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**2017-2018  
WOMEN'S COUNCIL**



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# NEWS FOR WOMEN OF THE NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

## CHAIR'S CORNER

Have you ever felt instantly old? You know what I mean—like when your child goes off to their first day of school or how about this—when your youngest has the nerve to turn twenty, no longer a teenager. It was bad enough when your eldest did that. Now you feel “old”. Then suddenly, it's your grandson turning 20 and great-grand-children are on the horizon, if they haven't already arrived via your grand-daughter having turned twenty a few years earlier. Now you're really feeling “old”. You're not the thirty year old checking the mirror for a wrinkle anymore cause you don't even have to look in the mirror to know there's a multitude of them.

So, how old is too old? Noah was over 600 years old when God commanded him to build an ark. Abraham was about 130 years old when Sarah, who was herself over 100, bore him a son just as God had promised. Moses was about 80 when he parted the Red Sea and then led the Israelites through the wilderness for another 40 years. Lifespans in the New Testament were considerably shorter whatever their means of passing, yet they served Christ until the end. One is never too old to serve our Lord.

While you may not be able to do all you used to do, you still have a great deal to offer. Try wisdom for one. We elders may not always get credit for all our many life experiences but we have certainly built up enough of them to serve us and others well. How can you best make use of that wealth of knowledge? And please note that all of this is true at any age—for you are an “elder” to somebody. You may discover that one of the new NALC bible studies, “Graying in Grace: Becoming Mature Disciples of Jesus Christ” is one way to get started. Find it on the NALC website at [www.thenalc.org](http://www.thenalc.org)

Part of the responsibility of the WNALC Council and the Council Teams is to help the women in your congregation. In some cases it may be to assist you to develop a women's group. In other instances it may be to support your active women's group in any way we can. Sometimes it may be that you help us so that we can share your fine ideas with other women's groups.

The best way we can stay connected is when you provide an annual update on the information for your congregations' women's group, using the Annual Information Sheet enclosed in this newsletter. It's also located on the WNALC website at [www.wnalc.org](http://www.wnalc.org) where you may also find that perfect idea you've been looking for. No obligation is involved beyond one of mutually seeking to serve the ministry of Jesus Christ, at any age.

In Christ,

**Linda Brower, WNALC Chair**

**2017 - 2018 MISSION BANKS RECIPIENTS**

At our Annual Gathering in August 2017, we as The Women of the NALC voted to support two Missions this year with our Mission Banks program. The Mission Bank year runs from the Gathering in August until May 31<sup>st</sup>. We selected one International recipient and one National recipient with all offering received being equally divided between them.

The International Mission Bank Recipient is NALC Global Workers, the **Ekka Family**:

Pastor Nijhar Minz-Ekka serves in North Central India with her family. She is married to Pastor Neeraj Ekka. They are thriving with their four children. The Ekkas have lived in this part of India most of their lives and feel blessed to return to work there. Together, they serve in the North Western Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, primarily at Navin Doman Theological College.



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.



The National Mission Bank Recipient is **NALC Disaster Response**:

Our NALC Disaster Response team has been working overtime with the four hurricanes and the wild fires out West. Every donation that they receive goes immediately into the hands of people in need. There is no administrative overhead or stock piles; it is an in and out system. Your donations are greatly needed as there is still much work to be done for the lives in the affected areas to be restored to wholeness.

Last year, our gifts to Mission Banks totaled \$9226.50. In light of how great the needs are, I am sure we can surpass the \$10,000.00 mark this year. We have been shown much grace and favor, we are blessed to be a blessing. If you haven't been collecting coins individually or in your Circles for your Mission Banks, now is a good time to simply write a check to:

WNALC  
c/o North American Lutheran Church  
2299 Palmer Drive, Suite 220  
New Brighton, MN 55112-2202

**Write "WNALC Mission Bank" in Memo Line.**

In Christ,  
**Jacqui El Torro**  
**WNALC Council & Missions Team**

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED WITH NALC DISASTER RESPONSE

- ◆ How do you and your congregation serve in your community and the larger community? Do you set annual goals? Do you have established programs? How do you train young people and Sunday School classes to serve others? How do the men and the women serve? Are they growing in their faith?
- ◆ Through NALC Disaster Response, you and each member of your congregation is able to reach out and serve in the name of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ By developing a Missions Calendar annually and by partnering with NALC Disaster Response volunteers, you are able to identify families significantly in need and be prepared to serve these families who have been vetted through a qualified case manager.
- ◆ Each congregation member has a role in service which will grow their faith and your leadership is able to help define that role.

