

News for the

Women of the NALC

North American
Lutheran Church

The Chair's Corner

Grace & Favor to All,

I am so full of gratefulness, I must say thank you to some of the people from the past year & the Gathering. Thank you, Jesus our Lord & Savior, for blessing us with a safe & successful Gathering, thank you for godly women with a spirit of serving you. Thank you, Lord, for all you have done & are going to do through The Women of the North American Lutheran Church (WNALC).

At the Annual Gathering in Denver we met, we prayed, we asked the Holy Spirit to dwell among us. Things tend to happen when you leave them to the Holy Spirit! We started the day with too few candidates for The Women's Council (TWC), but the Spirit took over & we had an abundance of women willing to serve. Thank you to Rachel Busch Jones of Champaign, IL, Jody Ford of Kendallville, IN, Carol McGill of Longmont, CO, Jill Nesheim of Devils Lake, ND, & Gloria Ziemer of Chapin, SC, for your willingness to serve on TWC. Thanks also to Lane, Pat & Marcella for continuing the Council; you ladies are such a blessing to work with. Thank you, thank you.



Jacqui El Torro

While our attendance was not what we hoped, those who came were blessed by the presence of God in the room. Our speakers, Pastor Pamela Thorson & Bishop John Bradosky, brought words of hope & encouragement. I say a huge *THANK YOU* to both.

A most heartfelt thank you to our outgoing Chair Linda Brower for your years of service on TWC, we will never forget your dedication to completing the guidelines. Robbie Conley, we thank you for your service on TWC & serving as our Treasurer. Jenn Madsen, although you were here for a short time you made an impactful difference, you are greatly missed.

Thank you to all the ladies who made the journey to Denver. We are expecting you in Indianapolis & to bring friends. Remember — we will be electing a new Bishop.

In Denver, I had the opportunity to converse with Mary Bates of *NALC Disaster Response*. Mary shared with me that the one item that is in the greatest need & shortest supply is Bibles. So, I am going to start my tenure out asking for Bibles. If each congregation donated at least one case of Bibles to Disaster Response for Christmas, it would be more than enough. If your congregation can do more, don't limit to just one case! The need is for all types of Bibles, both English & Spanish. Your Children's Ministry could even send Children's Bibles! Have them delivered directly to the **NALC Disaster Warehouse, 810 Main Street, Caldwell, OH 43724**. *Bibles By the Case*, *Christianbooks.com*, *Bibles in Bulk* are all websites that you can order by the case often with free shipping. I will be speaking to it again in the Missions report but the response to *Stuff the Tonka* was nothing but a "God Thing". Let's put forth the same kind of effort into getting Bibles in the warehouse to be given to those in the most need of a word from the Lord. We can do it!

We have added a new Ministry Team to the five that we already had. Scripture says to write the vision & make it plain. In that spirit we have added a Growth Ministry Team to go along with the Budget, Communications, Fellowship & Community, Mission Support & Spiritual Growth Teams. We need to be intentional about building & mending relationships within the Women of the NALC. We are all Sisters in Christ; if one of us is hurting we all are hurting. If one is missing from the table, the meal cannot be complete.

In One Spirit,

Jacqui

Meet Your Council

2018 WNALC Gathering attendees voted on the 2018-2019 Council. Four current members & three new members now serve you in the seven-woman crew. At our first meeting that same evening we decided on positions & responsibilities to ensure that members (that's you!) are supported & served in the best ways possible. Here is a little glimpse into who we are!



Left to Right

Rachel Busch Jones ♦ Jacqui El Torro ♦ Pat Dittrich ♦ Marcella Nelson
Lane Margera ♦ Jill Nesheim ♦ Jody Ford



Greetings All,

I am Jacqui El Torro, the new chair of the Women of the NALC. Over the last year I have served on the council as the Mission Team Leader. I also serve on the Long range planning team for the NALC.



Jacqui El Torro

Chair

I am a member of *A New Thing Christian Church* in Lithonia, Georgia, where we call ourselves ANTS. The Rev. Trina M. Petersen is the pastor. I held various positions in my former church on congregational, syn- odical & churchwide levels.

I am married with two adult children, one adult grandchild, four grand-dogs & one grand-cat.

