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Lines from Linda



Greetings to all the women in the FL-BA Synodical Women's Organization!

My first thought is to sincerely thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve as your president for the 2012-2013 term of office. I am humbled to be chosen to serve and look forward to working with all of you. I trust that God will have me, with all of you, in His hands these next two years. This would not have been possible without all of your encouragement and your support that allowed me to grow as a Christian woman as a member of the FL-BA Synodical Women's Organization these last seventeen years.

As we begin this term, I want to remind you that we as leaders have been encouraged and strengthened by those who have led before. Thanks so much to Raeann Purcell, our former president, for her leadership on the SWO Board both as President and Treasurer. To me, Raeann is more than a fellow board member. She is a friend and I know she is willing to continue her support to both me and our organization. In fact, Raeann has already agreed to serve as our Triennial Promoter for the 9th Triennial to be held in Charlotte, NC in July, 2014.

At our Fall Gathering we elect two officers and four board members creating a new team each year. In addition to my election, we also elected Donna Person as secretary and four board members: Marie Clark Funk, Thelma Isaksen, Phyllis Wade, and Pat Zangmeister. You will find biographies introducing these members in our newsletter. Read their stories and become familiar with them.

Our board is already working diligently. Besides handling the business functions, some of our tasks include developing Spring Gathering themes, planning and executing the Fall Gathering, choosing the Love Offering recipient and the Leaders in Mission scholarship awardee, and keeping you informed about resources, events, and news from Churchwide. Although we normally meet at least three times a year to handle these responsibilities, we are in communication with one another throughout the year. Lasting friendships form!

For our first meeting as a new board, we met to kick off the year on the weekend of January 13 - 15 with many of the Conference presidents at the Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park. Our theme for the weekend was *“Celebrating a New Ewe!”* based upon Psalm 139:13: *“For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.”* As we completed an abundance of business, future event planning, much discussion, and shared wonderful camaraderie, we focused on all the gifts and talents that God has certainly given each of us as leaders and how we can use them to serve all of you. We have named and claimed our God-given gifts and are already putting them into action. I urge each of you to do the same. Pray about and name your gifts. God has been generous with every one of us! How can you share your gifts with your neighbors and with your sisters in Christ? As we move through these next two years, we want to continue forward in our passion for ministry and in the community that can grow from our work as a women’s organization. Remember that Philippians 4:13 says *“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”* I am eager to see how God will use your many gifts! If you have ideas or suggestions, I encourage you to contact me and the board with your thoughts and concerns. You may reach me at lindag65@verizon.net or at 727-595-9623.

Always in God's Hands

Linda Greilick

FL-BA SWO President

Fall Gathering 2011 Highlights

From across the Florida-Bahamas Synod, 268 women gathered at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly November 10, 11, and 12, 2011, for our Annual Fall Gathering with the theme, “Who is My Neighbor?”

Highlights of the Gathering included:

- ▶ Bishop Benoway participating in our opening service and speaking to the Gathering;
- ▶ Triennial Highlights by Karen Weinrich;
- ▶ David Weiss, theologian, writer, poet and hymnist, leading our Friday “Hymn Sing”;
- ▶ Business sessions which included the election of Linda Greilick, SWO

President; Donna Person, Secretary; and Marie Clark Funk, Thelma Isaksen, Phyllis Wade, and Pat Zangmeister, board members;

- ▶ Mary Delasin, Synod World Hunger Coordinator, leading our Bible Study;
- ▶ Pastor Vicki Hamilton and Seminarian Michelle Walka (our first Leaders in Mission Scholarship recipient) leading our Saturday Communion Service;
- ▶ Churchwide Representative Diane Brauer installing our newly elected officers and board members.
- ▶ Churchwide President Jenny Michael (from Pensacola) delivering the Homily at the Closing and Installation Service on Sunday;
- ▶ “Holidays Around the World”, our Saturday evening Conference event showcasing holidays (and food!) from other cultures;
- ▶ Our SWO Board Members hilarious performance of a skit, “The Good Samaritan Revisited”;
- ▶ Workshops and forums, Prayer Lounge, Meditation/Reflection Stations;
- ▶ Prayer Partners;
- ▶ Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits Assembled as a “hands on” project (thanks to Thrivent for funding);
- ▶ Opportunities to renew old friendships and make new friends; and
- ▶ Blessing of Hands ceremony as we prepared to return home.