First step: Please encourage each congregation member to pray to God for guidance in their service. No one is too young or old to serve God.

Second step: Identify opportunities for service, by group collaboration or individual opportunities. See Disaster Warehouse needs on next page.

Third step: Pray to God for guidance in each of these opportunities for the congregation.

Fourth step: Identify resources to meet the needs of those who need your help.

Fifth step: Meet with NALC Disaster Response to confirm your mission calendar for the year, finalize your goals for your mission projects, start connecting with the families who need you.

Sixth step: Go forth and Serve!

**Sample Mission Calendar:** as part of your goal setting, select projects monthly or quarterly or bi-annually or annually.

**January – March-** Schedule a mission trip/ servant event to the NALC Disaster Warehouse in Caldwell, Ohio. Collect flood buckets, health kits, baby care kits, quilts/blankets, winter coats/hats/gloves.

**April – June-** Sponsor a “Mission Sunday” or “Disaster Response Sunday” by collecting gift cards from Home Depot, Lowes, Wal-Mart, which will help provide home repairs and many other needs for families who cannot afford them.

**Ask for a NALC Disaster Response Sunday Flyer.**

**July – September-** Promote disaster preparedness month through Sunday Schools and congregation. Form a Disaster Volunteer Team and sign up for training. Attend a mission trip/servant event.

**October – December-** Collect furniture, appliances, household items, school supplies, new toys for Christmas, gift cards, and other items needed by the families you are serving. Support the Disaster Warehouse to assist families for the holidays.

Serving with you,

**Mary Bates**

**NALC Disaster Response Coordinator**

**740-509-1132 DisasterResponse@theNALC.org**



**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED WITH NALC DISASTER RESPONSE, CONT.**

DEAR MARY,

**OUR CHURCH/GROUP WOULD LIKE TO COMMIT TO THE FOLLOWING WAYS TO HELP: (PLEASE CHECK)**

**SPONSOR A "SERVANT SUNDAY" AT OUR CHURCH** by collecting Wal-Mart, Lowes, and Home Depot gift cards to help us build Wheelchair Ramps, provide Home Maintenance & Repairs for disaster-impacted families who cannot afford materials. Please mail gift cards to:

**NALC Disaster Response  
P.O. Box 176  
Caldwell, OH 43724  
Month \_\_\_\_\_**

Sign up for Disaster Preparedness Training.

**Month \_\_\_\_\_**

We would like to send a mission youth or adult group to southern Ohio to volunteer for a day or a full week.

**Month \_\_\_\_\_**

Recruitment/Structure: Volunteer to be appointed to the NALC Disaster Task Force = two points of contact in each mission district, the Women of the NALC, and Youth representatives.

Disaster preparedness training will be made available for all congregations in each Mission District. Case Management, Donations Management, Volunteer Coordination, and Christian Spiritual Care training will be provided. Additionally, Congregational Disaster Plans, Family Preparedness training, and Active Shooter training will be provided.

Servant event mission trips may be scheduled for the NALC Youth and adults at any time. Any week may be selected by a congregation. The HARP Mission will host events in the national disaster warehouse. The Disaster Coordinator will

coordinate events at sites of Active disasters. Youth will learn how to volunteer during times of disaster, sharing the love of Jesus.

A Family Preparedness Project will be encouraged during the month of September, National Disaster Preparedness Month. Each congregation will be encouraged to construct Family Survival Kits.

The Disaster Coordinator will attend additional conferences/convocations as requested, at the mission district level.

At least one Donations Management event will be held for congregations, providing congregational members with the opportunity to construct flood buckets, health kits and collect additional items needed during times of disaster. Congregations will be asked to identify storage in their mission districts. A NALC Disaster Response Sunday will be promoted, for the last Sunday of August, collecting gift cards and "Stuff the Truck", at annual and mission district convocations.

