING MEMBER** at the convention. With the different format we are using this year, on Friday, the voting members will be seated at tables (grouped by their conference). On Saturday – the voting members will be seated in pews towards the front of the Sanctuary – grouped by Conferences. ***Your unit is expected to pay the registration expense for your voting member.*** Please abide by the schedules published and your prompt attendance is appreciated!! If the voting member is unable to attend the convention, you may send someone else in her place. **Voting members will be electing a VICE PRESIDENT, a SECRETARY and 4 Board Members for 2 year terms. This year you will also be electing 9 TRIENNIAL VOTING MEMBERS and 9 ALTERNATE TRIENNIAL VOTING MEMBERS.** At the time of publication of this packet there are only 9 nominees for Triennial Voting Members. Please spread the word that we would like to have some more women nominated by convention time! Once the Voting Members from each Unit are registered a letter with more information on the voting process will be mailed to each Voting Member. Voting Members need to be registered by **APRIL 13th**. Please be on time with registrations so that those letters to the individual Voting Members can be mailed promptly!

With the business sessions being for the Voting Members, but the convention open to ALL WOMEN we will accept any VISITORS that want to come and sit in on the business and enjoy the evening meal and entertainment. We understand that sometimes those women serving as Voting Members do travel a distance carpooling with other Visitors. The only thing we do ask ... **If you are a visitor coming on Friday we do need you to pre-register.**

There will **NOT** be any collecting of the In-Kind offerings for LWR on Friday. The only exception will be that you can bring the items for Hope Harbor on Friday if you want.

SATURDAY, MAY 4th

It is the hope of the synodical board that the business will be completed on Friday leaving this day of the convention to be enriched and blessed by the Worship, Speakers, Workshops and Displays. All voting members will still be required to be seated in the specified pews by 8:15 a.m. in case there is still business to tend to or to close the business session. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m., with coffee/treat waiting for you! You can come anytime after 7:00 a.m. to joyfully bring the In-Kind Offerings and visit Displays which open at 8 a.m. Opening Worship with Holy Communion will begin at 8:30 a.m. and we hope to be closing the convention by 3:30 p.m. Please remember that these times can change once the convention begins.

Saturday will be the IN-KIND OFFERING drop off (from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.) There will be a semi available for all those School Kits and all other LWR kits/quilts/blankets, etc., to be delivered. Christian Literature van will be there on Saturday morning only. The items for Hope Harbor can be brought on Friday or Saturday. (see list of items they could use)

Now that we've talked about the place, dates and schedule, we pray that you will make the effort to join your Lutheran sisters in Christ for a half day of business and a full day of inspiring and fulfilling worship and fellowship as we gather under the THEME: **Embraced by the Winds of Grace**, following the THEME VERSE from **Ecclesiastes 1:6** and raising our voices in song to the THEME HYMN "Spirit of Gentleness"!

There will be one last chance to sign up for the TRIENNIAL GATHERING drawing on Friday & Saturday. The 3 names will be drawn for winners of the 3 free GATHERING registrations, so look for that sign-up table! We are so pleased to have Pat Stevermer from Sleepy Eye serving as our synod TRIENNIAL PROMOTER! Come and hear some words from Pat during the convention!

Please promote the convention in your local congregations. There are some 'Bulletin Blurbs' to use for those Sunday bulletins or church newsletters. The cover page of this packet is the CONVENTION POSTER, so make copies for your church bulletin boards and newsletters.

A registration form and scholarship form are included in this packet. There is also a Convention Offering form; a Resolution form; as well as an In-Kind Offering form. Please abide by all deadline dates posted and instructions on these forms. Your efforts to abide by the deadline dates is very much appreciated by the Synod Board!!

If you have never attended a convention before than you definitely qualify to fill out the SCHOLARSHIP form! There is no age limit and the synod board pays for registration, meals and housing if needed. All they need to pay for is their travel expense to and from convention. The scholarship recipients will be seated together during both Friday and Saturday and share experiences with the convention participants. We are happy to have Kristy Henriksen and Joanna Rustad serving as the Scholarship Mentors this year!

