


You can now access the *KINswoman* and the *Northwex* online. Go to iksynod.org and select [Our Ministries](#). You will see a link to IN-KY Women of the ELCA in the bottom left corner. That link will take you to a map of the ten clusters, and you can access high-lighted (blue) links. You can also go directly to the Women of ELCA website  and to the eMagazine Cafe. Right now the site's in its infancy stage, but you know how those babies grow!

We're Online!

The IK convention '07 is right around the corner!
Have you elected your delegate yet? . . .
Do you have an alternate? Has your unit set aside funds for her travel, room and board, and registration? Come on, NW Indiana. Let's live up to our #1 spot (that's our number) in the synod... and have a great time to boot! We'll be searching for you!
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The Northwest Cluster Fall Day of Renewal
will be held October 7, 2006, from 9 - 3 at
Carmelite Monastery, 1628 Ridge Road, Munster

You'll spend a full day Embracing Wholeness as you walk the beautiful wooded grounds, participate in Bible studies on physical, spiritual, and emotional health, enjoy a relaxing massage, and commune with sisters in prayer and song. The religious symbols and images are a source of inspiration and awe for people near and far, and will be an unforgettable experience for you.



If you are interested in more images from Carmelite, go to <http://www.roadsideamerica.com/attrac/INMUNshrine.html>.

Registration is \$15.00, which includes food and materials for the day. Send to Hazel Schlicker, 150 Concord Dr, Michigan City, IN 46360, payable to NW Cluster/WELCA. An envelope has also been sent for group registration. See your leader. A copy to be posted, a black and white copy-ready sheet for bulletin inserts, etc., and a map are included, also.

Caring for Others and Ourselves is the underlying theme for this Day of Renewal, so we will be collecting items for health kits for Lutheran World Relief. LWR pickup is October 28 at Christ in Valparaiso. 

**It's all about Relationships
...and Mission!**

So you don't support the Women's Organization financially because the women "use the money for dining at fancy restaurants"?

Nothing could be further from the truth! Having served on the board for three terms, two as secretary, and now volunteering as *KINswoman* editor, I know the commitment of the women who do the work of the Women of ELCA on the synodical level: *On the road at the break of day, giving up Saturdays that could be spent shopping, hanging with grands, or working on some never-ending women's work...*



The board plans the 2007 Biennial Convention at Adam's Mark in Indianapolis

I've joined and witnessed the women struggling with cutting costs by reducing meal allowance and mileage, then donating it back.

I cannot speak for previous boards, but you'd be hard put to find a prodigal (wasteful) woman on the boards on which I've served—and were you to serve on the board, you'd find this to be true.

So don't be hesitant to support the organization past the local level. We're all in this together. The women who serve are Christian sisters who adhere to the purpose statement of Women of the ELCA, and they do it because it's their commitment to discipleship!

One woman...one unit... will never be able to work the change that all of us as disciples can do. When we join together, we are a bold force—a mighty witness for the One we all serve... *For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. 2 Ti 1:7*



LWR Health Kits contain the following items:

- wash cloth & hand towel (not white, pale)
- toothpaste (around 7 oz.), bandages
- widetooth comb
- fingernail clipper w/file
- toothbrush (soft or medium)
- 6 bandages (regular size 3/4")
- bath soap

Purchase quality material that will last under the conditions in which many of the recipients find themselves. Some dollar store items hold up, but often the bandages don't stick, towels are flimsy and rough, toothbrushes are hard and irritate teeth that already lack adequate dental care, and plastic combs lose their teeth-- and they can't "run to the store."

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Please make copies and share with women in your congregation.

THANKOFFERING SUNDAY

The third Sunday in October is, for most congregations, Thankoffering Sunday, often referred to as "Women of the ELCA Sunday (or that 5-letter nickname we can't seem to shake). Traditionally women lead worship services and celebrate the ministry of Women of the ELCA.

A guide to planning your worship service can be found in the 2005-06 Stewardship Guide (pp.36-44) or at www.womenoftheelca.org/whatwedo. Use Transmittal Form B to send your Thankofferings to Chicago. You can also download the forms at www.womenoftheelca.org/resources/forms.html.

First United observes Thankoffering Sunday October 15 with worship at 10, with female crucifers, worship leaders, Communion assistants, and ushers. Dorothy Nevils brings the message, and all women are invited to sing the anthem, "Weave (Us Together)." A reception follows the worship.

Focus for this year, cleaning kits for Katrina, ends in November. Send your focus funds to SWO Treasurer Mary Glasscock, 212 Dorchester Road, Louisville, KY 40223. The need still exists.

Can you find our cluster congregations? Will we have to search on October 7? Or July 27 & 28?

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Christ	Cross of Christ	Emmanuel	First United
Gloria Dei	Griffith	Holy Shepherd	New Life
Prince of Peace	St. Luke United	St. Paul	Trinity

What's going on? →

Don't forget St. Paul's Fall Retreat, "If You Want to Walk on Water, You Must Get Out of the Boat," led by Donna Mitchell, Saturday, September 30, at Red Mill County Park in MC. \$10 includes lunch. Reservations to Wilma Dwight at 219-879-9477 by September 22. ♥↑♥

I hear from credible sources that the Katrina Project was a smashing success! The truck was jam-packed. On behalf of our neighbors in the Gulf, and all who helped, a great big "Thank you!" for your efforts in Christ's name!



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Creation

Caring for God's Creation

Gen 2:15

From the ELCA Social Statement on Caring for Creation: *We of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are deeply concerned about the environment, locally and globally, as members of this church and as members of society. Even as we join the political, economic, and scientific discussion, we know care for the earth to be a profoundly spiritual matter.*

As Lutheran Christians, we confess that both our witness to God's goodness in creation and our acceptance of caregiving responsibility have often been weak and uncertain.

As women, we have a huge impact on what goes into the garbage at our churches-- or what *doesn't*. Often we risk bruised feelings when advocating for the environment, but you must make the choice: Protect your feelings ...or protect the earth. Standing for right is always tougher. Stand **BOLDLY** for God's creation.