**OTHER WAYS TO HELP \_\_\_\_\_**

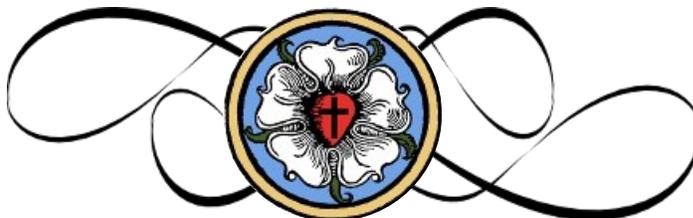
**SEND THIS FORM TO MARY BATES,  
NALC DISASTER RESPONSE COORDINATOR:**

**NALC Disaster Response  
P.O. Box 176  
Caldwell, OH 43724**

Or

**Call at: 740-509-1132**

**Email at: [DisasterResponse@theNALC.org](mailto:DisasterResponse@theNALC.org)**



# NALC DISASTER RESPONSE NEEDS UPDATED 1/2018

## BABY CARE KIT

- TWO** lightweight cotton t-shirts
- TWO** long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers
- TWO** receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- FOUR** cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ONE** jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- TWO** pairs of socks 
- ONE** hand towel, any color
- TWO** or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz, any brand, in original wrap
- TWO** diaper pins or large safety pins

- ONE** cloth bag or backpack
- FOUR** notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, no loose-leaf paper
- ONE** blunt scissors
- ONE** ruler
- ONE** pencil sharpener
- SIX** new pencils
- ONE** eraser,
- PLUS:** -----  -----
- TWELVE** sheets assorted construction paper &
- ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons for elementary
- OR ONE** Calculator for high school (**LABEL Handle**)

## SCHOOL KIT

## FLOOD BUCKET

- ONE** 5 gallon bucket with lid
- TWO** large trash bags
- Comet or scouring cleanser
- PineSol or liquid floor cleaner
- Scrub brush
- Dust Mask (N-95 recommended)
- Rubber gloves
- Broom
- Rakes, shovels, hoes – debris removal tools



**ANY Size** Quilt or Blanket including fabric printed with religious, patriotic, & military symbols.

## QUILTS & BLANKETS

## HEALTHCARE KIT

- ONE** bath towel
- ONE** wash cloth
- TWO** bars of soap, in original wrapping
- ONE** toothbrush
- ONE** pack of dental floss
- ONE** tube of toothpaste (two if sample size)
- ONE** comb
- ONE** deodorant



**NEW and USED**



## BIBLES

- HOME DEPOT**
- LOWE'S**
- WALMART**
- TARGET**



## GIFTCARDS

Send **MATERIAL & GIFTCARD** Donations to:  
**NALC Disaster Warehouse**  
 810 Main Street  
 Caldwell, OH 43724

Mary Bates  
 NALC Disaster Response Coordinator  
 DisasterResponse@theNALC.org  
 740-509-1132

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



**BABY KIT NOTES**

**NALC DISASTER RESPONSE**

**SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER:**

- ◆ Please include sizes between 6 and 24 months. Varying the sizes of the clothing items included will make the Baby Care Kit useful as the baby grows.
- ◆ Sweaters may be knitted or crocheted from leftover yarn, or made from heavy double knits or fleece. Select a pattern that suits your skill level. Preferred styles have buttons or ties down the front.
- ◆ Diapers can be made from flannel or even by recycling t-shirts.
- ◆ If knitting or crocheting receiving blankets, including one knitted/crocheted blanket and one flannel blanket will provide maximum versatility.
- ◆ Onesies can be cut and hemmed or serged to make a simple t-shirt.
- ◆ Gowns, rompers or top/pants sets can be substituted for sleepers.
- ◆ Please include items with religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- ◆ Please donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces.
- ◆ Add other items as God leads you.

**HOW TO PACK YOUR BABY CARE KITS:**

- ◆ Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins.
- ◆ Pack completed Kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in **LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS** on the outside of the boxes.
- ◆ Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents "A PROJECT OF \_\_\_\_\_"

Thank you!

*NALC Disaster Response*

**NEW YEAR!**  
**NEW ADVENTURE!**

Are you up for trying something new? This adventure has the opportunity to meet new people from all over. You would be working with a great core group of women. And most importantly, you would have the opportunity to connect our Sisters in Christ of the WNALC to share God's love!

What am I talking about? Become a member of the WNALC Council! Each year we need ladies to fill seats on this governing board. Won't you consider putting your name on the ballot to run in the election? The election is held during the WNALC Gathering in August during Lutheran Week. The only requirement is for you to belong to a congregation that is a member of the NALC. Contrary to rumors, you DO NOT have to be a pastor's spouse! I am living proof of that (my hubby laughs crazily if I mention seminary)!

I know that the big question in your mind is...what do I have to do? What are my responsibilities? First & the best thing is to have fun & meet new people! Other responsibilities are to attend a meeting once a month (done through the computer). You would be a representative to some of the mission districts and keep them informed of happenings in the WNALC. You would work with a ministry team to develop ideas and projects. And another great perk is to help plan and participate in the Annual Gathering!