PLEASE NOTE on the registration form....if you are a CONFERENCE PRESIDENT – please check that item and send no payment – just the completed form. The synod policy statement does state that the synod board will pay for the registration of all Conference Presidents to the Synod Convention. The Conference Presidents are the so called "leaders" for the voting members from your conference at the convention business sessions and we need you present. If the Conference President cannot attend, then the same rule applies to the Conference Vice President coming in her place.

Some other notes of things to pay attention to in this packet are the list of the OFFERING OBJECTIVES. Remember to bring along your loose change for KATIE'S FUND CANS on the tables! There is a list of the SPEAKERS....the WORKSHOPS and the items asked for the IN-KIND OFFERINGS. There is a list of the HOTELS in Marshall if you need to stay overnightsee the HOTEL LISTING information. AND...if you have some extra time or you want to come early there is a business listing of things to do around town!

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the 32nd Convention in May! Please know that if you have any questions you are welcome to give me a call or send an e-mail. Joan Iverson - 507-445-3388 (home) - 507-227-8670 (cell) - jackjoan73@gmail.com

Blessings and Joy as you are each Embraced by the Winds of Grace!

Joan Iverson

Bulletin Blurbs – Publicizing for the Convention

Use these in your church bulletins or church newsletters to encourage ALL WOMEN to attend the 32nd annual Convention of the SW MN Synodical Women’s Organization!

MARCH SW MN Synodical Convention of Women of the ELCA is May 3rd & 4th at First Lutheran Church in Marshall MN. Make plans now to attend and explore *“Embraced by the Winds of Grace”*. Come for the business on the 3rd and the 4th for Worship, Speakers, Workshops, Displays!

APRIL 7th Women of the church...need some time for yourself? Come to the 32nd annual Synodical Church Women’s Convention for some inspiration and refreshment. If you enjoy the business sessions, come on the 3rd and on the 4th you will not be disappointed by the experience of Worship, Speakers, Workshops, Displays! For registration information, contact _____ (*local person*). Registrations are due APRIL 13th.

APRIL 14, 21, 28 Registration deadline was April 13th for the SW MN Synodical Women’s Convention. If you haven’t registered, walk-ins are welcome to come on that Saturday, May 4th at First Lutheran Church in Marshall MN. Consider joining many other Lutheran women to praise the Lord with singing and join in exploring *“Embraced by the Winds of Grace”*. Please contact _____ (*local person*) for all the details.

Hotel Options

You are responsible to make your own reservations

[Ask for WELCA room block](#)

Block available until April 3

Rates are double occupancy and subject to tax

All hotels offer breakfast

Sleep Inn & Suites **1300 Nwakama Street** **507-337-0103**
2 queen beds \$116.91
(10 rooms blocked for WELCA)

Americinn Lodge & Suites **1406 Lyon Street** **507-537-9424**
2 queen beds \$129.00
(10 rooms blocked for WELCA)

Super 8 Motel **1106 East Main Street** **507-537-1461**
2 queen beds \$75.00
(10 rooms blocked for WELCA)

Ramada Inn **1500 E. College Drive** **507-532-3221**
NO ROOM BLOCK - call for rates, etc.

Things to do in Marshall

Visit the **Marshall Area Fine Arts Council**-downtown Marshall, at 114 N. 3rd St (under the purple awning!). Visit May's art exhibit featuring *High School Arts Stars!* Check out the awesome gift shop that includes, prints, jewelry, pottery, local reads & textile items. www.mafac.net

A must stop is **Fabric Plus & Quilt Shop!** An awesome collection of fabric & sewing supplies, which are every quilter's delight! Can't miss them, right on Main Street! www.fabricsplus.com

Coco Avenue. Also, on Main Street is a great stop for contemporary finds! Clothing, home decorating, furniture, soaps and lotions, beautiful collection of candles, and shoes. www.shopcocoavenueboutique.com

Sole Mates-Thread and Treads is your complete stop for the latest fashion in women's clothing and shoes. Find them on 317 W. Main St. shopssolemates.com

Tattle Tales is a fun stop for baby and children's apparel, collected at 212 W. Main St. www.facebook.com/tattletalesonmain

