

NEWS FOR WOMEN OF THE NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

2017 ANNUAL GATHERING REPORT

BEING REFORMED & TRANSFORMED

50 delegates and 18 visitors from 20 of 28 Mission Districts gathered together on August 8, 2017 to join in fellowship, conduct WNALC business, and learn from the Rev. Dr. Amy Little and the Rev. Paula Murray. In the morning, Dr. Little taught about Jesus' words about not putting new wine in old wineskins in the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 2. We cannot keep doing things in the church the way our grandparents did them. "We should not put people in positions they are not called to be in." Rev. Murray

taught us after lunch about how discipleship often involves learning to let go of our own goals, so we may learn what God's intent for us is. "Worship is not the only way we can be transformed and renewed." God really does intend that our minds should be

transformed and renewed in Christ Jesus through prayer, Scripture, worship, and time spent in fellowship with one another, but our tendency is to drop out of the "school of faith," rather than seek to advance.

During the WNALC business portions, we elected Marcella Nelson and Jacqui El Torro to the Women's Council and along with reelected Pat Dittrich and Linda Brower. The 2017 Chair will be Linda Brower. An offering was taken to support NALC



REV. DR. AMY LITTLE

Disaster Response. Bishop John Bradosky came by to address the women and gave his regards. Among many things, Bishop reminded

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be **transformed** by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.
Romans 12:2



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
ROBBIE, JACQUI, LINDA, CLYDE,
PAT, LANE, MARCELLA

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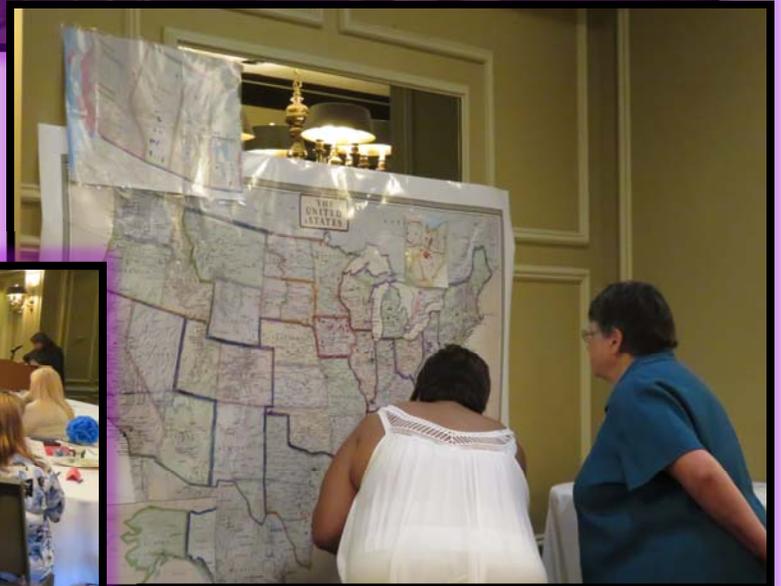
REV. PAULA MURRAY

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us "through one transformed life (Luther), look at what God was able to do... you have the same capacity... don't ever underestimate what God can do."

Since the 2016 Gathering, \$9226.50 has been submitted for mission bank offerings. We voted to split those funds equally between international and national missions, Malawi Orphan Care Project and Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries, Inc., respectively. In order to produce more clarity, we also voted for where the 2017-2018 mission bank offerings would be headed. The 2017-2018 international mission recipient is NALC Missionaries, the Ekka Family. The 2017-2018 national mission recipient is NALC Disaster Response.





STUFF THE TRUCK EVENT

The 2017 Convocation Stuff the Truck Event sponsored by the WNALC and NALC Disaster Response was an overwhelming success. A larger truck needed to be ordered to fit all of the generous donations. Collected were 400 quilts, 366 health kits, 112 school kits, 70 flood buckets, and 225 Bibles. Also donated was over \$6,200 in gift cards and over \$2,500 in monetary donations. Many thanks to all of the congregations that made this event incredibly successful! Donations are already headed to be put to use in West Virginia and Missouri. Many more generous donations have been received for the support of the hurricanes and wildfires across the county, Thank you for your support and please keep it coming.



Monetary Donations
can be directed to:
NALC Disaster Response
2299 Palmer Dr. Suite 220
New Brighton, MN 55112

Check: [https://www.thenalc.org/
disaster-response/](https://www.thenalc.org/disaster-response/)
For the most updated information
on Disaster Response.