Don't miss out on this excellent opportunity! Please prayerfully consider running for a position on the Council. There is a nomination form for you to fill out and return to the Nominating Committee. If you have any questions about this adventure, please ask any of the seven council members. We are here to help you!

Thanks for prayerfully considering,

*Pat Dittrich*

*WNALC Council & Nominating Committee*

### MISSION MINDED

Greetings. In every issue I will be highlighting a Mission opportunity.

This issue I want to focus on Water Mission. Clean or potable water is essential to human life. In Genesis alone water is mentioned in 54 different verses. Water is in the Creation story. Yet 35% of the world's population does not have clean water to drink. Some 842,000 people die annually from the lack of clean water. While those figures are heartbreaking, we must not think of the water crisis being solely a Third World problem.

The water crisis hit home here in the United States of America in 2014. Flint, Michigan's leaders decided to save money by ending a purchase agreement with the city of Detroit for clean water. Instead they would get the city's water from the Flint River. By December 2015 Flint, Michigan declares a State of Emergency due to the water crisis. Fast forward to 2017, Peterson Air Force Base and those living south of Colorado Springs, Colorado had contaminated water and soil with toxic perfluorinated chemicals at levels more than 1,000 times higher than a national health advisory limit. We must also consider the dire need for clean water in the United States Territories of Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands in the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. The water crisis is everywhere even here in the United States and our Territories.

What can we do? We are only a small group of women looking at addressing a global problem. First we must realize that an ant is one of the smallest creatures on earth, yet together they accomplish great things. Small in size but great in faith, during Hurricane Harvey this photo below of fire ants colonies that formed a floating raft to save themselves was widely circulated. Though we are small in number we are mighty with God.



Through Water Mission we can support efforts already in place. The following is taken from <https://watermission.org/disaster-response/>

#### **Water Mission Responds in Puerto Rico**



Hurricane Maria made landfall in Puerto Rico on September 20th, and most of the island's residents continue to lack access to electricity and clean water. Water Mission is currently responding to the dire need for safe water in the following ways:

We are working with the EPA & FEMA to address the needs of over 200 rural communities in Puerto Rico that have water systems managed by the Department of Health.

To date, we have successfully provided safe water in 39 communities, and we continue to complete installations on a weekly basis. Having successfully installed over 1,100 solar-powered water pumping systems, we are implementing solar-powered solutions in many communities, rebuilding systems that are more resilient and sustainable than they were before. Please pray for the people of Puerto Rico & for our staff as they work to serve those in dire need.

We believe that the global water crisis can be solved and we take a comprehensive approach to combating the crisis with water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) solutions. We design customized solutions for each community we serve and we partner with the recipients throughout the process. A successful project results in more time for work and education, improved health, and increased productivity for the community. We provide solutions for those who live in communities around the world that lack safe water and sanitation and those who are suffering as a result of a disaster or emergency situation.

In Christ,  
**Jacqui El Torro**  
**WNALC Council & Missions Team**

**IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL**

In September of 2015, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. The next few weeks were filled with doctor appointments and various tests, and by November I was taking chemotherapy treatments. Chemotherapy caused me to have some difficult days, but I also received many unexpected blessings during treatment. One of those blessings was a painting class offered by our cancer center for patients undergoing treatment. Since I had never taken a painting class before, I decided to give it a go.

When we finished our class, the paintings were displayed in the cancer center as an inspiration to those coming and going there each day. I have included the picture below and my description of the art.

When I finished my radiation therapy at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, our family stopped to celebrate the end of my cancer treatments at Mount Carmel. While visiting the bookstore, I purchased a cross necklace with the words "It is Well" to remind me of what Christ had done for me throughout my treatments. Even though I had many medical issues and treatments to contend with, I was not afraid and I could truly say day by day, "it is well with my soul".

Blessings on your daily walk with Jesus,  
**Marcella Nelson**  
**WNALC Council & Spirituality Team**

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot,  
Thou has taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.**



**Refrain:  
It is well, with my soul,  
It is well, with my soul,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet,  
though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.**

**Refrain**

**My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

**Refrain**

**And Lord, haste the day  
when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound,  
and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.**

**Refrain**



*I chose to paint this lake scene which is the shore of Lake Carlos in Alexandria, MN. It is the view from the steps of the chapel at Mount Carmel Ministries. Going to the retreat center at Mount Carmel has always been a healing, calm, and refreshing trip for our family. The cross on the shore is in keeping with Mount Carmel's theme of "Jesus Only".*

*Throughout my diagnoses and treatment, I have been very thankful for the friends and family who have been so gracious to pray for me and take care of me in numerous ways. They are a constant reminder to me of Christ in the center of my life just as the cross in the picture is in the center of the view of the lake. The cross on the lakeshore represents my hope and healing and that is why I have chosen "It is Well with my Soul" as the title for the painting.*

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES FLOAT**

And as January 1st has come and gone, it's another year in the books for the Lutheran Hour Float in the annual Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California.

