

## NEWS FOR WOMEN OF THE NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

### CHAIR'S CORNER

The call went out to all WNALC ladies — and you answered in a big way! After a magnificent response to Stuff the Truck in Nashville, we were suddenly hit with a triple dose of hurricanes, Harvey and Irma and Maria. Then the donations of quilts, flood buckets, shovels, rakes and other such tools, hygiene kits, baby layettes and baby diapers and formula/food, cases of water bottles, pet food, Bibles, school supplies, gift cards, cash and so much more poured in—from all of YOU ladies and all the NALC congregations. And ever so welcome were your prayers for the victims, for the responders, and now, all the families and the volunteers involved in the recovery.

**THANK YOU!!!**

The NALC Disaster Response immediately responded by sending out huge 18-wheelers that shifted donations from the NALC Disaster Warehouse and other collection sites, to Texas, Florida, and other areas hit by the huge storms. Likewise, Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response Coordinator, set up distribution sites and collection sites and volunteers to deliver critically needed donations to the victims. No sooner are donations received at local staging sites than they go out to places they are needed most. We reached out first to our NALC congregations that either suffered damage or served as respite sites themselves. Pastors whose families were displaced and homes affected received aid even as they were also reaching out to help others. Members of affected congregations have received aid yet our outreach stretches so very much further. One thing you can be assured of is that your donations actually reach those in need—many times in the smaller areas that the larger organizations have ignored but whose needs are just as great.

Just as volunteers responded to save victims in flooded areas, they are likewise responding, once flood waters have receded. Clean up and rebuilding crews have formed. Some from local areas are at work now while others are coming from other parts of the country to volunteer their time in the areas hit by the worst of the devastation. Working alongside of them are Spiritual Caregivers, offering comfort, words of hope, a listening ear, and the love of Jesus to individuals and families who have suffered such great loss. It is expected all of these needs will continue for up to 2 years and more as folks attempt to rebuild not only homes but their entire lives. If you feel called to serve, ask your Pastor to put you in touch with those who are organizing volunteer teams. Up-to-date information will be posted on both the NALC and the WNALC websites as well.

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### 2017-2018 WOMEN'S COUNCIL



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:  
 TOP: ROBBIE, JACQUI, LINDA  
 MIDDLE: JENNIFER  
 BOTTOM: PAT, LANE, MARCELLA

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To continue to contribute toward recovery and rebuilding, send gift cards from Home Depot, Lowes, and Ace Hardware to:

*NALC Disaster Warehouse  
810 Main St.  
Caldwell, OH 43724*

Monetary donations for rebuilding homes may be sent to:

*NALC Disaster Response  
2288 Palmer Dr., Suite 220  
New Brighton, MN 55112*

So many are still needing help and so many more of you are responding to those needs. God is at work amongst His people and it is a beautiful thing. Even in the horror and despair of loss, there is the hope of people working together to help one another and thus making a difference in God's Kingdom. This is God's Word, God's Call at work in and amongst us. Thanks be to God!

In His service,  
*Linda Brower, WNALC Chair*

**BIOGRAPHY OF MARCELLA NELSON**



I grew up on a farm near Watford City, North Dakota in a Christian family. I am thankful that my homesteading grandparents helped to start the small country church where my faith was nurtured through worship, Sunday school, and cozy community life together.

I graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota and went on to attend Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota for a time, then became a parish outreach worker in the inner city of Minneapolis. In 1985, my husband Ken and I were married. Three years later we were called to become missionaries with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania and during our time in Tanzania, our oldest daughter

Johanna was born. After five years, we returned to Minnesota where my husband entered the seminary and I worked as a Christian Education Director. Our second daughter Else-Marie was born while we lived in Minnesota.

Our first call out of seminary was to Spencer, Nebraska, a two-point parish where we enjoyed small town life for four years. It was here that we welcomed our third daughter, Ingrid to the family. From Nebraska we moved to Minot, North Dakota to serve at First Lutheran Church for 12 years. While we lived in Minot, I served as Women's and Family Ministry Director, taught preschool and later worked as the manager of a free clinic for the medically uninsured.

I have witnessed God's faithfulness in the many communities we've had the privilege to live in. Through these experiences I have also had the joy of meeting so many fellow Christians who have strengthened me in my faith by their witness to Christ.

