

# News for the

# Women of the NALC

North American  
Lutheran Church

## The Chair's Corner

Grace & favor to you all,

I must confess to you that, out of six years of writing newsletter articles for women, this month has been the most challenging for me. A bit of my history & background may help shed some light on my challenge. I don't know the words to say that will not offend someone so here we go. I am who I am.

I was born & raised in Joliet, IL: that small town had so many opportunities & teachable moments that I still carry with me. As this nation celebrates & commemorates the life & legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I go back to the riots of 1968. That was my first experience of civil unrest. We had our own little outburst in the school I was attending. The next week, while America was erupting, a group of us got together to find a better way other than fighting, looting & burning. The group was comprised of students from various ethnic backgrounds. This included Afro-Americans (as we were called then), Latinos & a mixture of whites, or Europeans. We made certain that there were kids with ancestry from Greece, Italy, Poland, Germany, Russia, Sweden, &, as I recall, one from Czechoslovakia. There were Christians, Jews & Muslims; truly a rich group of diversity. Name a region & we had someone from there. We named our group the Human Relations Committee. In 1968 I became a social activist.

Now, in 2019, I see a country in worse shape than it was in 1968. I am no longer a student starting a movement towards peace & justice, but a Christian leader, saddened by what I see & hear on the news.

We all can recall back in the 90's; people were so into WWJD ("What Would Jesus Do?"). You don't hear that phrase much anymore. We don't like to think about what Jesus would do because that conversation would lead us into more debate, division & confusion. "What Did Jesus Do?" is a far better question.

Scriptures that reflect what to do in times such as these:

- ◆ "Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God." Proverbs 14:31
- ◆ "The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." Proverbs 22:9
- ◆ "Get rid of all bitterness, rage & anger, brawling & slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind & compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:31-32

◆ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Matthew 5:9

◆ "My dear brothers & sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak & slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth & the evil that is so prevalent & humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you." James 1:19-21

◆ "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure & faultless is this: to look after orphans & widows in their distress & to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27



Jacqui El Torro

I could go on & on! Jesus, who we profess to love, honor & follow, is mandating us to let our voices be heard. It is not a question of "What Would Jesus Do?" The real question is What are WE doing in His holy name? We have all read the scriptures, we know what needs to be done, we don't need to have conversation or debate. We must be about the business of the Father to alleviate suffering, hunger, the lack of shelter & the general sense of peril to all of humankind that was made in the image of God.

Yes, I am an activist, I believe as I did in 1968 that God created us to be different flowers in His garden & that we can & must coexist in harmony with one another. I will leave you with this:

"Now we ask you, brothers & sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord & who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. & we urge you, brothers & sisters, warn those who are idle & disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other & for everyone else. Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit." 1 Thessalonians 5:12-19

Light & Love,  
Jacqui

# Mission Minded

Greetings,

This is taken from the Water Mission website. It demonstrates the work of Water Mission & why we need to continue to support their work & efforts around the globe. This is why we are proposing Water Mission as one of our Mission Bank recipients for this year. Please continue to support the Mission Bank fund with your dollars & prayers.

Jacqui



## Remembering the Haiti Earthquake: Resilience & Resolve Nine Years Later

Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake:

January 12 marked nine years since Haiti suffered the magnitude 7.0 earthquake that devastated the country.

At the time, our in-country Water Mission team included just five people. When the earthquake struck, four of our staff members were driving through the mountains back to Port-au-Prince — Haiti’s capital & largest city — after visiting communities in southern Haiti.

“I was driving, & then I felt the car shaking,” Aristil Frenel, our staff driver at the time, told us. “I thought it was a flat tire because we didn’t realize we were in an earthquake.”

The road quickly became dangerous, & the team was soon barricaded by rocks crashing down. They spent the night on the mountain, praying for safety & choosing to sing praise songs to God in the midst of their fear. They had no way of contacting anyone or knowing if their families were safe.

“It really affected me because I was far away from my family, & I didn’t know what had happened to them,” Aristil said.

It soon became clear that Haiti was facing staggering destruction. At least 220,000 people were killed by the earthquake, 1.5 million more were displaced & an estimated 80 percent of rural housing was destroyed along with much of the infrastructure in Port-au-Prince. An outbreak of cholera, one of the world’s deadliest waterborne diseases, soon followed & sickened 800,000 Haitians.