It was a very busy weekend! For a video report of the Gathering, go to our website: www.flwelca.com/fall-gathering. If you were unable to attend, we hope that you are already planning to join us this year (November 9, 10, and 11)!

Phyllis Wade
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Fall Gathering Thank you Notes and Comments

I am honored that I was asked to be the Youth Shepherd for the Gathering this year and grateful for the opportunity to move within the conferences, scouting out youth and young women. Thank you for the privilege. There appeared to be more “younger” participants (under age 50) this year than in past years. The women in attendance treated the “younger” participants (under age 30) with respect, fondness, and enthusiasm.

Many conversations initiated by younger and older women brought up the subjects of technology use, workshop likes and dislikes and questions on how to get younger women involved. Many opinions were shared. Some of the young women felt that their suggestions were not “heard” due to the listener’s fear of change or understanding, but felt positive that they were asked about how they saw the world and the changes that are necessary for the new generation of women, even though some of the suggestions may have been hard to hear.

Overall, the young women thoroughly enjoyed themselves and felt like a full member in the conference not just a bystander. Some of their suggestions were:

- ★ more upbeat/faster tempo music and
- ★ maybe some humorous Christian You Tube videos to share at the end or beginning of sessions (they like to laugh).

I asked the young women if they felt the role of a Youth Shepherd was necessary and they enthusiastically said yes but felt it shouldn’t be just for youth age girls (under age 15) but for young women too (under age 25). They liked to be able to “hang out” with women their own age but also enjoyed the opportunity to fully participate in the activities.

Trixie Richter
Youth Shepherd

***Words are but bubbles of water,
but deeds are drops of gold.***

Top Seven Church Oxymorons

Brief Meeting

Pastor's day off

Early sign up

Clear Calendar

Volunteer waiting list

Realistic budget

Concluding remarks

Thanks to all of you who made it possible for so many of us to come. If it's more than two, it's many. It was a great experience for our youngest member. She could not stop talking about it and cannot wait to go next year. I keep thinking that if we had a young people's group and we could gather these kids every year to come with something special for them, we might be creating our own replacements. What bonding could take place – to be with the big girls!

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To all the Ladies of the Church,

What a blessing to be given the opportunity to attend a gathering that is filled with prayer, song and Christian education. I can't tell you how much I appreciated the chance to be with all the Sisters in Christ from Florida-Bahamas at the Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering this past weekend.

Love and fellowship was in the air the moment I arrived and spoke with others as we unpacked our cars. I absolutely loved the way you called the weekend, "A special gift to yourself."

The camp retreat center, where the gathering was held, could not be more beautiful. I particularly enjoyed the prayer stations. They provided a wonderful opportunity for private time to spend with our God set in stations around the beautiful lake. I truly felt the Spirit's presence at each station. The rooms have modern amenities so women who do not like to camp need not worry.

It is such a blessing to run into Sisters that I have met at so many events

nationwide over the years. You reconnect like it was yesterday. How can any woman pass up an invitation to spend time exploring their personal relationship with our Lord? Bible study, a visit with the Bishop and guest speakers filled the event. It was amazing to me the number of opportunities for learning that were presented. Just to name a few *workshops*—*Who’s Your Neighbor, Listening to the Third Slave, The Prayer for Forgiveness, Bible Study Leading—Not Just for Experts, You Can Make a Difference, Welcoming Others, Lutheran World Relief, Ending the Homeless, Crosses and Stars, God is not Afraid of Clowns.*

And a few of my personal favorites—*Conversations With Women in the Know* (because you never really know enough about the W/ELCA), *I’m in Charge Now, What Do I Do?* (Always need help when you are in leadership to express the importance of change to be more inviting), *Ethics of Eating* (who doesn’t like to eat), and hands-on events like *Henna Body Art* and *Card and Ornament Making*. The workshops were diverse in nature and so abundant to the number of 48.

The Board members were very dedicated and organized, and we are truly blessed to have them serving us. Thank you for allowing me to attend.