In 2011, we lost our home to a flood in Minot, ND. Through the experience of a natural disaster, we were blessed by the people who came to help our community. We saw God's hand in the helpfulness of so many. In 2015, I was diagnosed with breast cancer, but was again blessed through the kindness of others on my journey back to health.

In 2017, we moved to Brookfield, Wisconsin, where my husband serves as the pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church. We are excited to be part of the NALC and the new opportunities this provides to serve and to bear witness to God's continued faithfulness.



*Be on your guard;  
stand firm  
in the faith;  
be courageous;  
be strong.*

1 CORINTHIANS 16:13

**BIOGRAPHY OF  
JACQUI EL TORRO**



Let me first say thank to Women of The NALC for voting for an unknown first timer from Georgia. I am still humbled by the election process. As a means of introduction, I am Jacqui El Torro member of A New Thing Christian Church in Lithonia, Georgia. It is my privilege to have the Mid-South Mission District Dean Rev. Trina Petersen as my Pastor. I am married with two adult children.

Now to who I am, I am a servant of Jesus Christ, I am passionate about women's ministry and social justice. My greatest joys come from the human experience. Girl Scouts has been a part of my life for over 50 years. I enjoy teaching girls/ children about the wonderful gifts that God has given to us in nature. Exploring various cultures through the eyes and pure spirit of a child is a blessing beyond compare to me. I am a member of two national organizations, Gamaliel, an advocacy organization and Balm in Gilead, a HIV/AIDS awareness organization. My favorite genre of music is jazz, my favorite artist is Minnie Riperton but I love all music as it soothes my spirit.

I am excited about this new role as Council member, I just completed four years as Vice President of the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA. This will be a bit different, yet the same in that women of faith are coming together to do the work of the church. I am on the Missions Support Team for there is no greater joy than sharing the gospel and the good news of Jesus Christ with others. Scripture tells us to go and make disciples.

There is a high probability that I will ask a lot of questions. Most will be for clarity and some will be to initiate conversation. I want to get to know everyone on a personal level, relationships enhance the human experience. I look forward to meeting with all of the ladies in Ohio and the five states of the Mid-South. I am looking forward all of the new relationships that God is blessing me with.

**BIOGRAPHY OF  
JENNIFER MADSEN**



My name is Jennifer Madsen (but you can call me Jenn) and I recently joined the WNALC Council. I was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and moved to Southern California when I was five years old. My parents always brought along me and my 2 younger sisters in any church project they were involved in. By the time I was 9, they became involved with the Lutheran Hour Float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. It all began with my parents coordinating a volunteer workforce, called the Petal Pushers, to help decorate the Lutheran Hour Float as well as other contracted floats. My sister and I became involved as well. When I was a sophomore in high school, I stepped up to become one of the youngest Crew Chiefs (decorating foreman) after a crew chief abruptly quit. I truly enjoy meeting people from all over the country (and world) who come to help decorate our Lutheran Float and the others that we contract to decorate. Since then, I've continued with this annual tradition, and you may say that I have roses (or maybe glue) running in my blood. The 2018 float will be the 22nd that I've been in charge of decorating.

I graduated from California Lutheran University with a Liberal Studies degree and began teaching at my home congregation in Southern California. It was during my 5<sup>th</sup> year of teaching that I met my husband at a Cal Lu Homecoming game/ 5 year class reunion. He had just finished seminary and was awaiting a first Call. He accepted his first Call to Antioch Lutheran in Hoagland, Indiana in 2009 and we were married that summer. We spent 4 ½ years in Indiana and then my husband accepted a Call to serve Immanuel Lutheran in Fresno, California. We've been here 4 years.



## MISSION MINDED

Being new to the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) and The Women's Council (TWC) I am also new to the Missions Team. I am most excited about working with Mission as it has been a passion of mine for years. The wonderful thing about being in a developing church is that there are no traditions that must be followed. The Core Values of the church:

**Christ Centered:** We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, "according to which all doctrines should and must be judged" (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God. This allows each member, congregation and district to do the mission that they feel lead by the Holy Spirit to do. Simply put there are no boundaries, limitations to what you can do. As long as it is Christ Centered following what is outlined in scripture. In doing your project you are being a living example of God's word to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and heal the sick. Becoming the face and voice of God to those who are in need or peril.

