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THIS IS OUR LOGO FOR YOUR BOARD AND HAVE BEEN BUSY GATHERING A VERY SPIRITOUS TIME FOR TO REMEMBER ARE 11/12/13. MAKE REGISTRATION FORM TO DIANE CUMMINGS FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU IN NOVEMBER.



THE FALL GATHERING. PLANNING COMMITTEE MAKING THIS ENJOYABLE AND ALL OF YOU. DATES NOVEMBER SURE YOU HAVE YOUR FILLED OUT AND SENT SOON. WE LOOK

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## **BOLD CONNECTIONS**

DO YOU SUBSCRIBE? *BOLD CONNECTIONS* IS A MONTHLY FREE E-NEWSLETTER THAT IS AVAILABLE TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA.

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## **WE NEED YOU!**

WE HOPE THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING RUNNING FOR A POSITION ON THE SWO BOARD. THESE POSITIONS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE GROWTH OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

**WE WILL BE ELECTING A NEW PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND FOUR BOARD POSITIONS. DON'T BE SHY - WE ALL HAVE GIFTS.**

**MOST OF US SHARE OUR GIFTS WITH OUR UNITS OR CONFERENCES, BUT NOW IS THE TIME TO HELP YOUR SYNODICAL WOMEN SEE YOUR POTENTIAL. SEND YOUR NOMINATION FORM TO NORMA KARPISCAK 9060 PRESPARE CT., SPRING HILL, FL 34606. OR E-MAIL MESSAGES TO OUR COMMITTEE.**

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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT BE AFRAID TO ASK ANY OF US. GET THOSE NOMINATION FORMS IN SOON.**

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Have you seen this logo yet? It is our new logo taking the place of Lutheran Woman Today. The magazine is just as great as before, maybe even better.



The new Bible study is wonderful. All your units will enjoy learning about Mark and since this season the readings at church will be from Mark (starting November), you will have a head start.

You can also learn more at [www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org) or by reading through the September issue of the

magazine

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**Pop Tabs are still needed. This year we gathered enough pop tabs to donate \$103.71 to the Ronald McDonald House. Please keep up this very valuable work - it costs you nothing but a little effort in removing the tabs from the cans. Get your neighbors involved. This is a wonderful way of getting to help our neighbors who have family staying at the Ronald McDonald Houses all over the United States. Bring them to the Fall Gathering. You will find a table in the back of Maguire Hall that will hold your pop tabs. Thank you, Norma Karpisak**

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**Love Offering - Don't forget to bring your Love Offering. Our love focus**

**The Daughters of Naomi will be making a presentation.**

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**Our SWO Board just had a meeting at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church in Wildwood where lots of planning took place. The Board was given a list of responsibilities. Treasurer Marilyn Martin gave her report on the status of our monies. Offering are down. We need your help.**

**We reviewed the Leadership Manual and made corrections to it.**

**We selected a Scholarship Recipient for the Leaders in Mission program.**

**So much information was given that this edition could not possibly contain it all.**

**Our host church prepared a lunch for us and we were all presented with small bears. Eleanor Von Taborsky (a board member) offered her church to us for this meeting. It was delightful.**

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**Katie's Fund** - This fund began as a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary offering opportunity for Women of the ELCA. It is named for Katharina Von Bora Luther, Martin Luther's wife, and pays tribute to her work.

The principal in Katie's Fund is invested to provide a quarterly income and to insure long-term stability of the fund. Proceeds from the fund will be available for programs, resources and other opportunities in three areas.

**Global sharing** – increasing multi cultural awareness and promoting service initiatives.

**Leadership development** – encourage participation in Women of the ELCA and providing personal growth and enrichment.

**Living theology, or growth in faith** – focus on scriptural teachings and nurturing our spiritual walks with Christ.

We are all encouraged to contribute to Katie's Fund and gifts of any size are welcome. Make checks payable to Women of the ELCA and write "**Katie's Fund**" on the memo line. Please send directly to Women of the ELCA, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, Il 60631-4101.

Pat Zangmeister, Board Member

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## **Church Women United**

CWU is a national, ecumenical movement of Christian women witnessing to unity and faith in Jesus Christ through worship, study, action and celebration.