'The Lord announces the word, and the women who proclaim it are a mighty throng.' Psalms 68:11

We value you & the gifts that God blessed you with to share will the church & all of creation. Take the time to respond to me directly or through your Mission District Representative how we as a Council could serve you better & equally important how you can serve the NALC. We are a new Council & wanting to hear from you!

May Grace and Favor be your constant companions.

In One Spirit,

Jacqui

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Marcella Nelson

Vice Chair

Marcella Nelson lives in Brookfield, Wisconsin, having moved there from Minot, North Dakota in 2017. Marcella's husband Ken serves as the pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church where she volunteers with the Mission, Outreach & Evangelism Committees & also leads Bible Studies. She appreciates being a part of the community in Brookfield & the opportunities this provides to serve & to bear witness to Christ. Marcella also serves on the board of trustees for Mount Carmel Ministries in Alexandria, Minnesota, a Christian Family Retreat Center, where her family has often spent time in the summer.

Marcella has witnessed God's faithfulness in the many communities she has had the privilege to live in; a small town, a mid-sized city, a suburb, a metropolitan area & a farm. She also spent five years as a missionary in Tanzania. Through these experiences she has also had the joy of meeting so many fellow Christians who have strengthened her in her faith by their witness to Jesus Christ.

She & her husband Ken have three daughters; Johanna, Else-Marie & Ingrid, along with a new son-in-law, Alex, who married Else-Marie in October. Outdoor activities, family history projects, Scandinavian history & exploring her new surroundings in Wisconsin are what she likes to do for fun. She enjoys finding time for a good cup of coffee with friends to round out her weekly activities.

'Yet this I call to mind & therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.'
Lamentations 3:21-23



Pat Dittrich

Secretary

My name is Pat Dittrich & I am a Texan, born & bred. I grew up Lutheran & participated in all things Lutheran such as: Sunday School, Luther League, Confirmation, etc. My family attends church at Peace Lutheran in Rosenberg, TX. This is where I met my husband, Michael, while we were in junior high. As an adult, I have been on the church council, attend Bible Studies, am Secretary/Treasurer for the Women, member of the quilting group & also manage the South Texas Mission District Disaster Response Warehouse with my husband.

My work background is public libraries & I am always looking at books & what people are reading! Being a library manager helped me with my organizing skills & also note taking at meetings. Being retired left me with some free time, so when the opportunity came to be in the election for the Women of the NALC, I decided to try a new adventure! Being the recording secretary of the WNALC has allowed me to use my talents & also learn new ones as the Council & the WNALC continue to evolve as a dynamic organization which unites all of us to share in the glory of God!

I have enjoyed the time I have been on council & I am excited about the upcoming year & what it holds. I would encourage anyone to take a step in faith & find the joy in meeting & working with Sisters in Christ from all over! Pray about being on the WNALC Council & open yourself to the opportunities that God gives to us!

Peace,

Pat Dittrich

Meet Your Council



Lane Magera

Treasurer

My name is Lane Magera, I am originally from suburbs north of Chicago & currently reside in West Michigan. You may know me as the WNALC Newsletter Editor but I'm glad to pass that position on to new Council Member, Rachel Busch Jones. I'm excited to see her take the Newsletter to new heights & I hope you all will continue to share your events with the rest of the WNALC.

I grew up in the church & have been heavily involved from a young age in many areas of serving. Currently I help facilitate our church's 37 Thrivent Action Teams to be good stewards of the funds available to us. I am happy to talk with anyone who wants to know more about Thrivent Action Teams & putting them to use to live generously locally, nationally, & internationally; please email me at LSMAGERA.WNALC@GMAIL.COM.

I am married to Mathew who has been called for the past four years to St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Trufant, Michigan. We are pleased & blessed to be serving his first call here in this small town. We have an 8-year-old, Skye, who is in the 4th grade, & she enjoys reading, helping others, piano playing & gymnastics. Each year that we have been in Michigan, we have been lucky to share a year with our beautiful & lovely exchange daughters; Lily from Taiwan, Shion from Japan, Fabienne from Switzerland & this year Emily from Moldova. Having them join our family immerses us in cultures from around the world & opens our horizons.

Thank you for re-electing me to another two-year term, I will be serving you on the WNALC Council as Treasurer. Thank you, also, for a few minutes to re-introduce myself to you.



Jody Ford

Fellowship

I'm Jody Ford & was born in Sturgis, Michigan. I was raised in the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Thankfully, that background provided guaranteed Faith.

