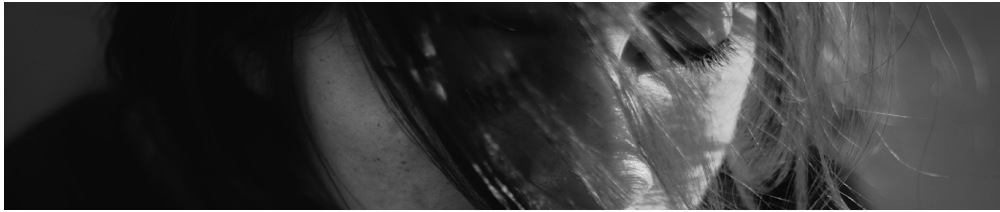


October 12, 2026

Churchwide News:



Hispanic Heritage Month ends & Domestic Violence Awareness Month starts

As Hispanic Heritage Month ends October 15th, we focus on domestic violence awareness month. More than one in three women and one in four men have been victims of [some form of] physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Resources to act against domestic violence in your church and community can be found at <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/blog/post/can-end-domestic-violence>

WELCA Thankoffering on October 15 at 9:50am CDT

Have you wondered why we share Thankofferings and the difference they make? Learn more about having a Thankoffering Service in your congregation or with your women's group at <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/thankofferings>.

Watch the 2026 Thankoffering Service live!

Date: Thursday, October 15

Time: 9:50-11:00am CDT

Place: Concordia College Campus, Moorehead, MN or <https://video.ibm.com/channel/4ZZvggekz4Q>



Bold Café on October 15 at 7pm CDT

Join author and speaker Kara Haug will lead our conversation about healthy sexual relationships and consent. Join current WELCA Campus Ambassadors and invite others for this important conversation.

Date: Thursday, October 15

Time: 7-8pm CDT

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

40th Anniversary WELCA private journey through Greece and Turkey

We will visit Athens, Corinth, Philippi, Thessaloniki, Veria, and Ephesus

Tour dates: September 14–25, 2027

Tour price: \$4,900 per person (price is per person based on double occupancy, single room supplements available)

Reserve: <https://mejditours.com/open-tour/elca-greece-turkey-2027/>

Info: Nov. 4 at 11am CDT at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/zeWC3GwmSEGLDmeAcyH6EQ#/registration>



Stay Salty Campaign

The Stay Salty campaign has a new matching gift of \$50,000 from 2023-2026 Board member Julia Hong Sabella. Please donate online using the QR code (please uncheck the box that adds a percentage to Zeffy as it's a free service!) OR you can write checks to Women of the ELCA with WO26SALT in the memo and mail to Women of the ELCA, C/O Eva Yeo, 8765 W Higgins Rd Chicago IL 60631.

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 with 45 people registered!



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: \$40 register by Oct. 16
\$45 at the door
\$30 for Saturday only
2-day registration (includes 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:

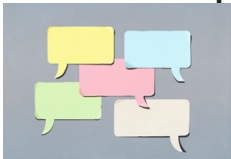
1. Each church donate a basket or wine (\$30-\$50) for silent auction
2. New Clothing and shoes (infants to teen, tags still on) for donation to Isaiah 1:17 House
3. Cash/checks for freewill offering and charity booths
4. Cash/checks/credit card for Fair Trade items.
5. Quilt raffle \$1 each or 6 for \$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/ntnlswow> 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