CWU has four celebrations each year: May Friendship Day – first Friday in May; World Community Day – first Friday in November and Human Rights Day – usually held in December, but may be held at any time throughout the year. The next celebration is – World community Day, November 4<sup>th</sup>, and the theme this year is: ***Living Our Faith, Unlocking Action.***

If you don't have a CWU group in your church, please contact me at [grandmaz@bellsouth.net](mailto:grandmaz@bellsouth.net) for a celebration near you.

Remember, Church Women United is **US**, Christian women all over the world working for a better tomorrow.

Pat Zangmeister, Board Member and Chair Ecumenical Development

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## **Lutheran Disaster Relief Team Florida**

Currently there are 10 disaster trailers here in Florida. Thrivent has begun a national fund raiser for the spring disasters. Any funds collected by congregations can be turned into the local Thrivent Chapters. Thrivent will match \$1.00 for every \$3.00 raised.

Lutheran Social Services of the Northeast has just finished a disaster drill for the agency. They have been actively working on the agency's response to disaster with one of their partners – Second Harvest.

Flood Buckets went to Missouri for the challenges they had.

Creation of a congregational disaster coordinator and an alternate at each congregation was suggested. The need to establish a data base of these individuals and contact information is important.

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## Happy Birthday to the King James Bible



I grew up memorizing verses from the King James Bible. Some of our most-loved passages come from this version including The Lord's Prayer, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, and the Christmas story in St. Luke. I do believe that God guided the hands of those who wrote the books, and guided those who selected the ones that made the final cut. And today, He guides those who undertake various translations, not only in English, but in various other languages around the world.

This year 2011, The King James Authorized Bible is 400 years old and it is still one of the top selling Bibles. In fact, many people and denominations, particularly those of a charismatic bent, believe it is still the ONLY Bible.

So, who was King James? Charles James Stuart, the only son of Mary, Queen of Scots and Henry Stuart was born in 1566. They were Catholic and Scotland was a hotbed of Protestant rebellion. His father was promptly murdered and his mother was arrested, required to abdicate, and packed off for safekeeping in the Tower of London. He was coronated King James VI of Scotland with John Knox presiding. James was **13 months old**. His regent's were strong Protestants and he converted. When his cousin Elizabeth, (the virgin Queen) died, James was the closest acceptable (that is NOT Catholic) Heir. In 1603 he became James the First of England. He was 47 years old.

Also, during this time frame, North America began to be colonized. In 1607, colonists sent by the Virginia Company arrived in Virginia. They named their colony Jamestown. It went on to become the first permanent English settlement on the mainland – making King James the founding monarch of the United States. But King James probably wasn't paying very much attention to what was happening across the pond, as we would say today.

One of the first things the new king did was call the Hampton Court Conference in January of 1604 "for the hearing, and for the determining, things pretended to be amiss in the church." Here were assembled bishops, clergymen, and professors, along with four Puritan divines, to consider the complaints of the Puritans. Although Bible revision was not on the agenda, the Puritan president of Corpus

Christi College, John Reynolds, “moved his Majesty, that there might be a new translation of the Bible, because those which were allowed in to reign of Henry the eighth, and Edward the sixth, were corrupt and not answerable to the truth of the Original.”

The king rejoined that he: “Could never yet see a Bible well translated in English? ; but I think that, of all, that of Geneva is the worst. I wish some special pains were taken for a uniform translation, which should be done by the best learned men in both Universities, then reviewed by the Bishops, presented to the Privy Council, lastly ratified by the Royal authority, to be read in the whole Church, and none other.”

Accordingly, a resolution came forth: “That a translation be made of the whole Bible, as consonant as can be to the original Hebrew and Greek; and this to be set out and printed, without any marginal notes, and only to be used in all churches of England in time of divine service.”

James gave the translators instructions intended to guarantee that the new version would conform to the **ecclesiology** and reflect the **episcopal** structure of the Church of England and its beliefs about an ordained clergy, as opposed to the Catholic tradition of the infallibility of the Pope. The translation was by 47 scholars, all of whom were members of the Church of England. In common with most other translations of the period, the **New Testament** was translated from **Greek**, and the **Old Testament** was translated from **Hebrew** text.

In 1611, after seven years of preparation, King James’ Bible was introduced with the hope that it would unite various factions. It did not. And by replacing older and fewer readable versions, it was also hoped it would be accepted into the vernacular. It was. William Shakespeare was a contemporary of this time. In fact, some popular trivia question today is to give a quote and ask, “Is it from the King James Bible or is it from Shakespeare?” It is obvious that the languages of the two are very similar.