Laurie Nelson

Introducing our New Team

2012 Fall Gathering Co-Chairs and Committee

Planning for the 2012 Fall Gathering is already in progress! Phyllis Wade, elected to the board in November, and Diane Spicer, a former board member, have agreed to lead this year’s planning committee. Be sure to watch for their informative articles describing the theme, special guests, planned activities, registration information and lots more in future issues of the Tapestry.

Assisting Phyllis and Diane will be Diane Cummings as Registrar and Tracy Moffat and Judy Daniels handling Workshops and Logistics. If you have ideas to share, you may contact Phyllis Wade at secretary@htlc.gccoxmail.com or Diane Spicer at dlsic@juno.com

Time is a ship that never anchors.

SOME NOTES ABOUT OUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

Phyllis Wade has been a member of Holy Trinity in Fort Walton Beach since August 1994 and is their Church Secretary. She has been active in Women of the ELCA since 1995 serving as Treasurer and as President of her Congregational Unit. She has also served as Panhandle conference Vice President and President. She is currently the Bible Study Leader for Eve Circle.

She previously served on the SWO Board, the Planning Committee, was Co-Chair of the 2011 Fall Gathering, and will Co-Chair the 2012 Fall Gathering.

In her congregation, Phyllis has served on Council as Council Secretary and as the chair of the Fellowship, Finance and stewardship Committees. Phyllis has also taught Sunday School, been a Youth Group Leader, assisted with VBS (Vacation Bible School), served on the building Committee, and chaired the committee that procured the construction loan for Holy Trinity's expansion project. She currently assists with the Second Year Confirmation Class and serves as Care Group Coordinator (a Shepherding Ministry).

Phyllis was born in Scottsboro, Alabama, and grew up in Lakeview, Georgia (near Chattanooga). She travelled to Germany and Okinawa, Japan, with her ex-husband who was in the U.S. Air Force. They were also stationed in California, Florida, and Tennessee. She has lived in Fort Walton Beach (this time) since 1990.

In 2008, Phyllis was a Wall of Honor (Okaloosa County Committee on the Status of Women) recipient. Her hobbies include knitting and crocheting, reading, and visiting with friends. She has three children, a daughter who just recently moved to Ohio and two sons who live in Chattanooga. Phyllis also has 7 grandchildren.

Phyllis Wade
Planning committee Co-Chair
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Marie A. Clark Funk was born in New Jersey and was baptized and confirmed in a Missouri Synod Congregation. After moving to Key West in my twenties, I attended the local Missouri Synod church. They had a liberal minister. I married a navy officer, now deceased, and have two children 25 and 27, a grandchild plus one on the way.

After a change in ministers, I began attending and joined Lord of the Seas ELCA church in Big Pine Key. Both of my children were confirmed there. I immediately became the volunteer choir director and still hold that position. At this time, I am also the church's W/ELCA President where we have meetings both in the evening and daytime. I am also studying to become a deacon and serve as grounds maintenance.

As part of my service to the Lord, I have served on Council in many positions including President and Treasurer, served on a call committee, served as voting delegate to Synod Assemblies and at Fall SWO Gatherings.

I have my own business "A Beautiful Job Landscaping and Maintenance Service" which I started after I was laid off from my position of 9 years as the Office Manager and Comptroller of a construction company during this economic crisis. It has taught me things, as the Lord works in mysterious ways.

I have always felt the Lord called me for something, but never could figure out exactly what that was, so have enthusiastically serviced whenever or wherever I could. Now I have added being on the Board of FL-BA SWO and am proud of that honor and hope to serve all of you well.

Marie Clark Funk

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I am **Thelma Isaksen** and am honored to serve the FL-BA SWO once again. Ohio is my origin, and I had the privilege of attending Wittenberg College. Being a widow, and of course retired, I have the time to serve.

I belong to St. Andrew's in Port St. Lucie (Space Coast Conference). I am a Stephen Leader and serve on the finance committee as well as small jobs in W/ELCA. I am just finishing a term as President of Church Women United and will be working with Ecumenical Development for our unit. In the past I have served as Conference President and on the FL-BA SWO Board in several interesting assignments.

My assignments for this year will be working as Mission Action Chair, Lutheran World Relief and Unit Organizer.