The theme of the 2018 Tournament of Roses Parade was "Making a Difference" and it was an honor for the Lutheran Hour Ministries Float continue to be a part of this annual tradition. The Lutheran Hour Ministries' Float, entitled "Bringing Christ to the Nations" featured a boat with Jesus controlling the rudder, steering and directing His followers from many daily walks of life to use their skills and talents, their passions and pleasures to make a difference in the lives of others. Riders featured a variety of individuals who portray "Making a Difference," including a comfort dog and handler, a Sunday School teacher and child, a leader of a food bank, a missionary, and a Lutheran Pastor. The boat sail featured a map of the world showing our mission is to bring the message of Jesus to those throughout the world.

This year was my 22nd year of being the Crew Chief (Decorating Foreman). Decorating season began the Saturdays in December with cutting dried flowers (blue, purple and pink statice, yellow and pink strawflower), applying seeds (gold clover seed, brown lentils, onion seed, kidney beans, and even mung beans), and various types of bark (redwood bark, palm bark, and paper bark which comes from Melaleuca trees).

The first century boat was created with redwood bark on the sides, yellow strawflower, clover seed, and individually placed brown lentils as beautiful ornate accents on the boat. And who could miss the coffee? The inside of the boat is decorated with coffee! It's sure to give volunteers a needed caffeine rush during those late night hours!

Decoration continued December 26th through December 30th, working 16 hours each day. Live flowers, like mums, carnations, and even individual carnation petals are glued onto the float later in the week. Final touches with roses, iris, and gerbers put in individual water vials and then placed on the float at the end of the week.



**Volunteers decorating the sail with pink statice (left) and dark poppy seed (right)**



**Above: Volunteers create an assembly line to cut and put iris into individual water vials.**



**Left: Volunteers placing light blue, blue, purple and white iris as well as white roses on the float to create the wave.**

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**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES FLOAT, CONT.***(Continued from page 9)*

But, my favorite part of the float project isn't the amazing bean work (where beans are put on one at a time with tweezers), nor is it the beautiful decks of roses and iris at the base of the float, it's the volunteers. Our decorating group, called the Petal Pushers, are volunteers that come both near and far to help decorate the floats. Volunteers are scheduled online for one eight-hour shift commitment, although many out of towners will sign up for more than one shift. Each year, we have individuals, couples, families, and even groups come from across the country to participate. For some, it was their first time decorating. And, then there are some long-time volunteers that come back year after year and for that 1 week, they become part of my float family.

It's my continued hope and prayer that the Holy Spirit would touch the hearts of all who come in contact with the float and that seeds that were planted (and not glued) would bring about a bountiful harvest.

Blessings,

**Jennifer Madsen, WNALC Council**



**Above: Rev. Kris and Jenn Madsen at the Lutheran Hour Ministries float before it floats down the parade route.**



**Left: Lutheran Hour Ministries Float "Bringing Christ to the Nations" in the 2018 Tournament of Roses Parade themed "Making a Difference".**

**REGISTER NOW!**

If you or your church is not registered with the WNALC for 2017-2018, 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

**Pat Dittrich, PO BOX 341, Orchard, TX 74464**

**PERSONAL CARE KITS FROM**  
**FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**MANSFIELD, OH**

In June through September 2017, our church members brought in donations of personal hygiene products to be put into hand made personal tote bags. Some of the items we collected were deodorant, body wash, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste and toothbrushes to name a few. We secured a Thrivent Action Team grant that we used to purchase a bath towel for each bag. 150 bags were filled and these bags were given to children who need assistance via their association at a local community center that serves underprivileged children. We gathered 8 to 10 of our Bible Study ladies one afternoon and filled the personal tote bags assembly line style, keeping them separated by gender and age group. The tote bags were hand made by a group of sewing ladies all of whom were connected to the same community center as volunteers. They are of a size that would make a great gym bag, beach bag, or school bag and the printed fabrics were all so cute and engaging (some had girl prints, some had boy prints).

