



The Columbine

Remembering

November is usually a dull and dreary month. Night comes early, it is rainy and foggy. Nature has gone to sleep, birds have flown south and many animals are in hibernation until spring. Maybe that is why Remembrance Day and All Saints Sunday were chosen to be in the month of November.

On those days we remember all who have lost their lives during wars and loved ones who have passed away. Some memories, I imagine, must be so sad that they are hard to erase. Others might be sweet and wonderful, to be tucked away in that special place to be returned to again and again.

While reading the Canada Lutheran and Synod Lutheran I came across "remembering the future" a number of times. At first I was puzzled, how can one remember the future? By remembering the future, we try to and do a better job than what we have done in the past. This is especially true about wars, hate, power and greed. In regards to our loved ones, we honour their lives and try to follow their good examples.

With regards to Lutheran Women (whatever name we have given ourselves) we can also "remember the future". While recognizing mistakes and successes we can carve out the future whatever that is for all of us.

A happy and blessed Fall Season,

Val Weingartner



The Bruce Trail

Long ago, seeds were sown
by capricious winds
landing on fertile earth
along Niagara Escarpment



Deciduous trees stand
tall, slender, reaching up
to sunlit heavens above
branches nearly bare

Crunchy leaves line pathway
footsteps pressing them into earth



squirrels scurry to and fro
winter time - on its way

Patches of sunlight poke through
outdoor cathedral hush
feelings of peace
birds sing to their Creator alone

Leaves fall with each wind gust
adding to coloured carpet
footsteps of lone person
walk along the Bruce Trail



Man, in all his wisdom
cannot outdo art of God
whose love for man is shown
by beauty such as this.



by: Wilma Seville
St. John's Hamilton
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Help Wanted!!!!!!

from: Women of the Eastern Synod

Please!!!!

The women of the Synod need a name.

We are asking that you submit your suggestion for a name to:

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on or before December 1, 2011

God Bless - Evelyn Swanson

Lutheran Women**Atlantic**

are sponsoring a gathering for all women.

**Stone Soup and Mud Pies**

Saturday, October 12, 2011

from 10—2

at Luther Camp Mush-a-Mush



It will be a day for relaxing, sharing, studying scriptures that mention rocks and stones, and lots of music. Guess what's on the menu for lunch? Various groups have been asked to bring ingredients for the stone soup. There will be a harvest sale of donated products with proceeds going to Feed Nova Scotia. Participants are asked to donate a toonie to help cover expenses.

For more information please contact Doris Cook doriscook@ns.sympatico.ca or Joyce Wile ojwile@eastlink.ca

When you think - you will thank!

ELCIC Convention

Report from: Pam Radunsky

The 2011 national ELCIC convention in Saskatoon was a momentous one for many reasons and no doubt you have been hearing a lot about the decisions made there. But for those of you unable to be present and who could not follow some of the love-streaming from convention, I wanted to share with you some of the events directly related to our beloved ELW.

This was, of course, the last time a report was presented to convention by ELW Inc. Our Board report can be found in the Bulletin of Reports, so I won't detail that here. In advance of the convention, Bishop Susan Johnson asked for a list of those planning to attend. She advised us she would be commenting on ELW in her report and time would be reserved at the banquet to recognize the contributions of ELW to the church.

The three Board members charged with overseeing dissolution: Wyonna McCulloch, Willy Livingstone and myself were present to address any comments or concerns. We were also invited to assist with the introduction of the Women of Faith

Women of Faith Fund

Fund and help promote the Praise Appeal, which replaces the Praise Offering service. This gave us the opportunity to speak with others about their thoughts as we move forward and to encourage people to apply for Women of Faith grants for next year.

Bishop Susan, in her report to convention on Thursday, acknowledged former Board members present and invited us to the floor of convention. In addition to Wyonna, Willy and me, Sharon Molzan, Shirley Blythe and Sya Gregovski came for-

ward. We were greeted with a standing ovation. Bishop Susan then asked women who had been involved in ELW to stand and an impressive number of women rose, again to applause. Bishop Susan spoke with obvious emotion about the importance of ELW in the life of the church. I wish you could all have been present to feel this affirmation, for it belongs to each of you.



On Friday, we held an impromptu lunch to chat about ELW and share stories of how we are continuing to serve in our churches and communities. Not only did women attend, but there were several "ELW" men! Lucia Caruthers, Editor of Canada Lutheran, also spent some time listening and learning more about how women will carry on their ministry within the church.

