



In keeping with the Triennial theme, "Come to the Waters," the Cluster Planning Committee has chosen "Renew, Refresh, Rejoice...Quench the Thirst Within" as the theme of Northwest Cluster's Fall Gathering 2008, at Christ in Valparaiso, October 4, from 9 A.M. until 2:30 P.M.

Registration (and continental breakfast) begins at 8:30, and we want to see you signed in—and munching—early (You played coy last spring, and had to be prodded into eating those tasty morsels) so we can get to the good part, a wonderful, delightful, enlightening, and enriching Bible study, guaranteed to drench your soul and quench the spirit within with water... refreshing water, cleansing water, renewing water.

Susan Predoehl, who is a student in the Deaconess formation program at Valparaiso University, will lead the Bible study, and Mary Mwaura, Kenyan refugee whose husband John passed suddenly this past spring, will be our guest in the afternoon.

We're inviting all women to join us as we become immersed in the Spirit, and climb the banks to go and boldly tell of God's amazing grace.

Christ is a commodious church, and can accommodate a 50% increase in attendance; so don't stay at home to save room for somebody else. We've got that covered.

20 Years as St. Paul Women of the ELCA



Each woman got a personal phone call inviting them to celebrate their 20th Anniversary as Women of the ELCA, and when they arrived, they received a Purpose Statement book marker, and a card directed each to corresponding bunch of helium balloons, giving them the opportunity to meet new sisters.

The program included an informative history of the woman's group dating back to prior church bodies. A presentation explored what Women of the ELCA is and what we do.

During refreshments, each woman filled out a card telling when she'd like to participate in a circle. Twenty new women responded favorably, paving the way for possible new circles or expanding current ones.

Nancy Ryding celebrated the fire lit within the women of St. Paul. Let us all help to keep it burning!

Nancy Ryding addresses the group



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There are more than 15 million women living in poverty in the US. - US Census Bureau

Global warming will increase poverty – up to 50 million people may be displaced by droughts and flooding over the next three years. - UN Security Council

So what can you do about it? Throw away your old phone—not just away, but recycled. The Good Deed Foundation will keep phones' toxic lead out of our landfills where they endanger lives of our children and children for years to come, and support programs that will keep women and children out of poverty.

See "Caring for God's Creation," (back) and *KINswoman*.



Plan now to attend

"Your River of Faith"

IN-KY SWO Biennial Convention,
September 18-19, 2009,
in beautiful Louisville, Kentucky.

Elect delegates and alternates. Consider a fundraiser to send your president or someone who has never attended. Keep watching for more info.



Cluster committee members met on September 6 to plan a **BOLD** and spiritually engaging fall gathering. From left are Annette Holtan, Norma Lewis, Mindy Meyer, Nancy Miller, and Nancy Walter.

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 copies available
 for the women in
 your congregation.**
 Copies also posted on
www.iksynod.org

**I--K SYNOD WOMEN OF THE ELCA
 MISSION RESPONSE FOR 2008-2009**

The women of our synod have been faithful through the years in reaching out in support of our neighbors all over the world. Well, this year we will help our neighbors right here in our synod.

From July, 2008 through June, 2009, I-K Synod Women of the ELCA will be receiving contributions from units for *"Lutheran Disaster Relief for the I-K Synod"* as our mission project. These funds will help families as they attempt to rebuild their lives, homes, and communities after the recent devastating storms that have hit our area.

Please be generous in your giving. Write *"Lutheran Disaster Relief for the I-K Synod"* on blue form A, and send it to Florence Bright, 2619 Lindsay Ave., Louisville, KY 40206. We thank God for your blessings.

You thank Him, too.



Women in ELCA
 Mobilizing women to Act Boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ

Thankoffering Plans

Thankoffering Sunday is traditionally observed on the 3rd Sunday in October, which this year is October 19. Thankofferings and regular offerings are the primary sources of funding for the ministry that is directly or indirectly supported by the church-wide expression of Women of the ELCA, here and around the world.

If you haven't planned yours yet, you can download a complete Thankoffering service from our website. Go to womenoftheelca.org/resources.

I ASKED. . . How is your unit celebrating Thank-offering Sunday? YOU ANSWERED. . . Well, Bethlehem Gary answered:

Bethlehem celebrates Thankoffering Sunday with the theme, "Women of Bethlehem Lutheran Church are ALIVE," and a guest speaker, guest soloist, praise dancers, and a reception. You are invited to share in their worship. (*They'll be cooking up some great eats on their brand new stove, thanks to a "Gentle Giant," Gene Wilson.*)

Their annual pie sale runs from Oct. 5—Nov. 9. Proceeds will benefit the Sojourner Truth House for homeless women. Call 885-7900 for details.

Phishers of men (and women)

The electronic age has brought out a slew of miscreants like snakes after a flood, victimizing the not-quite-so-sophisticated "mature" bunch; and they're aiming to *slay your credit*. Be suspicious, even when e-mails seem legit. Phishers send emails from your "bank" with logos that look authentic telling you to click a link. 1) Don't click; *always type* the address in. 2) Look for *https:* before the address. 3) Look for *spelling errors*. 4) Call your bank and *report* it.

Visit these sites to learn more about protecting your credit:

<http://www.truecredit.com/newsletter>
<http://www.snopes.com/crime/warnings/creditcard.asp>

P. S. I used all my black and blue ink with printings this period. If you bring an HP 02 cyan or black cartridge Oct. 4, I won't get angry.

The *Northwex*, the bimonthly publication of IN-KY Women of the ELCA Northwest Cluster, can be downloaded at iksynod.org. For questions, submissions, or comments, or to inquire about subscribing via USPS or email, please contact me at 219-886-0201 or maslivend@sbcglobal.net.

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Caring for God's Creation

Gen 2:15

From now until **World Poverty Day (Oct. 17)**, the Women's Funding Network is joining the **Good Deed Foundation** on a **"One Simple Act"** campaign to recycle old and used cell phones. This will not only keep phones out of landfills, but will generate funds for programs that support women and children—for instance, those that provide financial literacy training, grants to start small businesses, vocational job training, and advocacy for increased access to health care, fair wages, and adequate and affordable child care. The goal is to recycle **one million cell phones**.



It's easy for your Women of the ELCA unit to participate: Visit www.GoodDeedFoundation.org/recycle to receive a *free postage-paid envelope or collection box*. Each box holds approximately 25 phones, and you can order as many as you think you will need. Collect at church, at work, at school, anywhere! Please join in this campaign to help our sisters and their families begin a better life.

Care for **two facets of God's creation** with *one simple act!* For additional information about **World Poverty Day**, visit www.womenfightpoverty.org/