

**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 30, 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>



**Candlelight Vigil for Murdered and Missing Women on May 5**

In honor of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's Day, Monday, May 5, join leaders, staff and more as we pray together, "Candlelight Vigil for Murdered and Missing Women," written by Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy. Register for Zoom link at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_HtKfgvWQQ2K5MVMl0zrzKw?x\\_zm\\_rtaid=irpsWAeaQJ-EbTIR31ud6q.1777478440150.9e11f62d77f48ba249816a8972b54752&x\\_zm\\_rhtaid=788#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HtKfgvWQQ2K5MVMl0zrzKw?x_zm_rtaid=irpsWAeaQJ-EbTIR31ud6q.1777478440150.9e11f62d77f48ba249816a8972b54752&x_zm_rhtaid=788#/registration)

For more info, go to [https://www.elca.org/how-we-serve/elca-in-society/mdcc/indigenous-ministries/missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women?\\_ga=2.67987417.954106920.1774880355-1294388228.1767786867](https://www.elca.org/how-we-serve/elca-in-society/mdcc/indigenous-ministries/missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women?_ga=2.67987417.954106920.1774880355-1294388228.1767786867)

**Mother's Day Campaign to Raise \$10,000 in Gratitude**

In 1870, Julia Ward Howe wrote the "Mother's Day Proclamation" where she called upon mothers to work together to promote peace and justice. Women of the ELCA is honored to be part of the legacy that these women left. Their endowed gifts continue to support our call to help women nurture their vocations as disciples of Christ.

This Mother's Day, honor their legacy by adding your gift by donating in the name of a woman or girl you admire. We hope to raise \$10,000 this Mother's Day for Women of the ELCA as a sign of our gratitude to our foremothers and our promise to the next generations. Donate at

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/mothers-day-campaign-2>



**WELCA Triennial Convention** will be held online from July 13-14, 2026 with voting delegates: Lupita Escamilla, PLM, Cate Berridge, and Jane Winge. Renea Tucker is our alternate voting delegate.

**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 for registration and hotel approved by our SWO Board at <https://ntnlutheranwomen.com/forms/>

## 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://ntnllutheranwomen.com/>. Minimal updates needed monthly.

### Heart of Texas Conference Spring Gathering

37 participants enjoyed the Heart of Texas Conference Spring Gathering on April 18th at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Waco. from Isaiah 117, was our keynote speaker. Silent auction items were donated for our SWO scholarship fund.



Carrabie Vice

### Dallas Area Metro North Spring Retreat



Rev. Cheryl Herreid

50 participants enjoyed the Dallas Area Metroplex North Conference Spring Retreat on April 18th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sherman. Rev. Cheryl Herreid, keynote speaker, with Pam Hamer focused on our theme of "Serving Others". Dan Klonowski, Thrivent Financial rep, also gave an overview of how Thrivent Action Teams can serve others. Many school supplies were donated for low-income schools along with a book exchange where remaining books were donated to a local assisted living center.

### NT-NL Synod Assembly

The NT-NL Synod Assembly was held at Advent Lutheran Church in Arlington from April 24-25. Besides Synod Council elections, we participated in worship, presentations, anniversary celebrations and graduation for 5 Parish Lay Ministers (PLM). Our SWO table collected \$99 for Living Water International! Some highlights are shown below



Rev. Kelsey Fitting-Snyder opened the 2nd day of Assembly and gave her report with a highlight of ordaining 4 pastors this year



5 PLMs graduated and were honored with a reception after worship:

- Carrie Enocks, Central
- Tom Lee, Grace FTW
- Karen Oehler, Resurrection
- Craig Ongley, Preston Meadow
- Sherree Wood, Messiah

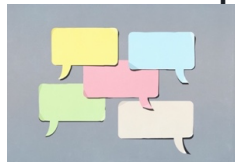


Rev. Austin Nichols and Rev. Irma Banales present Bishop Erik Gronberg a souvenir FROG (fully rely on God)



Angela Alarcon and PLM Lupita Escamilla shared about the Latinx Conference with Rev. Irma Banales, Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM)

### 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/ntnlswo> where this page features Synodical Women's Groups from around the ELCA
- Check out our website at <https://ntnllutheranwomen.com/>

Peace,  
Jane Winge, NT-NL SWO President