Noble Women: Look Good, Feel Good, Do Good inspired by Proverbs 31:10-30. This is a great shop with dresses, jeans, tops, handbags, jewels and much more! Find them at 252 W. Main St. thecollectionbynwb.com

Nessa's Naturals: Truly natural products so you can "pamper yourself naturally!" Beauty, cosmetic and personal care...newest boutique in Marshall! 105 N 3rd St. www.nessasnaturals.com

Places to Stop in for Coffee and/or Lunch

MainStay Cafe: Find them at 316 West Main St. A wonderful wait staff will serve up a variety of coffees and beverages as well as their signature salads, sandwiches and soups. Stay for dessert! www.mainstaycafe.com

Hunan Lion: Chinese & Thai food at its finest. Check out the contemporary atmosphere in the heart of downtown Marshall at 228 W. Main St. hunanlion-marshall.com

Bello Cucina: In the mood for Italian food? Stop in for great soups, pizza and pasta. 100 W. College Drive, on Main Street Marshall. bellocucina.com/marshall

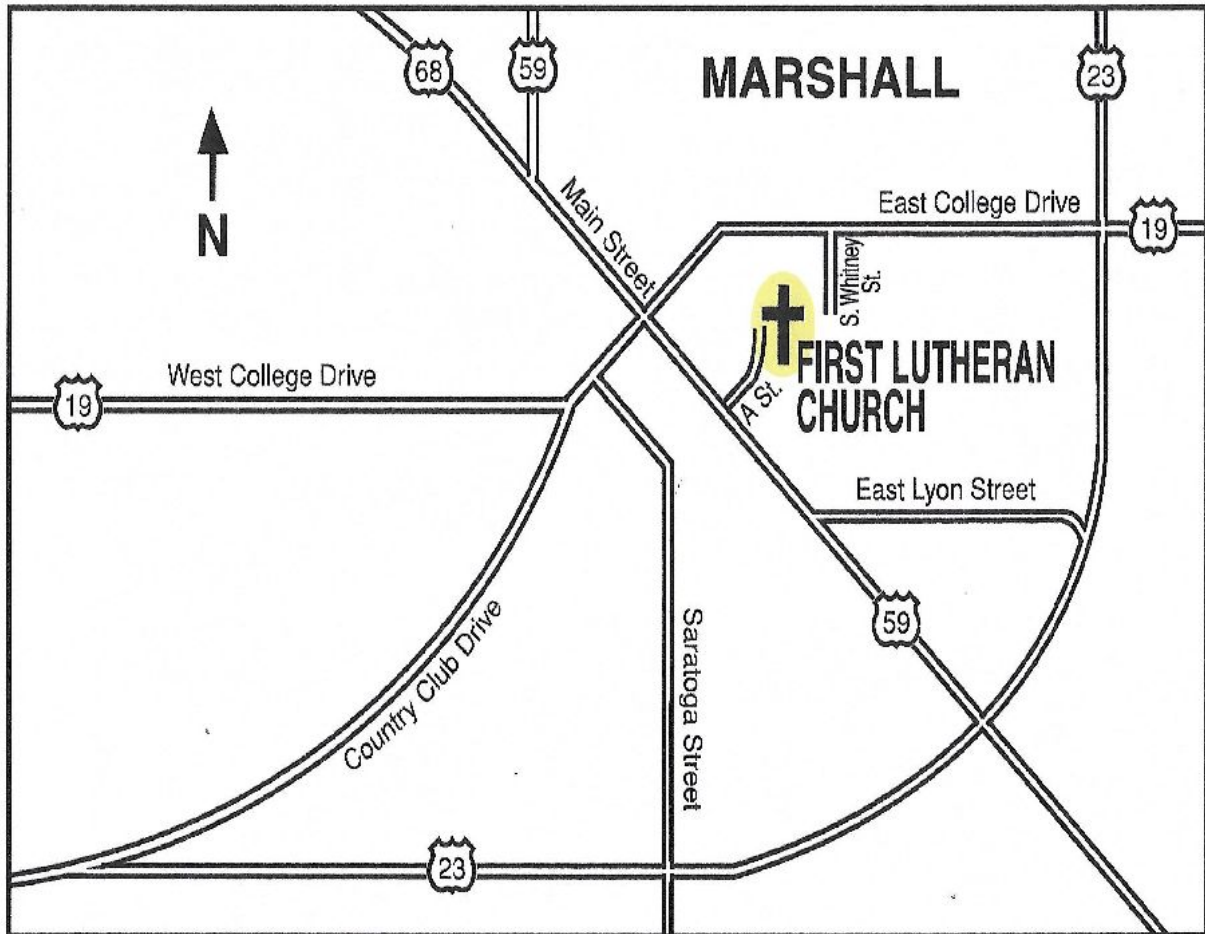
Bagels and Brew: Great spot for coffee and lattes, sandwiches, salads and baked good. 1221 E. College Drive. bagels-brew.com

