



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

August 26, 2026

Churchwide News:

WELCA Triennial Convention

For a recap of elections and resolutions approved at our WELCA Triennial Convention held online from July 14-15, go to

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/blog>



Faithful Friends Program

"Faithful Friends" is an easy way for you (or your congregational unit or your synodical organization) to give monthly to Women of the ELCA by automatic withdrawal from your checking account or by automatic charge to your credit card. The "Faithful Friends" program supports the Women of the ELCA General Fund, which makes it possible for your churchwide organization to act quickly and flexibly in response to any need that may arise.

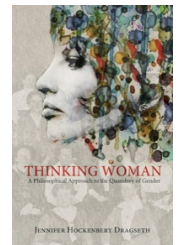
WELCA Reads

Learn about how women have understood themselves throughout history. Read their stories and their ideas as we think through together what women are and how to best support them. Bring your ideas and questions

Dates: Mondays, September 21 – November 23

Time: 7:00-8:00pm

RSVP: <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/event/welca-reads-introductory-conversation>



Michelle
Yaniskivis, RICP

5 Keys to Retiring Fearlessly

Wondering if you'll have enough saved for your retirement? Join this dynamic Thrivent workshop packed with strategies to help secure your financial future. Learn how you can retire with confidence by addressing your biggest financial concerns and sharing practical strategies for a secure future.

Date: Tuesday, September 22

Time: 7:00-8:00pm

RSVP: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7620317401?omn=85451125816>

Meeting ID: 762 031 7401

WELCA Campus Ambassadors

As students go off to college this fall, we would love to connect with them.

Please know that anyone can "belong" to WELCA and sign up for Gather and Bold Connections through the Belong Button at WELCA.org. To receive more information, please fill out a short form at

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/contact>



Synodical News

Seeking a 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.



NT-NL SWO Fall Retreat at St. Matthew in Waco on October 23-24 – Registration is Open!



Rev. Irma Banales



Rev. Austin Nickel



Quilt Raffle

- Dates/times:** Friday, Oct. 23rd, from 3:30-8:15pm
Saturday, Oct. 24th from 8:30am-3:00pm
- Place:** St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 800 N. New Road, Waco, TX
- Theme:** Love your neighbor as yourself. Mark 12:31
- Speakers:** Rev. Irma Banales, Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM)
Rev. Austin Nickel
- Cost:** \$35/early bird registration **by October 2, 2026**
\$40/Registration by 10/16/26 \$40,
\$45 At the door
\$30 for Saturday only
2-day registration includes ticket for drawing for 2029 Triennial!
- Register:** Email pgrosze@tx.rr.com or call 918-978-4046
Make checks payable to NTNL SWO, includes Fri. dinner (2-day) and Sat. lunch
and mail to Pam Grosze, 2600 Ash Drive, St. Paul, TX 75098
Online registration is available at: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/11349211>
include NTNL SWO, your name and email in the notes box.
- Bring:**
1. Each church donate a basket or wine (\$30-\$50) for silent auction
 2. New Clothing and shoes (infants to teen, tags still on) for donation to Isaiah 1:17 House
 3. Cash/checks for freewill offering and charity booths
 4. Cash/checks/credit card for Fair Trade items.
 5. Quilt raffle \$1 each or 6 for \$5, benefits Lutheran World Relief
 6. SWO T-Shirts will be available for sale \$20

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> and mail receipts to our Treasurer, RoxAnne Knauss, 1095 Edith Cir., Richardson TX 75080 to be reimbursed.



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://ntnlutheranwomen.com/>

Peace,
Jane Winge, NT-NL SWO President