

2017-2018 WOMEN'S COUNCIL



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NEWS FOR WOMEN OF THE NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHAIR'S CORNER

"...if you have faith like the grain of a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible for you." -Matthew 17:20

A quote from Edward Everett Hale: "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."

"The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and planted in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes like a tree..."

-Matthew 13:31



Need another analogy? Individually we are but a grain of sand, but together we are a beach.

As individuals we do some so that as a whole we, the NALC/ WNALC do much. So, what part do you play? There are so many to choose from. How about in your church's women's group supporting the ministries and missions and projects they do. You could even help to write an article and send it along with pictures for the WNALC newsletter, to share and to encourage other women's groups. It would also be most helpful for your group to send in an annual information sheet to the WNALC Council to keep their records updated. You will find just such an information sheet on page 11.

Consider attending the 2018 WNALC Annual Gathering in Denver, CO, on Tuesday, August 14th. Our event features Pastor Pamela Thorson as our guest speaker along with an address by Bishop Bradosky, voting on business decisions, elections of new council members, and the opportunity to meet with other ladies from other congregations in your Mission District—plus the bonus of fellowshiping with other women, together growing closer in Christ. There is still time to register for the WNALC Gathering by going to the NALC website at thenalc.org and the cost is only \$80 (includes lunch). Love to see you there!

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CHAIR'S CORNER, CONT.*(Continued from page 1)*

Have you ever considered a part on the WNALC Council? I mentioned elections are being held for open positions. In fact, there is a nomination form on page 12 just for that purpose. You could be just the person to balance out the gifts and talents needed on the WNALC Council. Pray about it.

Did you realize that the WNALC Council has Ministry Teams to help conduct the business of the WNALC and to help promote women's ministries locally, nationally, and around the world? You could join one of those teams—who generally meet via phone, email, or via Skype-type mediums. Check out our WNALC website at wnalc.org for more information.

Whether a tiny mustard seed or a grain of sand, become part of something much bigger, like the tree or the beach—and truly make a difference!

In His service,
Linda Brower
WNALC Chair

**2018 ANNUAL GATHERING
SPEAKER, CONT.**

School. As an Army spouse, Pam has had a wide variety of leadership opportunities with the many communities and churches which the family has been part of around the United States and in Germany. Her ministry grew with every new community. God provided excellent mentors and training opportunities. Upon receiving a new assignment from the Army, Pam's prayer was "teach me." While the concept was to learn in class, God provided leadership opportunities to challenge, learn, and grow. She served at every level of church ministry, stepping into leadership and preaching in military chapel communities, has organized numbers of events and ministries in local communities, and is active in international ministry. Most recently, Pastor Pam spent 2 weeks training Lutheran women leaders in Malawi for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi (ELCM). Pastor Pam is active in the Order of St. Luke the Physician, a healing ministry, serving as Kentucky's state director. She is a frequent Spiritual Director in the Via de Cristo movement.

**2018 ANNUAL GATHERING SPEAKER**

Pam Thorson is a pastor in the North American Lutheran Church. She is the Dean of the Heartland Mission District comprising Kentucky and Indiana and the pastor at House of Prayer Lutheran Church in Elizabethtown, Kentucky since 2010.

Coming from a family with a long line of Anglican and Lutheran clergy, Pastor Pam has been comfortable and a part of church from birth. She is involved in active ministry for over 35 years beginning at Mount Hope Lutheran Church in El Paso, Texas teaching Sunday

Pastor Pam was born in Des Moines, Iowa, but grew up in northern Minnesota. She graduated from North Dakota State University with a Bachelor's in University Studies. She received her Master's in Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary completing Lutheran studies at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota and Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. She is working on a Doctorate in Ministry and will be traveling to South Korea in October as part of her studies.

Pastor Pam has been married for 40 years to Kevin, Major US Army Retired, and currently Civil Servant at Fort Knox, Kentucky. They have 4 sons, 1 daughter in law, and 3 beautiful grandchildren.

WNALC ANNUAL GATHERING

Dever, CO

9am-4pm

8am Reg

Tuesday,
August 14

Speaker: Dean Rev. Pamela Thorson

“God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.”

Psalm 46:1

Registration: \$80 - includes lunch

<https://www.thenalc.org/2018-lutheran-week/>

2018 - 2019 PROPOSED MISSION BANK RECIPIENTS

Missions, what does that really mean to you? Have you thought about it in your personal life? It's meaning in your church life, or as a Woman of the NALC?

