

Churchwide News:

Bold Café on May 1st: Our host, The Rev. Ralen M. Robinson, will lead our conversation about the women who inspire us. Granddaughters, daughters, nieces, etc. are encouraged to join! We'll have a downloadable coloring sheet available, and all participants are encouraged to bring a favorite stuffy or doll.

Date: May 1, 2025

Time: 7:00-8:00pm CDT

Register: <https://www.boldcafe.org/dinner/>



Rachel's Day on May 4th

Rachel's Day is a time set aside to mourn the loss of our children and to renounce the forces of violence and fear. It is observed by Women of the ELCA annually on the first Sunday in May, though it can be observed any time of the year. **For more info:**

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/special-initiatives/rachels-day>

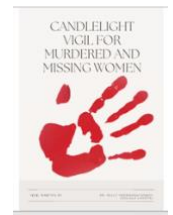
Candlelight Vigil for Murdered and Missing Women on May 5th

In honor of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women Day, join leaders, staff and more as we pray together, "Candlelight Vigil for Murdered and Missing Women," written by Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy.

Date: May 5

Time: 7:00-8:00pm CDT

Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_t7yhXckDSeC2fUiynIKukQ#/registration



WELCA Strategic Plan for 2024-2026

In December, the executive board approved a new Strategic Plan for Women of the ELCA titled Connect, Create, Complement, Continue, and Celebrate.

For more info: <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Cover-Strategic-plan-2025.pdf>

WELCA Triennial Convention will be held online from July 14-16, 2026. There will be a pre-Convention virtual practice sessions for voting members to become familiar with the virtual voting process.

WELCA Triennial Gathering will be held in Des Moines, Iowa from July 16-19, 2026. Registration will open July 15, 2025 at <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>



Synodical News



Seeking a NT-NL SWO Webmaster

After many years of faithful service, Leslie Jenkins, has stepped down as our NT-NL SWO webmaster. If you're interested and have experience with WordPress, please let me know to update our website monthly at <https://ntnlutheranwomen.com/>.

Dallas Area Metro North Conference Spring Retreat on April 5, 2025



Rev. Veronika



Rev. Kelsey

We had 51 people registered for our spring retreat's theme of "Be still and know that I am God." Guest speakers/presenters were Rev. Veronika Czutor, Jenny Halderman, Ann Hanley, Rev. Kelsey Fitting-Snyder, Pam Groze, and Charlene Minard. Donations were collected for Community Garden Kitchen for those in need of meals and \$216 for Living Water International!



NT-NL Synod Assembly from April 25-26, 2025

Our synod assembly is being held at the MCM Elegante Hotel & Suites, 801 Avenue Q, Lubbock 79401. We will have a WELCA display table featuring:

- SWO t-shirts for \$20
- SERRV products for sale to benefit 3rd world women and profits go towards our SWO scholarship fund

Heart of Texas (HOT) Conference Spring Retreat on May 3, 2025

Dates: May 3, 2025

Time: 9:00am-1:00pm

Place: St. John Lutheran Church, 10801 FM-929, Gatesville, TX 76528

Cost: \$25 including lunch by registering with robin.schuricht@gmail.com



Eastern Conference Tea/Brunch on May 3, 2025

Dates: May 3, 2025

Place: First Lutheran Church

3901 Bill Owens Pkwy., Longview, TX 75605

NT-NL SWO Convention

Dates: October 10-11, 2025

Place: Calvary Lutheran Church, 7620 Baker Blvd., Richland Hills, TX

Agenda:

1. Our Nominating Committee will be accepting nominations for all positions on our board, because we were all elected in 2023
2. Nominate 2 delegates (a woman of color and a first-timer attendee) to vote at the 2026 Triennial besides the SWO President
3. Pass a resolution, which the board approved and 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/>

Peace, Jane Winge, NT-NL SWO President