**Mission Driven:** We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age. To make disciples can be confusing to some. How do you make a disciple? Disciples cannot be mass produced, they must be handcrafted one at a time. Taking the time to build and develop relationships, being there in the time of need. Listening when a person just needs to be heard. Caring for the least of humanity, people may forget what you look like and sometimes they will forget what you said; but your actions will forever be imprinted in their heart. Our mission is to imprint Jesus in the hearts and minds of all of humanity.

**Traditionally Grounded:** We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions. When we follow the example of Christ, and show grace our actions are the witness across time and space.

**Congregationally Focused:** We strive to be a church that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information. To me this is the bum-diggity, our mission service and I call it service because we are here to service others. Your congregation determines your mission focus. There is no governing body mandate as to what, when, where or how you can serve God's people.

You and the spirit of God within you determine how you do missions. The joy will be to see how each congregation and mission district defines the missions they have been called to do. Some will focus locally, others are called to look nationally, while some will be global. Tap into your own passions, what has God called you to do? One person can start a movement, clean drinking water, sanitary products for girls, shoes, school supplies or bibles. What need have you been called to shed light on? That is missions in the NALC. I look forward to hearing all of the amazing things that you as the Women of the NALC are doing for the lifting of our Core Values and the edification of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

*Jacqui El Torro*

*WNALC Council & Missions Team*



**MISSION BANK RECIPIENTS**

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  
Mission Banks until May 31, 2018

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.

**HEARTLAND MISSION DISTRICT EVENT**

The NALC Heartland Mission District Council has worked to bring together a dynamic convocation on September 9, 2017 hosted by St. James Lutheran Church of Greenfield, IN. The Heartland Council asked what needs and concerns for ministry are most needed by our congregations and so we designed our workshops and sessions to meet some of them.

The morning schedule included a choice of workshops:

1. Graceful Living – Stewardship for Life – Dean Thorson led how to learn to be a steward of all that God gives us including time, creation, money, and life.
2. Care and Feeding of Church Councils – Pr. Allen Schoonover led this for well-functioning councils and those who would like to make some changes, too.

We welcomed *Church Doctor Ministries*, Tracey Swank, as our keynote speaker for “Relational Discipleship-the X Factor”. Another workshop with Church Doctors was held in the afternoon.

The day also included worship, business, celebrations, vendor displays, and installations. We wanted to celebrate ministry within our

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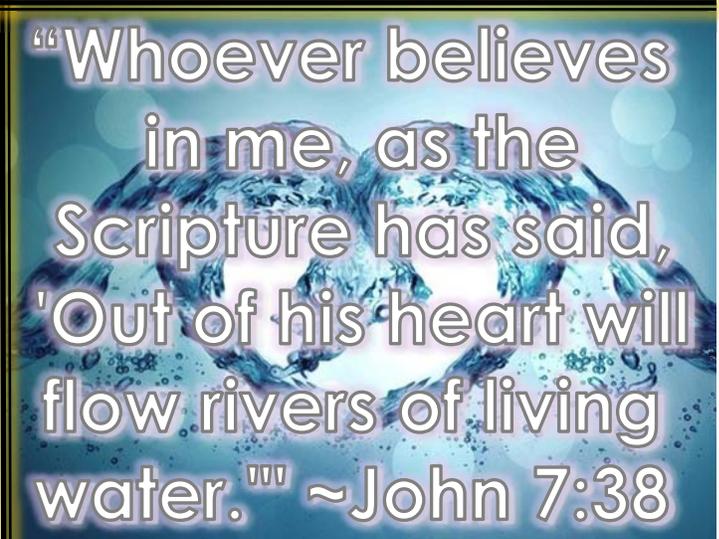
**RECIPES TO SHARE:**

**MARY’S TACO BAKE**

- 1 (14-oz.) box deluxe macaroni & cheese dinner
- 1 lb. beef, ground and divided
- 1 (1-oz.) pkg. taco seasoning
- ¾ c. sour cream
- 1½ c. cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1½ c. salsa

Heat oven to 400°. Prepare macaroni and cheese dinner as directed on package. While macaroni is boiling, cook ground beef with taco seasoning as directed on seasoning pkg. When cheese packet is added to macaroni, also stir in sour cream. Spoon ½ of macaroni mixture into 9"x13" baking dish. Top with meat mixture, then 1 c. shredded cheese, and finally remaining macaroni mixture. Cover with foil and bake for 15 minutes. Remove from oven and spread salsa and remaining ½ c. shredded cheese on top. Bake uncovered 5 more minutes or until cheese is melted.