I look forward to working with the Board members and all our W/ELCA members.

Thelma Isaksen

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Hi my name is **Pat Zangmeister**. I am a member of All Saints in Tamarac which is in the Broward-Bahamas Conference.

I previously worked with the State of Florida in Human Resources.

I have been the SWO Treasurer, Vice President and Board Member.

I have also been my Broward-Bahamas Conference President and Secretary.

I am a circle co-chair in my Congregational Unit and have also served as Treasurer.

I have been Chair of the Broward-Bahamas Conference, synod Council Member, Synod Mission Interpreter and any other job that needed my help.

I have been the Treasurer for Church Women United (local) and Regional Coordinator (national).

This year I will be Mission Community Chair and liaison for Church Women United as my position on the SWO.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve.

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Hello, I am **Donna Person**, and I am your current SWO Secretary. I am a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Fort Lauderdale where I serve as Church Council Secretary, Preschool Board member, communion assistant, offering counter, and coffee hour host.

I was a delegate to the 2011 Triennial in Spokane and have attended the Triennials in Salt Lake City and San Antonio as a participant.

I am a paralegal with the Broward County Attorney's Office. This year I will also be in charge of Plus One. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve again as your secretary.

Donna Person
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Judy Clark was our Mission Growth Chair for 2011, but is now our promoter for Gather, Katie's Fund and Rachel's Day. We thank Judy for her work in Mission Growth and know that she will continue to help us bring Gather, Rachel's Day and Katie's Fund to the membership in a timely manner.

Rachel's Day –another celebration in the life of the Women's Organization. It is held the first Sunday in May and is a great way to get women involved in the church service. Prepare blue ribbons in advance to hand out to all in attendance at the Sunday Worship Service. You might even want to get a special cake for a small reception following services. A litany and prayers are all available on the website. www.womenoftheelca.org

Gather – Where did Lutheran Woman Today go? It now is going to women of other denominations with a new title that removes the suggestion that it is meant for only Lutheran women. By changing the name to *Gather*, we are allowing other women to gather with Lutheran women to study along with Lutheran women. There are approximately 44 pages from front to back filled with stories, material for Bible Studies, articles to enhance your faith, and much more.

Why not purchase a subscription for a friend from another church for a birthday present so other Christian women will have an opportunity to explore *Gather*, a source of nourishing reading material. Purchasing a subscription of *Gather* will be the gift that gives ten times each year. Perchance you might just want to get a friend a gift just because she is your friend. She will think of you each time she receives her copy in the mail.

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God gives the nuts, but you must crack them.

Celebrate Bold Women's Day

Want ideas for celebrating Bold Women's Day on February 26, 2012?

Search Women of the ELCA (www.womenoftheelca.org) and see all the resources.

There are ways to celebrate with your congregation, your group, or individually. Download the Planning Guide including a certificate you can print. How about a Litany of Boldness. It's on the churchwide Women of the ELCA website. Create an illustrated time-line of women's leadership in your congregation. Discover stories about the women in your congregation. Hold a family night in your congregation. Start with a meal. Then invite families to answer questions together. Examples: What's the boldest thing someone in your family has done? Whom do you admire for his or her boldness? Pull together a display of books about bold women who have contributed greatly to ministry in your community.

Arrange to show the documentary film Pray the Devil Back to Hell. It tells the story of our Lutheran sister Leymah Gbowee who gathered Christian and Muslim women together in Liberia to bring about peace in their country torn apart by civil war.

In our congregation one year, we recognized our women in their nineties who were former board members, Bible study leaders etc. Also download *Act Boldly Bookmarks*. There are other materials about being bold women that you can use from short *Finding Your Bold: an Ice-Breaker* to medium with *A Bold Life of Faith* or longer *I am She* for several lessons or a weekend. Be bold and celebrate boldness!