City Wide Garage Sales going on that weekend!!!

Getting To First Lutheran Church

100 Church Street, Marshall MN 56258

507-532-2429



From Hwy 68 or 59: Stay on Main Street until turning onto North A Street, go 3 blocks until you see the church at A Street & Church Street.

Coming into Marshall on Hwy 19 E: Stay on E. College Drive, turn left on S. Whitney Street and go 3 blocks south to Church Street, turn right and see the church on your left side.

Coming into Marshall on Hwy 19 W: Stay on W. College Drive, go to Main Street, turn right and go 2 blocks until you turn left onto North A Street, follow to Church Street.

Coming into Marshall on Hwy 23: Turn onto Main Street at Perkins and follow until North A Street, turn right and follow to Church Street.

2019 Convention Speakers



Saturday afternoon speaker:

Cindy McKittrick



I have a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis on accounting and management and in Business Education.

I have been with Hope Harbor since 2009, first as teacher and financial secretary, then as a board member, and today as Executive Director since 2016.

My primary responsibility is to ensure the ministry is being fiscally responsible, good stewards of our resources, and striving to be a ministry of excellence. I oversee the entire ministry including our homes in Marshall and Winona, and future expansion sites. As Site Director in Marshall, I oversee the day to day operations and provide donor management.

My husband Wade is the superintendent at Wabasso Public Schools. We were married in 1990 and have three adult children, all teachers. The education bug definitely runs deep in our family. All of our children are married, and we have one granddaughter.

HYPERLINK "<http://www.hopeharbormn.org>" www.hopeharbormn.org

"...we have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure..." Hebrews 6:19

Closing Worship on Saturday



The Hallelujah Hooligans are a group of musicians that enjoy sharing their talents with all that ask. They provide entertainment for fundraisers, special occasions, etc. They especially enjoy sharing the love of Christ with as many people as possible through music, word, and worship. There is never a shortage of enthusiasm and energy when the Hallelujah Hooligans are around.

God is Good – all the Time!

The praise band is made up of members from a variety of area churches in and around the Baltic, SD area. They play a variety of instruments and percussion and a lot of voices!!

Churchwide Representative

Lydia Dávila

Executive Board Member Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Lydia was elected to the executive board for Women of the ELCA for a second term in July 2017. She serves on the programs and communication committee.

Previously, she served as president of the Caribbean Synodical Women's Organization (9F). She has been a voting member several times at Women of the ELCA triennial conventions.

"I love what I do, especially when I represent Women of the ELCA at different conventions" she said. "I enjoyed visiting other synods very much and participating in their activities."

A longtime member of Sión Lutheran Church in Bayamón, Puerto Rico, Lydia served her local unit in many roles, including treasurer, vice-president and president. With her unit, she enjoys helping with retreats, special ministries and summer camps for the youth of the community. She also serves on the altar guild.

Lydia and her husband, Felix, have three children and three grandchildren. Now that she is retired from the Puerto Rico telephone company, she enjoys cooking, baking, reading, and spending time with her grandchildren. She reports, *"There is always something to learn from them!"*



Workshop Opportunities

Saturday, May 4th

“THE SPIRITUALITY OF DREAMS” an introduction to Dreamwork by: Janet Ruth, Spiritual Director & Dreamwork Facilitator.