*Submitted by Mary Stine  
St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Trufant, MI*



### HEARTLAND MD EVENT, CONT.

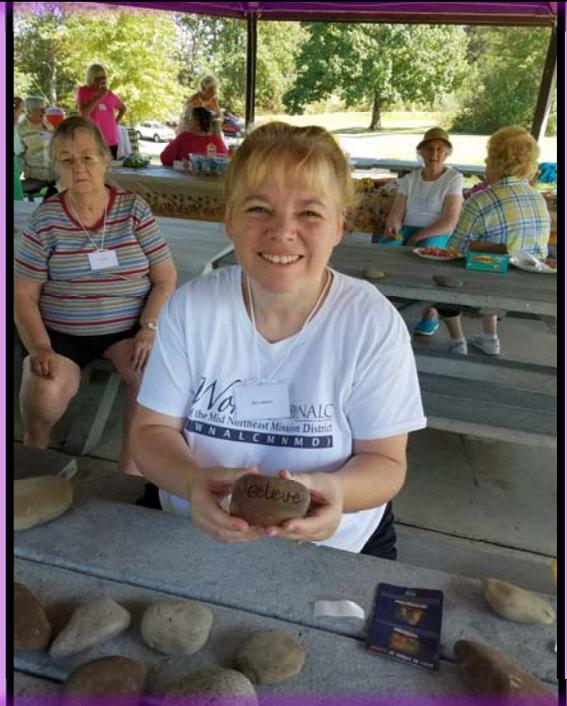
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Mission District churches. In addition, we solicited ministry displays such as Via de Cristo, mission work, education materials, etc. All display tables were free.

We asked that each church send a delegate to vote for new council members, however, we hoped that many people from each church would attend. This was a great time to gather as a Mission District for support, education, and Spirit-filled worship. We even allowed time to visit and share ideas.

May the love of Jesus fill you with all joy and peace.

In ministry together,  
*Pastor Pam Thorson,*  
*Heartland Mission District Dean*



### MID-NORTHEAST MISSION DISTRICT EVENT

The women of the Mid-Northeast Mission District had a retreat on September 23rd at Crooked Creek State Park at Ford City, PA. Our day began with devotions overlooking the dam. We enjoyed breakfast of quick breads, fruit, and yogurt. Our brains were challenged with a Martin Luther quiz. Lunch included sandwich rings and chips. Park Rangers informed us of the beauties and facts of the park. With our free time, we could take a walk, or do crafts, making crosses out of cardboard or labeling rocks with faith words. We ended our day with a discussion relating Martin Luther and our devotional readings to everyday life.

*Submitted by Amy Werner,*  
*Mid-Northeast MD Facilitator*



**GOD'S COMFORT**

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). These words can provide comfort in many circumstances, but sometimes it's impossible to see the "good" when "all things" are happening. It's not exactly something you want to hear when your home has just been destroyed by a hurricane or flood. Immediately after a disaster hits, it is possible to see God's good through those who serve as His hands and feet to help. But God doesn't send hurricanes and floods so we humans have the chance to "see" or "be" "good". Speaking from personal experience as my home and community of Minot, ND were destroyed by a flood in 2011, it takes a long time to recover from a disaster, and your life will never truly be the same. I was recently blessed to have the opportunity to "pay forward" the help my family received by visiting the Corpus Christi, TX area and volunteering with Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts. Throughout my time there I was reminded of the verse "He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God" (2 Corinthians 1:4). Our country and church have responded to the crisis left in the wake of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, letting those affected know we, and most of all God, has not forgotten them. It will take continued support and prayers to help our neighbors on their long road to recovery. God promises "In this world you will have troubles. But be brave! I have defeated the world!" (John 16:33) and "The one who loves us gives us an overwhelming victory in all these difficulties. I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love which Christ Jesus our Lord shows us. We can't be separated by death or life, by angels or rulers, by anything in the present or anything in the future, by forces or powers in the world above or in the world below, or by anything else in creation, Amen" (Romans 8:37-39).