To take this one step further, another local support group in Mansfield heard about this and requested our help. Mid- November we were able to deliver thirty personal hygiene tote bags to this group of caring folks who run a learning center in their local church which is across the street from an elementary school.

How gratifying it is to be the hands and feet of Jesus! Blessed to be a blessing (one of my own personal sayings.)

*Submitted by Jan Fisher*  
*First English Lutheran Church, Mansfield, OH*

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

Please send your stories, pictures, recipes, or event information to Lane Magera, editor at [wnalcnews@yahoo.com](mailto:wnalcnews@yahoo.com) by March 15, 2018 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.

**HAVE YOU  
THOUGHT OF  
THIS IDEA?**



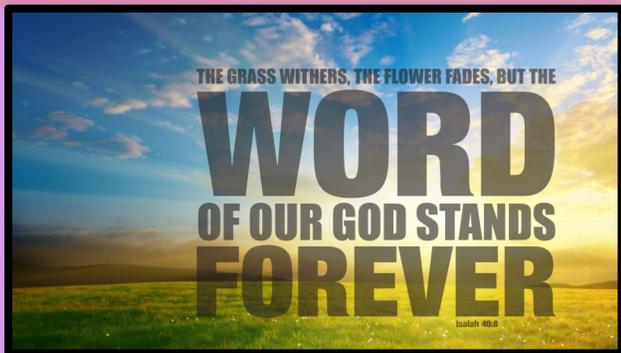
**CELEBRATE!!!**

We spent the recent holiday season with our families and our church families. There were huge meals, delicious candy and baked goods, gifts galore. There were colorful lights and decorations, trees, wreaths, and flickering candles all around us. With worship, praise, and song we celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift of all to His children.

The fellowship we enjoyed during that season can carry on throughout the new year as well. Sometimes in joy, sometimes in sorrow, and sometimes in reflection, such as what we experience during the upcoming Lenten season, coming together as the family of Christ brings peace and comfort. Whether it is a somber occasion or a celebration of Spring—and on throughout all the year—we can share experiences that make a difference in the life of the church.

TELL US about the experiences with women's ministry at your church or in your NALC Mission District, big and small. Let us share them with other women's groups across the nation. By sharing, we help encourage and strengthen one another, spread the wealth of ideas and creativity far and wide. And, we need YOU to accomplish that. Via email, send us notes, articles, pictures, ideas to the Fellowship Team—Linda Brower at [LindaB.wnalc@hotmail.com](mailto:LindaB.wnalc@hotmail.com) or Robbie Conley at [RLConley.wnalc@gmail.com](mailto:RLConley.wnalc@gmail.com) Thanks for helping us help you!

Blessings to all,  
**Linda Brower**  
**WNALC Chair & Fellowship Team**



**WILD GAME FEED FROM**  
**FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**LENNOX, SD**



A member told of his score of an elk while bow hunting in the Black Hills. A feed was had of all kinds of wild game in various different dishes.

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

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TX (north)

**-South Texas Mission District (25)**  
TX (south) & LA



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**-Southwest Pacific Mission District (8)**  
AZ, Southern CA, HI, & Southern NV

**-Wisconsin & Upper Michigan Mission District (18)**  
WI & Upper MI



**FOR MORE MISSION INFORMATION, VISIT:**

**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
- Lutheran World Relief  
www.lwr.org
- Water Mission  
www.watermission.org
- Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries  
www.lmvfm.org
- Wheat Ridge Ministries  
www.wheatridge.org
- Malawi Orphan Care Project  
www.malawiorphanproject.org

**WNALC MISSION BANKS**

Use the bottle wrap bellow to go around an empty water bottle to collect your change.

Encourage others in your women's group to do the same.

If cash and change is not your style,

simply write a check making sure the memo line says **"WNALC Mission Bank"**.

**The 2017-2018 Recipients are NALC Global Workers, The Ekka Family and NALC Disaster Response.**

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

**GIVE THANKS**

with a coin offering to help  
further God's kingdom on earth

# WOMEN OF THE NALC ANNUAL INFORMATION SHEET

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Mission District: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregational Women's Group:

Women's Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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).

#1 Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#2 Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SEND IN MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION \*\*\*\*\* ANNUALLY, in **AUGUST**. \*\*\*\*\*  
MEMBERS ARE REGISTERED FOR THE AUGUST - JULY 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.
- ◆ 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.

◆ **Complete this form and send or email to:**

**Pat Dittrich**  
**PO Box 341**  
**Orchard, TX 74464**  
**PDittrich.WNALC@gmail.com**

**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.**

*Revised January 2018*