Grammar, punctuation and word meanings had evolved and this new Bible became the general English language authority.

Originally there was no easy way to find a certain passage. The first written and later printed Bibles had no divisions into chapters. Chaptering had already been done by Archbishop of Canterbury Stephen Langton, who died in 1228. You might also know him as the author of the Magna Carta signed by King John in 1215.

I urge you to do your own study of the history of the Bible and its many versions, including our own Revised Standard Version. But in this year, we sing “Happy

Birthday to The King James Authorized Version.” And we wish you many more.  
Lynn Reese, President  
Caloosa Conference

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## **Little Things Make Big Differences**

*Little Things Make Big Differences* is about Rehema, a young girl who lives in the African country of Tanzania. When she was a baby, Rehema was infected with malaria.

Malaria is one of the most common infectious diseases, and it can be deadly. Each year, one million people die of malaria – That’s one death every 30 seconds. In Africa, 75 percent of the malaria victims are children. In areas with high transmission, the most vulnerable groups are young children, who have not developed immunity to malaria yet, and pregnant women, whose immunity has been decreased by pregnancy. Prevention is not only possible, but it’s simple.

This little book is a perfect opportunity to educate and get children involved in the cause.

Pray – Pray for those who suffer from malaria and for those who are working to prevent, treat, and contain the disease.

Learn – Learn more about malaria.

Advocate – Write a letter to your senator and ask them to support funding for programs to prevent malaria.

Give – Hold a fund-raiser at your church or school to raise money for Lutheran Malaria Initiative.

The Lutheran Malaria Initiative is partnering with Nothing But Nets™ to bring Lutherans an exciting way to get involved in the fight against malaria. Just \$10 buys an insecticide-treated bed net, delivers it to someone in Africa, and educates them on its use.

Protecting people from malaria-infected mosquitoes is that easy; send a net, save a life. Please see the Lutheran World Relief web site for more information about nets and the book.

Diane Spicer, Board Member

## **How Have You Spent Your Summer?**

There have been some very exciting happenings this summer with our church! We had six delegates, one churchwide representative and me voting at the eighth Triennial Convention.

We voted on constitutional amendments that will change the composition of the churchwide board, resolutions and memorials regarding issues important to women and elected a new board. Our own Jenny Michael, former Florida/Bahamas synodical Women's Organization (FL/BA SWO) President, was elected as President of the Churchwide Women's Organization (CWO). You can watch videos of the event or read about it on the Women of the ELCA website. Jenny will preside over the CO executive board for the next 3 years and will lead the ninth Triennial Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina in July 2014. Start making plans now to attend! Read more about the Gathering in other articles.

Next, the Church met in Orlando for the 2011 Churchwide Assembly. I know many of the attended who volunteered. Many issues were discussed including the adoption of the Genetics, Faith and Responsibility social statement, launching of the ELCA Malaria Campaign and passing Living into the Future (LIFT) implementing resolutions. Dr. Sayyid M. Sayeed, national director of the Office for Interfaith and community Alliance of the Islamic Society of North America, addressed the assembly in a historic move. Bishop George Walker of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, the ELCA's newest ecumenical partner, brought greetings. Jenny Michael addressed the assembly on behalf of our organization. You can watch her speech and other actions at ELCA.org.

The Women of the ELCA continue to provide new resources. Daily Grace is a Iphone app that provides daily readings, reflections and prayers. Don't have an Iphone? You can have the faith reflections sent to your e-mail inbox every day. An Android app will be introduced soon. Other new resources include Planting Seeds for a Healthy Tomorrow, Navigating the Globe, A P.L.A.N for Global Mission and Page Turners Building, a book club to suite your style. All are available at WomenoftheElCA.com.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to a fabulous fall. I look forward to seeing you all at our Fall Gathering – Who is Your Neighbor, November 11 - 13, 2011.

Christ's blessings to you all,  
Raeann

*(Editors' note: Daily Grace is also available on your Ipad or Ipad2. I have it and it is great.)*

**So You Think English is Easy???**

1. The bandage was **wound** around the **wound**.
2. The farm was used to **produce produce**.
3. The dump was so full that it had to **refuse** more **refuse**.
4. **Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.**
5. When shot at, the **dove dove** into the bushes.
6. The insurance was **invalid** for the **invalid**.
7. A seamstress and a **sewer** fell down into a **sewer** line.