Saturday's banquet was a celebration of many things: the 25th anniversary of the church, the 10th anniversary of the Joint Declaration and among other things, an official toast to ELW. Assistant to the Bishop, Paul Gehrs, gave a personal and moving tribute to the women of ELW. I was privileged to introduce the Advisory Group of women who will oversee the Women of Faith Fund and they introduced the first grant recipients for this year. Advisory Group members appointed by National Church Council are: Wyonna McCulloch, Sya Gregovski, Willy Livingstone, Linda Wozniak and JoAnn Kapeikis (one from of the current 5 synods) and NCC appointee, Marie-Laure Collet. Be sure to check out the Women of Faith fund information on the ELCIC website. Be in touch with your representative to discuss ideas and get your applications in for next year.

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Prayer changes things!

It was bitter sweet for me to take part in all these events. The recognition of ELW was heartwarming, the opportunities to share with so many women who have been part of my life strengthening and yet the farewell was hard.

I do hold out hope that wonderful new times for us to gather, worship and share will continue. We are challenged to find new opportunities for working together within the church. The Women of Faith Fund offers a resource potential exciting to envision.

My devotion this morning included this passage from Haggai 2:4b,5:

“Be strong, all you of the land’,
declares the Lord,
‘and work.’

‘For I am with you,’

declares the Lord Almighty.

“This is what I covenanted with you
when you came out of Egypt.

And my Spirit remains among you.

Do not fear.”

We remain God’s covenant people.
Thanks be to God.



Pam Radunsky



Be not weary in your serving;
Do your best for those in need;
Kindness will be rewarded
By the Lord
Who prompts the deed.

—Anon.

140+ Waterfalls you say?

Impossible!

Yes, it is true, Hamilton and its surrounding area has over 140 waterfalls. ...and you thought we only have smoke stacks.

Joe Hollick, a specialist on waterfalls, photographer and author was invited to our September Lutheran Women’s meeting. Most of us travel to many places but often we don’t know what beauty awaits us just in our backyard. Hamilton lies above and below the escarpment which is a perfect situation for waterfalls. Some are part of the Bruce trail, others are hidden in deep woods. Each season - spring, summer, fall and winter give the waterfalls their own beauty. It was an informative and enjoyable afternoon.

Val Weingartner

When you drink from the stream, remember the spring. -Chinese Proverb

Women of Trinity Lutheran Church, New Hamburg

by: Pat Schmetzer

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to invite you to our KW "Lutheran Women of Faith" Fall Conference. It will be held on **Saturday, October 22nd at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hamburg.** Registration will be at 9:00 AM and our program will begin at 9:30 a.m. **All are welcome!** We would love to see ladies from all our Lutheran Churches. Even if you don't have a ladies group in your church, please come out and join us for an uplifting day of good fellowship, good worship, interesting speakers, and good food. We always have a great day.

Ruth Smith Meyer, inspirational writer and speaker, will speak to us on "As the Eagle". You are in for a real treat!



St. Louis Parish in Kitchener will speak to us about **Prayer Shawls and Prayer Quilts.** Learn about this ministry and the great comfort it brings.

Jennifer Jackson from the **Waterloo Region Committee on Elder Abuse** will present a programme of awareness and general information regarding elder abuse. This is a tough topic but it is important for us to be aware of the issue and to know what resources are available within the community.

Our offering will go to **Anselma House**, that recently opened a new and larger facility in Kitchener. The women and children who seek shelter need our love and support. For individual offerings, please give your offering through your local group and have your treasurer **write one cheque to Anselma House**, since we cannot issue income tax receipts.

Registration cost is \$ 10.00 per person and includes lunch.

Sperling Church Supply store will be there and we will have other displays and material from our speakers and local agencies.

At our Spring event we voted to have 2 meetings per year. So, we need volunteers to host the Spring event next year (2012). Would your congregation host the conference? If you are a small congregation, perhaps you could partner with another church. Please contact [Linda Mittelholtz](#).

Your sister in Christ,

Pat Schmetzer

Women of Trinity



Reformation Sunday

October 30, 2011

As a shoemaker makes a shoe,
and a tailor a coat,
so must the Christian pray.
A Christian's work is prayer.

—Martin Luther

Learn how to live and you will have learned how to die

ELW - Wallace Township



Dear Valerie,

In recent years we are finding the membership in our ELW both declining and aging dramatically. In an attempt to involve the younger women in the congregation, we who are retired plan a yearly calendar in August and make all the preparations for each monthly activity. As we all are aware, it is the organizing and preparing that is so time consuming. We have found that if we do the preparation, the younger women who are working outside the home tending to their families or involved in other responsibilities etc. are more than pleased to implement our plans in special events such as Praise Appeal Sunday, an evening of entertaining other local church women, Christmas dinner programs/skits, etc. In addition, they always contribute generously when we are asked to cater a funeral and they assume full responsibility for Craft and Bake Sale in November. Their expectation from us is simply to bake and be present at some point throughout the day.