How significant are your dreams? Can they contain information you've overlooked, show you a situation in a new light or unveil an unrecognized aspect of yourself? Perhaps, as Rev. Bob Haden suggests, they are unopened letters from God. If you've ever had a perplexing dream or been curious about your dream world, this workshop will give you tools to better understand your dreams. You will gain an historical perspective on the evolution of dreamwork from the Biblical times to the present and be introduced to a spiritual method for working individually with your dreams. The method was developed by Rev. Bob Haden, an Episcopal priest and founder of The Haden Institute in Flatrock, NC. Janet is currently a member of Westwood Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park, MN and currently serves on the board of directors of Sacred Ground Center for Spirituality in St. Paul. She attended The Haden Institute's Summer Dream Conference in NC this past summer and is passionate about introducing people to the spiritual practice of dreamwork.

JOURNALING AND CREATIVE WRITING with Sara Larson

Do you need an avenue to express yourself? Writing out your thoughts, emotions and goals is a good way to clear your mind of repeating negative and scary thoughts as you focused on where you are going, what you want to accomplish and how you will let God lead you. Sara will invite you to do some creative writing and help you find a way to organize some of the concerns that swirl around in your brain. As women, we carry many responsibilities and obligations. We juggle and struggle, serious and self-induced strain. Sit down with pen in hand and learn how to expel some of the thinking that so you can focus on what is really important. Learn how to use words on paper to make meaning in your life. Sara lives in rural Balaton MN and is a member of First Lutheran Church in Marshall, where she is a part time Lay Minister. She is working on obtaining her Master of Divinity at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA, as part of the Collaborative Learning Program. Sara has been sharing the mission of Women of the ELCA for the past 15 years. She previously served on the SW MN Synodical Women's Board and is presently serving on the churchwide executive board of the Women of the ELCA.

IDENTITY THEFT and other scams with Tim Tomasek

Tim will speak on what to do if you suspect a scam or fraud and how to protect yourself from becoming the next victim in the identity theft and scams that are around us in southwestern Minnesota. Tim is a Detective Sergeant with the Marshall Police Department and has been in the law enforcement for 35 years. He currently supervises the Detective and Police Records Division of the Marshall Police Department as well as conducts criminal investigations.

A POP-UP CHOIR Connie Knott, elementary music teacher and Helen Pedersen, retired (sort of) music teacher from First Lutheran Church in Marshall will present a Pop-up Choir workshop. Quick to learn 2-part music will be presented and we will share with everyone at the general gathering. It will be music that's easy, faith-based and fun that you can take back to your own congregations.

Your donations are welcome.....

One of the Displays this year will be **CALLING ALL RIPPERS AND STRIPPERS**

As a hands-on service activity during our convention, we will be rolling bandages to be donated to Global Health Ministries. The activity will involve tearing strips of clean fabric into lengths and using a simple hand bandage rolling machine to roll the strips into bandage rolls.

We could use donations of clean white (or natural undyed) cotton or cotton blend fabric or sheets for this project.

Used and worn (clean) sheets are fine. This is a good use for fabric left over or not suitable for quilts.

You can bring whole sheets/fabric pieces or tear the strips in advance (2 ½ to 3 ½ inches wide and 6 feet long), or the length of the sheet is fine.

If you or your unit have rolling machines that you would like to lend to us for the day – we'd appreciate that too.

You can go to www.ghm.org for information on how to make a bandage rolling machine.

Please direct any questions to our synod board Mission Action Team:

Karla Conrad 507-215-1624 conradkarla@gmail.com

Christina Nelson 320-412-0510 swmnwelca@gmail.com

Barb Wurtzberger 507-276-2381 rwurtz@sleepyeyetel.net

***There will be many Displays to visit at the convention
on Friday and Saturday***

Friday Evening Entertainment



Audiences are amazed and captivated by one of the fastest growing young illusionists, Jett Skrien

Enjoy this show from your seat and through interactive audience participation!