Let's face it, English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger, neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither for Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why don't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship. Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wide man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down; you fill in a form by filling it out; an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

P.S. – Why doesn't Buick rhyme with quick???

Norma Karpiscak - Tapestry Editor

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## **WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?**

**YOU ARE!** And all our Sisters in Christ in the Florida-Bahamas synod are invited to join us for this year's Fall Gathering at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly in Leesburg, beginning Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

We want to celebrate all our neighbors—across the synod and around the world—and the rich diversity that creates the beautiful tapestry that makes God's family. We're encouraging everyone to bring an instrument (may be homemade) so we can "make a joyful noise" as we join our voices to praise and worship our Lord. (Directions for making a variety of percussion instruments are posted on the website).

On Friday night, David Weiss will share his gifts as a writer and poet to lead us in a Hymn Sing. We'll explore the power of song to shape our neighbor, the whole people of God, by sharing in David's hymn texts set to tunes that are immediately familiar. Several song leaders will assist and all of us will play accompaniment on our percussion instruments. David is a theologian, writer, poet and hymnist committed to doing "public theology" around issues of justice, diversity, and peace. A graduate of Wartburg College, Wartburg Seminary, and the University of Notre Dame, he has taught religion and theology at the University of Notre Dame, Luther College, Augsburg College, St. Catherine University, and Hamline University. David is a lifelong Lutheran and is presently devoting his primary time and energy to writing for and speaking in communities of faith. David and his wife, Margaret, have a blended family of five children, and live in St. Paul Minnesota, where they are deeply invested in the life of their congregation, St. Paul-Reformation Lutheran Church.

Saturday night will be our "Holidays around the World" event as each conference presents a short presentation (song, Dance, Story, etc.) that will depict how people around the world celebrate special days. The countries include the U.S., Sweden, Honduras, Mexico, Ireland, Native American, Estonia, India, Greece, Germany, Israel, and South Africa. Everyone is encouraged to dress in costume—either the country your conference has chosen or your favorite costume. We'll end the evening by sharing snacks from the various countries.

Mary Delasin, of Palm Harbor, will be our Bible Study Leader. Mary serves as World Hunger/Advocacy co-chair for the Florida-Bahamas Synod of the ELCA, and as Synod co-chair for the Haiti Program through ELCA Global Mission.

Diane Brauer will be our Churchwide Board Representative. We'll also have a report on our Love Offering recipient, Daughters of Naomi, and hear from Bishop Edward Benoway.

Pastor Victoria Hamilton, St. John's Jacksonville, will be our presiding pastor for our communion service. Our Youth Shepherd will be Trixie Richter from Redeemer in Winter Park.

There are over 40 workshops celebrating our gifts and talent; health and well-being; our heritage; W/ELCA; our outreach and mission; and our spiritual and personal growth. There are also several forums that will be offered. We are also going to have a special opportunity to watch the documentary "Pray the Devil Back to Hell", an inspiring story of a group of ordinary women who came together—Muslim and Christian, rich and poor, urban and rural—to bring peace to their war-torn Liberia.

We'll also have a bookstore, hospitality room, displays, hands on activity (maybe two!) our banner procession, and much more.

And, we do have some business to take care of—our delegates will be electing 4 Board Members, a president, a secretary to serve for the next two years, and conducting other business matters.

After reading about all the activities, do you need some quiet time? We've got that too! The Meditation Stations and the Prayer Room will be available for anyone who is looking for some time to meditate, to reflect, to pray, or to "be still and know I am God". Or, you can go sit on the dock by the Lake, take a walk around the grounds, or relax in the gazebo.

Registration forms, the list of workshops, and delegate information are available on the website, [www.flwelca.com](http://www.flwelca.com).

We're looking forward to seeing you in November!

Fall Gathering Co-Chairs

Linda Greilick and Phyllis Wade

NEXT ISSUE:      Some more English meanings.

The Dead Sea Scroll's Influence on our Bible.

Interesting happenings at the Fall Gathering

Lots of good information.

Make sure you use the resources that are free on the Women of the ELCA web pages. Knitting is a great resource.

**OCTOBER 22 IS THE NEXT TAPESTRY DEADLINE.**

Please double-space any of your articles. It makes it so much easier to read and copy. - Norma Karpisak, Editor