We’ll never forget the pain & damage the earthquake caused. But we also won’t forget the way that people in Haiti & around the world immediately mobilized to help. “The cry went out for help & the community of Charleston responded,” said David Inman, Water Mission’s director of Latin America & Caribbean programs. “We had scores of volunteers signing up to lend a hand however it was needed.”



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In the last nine years, Water Mission’s Haiti program has expanded dramatically to include more than 50 employees & two additional office locations.

The people of Haiti have continued to demonstrate courage & resilience in the face of recurring challenges, including the destruction brought by Hurricane Matthew in 2016 & ongoing outbreaks of cholera in the country.

## Safe Water After the Earthquake

“We’ve had to prioritize a program that can respond to disasters readily while still focusing on our long-term community development,” David said. “Everyone who works there has a diverse skill set & the ability to wear multiple hats & they want to make everything happen as quickly as they can. They really understand why the work is urgent.”



In 2019 & beyond, Water Mission plans to focus strategically on bringing safe water, sanitation, & hygiene solutions to the Artibonite Valley region in Central Haiti.



# Mission Minded



working with local partners, including local translators, churches & denominations, & existing leadership. To the degree we can, we share our expertise through training opportunities to ensure that people continue to engage God through His Word long after our missionaries leave.



*Marcella Nelson*

This takes a team with a wide range of skills, from translation advisors & experts in Greek & Hebrew, to IT specialists who help develop the technology & communications infrastructure needed to facilitate programs, to tutors for the children of missionaries, to regional directors responsible for coordinating everything from logistics & protocol to ensuring missionary well-being.

Lutheran Bible Translators is a recognized ministry of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). A list of the ministry partners & recognized ministries of the NALC can be found on the website [thenalc.org](http://thenalc.org) under the dropdown menu title of "Great Commission Society". The webpage is your source for mission opportunities of the NALC. Also, many of these groups have displays at the national gathering for the NALC during Lutheran Week coming up in August in Indianapolis. Make plans to attend the Women of the NALC gathering on August 6<sup>th</sup> followed by the Mission Festival & Convocation.



The following information was taken from the Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) website. In this issue of the WNALC newsletter we are glad to highlight this mission work & ask our readers to remember to pray for their work across the globe.

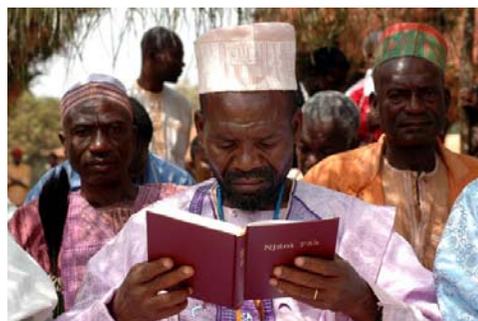
LBT is involved in many programs & projects around the world, many of them overlapping with each other. LBT serves on five continents with over 50 different language groups. We have worked or currently work in Asian, African, South American & North American areas, including the United States. Our missionaries hail from Canada & the U.S.

To learn more about Lutheran Bible Translators:

P.O. Box 789  
Concordia, MO 64020

(660) 225-0810  
Website: [lbt.org](http://lbt.org)

Giving people access to God's life-changing Word in their language involves translating the Bible in written form as well as equipping people with the skills to read & write in their language. Often it also involves creating audio versions of Scriptures, or helping people develop forms of worship that are meaningful within their culture. It always involves



# Treasurer's Tidings

Thank you to all who have supported the Women of the NALC over the past year. Whether it was financially through general or mission fund donations, with your time through attending the Annual Gathering, serving on a team or helping in any other way, or, finally & most importantly, through prayer; your support was & continues to be truly appreciated. At the Annual Gathering in August 2018, with our trust in God who always provides, we approved the budget for 2019 with a deficit of \$3,500. I wanted to give you the year-end report for 2018 so everyone was kept abreast of our financial situation. As you see below, we ended 2018 with an income of \$12,780 & expenses of only \$7,647, which leaves us with an increase of \$5,132 for the year. Thank you again for your immense generosity & also thanks to those who helped decrease spending by covering their own expenses. We will continue to work faithfully in the next year to serve you & all the Women of the NALC as God provides. We continue to keep you in prayer that God may work through all of us to share His love in this broken & hurting world.