Some may first think of Mission Impossible the TV show that ran weekly from 1966 to 1973, others may think of the Tom Cruise movies. Two definitions come up when you Google mission:

1. an important assignment carried out for political, religious, or commercial purposes, typically involving travel. "a trade mission to Mexico" Synonyms: assignment, commission, expedition, journey, trip, undertaking, operation;
2. the vocation or calling of a religious organization, especially a Christian one, to go out into the world and spread its faith. "the Christian mission" synonyms: vocation, calling, goal, aim, quest, purpose, function, life's work "her mission in life".

As we are moving towards the Gathering in Denver, take time every day to focus on your personal Mission. Be intentional on thinking of ways we can do a better job of representing Women of the NALC by spreading our faith, setting goals to change at least one human condition for the better. How do we as women purposefully impact our congregations, our church, our country, and all of humanity? We aren't called to be all things to all people. With purpose and intent, we can represent the hands, face, and spirit of God to those in the greatest need to have a Kingdom experience.

My prayer is that we gather together in Denver, celebrate who we are, and make our Missions work laser focused. We will be selecting two new Mission Bank recipients, one national and the other international. While we would love to have the resources and energy to help every good cause there is, we simply cannot. Our first mission is to be good stewards with your prayers and involvement. We can and will accomplish great things together for the Kingdom of God.

The two Missions that we will seek your approval for 2018-2019 are:

National: NALC Disaster Response. The NALC Disaster Response should be familiar to everyone and the work they do to help impacted people is priceless. Visit their webpage for more information, www.thenalc.org/nalc-disaster-response/

International: Water Mission. Water Mission has been fully vetted by the NALC as a Recognized Ministry and has a proven track record of serving areas of the globe that need of clean sustainable water. Visit their website for more information, www.watermission.org

While we are in Denver, I hope to see everyone reading this there (male or female). Let us greet each other with a hug and a statement of our personal mission plan. A new way to break the ice would be to say "Hi, I am Jacqui and my personal mission is to _____." You have to see me in Denver to find out.

In Christ,
Jacqui El Torro
WNALC Council & Missions Team

Mission Bank checks can be made out and sent 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.

**2018 - 2019
PROPOSED MISSION
BANK RECIPIENTS**



STUFF THE TONKA!!

Back by popular demand is our annual stuff the truck event at Lutheran Week in Denver, Colorado. However, this year our stuff the truck event will feature a Tonka TOY truck. It is our hope and wish that *instead* of bringing household goods (like last year), we will **stuff gift cards in a Tonka TOY truck for the NALC Disaster Response**. Gift cards can be in any amount. Please consider nationwide stores when purchasing gift cards such as Lowes, Home Depot, Walmart, or Target. Gift cards can be brought to the Women's Gathering on Tuesday, August 14th OR to the WNALC display in the ministry display area during the rest of Lutheran Week.

Can't be at Lutheran Week in Denver, but you'd still like to be involved?

Please send gift cards to
NALC Disaster Warehouse
810 Main Street
Caldwell, OH 43724

If you have any questions, please let me know!

Jennifer Madsen
WNALC Council & Fellowship Team
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IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE ON THE WNALC COUNCIL?

Who: YOU!

What: Run for election to be on the WNALC Council

When: Tuesday, August 14, 2018
(During 'Lutheran Week')

Where: At the annual WNALC Gathering
(this year in Denver!)

How: Fill out the WNALC Nomination Form at the end of this newsletter and email/mail it to Pat Dittrich. (pdittrich.wnalc@gmail.com) or (PO Box 341, Orchard, TX 77464)

Is God calling you to go further in women's ministry beyond your home church? Pray, listen to Him, and take a step in faith...

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and lean not on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct thy path."*
Proverbs 3:5-6

Pat Dittrich
WNALC Council & Nominations Team



Flood Buckets (Corrected):

- ◆ ONE 5 gallon bucket with lid
- ◆ TWO large trash bags
- ◆ **ONE GALLON bleach**
- ◆ Comet or scouring cleanser
- ◆ Pine Sol or liquid floor cleaner
- ◆ Scrub brush
- ◆ Dust Mask (N-95)
- ◆ Rubber gloves

Plus: Broom, rakes, shovels, hoes, debris removal tools

MISSION MOMENT

Greetings! I was hoping that someone would submit a Missions article from their church. I so enjoy reading about the wonderful things everyone is doing. So please continue to send in articles.

this message of hope out. Then the unthinkable happened. Pastor was able to secure 100 tickets to a screening of the film at the local theatre. ANTCC had the entire theatre to themselves, but not really. For you can't create



A New Thing Christian Church (ANTCC) had the opportunity to show the movie "I Can Only Imagine" in January before the March release to theatres around the country. It was a powerful experience, if you did not see the movie you owe it to yourself to purchase the DVD .