Isn't that wonderful?

We are so grateful for the full support we receive from the younger generation.

I have attached a copy of the "Event Program" we prepare and give... to every woman who is a member of our

congregation. These are traditionally given out when services resume in September, hand-delivered or mailed.

God bless,

Audrey Krotz, President

Note: Sorry, but I was not able to print the Event Program as emailed by Audrey instead I typed part of it—below. Val



Sample of Event Calendar

September 13

"A Strengthening of Hope"

September 28

Women's Auxiliary Waterloo Luth. Seminary

October 2 - 9:30 AM

Praise Offering Service

October 11 - 12:30 PM

Oktoberfest Luncheon

October 29

Georgian Bay Conference,

St. John's Elmwood

November 5 - 9:00 AM

Craft and Bake Sale

November 8 - 7:30 PM

Remembrance

December 13 - 6:30 PM

Christmas Dinner

"Nativity Comes Alive"

Georgian Bay Conference—Lutheran Women

My heart is overjoyed as I prepare this article for the Columbine. In June 2010 we all had a very heavy heart at the news that our beloved ELW had disbanded. What will we do? How will we meet? Our Georgian Bay Conference ELW met at Trinity, Walkerton in July 2010 with 75 ladies attending. Many questions were asked, many emotions were felt and voiced. In the end we decided that we would rise from death and continue on as Lutheran Women in the Georgian Bay Conference. Joy that our Georgian Bay Conference Lutheran Women and our Congregational Ladies are meeting and continuing the ministry that we had been given from those who began a meeting as "Frauervereine" around 1900. Thanks be to God.

On Saturday, May 14th, 83 ladies of our Conference met at St. Matthew's, Hanover. Our theme for the day was "**Time for Reflection**". Our goals for the day—Pray for the countries of the World in Distress and guidance to be in "Mission for Others". Our day began at 8:45AM with registration. Cost for the day was \$10.00. We had time to shop at Sperling's Church Supply Store.

At 9:30 AM Holy Communion Service was led by Rev. Edward (Chad) Honneyman in the absence of Rev. John Polacok. Pastor Chad shared that in Bible times Parables where a common way to teach because Jesus' parables were simple and easy to

understand. Through the parables Jesus sowed the Word of God however not all understood and some fell by the wayside. Others became followers and thus the Gospel is spread and this is why we are here today. This can be related to the Georgian Bay Conference as we too do not know what lies ahead but we do know that if we are strong and continue in our labours working for the Conference through the Lord our work will not be in vain.

Following worship greetings were brought from our President, Mary Growden, Host Congregation St. Matthew's. Hanover President, Marg Martin, Anglican Church Women, Deanery of the Saugeens, Judi Hood (all attend each other's Spring and Fall meetings). We share and learn from each other. Judi expressed her thanks for the invitation and how glad she was to be able to spend the day with us. Judi also congratulated us on our well planned and organized meetings. She also invited our group to their Spring meeting to be held May 19/11 at Christ Church—Tara. Pastor Chad brought greetings on behalf of the Conference. He reminded us of the upcoming National Convention in July, and that St. John's Elmwood/St. Peter's Brant Parish will have a new Pastor. He also mentioned that our Conference has no pastoral vacancies at the present time.

Rev. Barry Lang had sent

word that the ladies of their church in Papua New Guinea are building a kitchen in their Parish Hall. He asked if we would be able to give some financial help. We decided to send \$ 100.00 through Pastor Lang.



Our Roll Call offering totaled \$1,630.00 and will be shared with CLWR-Japan Relief and the Hanover Food Bank. Trinity LW, Walkerton shared a SKIT—"KETCHUP BOTTLES-A Transformation-Mark 10:35-45", written by Rev. Joel Crouse and Rev. Kimberlynn McNabb. A reminder that we are "A People Called—to be passionate about our relationship with God, in Christ". Dorothy Frook was the ketchup bottle however another ketchup bottle "Marjorie Wentzell" was more stationary and very reluctant to move from her spot on the kitchen table. Ketchup bottle #1 finally convinced #2 to get involved with others and this would help her feel important and be in "Mission for Others".

During the day we had exercise breaks led by Congregational Co's. Pastor Sheila Fletch introduced her new book "**FORGIVEN**" and gave us a brief outline of the book. This exciting mystery, thriller, romance with faith overtones will be re-



The feeblest knock will open heaven's door

leased July 1/11 and can be purchased through Sperling's Book Store. Congregation organizations shared how many "We Care Bags" to Haiti they had made for Christmas 2010.

We are twinned for two years. During this time we meet with each other for worship, learning, fellowship, and always food. We received our Twin Congregation (s). We shared with each other what we will call ourselves since the dissolving of ELW. We decided to call ourselves **"Georgian Bay Conference Lutheran Women"**.