My husband Roger is a retired Registered Nurse. He has three children from his first marriage & I helped raise them & claim them as my own. We have 7 grandchildren & 1 great-grandchild, 2 dogs & 2 cats. We raised our children in the LCMS church & found our way to the NALC five years ago to become members of St. John Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Roger & I moved from Fort Wayne, Indiana to Kendallville, Indiana, to be closer to our family. We enjoy taking RV camping trips, watching our grandson play football & baseball (our new puppy's name is Wrigley!) I also enjoy knitting, crocheting & reading.

I have a background as an Administrative Assistant working for several companies over the years. My last job was my most rewarding as I worked for Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries (LMVFM). I'm now fully retired since May of this year.

I am so proud to be serving on the WNALC Council this year. Thank you to the women who elected me to fulfill my position as Fellowship Team Leader. I know God put me in this position to help move our WNALC forward & to do outstanding work in the coming years. I am here to help promote the Women of the NALC any way I can.

Jody

Meet Your Council



Jill Nesheim

Spiritual Growth



Rachel Busch Jones

Communications

My name is Jill Nesheim from Devils Lake, North Dakota. I have been a Christian & a Lutheran all my life. I have also lived in ND all my life. My husband & I have three children & six grandchildren. During my working career I have worked as a teacher, school counselor & bookkeeper.

My Church service started in 5th grade as I played the piano for Sunday School & later the organ for church. I have taught Bible school & Sunday School & been involved in Bible studies & women's groups. I am just one of the many regular church ladies across the US who has tried to do what is needed in our church. Being on the National Council is an honor & privilege & just another way for me to be of service.

The main things I love to do are quilting & more quilting (both for personal & for missions), reading, crocheting, scrapbooking, travel, restoring or fixing things, XC & downhill skiing, & movies.

Hi, I'm Rachel, coming to you from my seven-generation family farm in Champaign, Illinois. In 2002 I headed off to get my bachelor's degree in Agricultural Leadership at Oklahoma State University & then put down shallow roots for a few years after graduation. The corn, soybeans & good black dirt called me home in 2010. I now live back on the farm with my husband Steve, our two-year-old daughter Jaci & a passel of farm creatures. My folks are right across the driveway.

I am a founding member of New Beginnings Lutheran Church in Mahomet, Illinois, & presently serve as Vice President of the congregation. I manage an office for an environmental consulting firm & do side work as a freelance Professional Organizer. I do my best to volunteer with various entities, both local & virtual, when I can.

In my spare time – haha, little joke – after my full-time job, side business, church, family & the farm, I ride my horses & I run barrels/rodeo. I'm an avid reader when I get a few minutes to open a book. I'm a bit of a travel junkie; a sunny, sandy beach is my favorite place to be!

I'm excited to be a part of the WNALC. When I asked my Pastor to sign me up for what I thought was just a women's conference I had no idea that it was an Annual Gathering for an actual organization! One of my goals for my term is to work with my fellow Council members to get the word out to our congregations about the WNALC; our purpose, our service, our support system & our faith.

God's Peace,
Rachel

WNALC Bible Drive

Now through December!

www.biblesinbulk.com has a case of 40 NIV Bibles for under \$40 with free shipping!

Address to ship:

NALC Disaster Response Warehouse
810 Main Street
Caldwell, OH 43724

*It is possible to use Thrivent Action Team for this project.

Mission Minded

Last year was a year for Missions, we as a church & a Women's Ministry responded in a mighty way to all the calls for help. Mary Bates of *NALC Disaster Response* was overcome by the needs but then stunned by the response.

With most traveling some distance to get to Denver, we elected to not request items to *Stuff the Truck* in favor of *Stuff the Tonka*. Marcella Nelson & the little Tonka Truck chronicled their journey on Facebook. That little truck had no idea what it was in for once it hit Denver! An overwhelming 366 gift cards were placed in the little Tonka totaling **\$12,915.00!** THANK YOU for this huge gift to *NALC Disaster Response*! I thank God for your faithfulness, for without you, that little truck would have gone empty.



Our Mission Bank offerings for the year were divided equally between the *NALC Global Workers Family* that we were supporting & *NALC Disaster Response* with each receiving \$3,317.50. You may have noticed that we stopped using the word Missionaries & also stopped using the family name in an effort to add an extra layer of security for them. In many parts of the mission field, Global Workers' lives & families have been threatened & harmed due to their work to expand the Kingdom of God. It is not our desire to put anyone in harm's way by posting their name, mission or location on our website.