APPEARING

Where: *First Lutheran Church*

Time: *7:00 p.m.*

Date: *Friday, May 3rd*

Recognized as one of the fastest growing young illusionists, Jett Skrien has been performing his “high caliber, innovative, engaging, spectacular, and very professional show” (*Mary T., Marshall City Council*) across the country with his “exceptional personality and was a great pleasure to work with” (*Minnesota Lions*). Jett not only brings a fresh, new perspective to the art of magic, but also presents his Award Winning Magic with the “stage presence of a savvy veteran” (*Marshall Independent Newspaper*). Jett has had the opportunity to perform internationally in Canada and Europe, as well as in the entertainment capital of the United States: Branson, Missouri. One of his leading accomplishments was attending a summer magic camp in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, where he was selected, along with 100 other students, to learn the art of magic from superstars such as David Blaine, Criss Angel, David Copperfield, and Michael Carbonaro.

Go to www.jettskrien.com for more information!



Convention Registration

Southwestern Minnesota Synodical
Women's Organization of Women of the ELCA

Friday, May 3 & 4, 2019

First Lutheran Church, 100 Church Street, Marshall MN 56258 (507-532-2429)

Please type or print clearly

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

CONGREGATION & CITY _____

CONFERENCE _____

Please circle the one that applies to you: VOTING MEMBER VISITOR CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

***Note: Conference President registration is paid by the Synod Board. If you have circled Conference President you do not need to send any payment – just the completed registration form. (The Conference Vice President qualifies **IF** she is coming in the president's place – make that note here _____)*

ALL registrations DUE BY APRIL 13, 2019

Do you have special dietary needs? _____

Please check ONE:

_____ FRIDAY ONLY (\$25.00)

_____ SATURDAY ONLY (\$50.00)

_____ FRIDAY & SATURDAY (\$65.00)

Friday is business sessions only (some Displays) but visitors are welcome (see schedule)

Saturday will be Worship, Speakers, Workshops, Displays (see schedule)

Cost includes: registration, meal, coffee

Refer all registration questions to:

Maria Lokensgard
mandem.loke@gmail.com or 507-246-5828

Make checks to: SW MN WOMEN OF ELCA

Send complete form and check to:

Maria Lokensgard, Convention Registrar
37980 State Highway 22
St. Peter MN 56082

TRANSFERABLE BUT NOT REFUNDABLE

2019 Convention Offering

May 3 & 4, 2019 at First Lutheran Church, Marshall MN

2019 Offering Objectives:

- 50% to Churchwide Women of the ELCA
- 25% to Shetek Lutheran Ministries
- 25% to Lutheran Campus Ministry (Marshall)



“Katie’s Fund” – bring your loose change for cans on the tables

*Mail your unit convention offering to: Maria Lokensgard, Treasurer
37980 State Highway 22
St. Peter MN 56082

Please return the bottom portion of this sheet along with your unit offering: **DUE APRIL 13, 2019**



2019 SW MN Convention Offering (due April 13, 2019)

Congregation Name & City _____

Congregation Number _____

Conference _____

Treasurer’s Name _____

Treasurer’s Address _____

Offering Amount \$ _____

Make check to: “SW MN Women of the ELCA”

In Kind Offering Reporting Form

The Southwestern Minnesota Synodical Women of the ELCA would like to keep track of how many quilts, kits and other offerings we are collecting.

The truck will be open to collect your LWR kits, quilts, etc., from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 4th. The truck will be parked in the church parking lot. Christian Literature will be there with their van at the same time to accept items.

Items for **Hope Harbor, Marshall MN** can be brought to the church entry on Friday and Saturday. **Needed are: Monetary donations; Toilet paper and Paper towels; Gift Cards for Hy-Vee; Walmart and Amazon in any dollar amount (they do the bulk of their shopping between these three)**

For ALL items, please fill out the form below and bring it with you when you drop off

***If you do not know your conference, please make sure to have your Church Town/City!*

CONFERENCE (please circle) CROW RIVER GLACIAL RIDGE GREAT RIVER LAC QUI PARLE
 LAKELAND MINNESOTA VALLEY PRAIRIE SCENIC VALLEY SHETEK WATONWAN RIVER

CHURCH NAME _____ **CHURCH TOWN/CITY** _____

CONTACT PERSON NAME & PHONE # _____

KIT TYPE	TOTAL
Quilts	
School Kits	
Personal Care Kits <i>(Health Kits)</i>	
Baby Care Kits	
Fabric Kits	
Fleece Tied Blankets	
Soap	
Christian Literature <small>record number of boxes</small>	
Hope Harbor items	
<i>Monetary donation</i>	\$
<i>Gift cards</i>	\$
<i>Paper towels /Toilet Paper</i>	#

LWR Quilt – Packing Instructions

Lutheran World Relief Quilts and Kits are highly regarded throughout the world because of their quality and consistency. Your careful adherence to the following guidelines will ensure that all LWR Quilts and Kits are useful, consistent and fair.