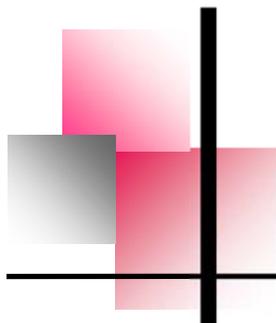


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	<b>Budget 2018</b>	<b>Actual 2018</b>	<b>Budget 2019</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Donations	\$12,000.00	\$8,225.28	\$8,000.00
Gathering Registration	\$5,600.00	\$3,760.00	\$4,000.00
Gathering Offering	\$0.00	\$795.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$17,600.00</b>	<b>\$12,780.28</b>	<b>\$12,500.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Fall Retreat	\$6,000.00	\$1,272.45	\$6,000.00
Annual Gathering	\$10,000.00	\$5,896.92	\$10,000.00
Other	\$0.00	\$477.94	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,647.31</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>
<b>Difference for Period</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>	<b>\$5,132.97</b>	<b>-\$3,500.00</b>



# Monetary Donations

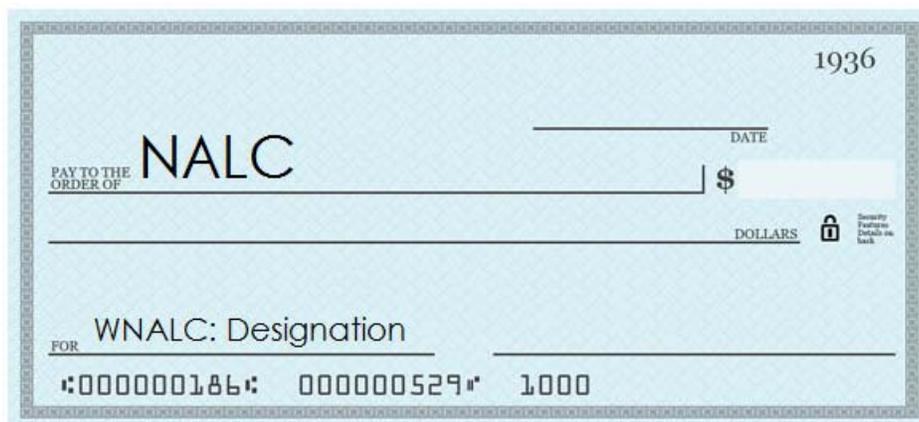


We are eternally grateful to our women within our NALC congregations who continually support the mission of the Women of the NALC. Your support assists the WNALC in providing ideas, support, & information to women's ministry programs in the NALC congregations.

Please send all donations to:

**North American Lutheran Church  
2299 Palmer Drive, Suite 220  
New Brighton, MN 55112-2202**

Please ensure that a comment is made on the memo (for) line of each check sent to the WNALC.  
**See example below:**



**WNALC Account Designations:**  
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\*Donations to the WNALC General Fund: Helps with the expenses of the WNALC Website, the WNALC Council Fall Retreat & the Annual Gathering during Lutheran Week.

\*\*Donations to the WNALC Mission Bank Fund: Helps support the mission program with a specific focus on the mission or missions that were voted on each year by the attendees at the Annual Gathering.

In Christ,

*WNALC Council*

# Spiritual Growth

What is "Spiritual Growth"? In the October newsletter I started by contemplating the 5W's. The article was about "Who". Since then I have been thinking on the "WHAT" part of spiritual growth. What is spiritual growth? What does spiritual growth mean?

We hear about growing in our faith, but what exactly does that mean? Does it mean that I believe more or that I trust God more? Just what does "Spiritual Growth" mean?

This isn't just a topic I have pondered recently, & it goes right with the "finding who you are" theme of October's article. Over the years of Bible study, prayer, conversations & meditation on this topic, I believe we are here to grow in our friendship with Christ.

Relationships don't just happen in a day or a year. Relationships take a lifetime. We love to have a "history" with people, to have those people in our lives who have been there for decades. Those people we can say we have known since we were kids.

Jesus is the same way. We need to spend time with him & develop that history. He is there for us in the good times & bad. Spending time with a friend & caring for them & having them care for you in tough times really helps build a friendship. Jesus is the same. If we rely on Him through our tough times & go to him, he will be there, & our friendship will grow. This in turn will allow the Holy Spirit more room to help our faith grow & our belief & acceptance of Jesus grow.

