



1987 - 2007. Twenty **BOLD** Years for Women of the ELCAI



Any way is the wrong way if you're not heading to Indy around the last of July! Grab a carload of your

sisters and join us at Adam's Mark, 2544 Executive Drive, phone 800-444-ADAM. Take I-465 S to Airport Expwy to Exit 11A to Executive Drive to 2544. Don't forget to call the hotel to make your reservation, and this room is yours!

Spring Cluster Gathering at St. Paul!

"Put Your ♥ into Living Waters: *It's in Your Hands!*" was the theme for our April 28 gathering, attended by 37 women from 9 churches. Morning program began with a "generic" Powerless point presentation (*Have you ever tried to work with slippery slivers of transparencies with their own agenda?*) of enlightenment on "WWI"—Women, Water, and a whole bunch of *I*-words describing what we should be about: *informed, informing, inclusive, inviting, invigorating, involved...*

Jean Plusch then led us through the Biblical "waters," describing water as cleansing, refreshing, healing. She shared her own awesome experience of En Gedi. She encouraged us to find our En Gedi (oasis) of living water—to drink, to share, to grow.

In the afternoon, Jennifer Nebe, a *too young to be a college grad* representing Save the Dunes Council, held the audience rapt as she explained watershed, and how our water, and animals that make it their home, are being destroyed. Via a *Power-Point* (authentic) presentation, she revealed how simple modifications like drainage and plant placement can mean the difference between working *with* or *against* nature to preserve the dunes. It was a lesson every public official needs to hear.

Right: Jean shows a favorite "water" picture.

Below: Women listen intently as Carol Wagner brings greetings from the Board of I-K Synodical Women's Organization



Take **another look** inside your convention packet and make sure you've taken care of everything you need to take care of—Nominations for board and Triennial delegates, young women's scholarship application, Fair Share, resolutions (This is the time to seek to change whatever you don't like), registration forms for whoever needs them... and don't forget, we still need a *Talent or Not* act ...and we still need an identity symbol...and we still need volunteers from our cluster to help with health kits.



Yes, we had a great time... but we missed some of our sisters!

Please make copies available
 for the women in your congregation.
 Download *Northwex* at iksynod.org,

Thought you'd like to know. . .

We have a brand *new cluster committee*. Well, it hasn't changed *that* much—we *tried!*—but **Norma Lewis** of Augustana replaced Hazel Schlicker, who volunteered to pitch in two years ago; and **Annette Holtan** replaced me as Cluster Coordinator. Now the committee is more representative of the cluster.

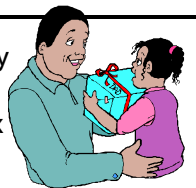
However, it would be even more so if we could get someone from a bit further south—like Crown Point or St. John or even Merrillville.

And even if you don't become a committee member, we'd really like to have **participation from all our churches**. If you think Women of the ELCA is **not relevant**, spend some time on our Website (womenoftheelca.org). You will be amazed at how **our organization is impacting our world**. Links on the right hand side of the home page lead you to more insight than you could ever imagine! Our Fall Gathering will be at Augustana. Tentative date is October 6.



Mother's Day can be traced back to ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600's, England celebrated "Mothering Sunday" on the 4th Sunday of Lent. Servants were encouraged to spend the day with their mothers. The celebration later honored "Mother Church." In 1872, Julia Ward Howe (who wrote the Battle Hymn of the Republic) suggested Mother's Day as a day dedicated to peace. In 1907 Ana Jarvis campaigned to honor mothers on the 2nd Sunday of May, her mother's 2nd death anniversary. Woodrow Wilson

A "father's day" was proposed by Mrs. John B. Dodd to honor her dad, William Stuart, who raised six children after his wife died in childbirth. The first Father's Day was observed June 19, 1910 in Spokane. President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national holiday in 1924, and in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed a proclamation designating the 3rd Sunday in June Father's Day.



I pray you find a blessing in honoring and celebrating both parents as gifts from God!

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Gen 2:15

Electric utilities generate 66% of the sulfur oxide pollutants, the largest source. The average home generates about 22,000 pounds of carbon dioxide a year through electricity use and heating.

1. Wash clothes in **cold water**. Heating the water uses 90% of energy used in washing
2. Use **microwave**, which consumes 1/3 the energy of a conventional oven.
3. New **showerheads** use no more than 2.5 gallons per minute and can be installed with a wrench.
4. Replacing a 75-watt bulb with an 18-watt **fluorescent** saves about 570 kw hours of electricity over its lifetime, eliminating the burning of 300lb coal.
5. **Halogen** lamps (torchieres) produce heat up to 1,000 ° F and use about 75% more energy.
6. Lower the **thermostat** (begin with 2°) in winter and raise it in summer. Going from 72° to 78° will result in 8%energy savings.
7. Close slats of **blinds up**, not down, to reduce sun in summer; open during winter for more sun
8. Shade your air conditioner, but not in the middle of bushes.

See these and other tips at nesea.org/energy/info/, wattwatchers.org and greenribbonpledge.org

Unlike the Energizer Bunny, I'm still waiting! You said you were interested in an LWR *workshop, but nobody has offered to host it... You said the idea of an identity symbol met with your approval...or at least, I *thought* you did... I'm thinking... **am I hearing things- or not?**And **which one is worse??** Get on the phone or the computer (Annette's contact info is on your program) and give us a sign!!!!



PLUS, we still have dollars and we still need to fill Indianapolis with our presence. . .AND our talent (or *not*).

***July 15** is "Go and do likewise" Sunday (*see elca.org/seeds/2007/SeedsMayJune2007.pdf*) and July is "Back to School" sales days, two great excuses for a workshop in July!!!

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