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*When you don't have what you want, be grateful for
what you don't have that you didn't want.*

2012 SPRING GATHERING DATES

BROWARD/BAHAMAS MIAMI-DADE	MARCH 3	NORMA KARPISCAK
CALOOSA	MARCH 3	LINDA GREILICK
FIRST COAST	APRIL 28	THELMA ISAKSEN
FLAGLER/VOLUSIA	APRIL 14	JUDY CLARK
GULF COAST	MARCH 10	MARILYN MARTIN
HEART OF FLORIDA	MARCH 3	PHYLLIS WADE
LAKE		
MID-GULF	MARCH 10	DONNA PERSON AND PAT ZANGMEISTER
PANHANDLE	APRIL 20/21/22	ELEANOR VON TABORSKY
PINELANDS	MARCH 10	THELMA ISAKSEN
SPACE COAST	APRIL 21	LORAIN VAN HAEKE
SUNCOAST	MARCH 10	ELAINE HEINE
TAMPA	MARCH 3	ELEANOR VON TABORSKY
TRADEWINDS		

Introducing our Spring Gathering Bible Study

“God’s Eraser Never Wears Out”

Our Bible Study for Spring Gathering will be based on Psalm 51: 9-12

*“Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in my a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit
from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.”*

Do you have a drawer, a box, or some other place where you throw all your “extra”pencils. There are yellow, red, black and white pencils. There are many different shapes, sizes, and colors of pencils but there is one thing that all of those pencils in my pencil drawer usually have in common—the eraser is worn off of every one of them. Do you know what that tells me? It tells me that I make a lot of mistakes. When I make a mistake, I erase it and start over, and over again, until I get it right! I don’t know why I keep those pencils, because as many mistakes as I make, a pencil without an eraser is pretty useless.

Those pencils remind me of people. People come in all different sizes, shapes and colors too, but we all have one thing in common, we all make mistakes! We make a lot of mistakes—well, at least I do! That is why God sent Jesus to die on the cross—to erase our mistakes. When we do something wrong, we can ask God to forgive us and because of Jesus, He will erase (forgive) our mistakes and we can start over again, and again, and again. Unlike those pencil erasers, God’s eraser never wears out!

In our Spring Gathering Bible Study, we will look at the topic of forgiveness—God’s forgiveness for us, our forgiveness of others; our forgiveness for ourselves; and how many times are we to forgive.

I know that each of our Conferences is blessed with ladies who can take this topic and do some very creative things and make each Bible Study unique and different. The Bible Study with some ideas to get you started and some suggestions for making the study your own will be sent by e-mail to the Conference Presidents by February 1st.

Phyllis Wade, Bible Study Coordinator
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Lutheran World Relief Bag Ordering Information

Several people have found the new style of backpacks for the School Kits to be challenging to sew. The LWR website www.lwr.org/beinvolved includes a resource for Backpacks that you can order. This resource sheet also can be found on the FL/BA website www.flwelca.com

You can purchase the backpacks without writing which often makes them more inexpensive.

Dick Fischer has arranged for truck pickup again this year. If there are problems with the truck pickup, please call Dick as he can resolve those issues. His home phone is 941-761-7216 and his cell phone is 941-962-0178.

We thank you for your contributions to LWR through the years!

Diane Spicer
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Website Update

FAQ (Frequently asked questions)

What's new on the website? Visit www.flwelca.com to see the video report from November's Fall Gathering 2011. The updated Leadership Manual, SWO Constitution, Treasurer's information are attached on the Leadership Resources page. View our recipient of our endowed Leaders in Mission Scholarship.

Want to be on the e-mail list? E-mail me at webmaster@flwelca.com and say e-mail in the subject line.

Need to contact leaders? See the current list of SWO Board members and Conference Leaders also on the Leadership page.

Questions and suggestions? You can e-mail webmaster@flwelca.com if you have questions or suggestions.

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LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PICK UP INFORMATION FOR 2012

Truck Transportation Schedule for February 13, 14, 15, 2012

Thank you to Dick Fischer for arranging again the truck pickup for 2012. The routes will be on Monday, Feb. 13, Tuesday, Feb. 14, and Wednesday, Feb. 15. Below is a list of the churches which have graciously agreed to be pickup points for these dates and times.