All Quilts and Kits should be clearly labeled in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes – labeled with contents – church name, town, state. Pack contents in strong cartons secured with packing tape. **Boxes should NOT exceed 40 pounds.** Please do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.

For all other LWR kits, etc., go to www.lwr.org to find lists of items and packing instructions – keeping in mind that the designated kits this year are SCHOOL KITS (all quilts, kits accepted)

ICLD – INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN LITERATURE DISTRIBUTORS

What We Would Love To Get:

Bibles, New Testament, Gospels, Study Bibles (all versions)

Bible overview or introduction

Concordances

Bible atlases

Bible handbooks

Bible dictionaries

Commentaries (1-2 vol, or for 1 biblical book)

Sermon outlines

Bible studies

Christian education

Evangelism

Tracts

Discipleship

Daily devotionals

Sunday School, adult or youth

Topical: counseling, preaching, missions, family, church history, prayer, youth ministry, leadership, etc.

Theology: nature of God, salvation, scripture, the church, end times, etc.

Sermons: (but only recognized teachers and ONLY on CD/DVD)

Vacation Bible School materials (clean, untoned)

Also Consider:

English language only

Usable condition, not falling apart

High quality, minimal white space (due to high cost of shipping)

Not written on, highlighted, torn or cut up

Topics can be as a: book, booklet, pamphlet, workbook, tract, CD, DVD (no cassettes/VHS)

What We DO NOT WANT:

Cassette tapes

VHS tapes

Hymnbooks

Music, Song books, Sheet music

Novels, Fiction

Secular topics

American only topics

Denominationally specific material

Cult and questionable theology

Movies, Videos

Books on cassette tape

Cartoon, Poetry

Anything outside core Christian topics

Tentative Convention Schedule (subject to change)

FRIDAY, MAY 3 *(visitors are welcome, but please pre-register)*

- 1:00 p.m. Displays Open
1:30 p.m. Voting members registration – dining room – coffee – treats available
2:15 p.m. Welcome
Opening Devotion/Prayer
Offering
Theme Hymn
2:30 p.m. Orientation
Opening Plenary Session I
(stretch break time dependent on schedule)
5:00 p.m. Light meal (Displays close)
6:00 p.m. Plenary Session II
7:00 p.m. Jeff Skrien, Illusionist – entertainment
8:00 p.m. Closing Vespers

SATURDAY, MAY 4

- 7 a.m. – 11 a.m. In-Kind Offering collection
8:00 a.m. Displays open
Visitor Registration – coffee/treats
8:15 a.m. Voting members seated in Sanctuary
8:20 a.m. Plenary Session III (if needed)
8:30 a.m. Opening Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Welcome/Greetings/Introductions
9:45 a.m. Churchwide Representative, Lydia Dávila
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Workshop I
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon Workshop II
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Displays close
1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Gathering Music
1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Speaker: Cindy McKittrick from Hope Harbor of Marshall
2:00 p.m. Scholarship Report
2:10 p.m. Installation – Triennial News/Drawing/Offering reports/Announcements
2:30 p.m. Closing Worship “Hallelujah Hooligans”
3:30 p.m. Closing of Convention

Convention Scholarship Application

Women who would be **first time** convention visitors (not voting members) and who wish to learn about the Women of the ELCA are encouraged to apply for this scholarship.

Those selected **must be** willing to attend **ALL** sessions of the Women's Synodical Convention. This includes:
Friday, May 3rd afternoon and evening business sessions and **Saturday, May 4th** events
at First Lutheran Church, Marshall MN

The recipients of the scholarship will be asked to evaluate their experiences and share impressions with the convention participants at the end of the day on Saturday, May 4th.

