

# WNALC

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WOMEN'S COUNCIL



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:  
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# NEWS FOR WOMEN OF THE NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THE CHAIR'S CORNER

Dear Sisters in Christ,  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I don't know about you but these last couple of months have been very stressful for me with the riots, police killings, elections, and etc. Everywhere I turned there seemed to be another incident that would sadden my heart with the inhumanity and deep disrespect people have for one another. I wonder how, in the world, we ever sank this low. This didn't happen overnight; it has happened slowly, over decades, without some of us even realizing that it was happening. However, I believe that by the grace of our Lord, things are about to change. When pastors return to teaching the Scriptures and preaching the truth in love, we will see an awakening and a hunger within our nation. Sometimes we forget that we are really not in control. God is and always will be. That is why I am internally grateful to be a part of the North American Lutheran Church. Did you know that we are one of the fastest growing Lutheran churches? I believe that it is our core values (Christ-Centered, Mission-Driven, Traditionally-Grounded and Congregationally-Focused) that draw new members to our churches. As the Women of the NALC (WNALC) we have a unique ministry within the NALC. The ministry that we have within our congregations is never trivial.

It takes many hands to fulfill the work the church is called to do. God works through those who have a willing and loving spirit. On behalf of the Women's Council, I would like to thank each and every woman within our NALC congregations for her service within her congregation and community. You are an example for others to follow.

At the beginning of November the Women's Council had their fall retreat to set goals and gathering for next year. We were blessed to be able to meet at the St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Lexington County, SC for our two day session. Southern hospitality was abundant at St. Peter's and the fellowship we shared with the Women's groups was deeply appreciated. And, oh my, the meals were so delicious that I and several others requested "family" recipes. (My husband is originally from South Georgia, so I got a creamed corn recipe and, as a present from our host, Clyde Sanders, a bag of grits. My husband is a happy camper to say the least.) It was wonderful to share ideas for fundraisers, missions, and congregational activities. I encourage you, if you have the opportunity, to check out what's going on in other congregations. Who knows, we might be inspired by a new idea.

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We are looking forward to the great things happening within your congregation. Remember: everything we do in the name of Christ is important. So please send these articles to our newsletter editor, Lane Magera, at [wnalcnews@yahoo.com](mailto:wnalcnews@yahoo.com). Also, be sure to include any events or dedications that your women's groups or your congregation will be doing. Send the article with photos if possible. Remember that the newsletter is sent out every other month. To access our newsletters and other pertinent information about the WNALC, visit our webpage at [www.wnalc.org](http://www.wnalc.org).

In Christ,  
*Jessie Phillips, WNALC Chair*



**ELEGANT WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**  
**FROM ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN,**  
**ARROYO GRANDE, CA**

The Women's Ministry of Saint John's Lutheran Church in Arroyo Grande, California sponsor an Elegant White Elephant Sale annually in October. We all look forward to the fun, fellowship and opportunity to work together as storekeepers! Before the week is over we've logged in hundreds and hundreds of volunteer hours, as the event has become an all-congregation activity and getting bigger every year.

The "Man's Cave" is the hot spot for men (electronics, tools, gardening, and anything that puzzles the women). The ladies are gathering donations, cleaning, sorting, pricing and arranging items by category (i.e. home decor, jewelry, holiday decorations, collectibles etc.) The artistically designed tables of merchandise welcome eager shoppers who come from miles around



every year. Many folks are lined up at the doors long before the 8:00 a.m. start time for this two-day event. We pride ourselves in welcoming our guests to a clean and pleasant environment, with the smell of home-made cinnamon rolls coming from the kitchen. The coffee nook is a cozy spot to enjoy homemade goodies while catching up with old friends.

The event is a wonderful Christian outreach to our beachside community, and provides an affordable shopping opportunity to the low-income families. This year we raised \$6,500!! Proceeds will be gifted to about fifteen charitable organizations that support the underprivileged. We've already gifted the NALC Disaster Response Fund, along with a gift for the WNALC. The Women's Ministry also funds supplies for the church kitchen and other congregational needs.

Our exciting calendar for the coming months includes a presentation on canine service dogs for veterans with PTSD; a "Home Concert" in The Commons by a beloved Christian musician; a Taco-Bingo event, a mission fund-raiser; a style show; the Christmas Luncheon and the Valentine event, "Love is...".

Faith, fellowship, God's Word, and prayer are the glue that holds us together, serving God by caring for others. Thanks be to God!

