

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

October 22, 2024

**Churchwide News:**



**Bold Café:** You’re invited to join our WELCA virtual monthly dinner with Rev. Meredith Harber to lead our conversation about new beginnings and starting over.

Date: November 7  
 Time: 7pm CDT  
 RSVP: <https://www.boldcafe.org/dinner/>

**Thankoffering:** Here’s a resource to help you plan your Thankoffering Service at <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/How-to-have-a-Thankoffering-Service-2024.pdf>

**July 16-19, 2026 WELCA Triennial in Des Moines, Iowa**

**Synodical News:**

**NT-NL SWO Fall Retreat from Oct. 11-12 at King of Glory, Dallas** had 55 participants attend with a focus on Rejoice, Pray and Give Thanks. Bunco, worship, a Celebration of Life, and Confections & Connections was held Friday. We had worship, speakers, crafts and a silent auction on Saturday. Belinda Walenta won a Tropical Smoothie gift basket and Skylar Berkvens won the drawing for a free 2026 Triennial registration.



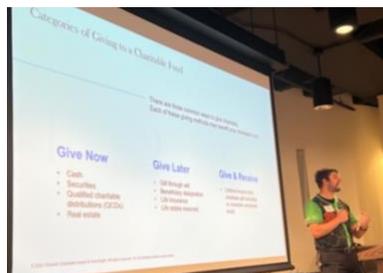
Catherine Walker, author, *Boosting Your Joy*



Rev. Rachel Ringlaben & Rev. Mallory Morris leading worship



Ann Hanley shared status of 3rd Living Water International well



Dan Klonowski, Thrivent rep, provided an overview of 3 ways to give along with free t-shirts and swag bag.



Rebecca Chase, Pastoral Intern, led a psalm writing exercise

## Continuing Education Scholarship Application Due November 15

Our Synodical Women's Organization will be offering **\$500** scholarships to women in our organization who want to further their education and need some financial assistance. Applicant must be a participant in a WELCA unit and a voting member of the ELCA. Course of study may have a ministry job component, or it may be for continuing education in job training or updating vocational training. Deadlines for application are **November 15 and May 15**. To apply, click on <https://ntnlutheranwomen.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Application.pdf>



## New NT-NL SWO T-shirts



To prepare for upcoming NT-NL SWO events and the 2026 WELCA Triennial, we had an initial order of 26 t-shirts made, which all but 3 sold out! If interested in purchasing a pink NT-NL SWO t-shirt for \$15, please email your name, mobile phone number and size to [jwinge@aol.com](mailto:jwinge@aol.com) to be included in the next order. Great Christmas gift idea for your NT-NL SWO sisters!

## Save the Dates:

- Dallas Area Metro North Spring Retreat will be held on April 15, 2025 at Christ the Servant, Allen
- NT-NL Synod Assembly from April 25-26, 2025 at MCM Elegante Hotel & Suites, 801 Avenue Q, Lubbock 79401
- NT-NL SWO Convention from October 10-11, 2025 at Calvary Lutheran Church, 7620 Baker Blvd., Richland Hills, 76118 where we have 3 action items so far:
  1. Our Nominating Committee will be looking for 2 board candidates to replace Paula Jensen and Treasurer Linda Heyde.
  2. Nominate 3 delegates to vote at the 2026 Triennial besides the SWO President:
    - a first timer
    - a woman of color
    - one with no restrictions
  3. Pass a resolution, which the board is recommending:  
"Resolve to discontinue the allocation of yearly checking account interest to the various Custodial Accounts and instead deposit all interest from the account into the Scholarship Fund in order to better utilize these funds to help all in need to participate in WELCA and the NT-NL SWO."



## Goal #1 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/>

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