THE CHAIR'S CORNER

2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Sisters in Christ,
Greetings from the new WNALC Council to all the women of the NALC Congregations. Several of you joined us at the August Annual WNALC Gathering—68 women representing 20 Mission Districts—and it was wonderful seeing you there. For those we missed this year, we now begin a new WNALC year transformed and renewed and ready to serve. (Romans 12:2)

As we, the Women's Council of the WNALC, finish another year of service, it is now time to reflect on what has been accomplished. But first and foremost, we would like to extend our gratitude to our congregational women's groups for their support and prayers, which have enabled us keep them connected with other groups and to assist them in their missions.

Serving is a joint effort. It is our goal as the WNALC Council to provide leadership as needed, guidance as requested, and resources that are in line with our Lutheran faith. You may seek these options via our WNALC website at wnalc.org...or...through reading the WNALC newsletter sent out 6 times a year...or...you may call your WNALC Council Mission District Representative as listed on the website or later in this newsletter. We are here to help and also to disperse information. Then, through the NALC, we also share mission opportunities and even offer Mission Banks as a fun means to accomplish your goals.

During our council's retreat, hosted at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lexington, SC (church home of Clyde Sanders), it was determined that we must "Define, Develop, Do". "Define" issues that needed corrected or clarified, "Develop" a plan of action to accomplish the need, and "Do" it (apply it). I believe we have done just that this year.

Likewise, we look to all of you to share your ideas and resource suggestions in addition to expressing your needs. We especially like to hear about your church or district activities and events, made even more fun when you add pictures. You may send such information to your Council representative along with possible articles for the newsletter. You may also send newsletter articles directly to our newsletter editor, Lane Magera, at wnalcnews@yahoo.com.

We were finally able to ratify our Operational Guidance through the hard work of our vice-chair, Linda Brower. Though not many major changes were implemented, several editorial changes were made for clarification. One change is that our committees are now referenced as "teams" because it is through teamwork that we accomplish the greater good for the WNALC. As our organization grows, our teams will develop to ensure that we adhere to our guidelines to meet the needs of the women within our NALC congregations.

Each of us, as individuals as well as congregations, have the opportunity to grow our faith and to answer Jesus' call to discipleship. We look forward to hearing from you in the coming year as we exchange the ways the Lord has worked in our lives and moved us to that goal. Blessings to one and all.

We purchased a new interface for our website, wnalc.org, which our computer expert volunteer, Juhree Polkowski, graciously set up for us and is now up and running; however, it is still in the development stage. We will continue to work on this to make it more "user friendly" for our members.

Our newsletter, which is now published 6 times a year, has been improved by a member of our Communications Team, Lane Magera, and can be found on the WNALC website. In addition, each congregation should receive a copy through mass distribution by the NALC main office, thanks to Anne Gleason.

In Christ,
Linda Brower, WNALC Chair

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MISSION BANK RECIPIENTS

2016-2017 International Mission Bank Recipient:
Malawi Orphan Care Project
\$4,613.25

2016-2017 National Mission Bank Recipient:
Lutheran Military Veterans
and Families Ministries, Inc.
\$4,613.25

2017-2018 International Mission Bank Recipient:
NALC Missionaries, the Ekka Family
Half of all money collected designated for
Mission Banks until May 31, 2018

2017-2018 National Mission Bank Recipient:
NALC Disaster Response
Half of all money collected designated for
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May we all daily continue to **PRAY** for missions,
PRAISE God for the work He is accomplishing
and **GIVE THANKS** with a coin offering to help
further God's kingdom on earth.

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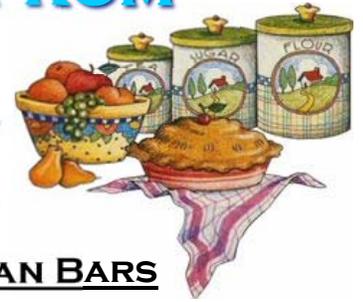
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The Mission Bank proposal, implemented several years ago, was a success, with a total of \$8460.84 collected in 2015-2016. This enabled the WNALC to present half to SOLA Publishing and the other half to World Mission Prayer League in support of St. Luke's Christian (Theological) College in South Sudan. Through the hard work of our Mission Support Team and the generosity of our members, this mission will continue next year.