Just as physical growth isn't noticed on a daily ba-

sis, & it takes years to reach your full physical height, it will also take years to grow spiritually. There is no age that we will automatically reach our full spiritual growth. But we need to keep growing or we will start shrinking. So, spend some time with Jesus today. Here are some verses to ponder & hold in your heart.



Jill Nesheim

- ◆ *"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good."* 1 Peter 2:2&3
- ◆ *"For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; & to goodness, knowledge; & to knowledge, self-control; & to self-control, perseverance; & to perseverance, godliness; & to godliness, mutual affection; & to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective & unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."* 2 Peter 1:5-8
- ◆ *"But Grow in the grace & knowledge of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now & forever! Amen."* 2 Peter 3:18
- ◆ *"Nevertheless, the righteous will hold to their ways, & those with clean hands will grow stronger."* Job 17:9

Jill Nesheim

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WITH  
GOD

# Disaster Response

As anyone who listens to the weather reports knows it has been a hard year with disasters affecting many areas across North America. The south is still in recovery after Hurricanes Florence & Michael left destruction in their wake & the wildfires cut a wide path through California.

Do you have a closet, a room or even a corner to spare to store disaster response items? It is important to have items on hand because you never know when or where the next disaster will strike!



Pat Dittrich

A true story: St. John Lutheran Church in Statesville, NC had a spare room in a building on the church property where they were storing flood buckets & other supplies. Hurricane Florence came & hit the East Coast. After the brunt of the storm had passed, arrangements were made to truck the items to the hard-hit areas. Since St. John's already had items on hand, & they were only a few hours away, it was a fast delivery! In fact, after the trucks got to the coast, they were detained a while because the rivers came up & flooded the roads making the coast inaccessible. You may wonder how much of an impact a couple of trucks could make; I guarantee that every item on those trucks were a welcome site to our brothers & sisters in Christ as they started the massive task of the cleanup! Just knowing that someone cared & was willing to extend a helping hand was a big comfort!

So look around your church grounds & identify a spot to store some disaster response items in order to help your neighbor or even someone from your own congregation. It doesn't need to be a separate building. A closet or corner of a room will do! You never know when or where the next disaster will strike!



# Disaster Response

Hurricane Florence made landfall on September 16, devastating thousands in North Carolina.

Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response coordinator, assessed the need for donation centers & volunteer team housing to support local congregations in the impacted area in order to serve the larger community.

Truckloads of water, flood buckets with cleaning supplies, rakes, shovels, garden hoses, more than 1,000 hygiene kits, 500 layettes/baby items, 2,000 quilts & Bibles, school supplies, & pet food have been delivered to families in need from New Bern, NC to Wilmington, NC & sites in between by NALC Disaster Response.

NALC congregations are being asked to respond to the following needs:

**Volunteer teams for rebuilding homes are needed** in New Bern, NC, Wilmington, NC & Rosenberg, TX (Hurricane Harvey long term recovery), where on-going recovery is in process. spiritual Christian care teams are needed with each team completing rebuilds, including clergy & laity, to minister to families as they return to their damaged homes; to pray with them & remind them that the Body of Christ is there for & with them in this difficult time.

Volunteer teams will be needed throughout the next year & devastated families will need help for a number of years. Mary Bates is addressing the needs for the California wildfires & will post volunteer team needs on the NALC website as it develops.

♦ **Donations** of building supplies for gift cards for the volunteer teams to utilize on-site. Flooring is a significant need. Monetary donations may be sent to NALC Disaster Response.

♦ **Flood Bucket & Kit Challenge:** Thank you to each mission district now hosting a disaster warehouse. The warehouses Caldwell, OH, Statesville, NC, Kings Mountain, NC & Rosenberg, TX need filled – they are empty going into 2019. Will your youth or women's groups host a collection of flood buckets, or health kits or school kits or quilts or layettes? Most importantly — Bibles?

♦ **Items needed** in each kit are posted on the NALC website/Disaster Response.

## To assist with long term recovery efforts:

Monetary donations may be given online at [thenalc.org](http://thenalc.org) or sent to NALC Disaster Response; 2299 Palmer Drive, Suite 220; New Brighton, MN 55112-2202.