*Jan Straka,*  
***St. John's Lutheran Church, Arroyo Grande, CA***

**QUILTS FROM FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN, LENNOX, SD**

To the right are several shots of our quilts as displayed for harvest festival which was October 9th at First English Lutheran, Lennox, SD. The ladies produced 71 regular sized quilts (about 60" x 80") and 9 baby quilts. The ladies meet twice a week for a couple hours. The janitor brings the machines up from the basement on the elevator and sets them up. The group can vary from 2 to 7 ladies, but a couple of the ladies do much work at home, too. 61 quilts were boxed for Lutheran World Relief. Seven were kept at First English for a silent auction. 12 were given to The Exchange, the local pantry which has items other than food for community residents.

*Verlyss Jacobson  
First English Lutheran, Lennox, SD*



**MISSION MARKET FROM ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN, LEXINGTON, SC**

St. Peter's Lydia Circle in Lexington, SC held its 9th Annual Mission Market on Saturday, November 12. The **Bake Shop** (homemade pies, cakes, cookies, breads, and cinnamon rolls), **Country Store** (fresh Lexington County grown vegetables, canned beets, chow chow, jellies, sauerkraut, pickles), **Café** (freshly made corn dogs, hamburgers, French fries, fried okra and mushrooms, and mozzarella sticks), **Mission Kitchen** (frozen casseroles—main dishes, desserts, breakfast, and sides), **This & That** (crafts, Happy Home flavorings, Rada cutlery, church cookbooks), and **Photography Studio** (packages \$25). We also have a garage sale several months prior to the market. Additionally, there were 30 vendors who gave part of their proceeds to the market.

When the proceeds were totaled at 1:30, we had \$10,500. We still have money to come in this week as there are some casseroles to be sold Sunday. All proceeds will go to Relay for Life, two Lexington District 1 snack sack programs, Lighthouse for Life, Dickerson

Children's Advocacy Center, and Samaritan's Well. Over the past nine years the Mission Market has made it possible for us to give over \$88,000 to many deserving nonprofit organizations who share God's love.

*Clyde Sanders, WNALC Council*



**FREE CYCLE FROM  
HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN,  
FREDERICKSBURG, TX**

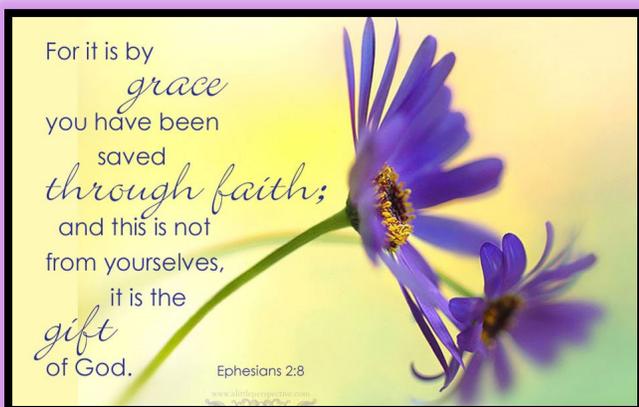
All is FREE like God's Grace is FREE. Take what you need but need what you take. Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, Texas sponsors a Free Cycle Event yearly. A Free Cycle Event is like having a garage sale except items are FREE! This event has been going on for several years and is greatly appreciated by many. The congregation is encouraged to clean out closets and we even advertise to community to also bring items. However, no adult clothing and no heavy large furniture is accepted. Bring items not used in the last year. Many have items they want to get rid of but do not want to have their own garage sale.

Items are brought to church between 12 pm to 3 pm the day before the FREE CYCLE or on day before FREE CYCLE begins. As items are mostly gone in 20 to 30 minutes, we have changed start time to 10 am. After an hour, items not taken are donated to local hospice.

Yes, some people take items and may sell in their own garage sale. But we are not to judge. We keep saying, take what you need but need what you take. They may need that money to pay bills.

Advertise well and keep telling everyone, all is FREE like God's Grace is FREE.

**Judy Vordenbaum, Holy Ghost Lutheran,  
Fredericksburg, TX**

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

- 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese (softened)
- 2 cups confectioner's sugar (sifted)
- 1 (15 oz.) can solid pack pumpkin
- 1 T ground cinnamon
- 1 T pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon frozen orange juice concentrate

Blend cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Gradually mix in the pumpkin. Stir in spices and orange juice until smooth and well blended. Chill until serving. Dip with ginger snaps.