All in all, it was a very productive year. We hope and pray that with God's guidance, the continued support from the NALC and our members, we will continue to be of service to the WNALC and for the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessie Phillips, Exiting WNALC Chair

**RECIPES FROM
CLYDE'S
COUNTRY
KITCHEN:**



BUTTER PECAN BARS

- 1 (15-oz.) box butter or yellow cake mix
- 1 c. butter, melted, divided, do not substitute margarine
- 3 eggs, divided
- 1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 3 c. powdered sugar
- 1 c. pecans, chopped

Mix together butter or yellow cake mix, ½ c. melted butter, and 1 egg. Divide in half and press into two 9"x13" baking dishes. In a mixing bowl, beat well until a smooth consistency: softened cream cheese, ½ c. melted butter, 2 eggs, and powdered sugar. Spread half of mixture over each crust. Sprinkle with chopped pecans. Bake at 350° for 35 minutes until dark golden brown.

*Submitted by Lane Magera
St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Trufant, MI*

**"For where
your treasure is,
there your heart
will be also."
Luke 12:34**

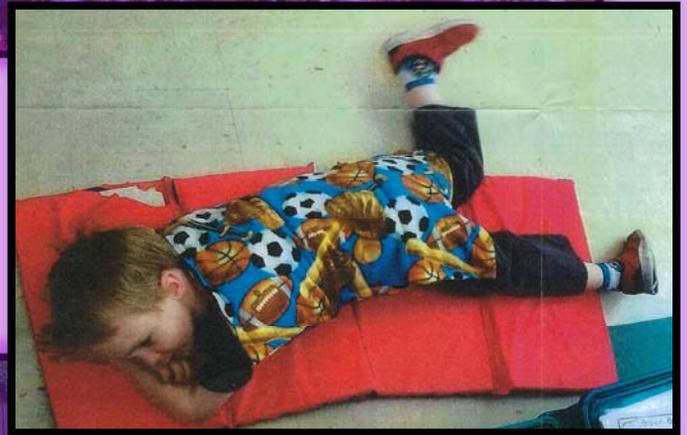
**BLANKETS FOR IOWA
DHS, MFL /MAR MAC
SCHOOL, & VETERANS**

We have used Thrivent Action Teams to complete the following projects at First Lutheran Church, Monona, IA.

Purple tied fleece blankets were given to the Iowa Department of Health Services in Decorah, IA. Blankets are held in picture by Sunday School students: Trinley Trappe, Mollee Kautman, Mia Kautman, Kinley Trappe, Rachel Keehner, Mindy Keehner, and Cora Keehner.



We formed another team to make 22 weighted anxiety blankets for children at MFL/Mar Mac School in Monona, IA. They are used on children when they rest or on their laps during class. They have a calming effect.



Lastly, we teamed up with the Family Living Class at MFL/Mar Mac to make lap robes for Veterans. Students in the class learned how to put a quilt top together and we put the filler and backing on the quilts and tied them. We then delivered to the Veteran's Hospital in Iowa City, IA. MFL/Mar Mac students are in featured picture.



*Submitted by Thelma Keehner
First Lutheran Church,
Monona, IA*



REGISTER NOW!

If you or your church is not registered with the WNALC, please do so now!!!

There are no annual fees, membership fees, required donations – just a registration so you can receive newsletters, upcoming information, vote on business, and a way for us to contact you. Please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return it to your mission district representative.

**SEND IN YOUR STORIES,
PICTURES, BLOGS,
OR EVENTS**

Please send your stories, pictures, blogs, or event information to Lane Magera, editor at wnalcnews@yahoo.com by September 30, 2017 for inclusion in the next edition of News for Women of the North American Lutheran Church. Photos included in this newsletter are the property of the article's subjects. Please contact them for permission to reuse.

**HORSERADISH SALE FROM
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
HUBBARD LAKE, MI**



We grow, harvest, process, can, and sell horseradish at our annual bazaar. We are so well-known for it that people drive from all over the state to come get it. We actually have to limit the number of jars people can purchase so that everyone who stands in line has a chance to get some!