Floods & fires dominated the news while we were in Denver. We as the Women's Council recommended *NALC Disaster Response* for our domestic & *Water Mission* for our international Mission Bank recipients for 2018-19. Both charities were unanimously approved.

We are well aware of *NALC Disaster Response* & the work they do. They are often times the first to arrive & the last to leave in times of disaster. I mentioned in the Chair's Corner the need for Bibles by *NALC*



Disaster Response. Looking at the online Bible outlets, a case of 28 can be purchased & shipped free to the *NALC Disaster Response* warehouse for as low as \$40.00! Encourage the various ministries within your church to join us in this effort to send a case of Bibles by Christmas. Children can send Children's Bibles, Women, Women's Bibles, Men can join in by purchasing a case of Men's Bibles, those of us with vision challenges can send large print Bibles. Let's see how many cases of Bibles we can put in the hands of those who need to hear from the Lord. We did 366 gift cards, let's do 300 cases of Bibles, no-tate "Team Jesus".



Jacqui El Torro



Water Mission: We chose *Water Mission* because we all need clean water. In every disaster whether nationally or international clean drinking is the first need expressed. *Water Mission* has been vetted by the NALC & the thing that impressed me is that only 4.1% of finances go to administrative expenses, 85.7% of every dollar goes to programming. Please take the time to go to their website www.watermission.org. They would be happy to send printed materials to your church for Missions Sunday or anytime you would like materials to help make this Mission Bank drive successful.

In One Spirit,
Jacqui



Stuff the Semi!

A huge feat & Divinely planned; *Stuff the Semi* was nothing short of God's work! The timing could not have been better; as Hurricane Florence landed the *NALC Disaster Response* had the full-sized semi truck making the rounds picking up donations (six stops through five states) &, instead of going back to the warehouse in Ohio, it just headed straight to the East Coast to the *NALC Disaster Response* team.

"The SEMI got filled & then some, it was delivered straight to St. John (Statesville) & staged there for Reformation (New Bern) & St. Matthew (Wilmington), thank you for making it happen!" - Mary Bates, NALC DR

Items collected: Bibles, flood buckets, cleaning supplies & equipment, school backpacks, baby layettes, health kits, quilts & blankets.

The collage features a central map of the United States with a blue route line connecting six stops: Mission in Christ Lutheran Church, Calvary Lutheran Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, Faith Lutheran Church, NALC Disaster Warehouse, and St. John's Lutheran Church. A callout box on the map indicates a 28-hour, 1,778-mile journey. Surrounding the map are several photographs: a man holding a box of supplies, a group of people in a warehouse, a man loading a truck, a group of people in a red truck, a yellow semi-truck with people standing in front, and two men standing by a truck filled with supplies. The map also shows major cities like Chicago, Indianapolis, and Charlotte, and states like Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia.

Treasurer's Report

I hope you saw the annual financial data & budget, approved at the Annual Gathering, & included in the last newsletter. You may have some questions so in my first article as your new WNALC Treasurer, I would like to offer responses to those questions!

Q: Why is there only \$3,757 in Donation Income - YTD 2018 compared to the \$12,000 Budgeted?

A: To make the budget we start by reviewing the previous year. In 2017, Actual Donations of \$11,375 surpassed our 2017 Budgeted Amount of \$10,000. We figured only a small increase to Budget \$12,000 for 2018. However, the donations have not come in at the same rate as 2017. We know that your donations come from limited funds & there have been many appeals for help from many organizations. WNALC does not require dues. WNALC is not a line item on the NALC Budget & receives no monetary assistance from the church.

Q: Why was \$8,000 Budgeted for 2019 if only \$3,757 has come in during 2018?

A: We hope & continue to pray that you & women's groups at your church feel that being connected with the WNALC brings a sense of completeness & sisterhood across the continent through idea sharing, working at something bigger than our community & gathering yearly to join in fellowship &

study. If you are currently looking for somewhere to support, the WNALC is accepting with grateful hearts.

Q: Why did we approve a 2019 Budget with a deficit of \$3,500?