Donate material goods to the [NALC Disaster Warehouse, 810 Main St., Caldwell, Ohio 43724](http://thenalc.org) or call Mary at 740-509-1132; gift cards from building supply stores are welcomed!

Schedule your mission trip to a disaster impacted area in 2019 – contact Mary by email at [disasterresponse@thenalc.org](mailto:disasterresponse@thenalc.org) or 740-509-1132.

Continue your prayers for those struggling to recover – God is with us always!

A Prayer: *“So that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.”* 2 Corinthians 1:4



# Disaster Response

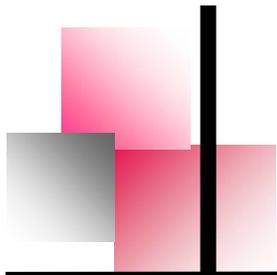
## NALC DISASTER RESPONSE NEEDS UPDATED 1/2018

<p><b>BABY CARE KIT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>TWO</b> lightweight cotton t-shirts</li> <li><b>TWO</b> long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers</li> <li><b>TWO</b> receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square</li> <li><b>FOUR</b> cloth diapers, flat fold preferred</li> <li><b>ONE</b> jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap</li> <li><b>TWO</b> pairs of socks</li> <li><b>ONE</b> hand towel, any color</li> <li><b>TWO</b> or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz, any brand, in original wrap</li> <li><b>TWO</b> diaper pins or large safety pins</li> </ul> 	<p><b>SCHOOL KIT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ONE</b> cloth bag or backpack</li> <li><b>FOUR</b> notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, no loose-leaf paper</li> <li><b>ONE</b> blunt scissors</li> <li><b>ONE</b> ruler</li> <li><b>ONE</b> pencil sharpener</li> <li><b>SIX</b> new pencils</li> <li><b>ONE</b> eraser,</li> <li><b>PLUS:</b> -----</li> <li><b>TWELVE</b> sheets assorted construction paper &amp;</li> <li><b>ONE</b> box of 16 or 24 crayons for elementary</li> <li><b>OR ONE</b> Calculator for high school (<b>LABEL Handle</b>)</li> </ul> 
<p><b>FLOOD BUCKET</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ONE</b> 5 gallon bucket with lid</li> <li><b>TWO</b> large trash bags</li> <li>Comet or scouring cleanser</li> <li>PineSol or liquid floor cleaner</li> <li>Scrub brush</li> <li>Dust Mask (N-95 recommended)</li> <li>Rubber gloves</li> <li>Broom</li> <li>Rakes, shovels, hoes – debris removal tools</li> </ul> 	<p><b>QUILTS &amp; BLANKETS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ANY Size</b> Quilt or Blanket including fabric printed with religious, patriotic, &amp; military symbols.</li> </ul> 
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 Caldwell, OH 43724

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# News from You!

## Rachel's Recipes



Rachel Busch Jones

It's WINTER! BRRRRR! Okay, that's all I got. Nothing else to see here, folks.

Just kidding. Kind of. My car told me -15° this morning so I'm as salty as the roads are.

I'm not a cold-weather-loving gal. While I appreciate the chilled air, frozen ground & occasionally pretty snow for necessity's sake, it's just really not my strong season. As you read this, I'm most likely in a half-vegetative state curled up under a mound of blankets with a book & a glass of wine.

So here's another favorite, simple, non-time-consuming recipe to keep from having to stay out from under the warm blankets for too long. This chili has been a staple in my house for 15 years & I hope it makes yours happy! Stay warm, friends!

## Classic Chili

### Ingredients:

- ◆ 1 lb. ground meat (beef or venison works best)
- ◆ 1 can dark red kidney beans, rinsed
- ◆ 1 can chili beans (regular or mild, your choice)
- ◆ 1 can rotel
- ◆ 1 can tomato sauce
- ◆ 1 package/2.5T chili powder (or more to taste!)
- ◆ Optional: 1 small onion, diced
- ◆ For more heat: Red pepper flakes to taste

### Directions:

- ◆ Brown ground meat, drain
- ◆ Mix all ingredients in pot on low heat
- ◆ Heat to low boil, then simmer & serve

### Additions:

- ◆ Toppings of choice. Ex: shredded cheeses, chopped chives, sour cream, diced onion, etc.
- ◆ Add water or 1 can tomato sauce for less chunky texture



## St. Paul Lutheran Church

Rosenberg, Texas

St. Paul is one of a few churches in Rosenberg that host "Coffee with a Cop" about once a month. They invite all the local first responders to stop in to have coffee & goodies in their fellowship halls for a couple of hours one morning.