*Submitted by Johanna Nelson  
Calvary Lutheran Church, Brookfield, WI*

**CHRISTMAS CAUSE**

CALL TO ALL THE LADIES OF THE WNALC—Let us join together to help the hurricane victims enjoy the upcoming Christmas season as much as we can. With all the loss they have experienced and all their current efforts devoted to simply surviving and attempting to rebuild homes and lives, helping to provide as much of a festive holiday spirit as possible can make a huge difference. Remember, they have lost the Christmas season sparkle—trees, heirloom decorations, family traditions and so much more.



Imagine what we can accomplish as we all work together to make a difference for these families during the Christmas season. Time is of the essence, so, just as we responded quickly when the disaster struck, let us respond just as immediately for the WNALC 2017 Christmas Cause. Here are the addresses to send to:

**NALC Disaster Warehouse (Christmas Cause)**  
**810 Main St.**  
**Caldwell, OH 43724**

Monetary donations for the Christmas Cause may be sent to:

**NALC Disaster Response**  
**2299 Palmer Dr., Suite 220**  
**New Brighton, MN 55112**

Have fun within each of your women's groups with your responses to the Christmas Cause. Without a tree, how can they decorate—wreaths, garlands? Use your imaginations. Be creative. You are all so very talented and it will be wonderful to behold the results. Think of the color, warmth, and love received by a family whose lives have become such a gray struggle. The light in the children's eyes will be worth it all.

Color, sparkle, and surprises all bring to life the joy of the celebration of Jesus' birth. It's all about sharing the love of Jesus Christ. With all your help, let's make the WNALC 2017 Christmas Cause a resounding success.

*Submitted by Linda Brower  
WNALC Chair & Fellowship Team Leader*

**DAILY DEVOTIONS, THE MARTIN LUTHER WAY**

This year of 2017 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. One of the many contributions made by Martin Luther was translation of the Bible into the language of the common people. The Scriptures are available for our reading today because of the importance Martin Luther placed on Christians being able to read the word of God for themselves.

Taking on the whole of Scripture can seem overwhelming for many of us. This is not a new problem for Christians. Martin Luther gave advice to his barber in his booklet, *A Simple Way to Pray, for a Good Friend*. His advice was to focus on a small part of Scripture at one time., *“Don’t take too much upon yourself lest the spirit should get tired. It is sufficient to grasp one part of a Bible verse or even half a part from which you can strike a spark in your hearts. For the soul can think more in one moment than the tongue can speak in ten hours and pen can write in ten days.”*

An excellent resource designed for focusing on a few verses of Scripture day by day is the devotional *Daily Texts*. My husband and I started using the *Daily Texts* years ago while attending a family camp at Mount Carmel Ministries in Alexandria, Minnesota. The devotion uses one passage from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament for each day of the year and includes a daily Bible reading plan along with a brief prayer.

The *Daily Texts* have been used since the 1700s in Europe and are now one of the most widely used devotionals in the world and available in 50 languages. When you read the daily verses in your own home, you are united with many Christians across the globe in your study of God’s word. The version produced by Mount Carmel

Ministries also include suggestions for home devotions, Luther’s Small Catechism, and a weekly hymn. *Daily Texts* 2018 would be an excellent resource for your own daily devotions and would also make a treasured Christmas gift for someone on your list.

For more information contact:

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Blessings on your daily walk with Jesus,

*Marcella Nelson*

*WNALC Council & Spirituality Team*

**APPOINTMENT TO THE  
WNALC COUNCIL**

On October 12, 2017 at the monthly board meeting of the WNALC Council. Jennifer Madsen was appointed by vote to the WNALC Council according to the Guidelines.



**CLYDE SANDERS**

Jennifer joins us due to a resignation from Clyde Sanders on October 6th. We thank Clyde for her dedicated service that always was a step above the expected.



**DISASTER RESPONSE AT  
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, ROSENBERG, TEXAS**

My husband and I have been interested in helping with disaster response for the last few years. But we have never really been directly involved....until now.