A: There was conversation on this at the Gathering. Some felt we should keep the Income Donations at \$12,000 as to not approve a budget with a deficit. We felt the best way to show our current financial situation was to submit the budget in this way. It is important to note that the Annual Gathering expenses are more than received by registrations. We do our best to be frugal but are locked into rates agreed on in advance by the Lutheran Week planning team. Please also note the Annual Gathering Expenses are only a YTD amount & did not include all expenses still outstanding for this year.

We thank you for your overwhelming generosity displayed by the *Stuff the Tonka* Initiative raising \$12,915 for *NALC Disaster Response* & the \$655 offering for the General Fund.

May God bless you abundantly this month,

Lane Magera



Lane Magera

Financial Data & 2019 Budget Estimate

	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018	YTD 2018	Budget 2019
INCOME					
Donations	\$10,000	\$11,375	\$12,000	\$3,757	\$8,000
Gathering Registration	\$4,000	\$4,500	\$5,600	\$3,360	\$4,000
Gathering Offering	\$500	\$1,526	\$0		\$0
Total Income	\$14,500	\$17,401	\$17,600	\$7,117	\$12,500
EXPENSES					
Travel	\$5,000	\$3,987	\$6,000	\$2,901	\$6,000
Annual Gathering	\$10,000	\$9,495	\$10,000	\$3,867	\$10,000
Other	\$1,000	\$1,578	\$0		
Total Expenses	\$16,000	\$15,060	\$16,000	\$6,768	\$16,000
Difference	-\$1,500	\$2,340	\$1,600	\$348	-\$3,500

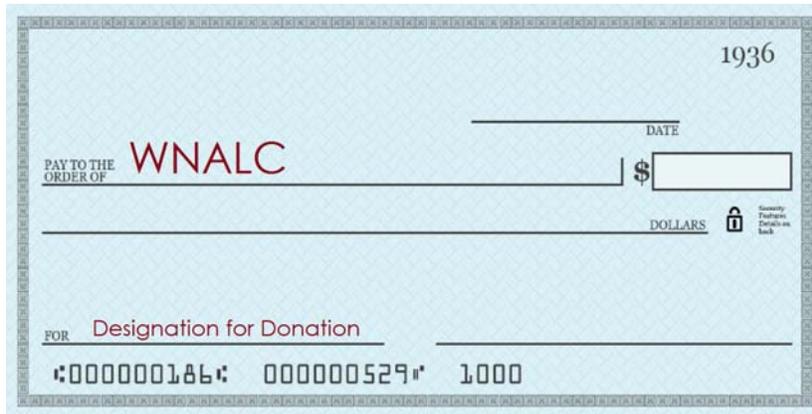
Monetary Donations



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, and information to women's ministry programs in the NALC congregations. Please send all donations to:

WNALC
c/o 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:
General Fund* or Mission Bank**

*Donations to the WNALC General Fund: Helps with the expenses of the WNALC Website, the WNALC Council Fall Retreat, and 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.

Thank you again!
In Christ,
WNALC Council

Spiritual Growth

Growing Spiritually: Who is it for? What is it? When do we find time? Where is the best place? Why is it important? How do we do it? I have been pondering, praying, & reading my Bible on these aspects since being elected to this position in August.

Going back to what I learned in English in high school, these are the questions that come to mind with spiritual growth. There are other ways to end some of the 5W's & the H. But for the Who question the answer is simple – all mankind. God created us out of His love. It wasn't because he was lonely (even though that is sometimes what we are led to believe) but because he had so much love. He does want to have companionship with us. So spiritual growth is for YOU, Me, everyone.

In the 60's it was a common phrase that young adults needed to "find themselves". They would go on cross-country hitch-hiking treks to do this. It was a very confusing statement for me & has had me pondering what it meant to "find" myself over the course of my life. Who am I & what am I doing on earth. Growing Spiritually or Growing in Faith or Growing Closer to God or Developing a relationship with Jesus are all ways of saying what I have found to be the answer. God created us & He wants us to live with Him in heaven eternally.

With this I was led to reading on why God created us & here are my findings:

We were created in God's image, so we could be a part of His family & live in heaven with Him!