Now that we're in the middle of the cold winter months, why not offer hot chocolate &/or hot tea as well? It is a chance to thank our local cops personally plus a chance to fellowship & visit with each other. A win/win situation!

Story submitted by Pat Dittrich



# News from You!

## Oasis Church

Lake Mary, Florida



### OBERAMMERGAU & REFORMATION HERITAGE TOUR - JUNE 5-16, 2020

Greetings! This is Pastor Rebecca Heber, OASIS Church (NALC), Lake Mary, FL. As co-host with Pastor Will Hartfelder of Columbus, Ohio, a veteran host of multiple tours to Germany & Israel, I cordially invite you to join us for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend the world-famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, *performed only once every ten years*, & to visit other sites of historic significance as we trace the steps of the German Reformer, Martin Luther, to **AUGSBURG** — site of the Augsburg Confession; **COBURG**, with its massive Veste Coburg fortress where Luther took refuge & lived during the Diet of Augsburg; **ERFURT**, the spiritual home of Luther, where he studied at the University & turned to theology & the monastic life at the Augustinian Monastery; **EISENACH**, with its magnificent Wartburg Castle; **EISLEBEN**, where Luther was born in 1483 & died in 1546; & **WITTENBERG**, home of the famous Castle Church where Luther posted his 95 Theses on Oct. 31, 1517, sparking the protestant Reformation. Other sites of special interest include a visit to "Mad" King Ludwig's **NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE**, located at the foot of the spectacular Bavarian Alps; the **CHURCH IN THE MEADOWS**, one of the most famous examples of Rococo architecture; traveling the **ROMANTIC ROAD** past quaint towns & villages before arriving for an overnight stay in **ROTHENBURG**, a nearly intact medieval walled city with its cobblestone streets, castle gardens, famous altar carving by Tilman Riemenschneider in St. Jakob's Church, & the charming Rathaus & Glockenspiel. Panoramic sightseeing tours of the major & most beautiful sights of **BERLIN** & **MUNICH** make this an Itinerary - offered through Jerusalem Tours - that every traveler, adventurer, & history-lover will enjoy & be enriched by. I hope YOU can join us on this extremely popular tour to see the world-renowned Oberammergau Passion Play & land of the Reformation! The trip will fill up fast, especially due to the high demand for tickets to see the play, with performances only once a decade! Don't miss out - **SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY** by contacting me! Thank you & Happy Travels!

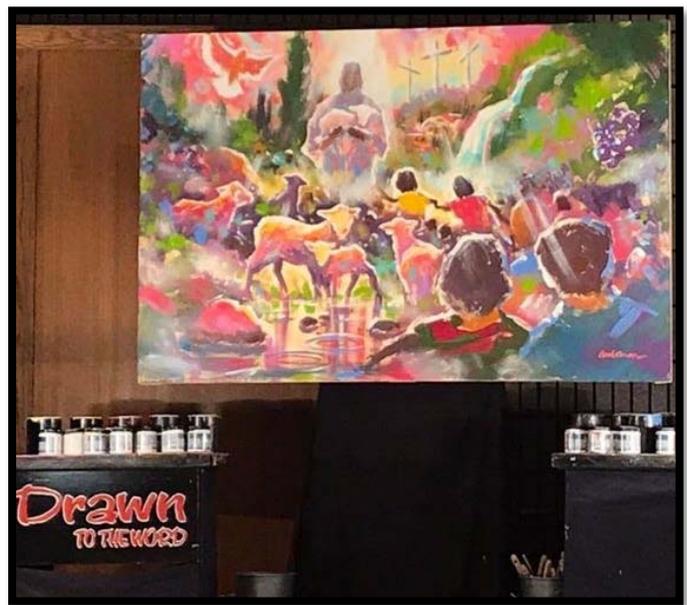
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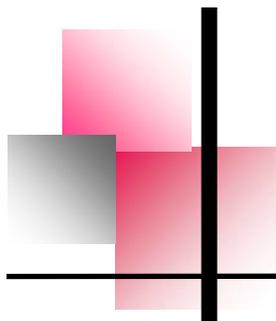
# News from You!

