

The Northern Texas/Northern Louisiana (NT-NL) Synodical Women's Organization (SWO)

August 28, 2024

Churchwide News:



Jennifer Hockenbery, Ph.D., Interim Churchwide Executive Director of Women of the ELCA, and Myrna Wells-Ulland, WELCA President, held a Conversation with Region 4 Synodical Women Organization (SWO) Presidents and on Aug. 2nd. One of their requests was to update their 2021 church-wide database, which only listed 40 WELCA congregational units in the entire NT-NL synod! Our NT-NL SWO board members called/texted/emailed their contacts in their assigned conferences to update the list to 57 congregational units.

Her second request was to complete a 6-question survey at <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZXoOHfqAD0yJTmzA98teQ5HqBYO8q4hElcN3dqcoA8VUQldCMU1GWUNXM1UzTUU0TzVPR082OTc1Ry4u> to help WELCA set strategies for the future. Your responses are anonymous and we invite your feedback!

Synodical News:

Our #1 Goal is to improve communication with several methods:

- Join our FaceBook NT-NL SWO Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/748717508538531> where this page features local events within our NT-NL Synodical Women's Organization.
- Join our FaceBook NT-NL SWO Page at <https://www.facebook.com/ntnlsw> where this page features Synodical Women's Groups from around the ELCA
- Check out our website at <https://ntnlutheranwomen.com/>

Eastern Conference Retreat on Aug. 3rd at First Lutheran Church in Longview

About 40 participants did a 3-part WELCA Bible study with Rev. Kathryn Saunders-Allen, from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Irving



Kathryn Saunders-Allen



Ann Hanley



Belinda Walenta



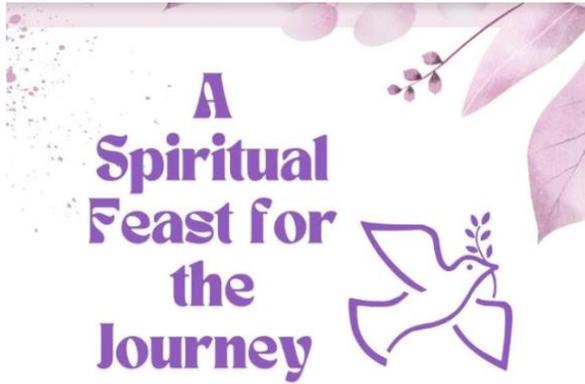
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NT-NL Spiritual Feast Retreat in the HOT Conference

Date: Sept. 21st

Time: 10am-3pm

Place: First Lutheran Church

St. Lydia's Episcopal Student Ctr.

1712 S 10th St. Waco

Includes: Free lunch

RSVP: Rev. Austin Nickel oneluth@hotmail.com

NT-NL Synodical Womens Organization (SWO) Fall Retreat

Date/time: October 11 from 3:30-8:15pm

Date/time: October 12 from 8:30am-3:15pm

Place: King of Glory Lutheran
6411 Lyndon B Johnson Fwy
Dallas, TX 75240

Speakers:

- Catherine Walker, author, *Boosting Your Joy*
- Rev. Rachel Ringlaben
- Rev. Mallory Morris

Cost: \$70 for 2 days **by Sept. 15**

\$75 for 2 days by Sept. 30

\$80 for 2 days at the door

\$60 for Saturday only

Includes: Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, SERRV (fair trade products) and drawing for Triennial registration

RSVP: Registration is open at

<https://ntnlutheranwomen.com/>

The NT-NL SWO is holding their annual Women's Retreat on October 11-12, 2024, featuring guest speaker Catherine Walker, author of the book "Boosting your Joy". Catherine Walker is a professional speaker, happiness coach, author and podcast host and human behavior specialist with over 20 years of experience in training and presenting.

More details will follow—so mark your calendars now!

Hosted by King of Glory Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In everything, give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

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Action Items by September 15th:

1. Early bird registration is open at <https://ntnlutheranwomen.com/>
2. Email lheyde52@aol.com for a \$75 scholarship if needed
3. If interested in purchasing a pink NT-NL SWO t-shirt, please email your name, cell # and size to jwinge@aol.com
4. Submit your silent auction item/wine bottle (\$30-\$40) from your church to sarakh728@gmail.com

God bless you,
Jane Winge, NT-NL SWO President