

Churchwide News:

Bold Café

Come be part of a conversation led by Beloved Campus Ambassadors Lila Woodard and BillieJo Shahan, as they share about the new intergenerational ministry they created with girls in their congregation. Their insights and creative ideas are sure to spark inspiration for you and your group!

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026

Time: 7:00-8:00pm CDT

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

Coloring Page: <https://www.boldcafe.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/IamworthyColoring.pdf>



WELCA Triennial Convention will be held online from July 13-14, 2026.

WELCA Triennial Gathering will be held in Des Moines, Iowa from July 16-19, 2026 with worship, workshops and service projects. Take advantage of \$525 registration **by June 21** at <https://welcatg.org>. So far we have 11 people registered from NT-NL. Triennial scholarships are available at <https://ntnlutheranwomen.com/forms/>

WELCA Campus Ambassador

Are you on campus? Are you looking to engage in authentic intergenerational relationships? The Beloved: WELCA Campus Ambassador program will connect young adult women on campus with peers, raise awareness about WELCA's ministry, and provide students with mentoring opportunities with girls ages 7-12 in local ELCA congregations. Learn more and apply at: <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/ministry-action/intergenerational-2/welca-leader-page-campus-ambassador-program>



Latino Christian National Network (LCNN) Annual Gathering

For the last five years, Rev. Irma Banales has attended the LCNN Annual Gathering, which is a premier Washington D.C.-based event for Latino Christian leaders, pastors and advocates.. This year they asked us to invite people from our denominations those who accompany the people in need as immigrants. Pictured are NTNL synod representatives (l to r): Rev. Moises Carrasquillo, Rev. Jesus Escamilla, Rev. Irma Banales, PLM Lupita Escamilla and Office Administrator/Community Center; Emanuel, Dallas, Blanca Illades.

Synodical News



Seeking a NT-NL SWO Webmaster

After a year of faithful service, Rachel Brown, has stepped down as our NT-NL SWO webmaster. If you're interested and have experience with WordPress, please let me know at 972-658-4387 to help us update our website at <https://ntnlutheranwomen.com/>. Minimal updates needed monthly.

Synodical News (continued)

Heart of Texas Conference Spring Gathering on April 18th

Save the date for the Heart of Texas Conference Spring Gathering!



Speaker: Carrabie Vice, Isaiah 117

Date: April 18, 2026 from 9:00am-2:00pm

Place: St. Matthew Lutheran Church
800 N New Road, Waco TX 76710

Cost: \$35 (scholarships available)

RSVP: Kim Browne, 4273 Rosenthal Pkwy, Lorena, 76655

Questions: 254-709-2417 or brownekim3@gmail.com

Bring: Each Church is requested to bring a silent auction item valued between \$30-\$50, such as a basket, quilt, plant, or wine for our SWO scholarship fund.

Women of the ELCA
Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

You're invited by the NT-NL Synodical Women's Organization to our Spring Gathering for Heart of Texas Conference

When: April 18, 2026

Location: St. Matthew Lutheran Church 800 N. New Road, Waco, TX 76710

Cost: \$35 Scholarships available, call RoxAnne Knauss (972) 800-1004

Agenda:
9:00 Registration
9:30 Welcome, opening remarks, worship
10:30 Inspirational speaker-Carrabie Vice - Isaiah House 117
11:30 Lunch
12:30 Business meeting
1:30 Silent auction winners
2:00 Closing remarks, door prizes

RSVP: Please mail completed form and check payable to St. Matthew Lutheran - WELCA by April 10, 2026 to Kim Browne, 4273 Rosenthal Pkwy, Lorena, TX 76655

Questions? Call 254-709-2417 or email brownekim3@gmail.com. Forms may be emailed also.

Registration info: Name _____
Street Address _____
City/State/Zip code _____
Phone _____
E-Mail Address _____
Home Church _____
Special Dietary Needs/Restrictions? _____
Name of Saint for our Memorial Ceremony _____

Bring: Each Church is requested to bring a silent auction item valued between \$30-\$50, such as a basket, quilt, plant, or wine for our SWO scholarship fund.

Dallas Area Metro North Spring Retreat on April 18th



The Dallas Area Metroplex North Conference (DAMN) of the NT-NL Synodical Women's Organization is holding their annual Women's Retreat on April 18, 2026, with guest speaker Rev. Cheryl Herrod.

When: April 18, 2026 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, 1515 N. Travis St., Sherman, TX 75092

Cost: Early bird ends 3/31/26 - \$30 Registration deadline 4/15/26 - \$25 At the door \$30
make checks payable to NTNL SWO, includes lunch and childcare (see below)

Register online at: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/10789524>
Scholarships are available if needed.

8:30 - 9:00 Registration, continental breakfast
9:00 - 9:15 Welcome, introductions, bible verse
9:15 - 10:15 Keynote speaker - Rev. Cheryl Herrod
10:15 - 10:30 Break
10:30 - 11:15 Chair Yoga
11:15 - 11:20 Update from Therapy Dogs
11:20 - 12:15 Lunch and Networking, Update on Living Water International
12:15 - 1:00 Breakout Session - Finding our Spiritual Gifts
1:00 - 1:15 Break
1:15 - 2:00 Breakout Session - Rev. Cheryl Herrod
2:00 - 2:45 Meditation - Using our Spiritual Gifts to Serve Others
3:00 - 4:00 Worship Service with Communion

SERV and Free Trade Products!
We will be offering SERV and free trade products. 30% of the income will go towards WELCA scholarships for future events. Visit <https://tithe.ly/serve> to view items or make specific requests to herrodcheryl@ntnlsw.org

Need a Shirt?
Get a T-Shirt: Dallas Area Metroplex North (DAMN) Conference or NTNL SWO for \$20

Service Project - Sherman low income schools
Bring school supplies to donate to low income schools in the Sherman area - this time of year teachers start running out!

Book Exchange
Bring a book, take a book! Any leftovers will be donated to a local assisted living center.

Please mail completed form and check by April 11th to:

Pam Grosze
2600 Ash Drive
St. Paul, TX 75098

Registration Information

Name _____
Street Address _____
City / St / ZIP Code _____
Phone _____
E-Mail Address _____
Home Church _____
Special Dietary Needs / Restrictions? _____
Childcare needed? # of children: _____

Questions?
Call 972-976-4046 Email pgrosze@ntnlsw.org
Forms can be emailed to this address also.

Don't miss an opportunity to join with other members of the Dallas Area Metroplex North Conference! We have great speakers, interesting and fun breakout sessions, and always great food and conversation!



Date: Saturday, April 18, 2026 from 8:30am-4:00pm

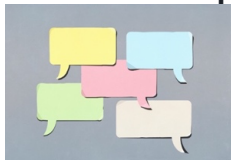
Place: Trinity Lutheran Church, 1515 N. Travis St, Sherman

Cost: \$20 by March 31, \$25 after April 1, \$30 at the door

Register: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/10789524> or make check payable to NT-NL SWO or request scholarship to: Pam Grosze, 2600 Ash Dr., St. Paul TX 75098

Bring: School supplies to donate to low-income schools
Bring a book, take a book at the book exchange

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