**SEEDLESS GRAPE SALAD**

- 1 lb. each seedless white and red grapes
- 3/4 cup sliced almonds
- 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese (softened)
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup 10X powdered sugar (sifted)
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Cut grapes in half. Cream the sour cream and cream cheese until smooth. Add vanilla and powdered sugar to cream cheese mixture making sure there are no lumps in the cream cheese. Stir almonds into the mixture. Fold in cut grapes and put mixture in a serving bowl. Mix the brown sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle on top of grape salad before serving.



## STEWARDSHIP SIPS

Write a stewardship article they said. Your last one was good they said. Truth be told I, like most people, don't like the word stewardship. You see, it means we're going to talk about money and that is never fun. Unless you happen to have won the Powerball lottery then it could be a lot of fun.

I take a different approach to Stewardship. I don't think it only must do with money. So, as I sit here on my sofa, wrapped up in a blanket (don't judge, it's cold), with a hot cup of steaming coffee, let's just have a chat. Go ahead, go get a cup of coffee and I will be waiting right here for you.

Okay, now that you have your coffee, let's talk. I think Stewardship means so much more than money. I think it can mean time, service, volunteering, working, praising, prayer, and so much more.



I looked around while we were at the gathering in Anaheim and saw 50 or so women who came to the WNALC portion of the gathering. I thought this was both good and sad. It was awesome that 50 women were there to help steer the WNALC. Yet, I found it sad though since we have over 400 churches in the NALC and if just one woman from each church had come we would have had 400 or more women at the meeting. So, this is the first part of stewardship, get involved. It is my dream that every church has a WNALC group. You don't have to have 50 women to have a group remember, "wherever two or more are gathered I am there". You can have a group at your church with two or three women and grow it from there. If you need help reach out to us, your board, we are here to help. Let's be not only a driving force for the WNALC but also for the NALC.

Let's talk about another area or meaning of stewardship and that's service. Get involved. Get involved with your church group, your mission district, or even nationally. We have lots of ways for you to be involved. We need contact people in the churches and districts, we need volunteers to help with gatherings, we need people to serve on different committees, we need people willing to step up and serve on the national board, and we have many other areas you can help with if you are so led. Watch for opportunities in upcoming newsletters.

One of the easiest ways to take part in stewardship is to pray. Pray for our nation, pray for your pastor, pray for the women in your congregation. Simply put, just PRAY.

Do you have that second cup of coffee yet? Well, I am going to step into the kitchen and get one. I will be right back, so go ahead and grab a second cup for yourself. I will wait for you. Mmmmm, the coffee is good and hot, isn't it? It is the third Lutheran sacrament, don't ya know.

We now come to the most dreaded area of stewardship, money. As I have told you before I am very Lutheran and as any good Lutheran, I hate talking about money. Money however, is a necessary evil. We, as the WNALC, must have money to operate just like your local church or your personal household. As the WNALC grows so do our budgetary needs. In my last article, I told you some of the things we use the money for that you send to the WNALC. We use them for general operations, travel expenses, gathering expenses, and so on. The very exciting part of this are the fun things we can do with the money. Fun not for us as your board but fun for the people we can impact by doing them. Things such as donations to different organizations or funds thereby giving us the ability to touch thousands of people and spread God's glorious word. This past year, with

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your help, we made donations to SOLA publishing and the World Mission Prayer League. In a recent board meeting, we talked of more ways to impact more people and with your help we can do that in the future. Watch for exciting news in the future.

I would like to challenge each women's group to make the WNALC part of your budget and regular giving. If all 400 churches will take up this challenge the burden would be light and the reward would be immeasurable. I would like to remind you that we receive no funds from the NALC. We are not a line item in their budget and this is by design, the WNALC strives to be a self-funding ministry. That is what we are, a ministry to not only you the women of the NALC but to all God's people.

If you are so moved to help us, please send your donation to:

**WNALC**  
**c/o NALC Financial Administration**  
**2299 Palmer Drive, Suite 220**  
**New Brighton, MN 55112-2202**

If you are participating in our mission bank drive, those donations need to be sent in with the form provided in the newsletters so that the funds are properly deposited. If you are sending money for

the general fund, simply denote general fund on the check.

Thank you for letting me come into your home and share a cup of coffee with you. I enjoyed our time together. If you have any questions or if I, or any of our board members, can help you please don't hesitate to contact us. Our contact information is in each newsletter.