All convention costs (registration, meals, and housing, if needed) will be paid by the synodical women's organization with the exception of travel expenses.

Please check one: YES, I will need housing NO, I will not need housing & will be commuting

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS APPLICATION FORM and return by APRIL 6, 2019

Those recipients selected will be notified by April 13th

Please type or print all information

NAME _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____

HOME CONGREGATION _____

CONFERENCE _____

Tell why you would like to participate in the scholarship program: _____

(feel free to use the back of this form for additional space)

The group of scholarship participants and the two mentors will be seated together throughout the 1 ½ days of convention.

If selected, I will participate according to the scholarship provisions

Applicant's signature _____

Signature of Congregation Sponsor _____

(this form MUST be signed by a member of your congregation)

Return this completed and signed application by **APRIL 6, 2019 and mail to:**

Joan Iverson
23308 County Road 54
Lamberton MN 56152



Resolutions

A resolution is your opportunity to address problems, situations, or concerns that affect the churchwide, synodical or local organization of Women of the ELCA and possibly its partners and global affiliates. Here is your chance! If your unit has a special concern, now is the time to address it. Resolutions should be presented at the Southwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization Convention [plenary sessions on FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019](#) at First Lutheran Church, Marshall, Minnesota.

Here are some guidelines for submitting a resolution:

1. **What is a resolution?** A resolution is a main motion, presented in written form by a voting member. It is a proposal that a convention takes action on, or expresses itself as holding certain views.
2. **Who prepares and presents Resolutions?** Every Congregational Unit has the right and privilege to prepare and present, through its voting member, a Resolution to the convention. The Resolution must be signed by five (5) voting members representing five (5) congregational units of the SW MN Synodical Women's Organization of Women of the ELCA.
3. **Why do we use Resolution forms?** The form helps the secretary and president accurately report the business and action taken. It helps you think through your motion. It helps the convention move forward in an orderly manner.
4. **Resolutions are your voice.** If you want to speak up and be heard, this is one way of expressing yourself. Resolutions provide for the vision and direction of our organization. If you have an area of concern that you feel needs to be addressed, a resolution is a way of requesting action and beginning discussion and deliberation. The beginning portion of the resolution (the WHEREAS) states the issue of concern and should list factual background information to help the reader understand why this resolution is being presented. The conclusion (the RESOLVED) states the proposed action or actions. It tells what you think we should do about this issue.

Ask yourself these questions before submitting a Resolution:

1. Is the concern something our SW MN Synodical Women's Organization can address?
2. Is the proposed action consistent with the positions and policies of the ELCA?
3. What is the outcome desired if the action is taken?
4. In what other ways might congregational units of our Synodical Women's Organization deal with the concerns?
5. What are the costs in terms of time, talent, and money in implementing this action?

If you wish to submit a Resolution, please review the guidelines and then write it on the official form that is included in the publicity packet that reaches all congregational units.

CONGREGATIONAL/INTERCONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT PLEASE GIVE THE FORM PERTAINING TO RESOLUTIONS TO YOUR Voting Member, MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS require the signature of (5) five voting members, representing (5) five congregational/intercongregational units. These voting members must all be members of a congregation belonging to the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This motion/resolution must be in the hands of the Resolution Committee **NO LATER than NOON, Friday, May 3, 2019. The committee would prefer that resolutions be mailed prior to convention by April 19, 2019** so the committee could act on them and have copies ready for the delegates. Mail resolutions to: Joan Iverson, 23308 County Road 54, Lambertton MN 56152

OFFICIAL FORM FOR SUBMITTING RESOLUTIONS TO THE SW MN SYNODICAL WOMEN’S ORGANIZATION, MAY 3 & 4, 2019

I submit the following notion/resolution related to:

_____ (indicate topic)

Whereas:

Be it resolved:

(use reverse side if additional space is needed)

1. _____ Congregation _____
Name of originator –voting member
2. _____ Congregation _____
3. _____ Congregation _____
4. _____ Congregation _____
5. _____ Congregation _____