Pastor Trina Petersen and ANTCC, opened the church doors to church leaders across denominational lines to watch the film together and then have a period afterwards to share and reflect. The experience was awesome, there were 12 churches and five denominations represented. The Spirit of love, compassion, and Oneness with Christ filled the church. Tears of redemption and grace flowed from the eyes of many. Personally, I knew the song and regarded it as a favorite, even going so far as to binge listening to all of various covers one day at work to encourage a co-worker to record it.

After the viewing the congregants that were present were left in awe, I Can Only Imagine appeared to be the only topic of conversation. We all felt as though we had to do more to get

disciples without sharing the Good News, so they gave the tickets away, blessing people on the street, smaller churches, and anyone that needed to hear from God.

One of the most powerful expressions of the Mission field was sitting in a movie theatre in Lithonia, GA with people of various ethnic groups, believers and non- believers. People, God's creation sitting together with the only common thread being a free movie ticket, witnessed God's Grace and experienced His Favor and saw that anyone can be redeemed.

Missions are ever changing, A New Thing Christian Church took over 100 people to church via a movie. Our challenge in the church today is to find innovative ways to do missions. Use this film as a Missions tool and you too will reap a harvest.

Jacqui El Torro
WNALC Council & Missions Team



HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF THIS IDEA?



Join us on Facebook in our group
WNALC-Women of the NALC
by going to the link below!!
Get up to date news and daily bible messages!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WNALC/>



Calvary Lutheran Church Women enjoyed sewing bags for school kits for Luther World Relief.

Union Lutheran Women hosted an event called Union's Wedding March in Time - A Royal Event showcasing many of the women's dresses, photographs, and linens.

Submitted by Lynn Coughenour
Union Lutheran Church, Salisbury, NC



Calvary Lutheran Church Women meet monthly to knit prayer shawls to be used for care giving ministry and outreach.

Submitted by Marcella Nelson
Calvary Lutheran Church, Brookfield, WI



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 77464

**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 by July 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.

**LADIES SPRING TEA FROM
ST. MATTHEW'S EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
RIVERSIDE, MO**

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran, Riverside, Mo had our annual Ladies Spring Tea in May. Our theme was Gratefulness and Thanks-living. We brought items for homeless packs for Bessie's House, a ministry serving homeless and underprivileged people in Kansas City. We enjoyed food, fellowship, and fun.

***Submitted by
Margaret Elliott
St Matthew's Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Riverside, MO***

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THIS IDEA?**



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-Heartland Mission District (13)
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-North Texas Mission District (5)
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-South Texas Mission District (25)
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-Great River Mission District (19)

Illinois

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-North Central Ohio Mission District (16)
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-Northeast Ohio Mission District (9)
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Northwest Ohio

-Southeast Ohio Mission District (13)
Southeast Ohio

-Southwest Ohio Mission District (11)
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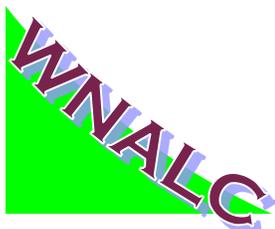
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-Central Pacific Mission District (4)
Northern CA & Northern NV

-Minkota Mission District (16)
MN & Eastern ND

-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:

Great Commission Society:

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

Ministry Partners:

Awakening Lives to World Missions

www.alwm.org

China Service Ventures

www.chinaserviceventures.org

East European Missions Network

www.eemn.org

Friends of Madagascar Mission

www.madagascarmission.org

India Transformed/UEMI

www.indiatransformed.org

Life Together Churches

www.lifetogetherchurches.org

Lutheran CORE

www.lutherancore.org

Lutheran Lay Renewal

<http://lutheranrenewal.com/>

Lutherans for Life

www.lutheransforlife.org

Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries

www.lmvfm.org

Lutheran World Relief

www.lwr.org

Sola Publishing

www.solapublishing.org

World Mission Prayer League

www.wmpl.org

NALC Global Workers:

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

Recognized Ministries:

Commission Expeditions

www.commissionexpeditions.org/

Lutheran Bible Translators

www.lbt.org

Malawi Orphan Care Project

www.malawiorphanproject.org

Philos Project

www.philosproject.org

SMI Haiti

www.smihaiti.org

Water Mission

www.watermission.org

Wheat Ridge Ministries

www.wheatridge.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 2018-2019 Recipients will be voted on in Denver, CO at our Annual Gathering on August 14th.

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 77464

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

WOMEN OF THE NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH 2018 WOMEN'S COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Please Print or Type

Name: _____

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 do you serve the larger church body: _____

5. How do you serve in your community: _____

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

Written Consent is required for all who are nominated

(signature)

Mail or email to:

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