## Calvary Lutheran Church

*Brookfield, Wisconsin*

Calvary Lutheran Church of Brookfield, WI recently hosted Pastor Paul Oman, artist & pastor, of Amery, WI. The congregation was delighted as he painted the sermon during our worship service & then later painted with our Sunday school children. Pastor Oman has a unique ministry of sharing the Gospel through painting murals, particularly while preaching. He can be contacted to bring his talent to your congregation through his website: [paulomanfineart.com](http://paulomanfineart.com) or on Facebook: [facebook.com/paul.oman2](https://facebook.com/paul.oman2)





# Lutheran Week

## WOMEN: START YOUR ENGINES!

WNALC ANNUAL GATHERING

August 6, 2019

WESTIN HOTEL

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA



Jody Ford

*"Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder & perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, & is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."* Hebrews 12: 1b-2

All women are welcome to attend & do not have to be a delegate of a congregation for the convocation. Mark your calendars & plan to join us for our Annual Gathering of the Women of the North American Lutheran Church – WNALC.



Are you up for trying something new? This adventure provides the opportunity to meet new people from all over. You would be working with a great core group of women. Most importantly, you would have the opportunity to connect with 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 Annual 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)!



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I know that the big question in your mind is, "What do I have to do? What are my responsibilities?" The first & 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 & keep them informed of happenings in the WNALC. You would work with a ministry team to develop ideas & projects. Another great perk is to help plan & participate at the Annual Gathering!

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

# Women of the North American Lutheran Church Women's Council Nomination Form

Please Print or Type

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

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

City & State of Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mission District: \_\_\_\_\_

## Biographical Information and Qualifications:

1. Age Range:      20-35              36-54              55+      (please circle)

2. Occupational History: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. How you serve in your Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. How you serve the larger church body: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. How you serve in your community: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Family or other information you would like us to know: \_\_\_\_\_

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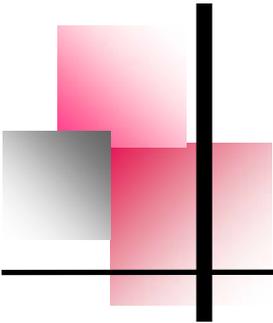
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Written consent is required for all who are nominated:

Mail or email to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

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# Info for You

## MISSIONS

"Therefore go and make disciples..."

Great Commission Society: <http://thenalc.org/gcs>

### Ministry Partners

- Awakening 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)
- Lutheran Lay Renewal: <http://lutheranrenewal.com>
- Lutherans for Life: [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)
- Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries: [www.lmvfm.org](http://www.lmvfm.org)
- Lutheran World Relief: [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)
- Sola Publishing: [www.solapublishing.org](http://www.solapublishing.org)
- World Mission Prayer League: [www.wmpl.org](http://www.wmpl.org)
- NALC Global Workers: <http://thenalc.org/international-mission>

### Recognized Ministries:

- Commission Expeditions: [www.commissionexpeditions.org](http://www.commissionexpeditions.org)
- Lutheran Bible Translators: [www.lbt.org](http://www.lbt.org)
- Malawi Orphan Care Project:  
[www.malawiorphanproject.org](http://www.malawiorphanproject.org)
- Philos Project: [www.philosproject.org](http://www.philosproject.org)
- SMI Haiti: [www.smihaiti.org](http://www.smihaiti.org)
- Water Mission: [www.watermission.org](http://www.watermission.org)
- We Raise Foundation (formerly Wheat Ridge Ministries):  
[www.weraise.org](http://www.weraise.org)

## Submit your stories, pictures, recipes, or events!

Please send your content to Rachel Busch Jones at [wncalcnews@yahoo.com](mailto:wncalcnews@yahoo.com) by March 15th, 2019 for inclusion in the next edition.

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## Register Now!

If you &/or your church is not registered with the WNALC for 2019, please do so now!

There are no annual fees, membership fees or required donations — just a registration so you can receive newsletters, upcoming information, vote on business & stay connected.

Please complete the information sheet at the end of the newsletter & send to:

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**"WNALC-Women of the NALC"**

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**Rocky Mountain Mission District (4)**  
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# 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 & activities of the WNALC & facilitates voting & ratification as needed.
- ◆ For elections & ratification processes, each congregation has one vote at the Annual Gathering.
- ◆ Individual women of NALC congregations that do 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 & send to:

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**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.

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