- ◆ "...created to be like God in true righteousness & holiness" Ephesians 4: 24b
- ◆ "God created us for His Glory" Isaiah 43:7
- ◆ "For by Him all things were created: things in heaven & on earth, visible & invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him & for Him." Colossians 1:16



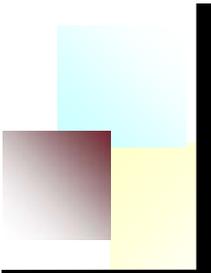
Jill Nesheim

For more readings on why God created man I found the following website of the King James Bible:

<https://www.kingjamesBibleonline.org/Bible-Verses-About-Why-God-Created-Man>

Jill Nesheim





News from You!

Rachel's Recipes



Rachel Busch Jones

It's FALL! Depending on your region it might be a little more or less autumnal but we all see some sort of change in weather patterns this time of year. Some people love it & some people dread it but there's no escaping it. I'm in the Midwest so we have the cooling temperatures, misty mornings, falling flora (watch out for acorns, walnuts & the like) & shorter daylight hours. My favorite part about the season is being able to enjoy hot food! My crockpot is one of my favorite things & I love to prep the night before – if I remember – & turn it on before I leave for work the next morning – again, if I remember – so that I come home to the mouth-watering scent of dinner being ready. Meal prep win!

One of my favorite recipes requires NO PREP. NONE. No cutting, no chopping, no searing. Nothing! *There IS a bit of work required before serving but it's minimal.

Chicken Enchilada Soup

Ingredients:

- ◆ 2-3 chicken breasts, raw (can be frozen!)
- ◆ 1 can black beans (rinsed)
- ◆ 1 can corn (rinsed)
- ◆ 1 can rotel
- ◆ 1 can cream of chicken soup
- ◆ 1 can chicken broth
- ◆ 1 package cream cheese
- ◆ 1-2 packages taco seasoning (less/more spice)

Directions:

- ◆ Throw it all in the crockpot!
- ◆ Cook on high for a minimum of 4 hours
- ◆ Pull out chicken & shred with forks, put back
- ◆ Stir & serve

Additions/substitutions:

- ◆ Switch out the cream cheese for 8oz of sour cream for a tangier flavor
- ◆ Top with shredded cheeses & chopped chives



Grace Lutheran Church Women

Eaton, Ohio

Each year in May our Church Women host a service & banquet for our confirmands called the "Confirmand Banquet & Blessing Service". We use elegant tableware with tall glass stemware. Our special table decorations are a Dove cut out with the menu & info inside. A special cake is made. We have our men dressed for formal service. Also included are Parents & Grandparents of the confirmands as well as the instructors. A Red Carnation is given to each of the confirmands & they may gift it to whomever their hearts desire.



We started this in 2008 with our then Pastor. Some years we only have one or two confirmands, but nothing changes the elegant routine; it is beautiful & memorable. We keep a binder of years' past & set it out to be viewed.

Story submitted by Elsie Burkle

News from You!

First English Lutheran Church

Mansfield, Ohio

We do some great ministry in our town. Our summer project has been so successful! Kid-print cotton pillow-cases that will be covering brand new bed pillows, all to be donated to Friendly House after school program. They will be added to pajama gifts given to the kids at Polar Express Night. 135 kids will be gifted. What a joy!

Story submitted by Jan Fisher



Living Faith Lutheran Church

Wabash, Indiana

Yesterday at our Sunday morning worship service I sat behind a 12-year-old girl & her mother. They were new to our church family, attending services only once or twice prior. During the message, Pastor Tom spoke of God – how He knows us even before we are born, how He knows our thoughts, & how He knows the number of hairs on our head.

When the pastor said these things, the girl turned her head toward her mother. Her eyes were open wide, eyebrows arched, & there was a look of amazement & awe on her face. Then she raised her hand & touched her hair with her finger. Her mother smiled & leaned her head up against her daughter's head. O how precious! Maybe the girl had never heard that before about God; maybe neither of them had ever heard those words. I prayed they would always remember them.

I have often found myself thinking or saying, "Oh Lord, I don't ever want to lose being amazed by You - your goodness & greatness & faithfulness. Thank you for being such a loving & awesome God".

'O Lord, you are a great & awesome God.' Daniel 9:4

Story submitted by Rhonda Curry



Info for You



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

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Please send your content to Rachel Busch Jones at wncnews@yahoo.com by November 15, 2018 for inclusion in the next edition.

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Register Now!

If you &/or your church is not registered with the WNALC for 2018-2019, 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, & a way for us to contact you.

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

Pat Dittrich
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Orchard, TX 77464

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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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