

THE BREEZE

Southern Ohio Women of the ELCA Newsletter

Spring 2024

From the Co-Leaders



Greetings Women of the ELCA of the Southern Ohio Synod!

Here we are in lent, waiting to see if March will blow in, like a lion or a lamb. We are very excited to share that lots of good things have been coming together. Some dates have been changed for Spring Gathering Events and some have been reorganized. Two of the gatherings are sharing a special program that all are welcome to come to. We are excited to announce our Biennial will be a one day event on September 28th in Northwest Ohio area at St. John's Lutheran in Piqua. The theme is : GROUNDED IN LOVE. Please mark your calendar. More information about the Convention will be shared at our Spring Gatherings. There will be a special addition of the Breeze for this as well.

These last few years have not been kind to us. We have lost many of our strong faithful women. Starting with Kathy Schnierle, Ginny Pape, and Vivian Friesner. From Cincinnati also Jean Mittler - Schweickart. Dayton lost their president Denise Wilson. So many leaders have been called home. There is a good possibility we do not have everyone listed here. Please let us know if there are women in your conference that should be recognized as leaders in your area. That doesn't mean they held office, that means they were mentors. Moving forward, we keep our eye on the prize, honoring those mentors as we follow in their footsteps. Please take a moment to read all the information on the next few pages and the extra attachment.

Hope springs eternal here in Southern Ohio!

Your Co-Chairs Joan & Robin



CINCINNATI CONFERENCE SPRING GATHERING



THEN COMES SPRING

A POST-EASTER REFLECTION: TIME FOR RENEWAL

DATE: Saturday, April 13, 2024

TIME: 9:30 AM-12:30 PM (Registration begins at 9:00)

PLACE: St. Paul Lutheran Church
106 Maple Street

Brunch provided by the congregation of St. Paul. A free-will offering will help cover the cost of the speaker.



In-Kind Donations: Canned fruit, peanut butter, shampoo, bar soap and tooth-paste for the Mt. Healthy Alliance Food Pantry in Mt. Healthy, Ohio, supported by local congregations.

PROGRAM

At 11 :30 a.m. a **very special** "chalk talk" will be presented by Elva Hurst of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Chalk is the medium she uses to express her ministry through art. Her program, entitled "Then Comes Spring" will be a time for reflection on the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ at Easter as well as the joyful arrival of the Spring season in all its splendor with buds, blooms and renewal of new life!

Because this program is so special, friends and families are invited to view the program beginning at 11:30. Everyone will appreciate Elva's witness through this art medium. We will experience her calling as she draws with music and narration accompanying her hand strokes.

The finished drawing will be gifted to St. Paul in thanks for hosting this event.

Treasurer News

Greetings WELCA sisters! My name is Cindi Eidson and I am the new treasurer for the SOS Women of the ELCA. My husband David and I are currently living in Sidney, OH and have been here for 4 years. We came to the area when he accepted a call to be the pastor at St. Jacob Lutheran Church in Anna. I am excited about being a part of Women of the ELCA again as our church in Jackson, MI did not have a group and I had previously been very active in my conference and synod organization while living in Illinois. Please change your treasurer contact info if you haven't already to

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. If I can't help I have a former treasurer (Kathy DeLong) who is always able to help me out. Looking forward to serving you.

Thankofferings should be sent with **Form B** to:
**Women of the ELCA ELCA Gift Processing Center
P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

Dayton Conference

Dayton is planning to have an event sometime in June or July.

If you would be interested in helping to plan it, please contact

Marcia Calhoun 937-546-2024 or lgcalhoun2@yahoo.com

WELCA SOUTHERN OHIO BIENNIAL CONVENTION

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“GROUNDED IN LOVE”

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

St. John's Lutheran Piqua, OH

Mark your calendars, invite your friends and plug into the fun!

Something New!

Spring Gathering Mini Event!

Central, Muskingum & Scioto

Sunday May 5th 2-4PM

More information will be coming soon!

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