1. Christ Lutheran Church 1955 E Oakland Park Blvd. Fort Lauderdale, 954-564-7673

Contact Person	Donna Person 954-592-6323 (cell)
Delivery to the Church	Week of Feb. 6-10 9:00 AM - noon
Truck Pick Up	Monday, Feb. 13 at 9:00 AM

2. Redeemer Lutheran 6311 3rd Avenue W., Bradenton, 941-792-5990

Contact Person	Dick Fischer 941-761-7216 (home); 941-962-0178 (cell)
Delivery to the church	Week of Feb. 6-10 9:00 AM - noon
Truck Pick Up	Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 8:00 AM

3. Good Shepherd Lutheran 501 S. Dale Mabry, Tampa 813-877-3105

Contact Person	Pat Zwick 813-350-9188
Delivery to the church	Week of Feb. 6-10 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Truck Pick Up	Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 11 AM

4. Redeemer Lutheran 3377 Aloma Avenue, Winter Park 407-671-4300

Contact Person	Martys McKercher 407-687-7567 (cell)
Delivery to the church	Week of Feb. 6-10 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM; call Martys to arrange Sat. delivery
Truck Pick Up	Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 3:00 PM

5. St. Mark Lutheran 3976 Hendrick Avenue, Jacksonville 904-396-9608

Contact Person	Barbara Morton 904-998-1910
Delivery to the church	Week of Feb. 6-10 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Truck Pick Up	Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 9:00 AM

Revised 12/30/11

The Women of the ELCA at All Saints Lutheran Church in Port Orange, Florida did the Bible Study “Stitches and Scripture,” this summer. Mariners scarves were knitted for the *Christmas at Sea Program* and mailed to the Seaman’s Church Institute. Dishcloths were knitted and crocheted. Experienced knitters helped those who had never knitted before learn the joy of the craft. We learned Bible passages where the metaphor of knitting is used. We also learned knitting as a spiritual discipline.

Alice Hart

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Pictured below:

Liz Mc Candless and Regina Cerny, displaying their dish cloths.

And

Regina Cerny, Ginnie Radi and Alice Hart modeling the Mariners Scarves.



Church Women United

World Day of Prayer 2012 will be celebrated on Friday, March 2. The theme will be “Let Justice Prevail.”

The theme was developed by the Christian women of Malaysia. Out of their experience of life as Christians and as women, as largely voiceless human beings in the multi-cultural, multi-religious society, they call all of us around the world to join with them in this raw and holy prayer born of suffering: Let Justice Prevail. A holy theme, a holy prayer, a holy work of Christ! With great gratitude to the Christian women of Malaysia we say with them “Selamat dating”—peace and welcome to World Day of Prayer 2012. Let Justice Prevail.

Please find your nearest Church Women United and join them in World Day of Prayer. In Leesburg, it will be at Salvation Army on Main Street at 9:30 A.M.

Leone Goding

Grants and Scholarship Deadline is Feb. 15, 2012

Did you know that the Women of the ELCA awarded \$72,000 to 22 domestic and 10 international projects in 2011? Scholarships were awarded to five women in Seminary and 18 laywomen seeking to better themselves. Endowments and your offerings make these funds available to support women. Domestic Grant recipients included culinary training and job placement, domestic violence programs, outreach and safe havens for women engaging in prostitution, and senior wellness programs (see gathermagazine.org October 2011 for more information.)

Are you working with an organization whose main purpose is helping women and children? Are you interested in donating to make these programs a continued success? Check out the Grant and Scholarship processes at womenoftheelca.org and click on the tab Action and Advocacy: Mobilizing Women.

Raeann Purcell

FROM YOUR EDITOR

I said I would put more into this issue but it is so full now that I will have to put more Bible information in another edition. I know that you will remind me if I forget.

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Palm Harbor, Florida gets my PAT ON THE BACK award for 19 pounds of Pop Tabs to help the Ronald McDonald House.

Gloria Dei in Leesburg gave a hefty 5 gallons of Pop Tabs. Thank you so much for all who are committed to this project. It costs you nothing but makes life better for those using the Ronald McDonald House facilities all over Florida and the U.S.

Please continue to send articles to me. I really appreciate all the good information you send.

Next Month:

- President's Message
- More Fall Gathering Information
- A message from your Treasurer
- Love Offering update
- Rachel's Day Information
- Church Women United - May friendship Day
- Spring Gathering Reports
- 2014 Triennial Promoter Announcement

DEADLINE MARCH 20, 2012

Remember the deadline - articles coming in after that date may not be printed in the April issue.

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