**SUBMIT YOUR FAVORITE IDEAS & RECIPES
FROM YOUR GROUP TO SHARE!**

Send your favorite ideas and recipes to appear in our next issue! Email them to wnalcnews@yahoo.com

**HIGH TEA GUEST NIGHT
FROM FIRST ENGLISH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
LENNOX, SD**



**HAVE YOU
THOUGHT OF
THIS IDEA?**



First English Lutheran Women of Lennox, SD, had a high tea guest night on June 7, 2017. We served about 105—biggest guest night we have ever had. Usually 80 is a big crowd. Plenty of teapots, table settings, and even hats to wear!

Bottom Right: First English Lutheran float in July 4th parade through Lennox, SD.

*Submitted by Verlyss Jacobson
First English Lutheran Church
Lennox, SD*





ANNUAL CONVOCATION



Living as "SON" Flowers

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

1130 St. Peters Rd., Lexington, SC 29072

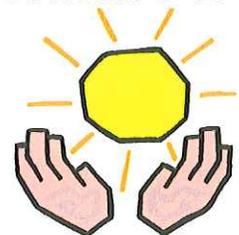
\$8.00 REGISTRATION includes LUNCH

Registration begins @ 9:30 am
Convocation begins @ 10:00 am

*"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.
And walk in love, as Christ loved us...."*



Ephesians 5: 1-2a



**BE
INFORMED!**



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Ministry Partners:

- Awakening Lives to World Missions*
www.alwm.org
- Lutheran CORE*
www.lutherancore.org
- China Service Ventures*
www.chinaserviceventures.org
- Lutherans for Life*
www.lutheransforlife.org
- East European Missions Network*
www.eemn.org
- Lutheran Lay Renewal*
http://lutheranrenewal.com/
- Friends of Madagascar Mission*
www.madagascarmission.org
- Sola Publishing*
www.solapublishing.org
- India Transformed/UEMI*
www.indiatransformed.org
- World Mission Prayer League*
www.wmpl.org
- Life Together Churches*
www.lifetogetherchurches.org

NALC Global Workers:

<http://thenalc.org/international-mission/>

Great Commission Society:

<http://thenalc.org/gcs/>

Recognized Ministries:

- Commission Expeditions*
www.commissionexpeditions.org/
- Philos Project*
www.philosproject.org
- Lutheran Bible Translators*
www.lbt.org
- SMI Haiti*
www.smihaiti.org
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www.lwr.org
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www.watermission.org
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www.lmvfm.org
- Wheat Ridge Ministries*
www.wheatridge.org
- Malawi Orphan Care Project*
www.malawiorphanproject.org

Collect contributions from your women's group and forward offerings, postmarked by **May 31st** of each year to:

WOMEN OF THE NALC

**2299 PALMER DRIVE, SUITE 220
NEW BRIGHTON, MN 55112-2202**

Be sure to indicate on the MEMO line of your check "WNALC Mission Bank." Recipients will be selected at the WNALC Annual Gathering.



WNALC MISSION BANK

My daily contribution is to:

PRAY

for missions

PRAISE

God for the work
He is accomplishing

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WNALC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION 2017-2018

Church Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mission District (*if known*): _____

Congregational Women's Group:

Women's Organization Name: _____

Size: (total # women & #circles/groups) _____

When does your women's group elect new officers? Spring Fall Month: _____

Are you rostering as an individual member? Please circle: Yes No

#1 Contact Name: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

#2 Contact Name: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

We ask for two contacts so that you can be assured of receiving the information should something happen to one contact (new email, relocation, health issue, or becomes inactive for any reason).

PLEASE SEND IN MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION **ANNUALLY, in December or January.**

MEMBERS & MEMBER GROUPS ARE ROSTERED FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR & NEED TO RENEW EACH YEAR.

- ◆ This information is used to maintain a membership roster that enables us to communicate news and activities of the WNALC and facilitates voting and ratification as needed.
- ◆ For elections and ratification processes, each congregation has one vote. At the Annual Gathering, the voting packet will be given to one person from each congregation represented.
- ◆ Complete this form, and send to the **WNALC Women's Council representative for your Mission District.**
- ◆ Individual women of an NALC congregation that does not have an organized women's ministry or may be trying to organize a congregational women's ministry are encouraged to become a member of WNALC.

PLEASE NOTE: All communications (newsletters, correspondence, etc.) will be sent by Email so it is important that you submit a contact with an Email address. If you do not have a person with email to receive your communications, please list as your #1 Contact the church office, along with their email.