This year the Eastern Synod is celebrating 2 special anniversaries. The Eastern Synod 150th and Waterloo Lutheran Seminary 100th Anniversary. The Georgian Bay Conference Council has requested the GBCLW take part in celebrating these anniversaries in the **"Celebration of Our Ministry Together"** to be held at St. Matthew's, Hanover, on Wednesday, October 5, 2011. We will serve food and/or appetizers and also put together a display sharing our history as Lutheran Women in the Georgian Bay Conference. Our guest speaker, **Brian Reis**, shared that he has numerous hobbies with the main hobbies being gardening, birding and beekeeping. Mr. Reis lives on the Bruce

Peninsula with his wife in a small community, his home is only 600ft from the water. He acknowledged that at times it is a challenge with the soil he has to work with. He taught us all about soil and how to improve it.



As a beekeeper he told us that dandelions are loaded with pollen and we should allow the bees to use this pollen. Again we received an education on beekeeping. Bees are an amazing gift from God.

The Georgian Bay Conference Lutheran Women Committee was elected.

President: Dorothy Frook—Trinity, Walkerton;

Secretary/Treasurer: Wyonna McCulloch—St. John's, Elmwood;

Program Co-ordinator: Betty Fisher -Trinity, Ayton;

Past President: Mary Growden - St. Peter's, Wiarton.

We have invitations for our fall event, 2011, at St. John's Elmwood. The Spring event 2012, will be held at St. Peter's, Wiarton and the Fall one at Trinity, Walkerton.

Our president thanked St. Matthew's Hanover ladies for hosting the excellent day and she also thanked all the other

groups who helped make this a successful event.

Our day closed with a SKIT by Diana Lenk and Mary Growden - "The Lord's Prayer". The skit was very meaningful and was a perfect end to a perfect day of worship, learning, fellowship, and as good Lutherans — food was also the order of the day.

Dorothy M. Frook
President



Georgian Bay Conference
Lutheran Women

Foot note: I have been recycled. In 1984/85 I was the president of the then Western District LSW.



Georgian Bay Conference
Lutheran Women

Ottawa St. Lawrence Women's Ministry

Cornwall May 14, 2011

Comments from Women

There was discussion during and after 3—two sessions of Bible Study. The Bible study was led by Pastor Jim Slack of Montreal and evolved around the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Bible times.

The unique ministry that God is calling the women in the church to do:

Women are ...

nurturing

Can multi task

Are aware of the needs around them

Read non verbal communication quickly

Are concerned re peoples feelings

Are protective of children

Are care-givers

Work behind the scenes (selfless)

Motivation is not a reward

Have a creative impulse which is a gift from God...

Give humble service

Feel and acknowledge that they need - assistance by way of Bible study and worship

Acknowledge they need friendships and relationships

There are needs in the community at large...

Poverty and hunger

Abuse - stop violence

To be listeners

Be creative

Small things lead to big results

Arnprior May 28, 2011

The unique ministry that God is calling the women in the church to do.

Women are:

Doers

Nurturers

Willing to share

Think of other peoples' well being

Co-operate

Respectful

More vulnerable

Multi-cultural

Willing to participate

There are needs in the community at large...

Work with those under oppression

Maintain a safe place for people

The gifts that God has given to women...

Leadership

Patience

Brains

Sense of humour

There was discussion around how we could nurture the faith of the women in the congregations. We acknowledge that women have a lack of time to attend special activities and looked at existing small group ministries e.g. choir, committee work. . .

Bible study

Support groups

Fellowship

May need to offer babysitting

May need to offer transportation

Need to investigate the needs of women - then develop a group

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The future of Women's Ministry
in the Ottawa St. Lawrence Conference...

Continue to meet at least yearly
Continue to be a women's group

Goals...

Socialize with other women
Spiritual growth
Look at issues of people in the world
Bible study
Sharing time

There was discussion at both groups about the Women of Faith funding and how that money might be spent. We have applied for this fund to cover our cost. There was an offering taken at both meetings and it was to go to Canadian Lutheran World Relief.

It was decided that one congregation would take on planning and hosting the 2012 meeting with the assistance of Evelyn Swanson. St. John's, Ottawa offered to be that congregation. The date will be announced later.



by:
Evelyn Swanson

For the earth yields crops by itself.

—Mark 4:28

We sow the seed
God produces the harvest.

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February 25, 2012



What to do with your Bible:



Know it in the head;
Stow it in the heart;
Show it in the life;

Sow it in the world;
Read it to be wise;
Believe it to be safe;
Practice it to be holy.

Your Bible:

Dig it up,
Write it down,
Pray it in,
Live it out,
Pass it on.