In His Service,  
**Robbie Conley, WNALC Treasurer**

### ADVENT IDEA FROM FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH - MANSFIELD, OH

#### REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Each day you add an item to the box and on Christmas Eve you donate the contents to a foodbank



Jan Fisher



### ST. THOMAS LUTHERAN, TRUFANT, MICHIGAN

Mary Bates, the new leader of NALC Disaster Response Task Force and head of NALC Disaster Response Warehouse visited St. Thomas Lutheran in Trufant, Michigan for their Women's Mission Sunday. In addition to being an inspiring speaker, Mary was able to take 80 Bibles and 55 blankets as the fruits of a Bibles and Blankets Drive. After Mary brought the Bibles and blankets back to Caldwell, Ohio at the NALC Disaster Response Warehouse they were shortly shipped out to a small town in North Carolina dealing with flooding.

**MISSION DISTRICT  
FACILITATORS**

Is God calling **YOU** to serve the women's groups of your district? Contact your current mission district representative for more details on how to be a Mission District Facilitator.

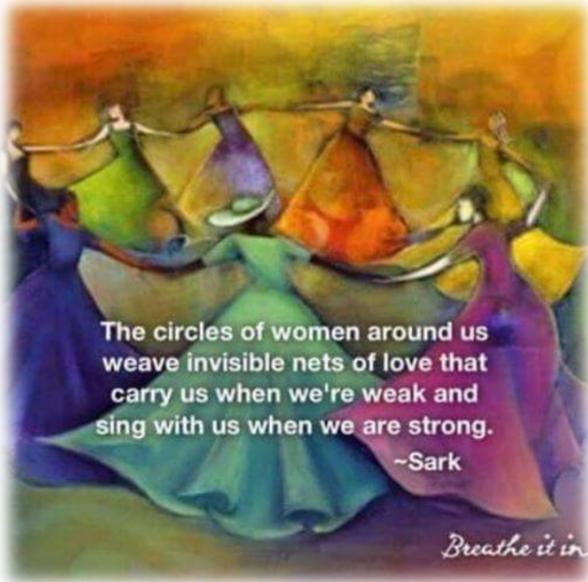
Is this somewhere you might be willing to serve?? Could you be the point person for your district? You do not need to be a member of the board for this position.

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

Please send your stories, pictures, blogs, or event information to Lane Magera, editor at [wncalcnews@yahoo.com](mailto:wncalcnews@yahoo.com) by January 15, 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.

**BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR GROUP'S  
MEMBERSHIP INFO FORM TO YOUR  
MISSION DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT  
NALC ENDORSED MISSIONARIES,  
MISSION PARTNERS, MISSION  
MINISTRIES, AND THE GREAT  
COMMISSION SOCIETY, VISIT THE  
WEBSITES BELOW:**



**WNALC GUIDELINES  
RATIFICATION PACKETS**

Packets should be on their way to your women's group through your church/pastor as well as through your mission district representatives.

Please be sure to hold a vote and get the result back in before February 9, 2017.

**NALC Missionaries:**

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

**NALC Mission Partners:**

<http://thenalc.org/ministry-partners/>

Awaking Lives to World Missions  
[www.alwm.org](http://www.alwm.org)

China Service Ventures

[www.chinaserviceventures.org](http://www.chinaserviceventures.org)

East European Missions Network

[www.eemn.org](http://www.eemn.org)

Friends of Madagascar Mission

[www.madagascarmission.org](http://www.madagascarmission.org)

India Transformed/UEMI

[www.indiatransformed.org](http://www.indiatransformed.org)

Life Together Churches

[www.lifetogetherchurches.org/](http://www.lifetogetherchurches.org/)

Lutheran CORE

[www.lutherancore.org](http://www.lutherancore.org)

Lutherans for Life

[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

Sola Publishing

[www.solapublishing.org](http://www.solapublishing.org)

World Mission Prayer League

[www.wmpl.org](http://www.wmpl.org)

**Great Commission Society:**

<http://thenalc.org/great-commission-society/>

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- Rocky Mountain Mission District** (4)  
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*Michigan (Lower Peninsula)*



Collect contributions from your women's group(s) and forward offerings by JUNE 1st of each year to:

**Women of the NALC**  
**2299 Palmer Drive, Suite 220**  
**New Brighton, MN 55112-2202**

*Be sure to enclose deposit slip designation WNALC as the recipient. All grant proposals will be voted on each year at the WNALC Gathering.*

**MY MISSION BANK**



My daily contribution is to:  
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**MISSION DONATION DEPOSIT SLIP**

**DONOR'S INFORMATION**

Individual     Church     Mission District Group     Other

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**DONATION AMOUNT**

Amount of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **Women of the NALC** and note "**Mission Donation**" on the memo.  
Send to: **Women of the NALC, 2299 Palmer Drive Suite 220, New Brighton, MN 55112-2202**

# WNALC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION 2016

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.**