Hurricane Harvey hit the Texas coast at the end of August. This gave us the opportunity for hands on experience since the disaster and devastation was right 'in our backyard'. While our house was spared, many neighborhoods not far from us were wiped out with the rising river water. And to frustrate many, it took a while for the flood waters to recede in a lot of areas.

This is when the South Texas Mission District churches came together to do

have coordinated the arrival of these shipments and had volunteers there to help unload the trucks. After the supplies were sorted, we would load them on our pickup trucks & trailers and take them to the outlying, rural areas where the people were not receiving much help.



At first, this did not seem like much impact when looking over the ruined houses. However, when the trucks would arrive at a church or city building in these rural areas, we were greeted with cheers and also a few tears. It is truly the Hand of God that has been guiding and leading us to these areas.

It has been a tiring experience but a rewarding experience. The need for supplies is going down as people are moving into the long term recovery phase

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what we could to help our neighbors. It was decided that 3 churches across the district would be distribution points in the affected area. Our church in Rosenberg was one of these churches. That meant that trucks were loaded with supplies from the NALC Disaster Warehouse in Caldwell, Ohio and sent to Peace Lutheran in Clifton, TX (a church not in the disaster area). Supplies then were loaded on trucks and taken to the 3 churches to distribute. The last few weeks, my husband and I as well as several others,



**DISASTER RESPONSE AT  
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, ROSENBERG, TEXAS**



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**NALC DISASTER RESPONSE NEEDS**

*updated as of 9/13/2017*

with plans to repair their homes or explore other options. Now our church is responding to this next phase by opening up our Parsonage as a home for volunteer workers to stay. We were able to borrow bunk beds from a local Lutheran camp and now the Parsonage can sleep up to 13 on a work team.

What can you do to help? Pray! Pray for all those who have lost everything. Pray for strength to face the long days ahead. Did your church send items to Nashville for the "Stuff the Truck" event? The warehouse was full; if only for a little while. While Harvey has wreaked havoc in our area, our brothers and sisters in Florida, the islands, and the south eastern states are dealing with the devastation left by Hurricane Irma and now Maria. The fires are still burning out West. The need is there. Thank God that He has given us serving hearts and caring hands to help!

*Submitted by Pat Dittrich  
WNALC Council Secretary*

**Flood Buckets:**

- 5-gallon bucket with lid
- 2 one-quart bottles of bleach or a gallon of bleach
- Rubber gloves
- Work gloves
- Large, heavy duty plastic bags (30-45 gallon size)
- Room deodorizer
- Scrub brush
- Sponges
- 100-ft clothes line or two 50-ft
- Antibacterial soap
- Scouring pads
- Reusable wipes
- Dust masks
- Two 25-oz or one 50-oz liquid laundry soap
- Disinfectant liquid soap
- Insect repellent spray - really needed!

Send *Material items* to;  
**NALC Disaster Warehouse**  
**810 Main St.**  
**Caldwell, OH 43724**

Mary Bates  
NALC Disaster Coordinator  
disasterresponse@thenalc.org  
740-509-1132

**Other needed items:**

- Shovels
- Rakes
- Garden hoses
- Tarps
- Tools to remove debris (such as wet flooring)
- Mops
- Gas cans
  
- BIBLES
- Baby diapers and formula
- Feminine hygiene products
- Hand sanitizer gel or wipes
- Pet food
- Paper plates, plastic eating utensils, paper towels
- Gift Cards (Home Depot, Lowe's, Target, Walmart)

Send *Monetary donations* to:  
**NALC Disaster Response**  
**2299 Palmer Drive, Suite 220**  
**New Brighton, MN 55112-2202**



**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 [wncnews@yahoo.com](mailto:wncnews@yahoo.com) by November 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.

**CAKE FOR NURSING HOME  
RESIDENTS FROM  
FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
LENNOX, SD**

Once a year our women serve angel food cake topped with strawberries and whipped cream to residents and any visitors they have at the local Good Samaritan Society nursing home.

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



**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 [wncnews@yahoo.com](mailto:wncnews@yahoo.com)

**HAVE YOU  
THOUGHT OF  
THIS IDEA?**

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*Iowa*
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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.**