

SOUTHERN BREEZE
SPECIAL EDITION
2024 BIENNIAL

GROUNDING IN LOVE
Saturday

September 28th
St. John's Lutheran
Piqua, Ohio

Hello Gentle Readers and Women of the ELCA!

I am very excited to share that we have planned an exciting Day in September ! As you read the attached pages, we hope you find reasons to invite friends to join you as you travel to Piqua to be Grounded in Love.

**We will be studying Ephesians 3:16 –19 led by our synod's own,
Rev. Rebecca Grate.**

There will be workshops and built in time for rest and reflection.

There will be Good food, meaningful conversation & much laughter

Looking forward to reconnecting! See you There!

FRIDAY NIGHT FRIVOLITIES

If you are not a morning person, you may prefer to come the night before. We have a block of rooms available at the local COMFORT INN. They are excited to have us come and stay. The rooms have two double beds and are \$109.00+ tax per room. Split two or four ways we thought this pretty reasonable.

Contact information:

Comfort Inn

987 E. Ash St. Piqua, OH 45356

937-778-8100 please reference SOSWELCA to get blocked rooms.

If you are coming Friday, we encourage you to bring the beverage of your choice, wine, cola, or water and we will gather for some fun, games, laughter, and frivolities before we learn and grow in our faith on Saturday.

Robin Kaelin—Co-lead

WE WILL BE HAVING ELECTIONS

Delegates for 2026 Convention in Iowa as well as Board members. If there is someone you feel God calling you to nominate, please approach them and get their okay and then fill out the nomination form found in this Southern Breeze edition.

MEMORIAL TABLE

We will once again have our memorial table as we have lost several women over these last two years. If there have been women in your church you feel should be remembered in this manner, please email their name(s) to : rbk013@gmail.com.

We will make sure they are listed in the program and have a flower at our memorial table. Consider collecting an offering for them from your church to give to the Katie's fund offering during our closing service.



Why Should I Come?

There is much to pull us this way and that these days. We realize your time is important and that you don't want to waste it. We also realize the importance of recharging ourselves so that we can do the things we want to do. This event has been planned with all this in mind. We have meaningful Bible study.

There are workshops based on things that touch the soul.

Our In-Kind gift cards will help those hit by the tornados in our synod heal as they rebuild and feel our love.

There is lots of laughter and time to reconnect built into the day.

See below for more highlights

**Our Bible Study Leader will be Rev. Rebecca Grate
Synod Storyteller and Media Ambassador for Southern Ohio**

LUNCH OPTIONS: SANDWICH CHOICES:

Turkey/Ham with Homemade bread or gluten-free bread with Swiss or Colby cheese

Vegetarian : sun-dried tomatoes, avocado, red onion, spinach, w/wo cheese with Home-made bread or gluten-free bread,

These Box Lunches include:

Choice of: pasta salad, chips and a Brownie

IF Gluten Free is checked

Box lunches will include slaw and a fruit cup.

OR IF A SALAD ONLY IS PREFERRED:

Garden Salad: Romaine lettuce, spinach, shredded carrots, tomato, onion served w/wo croutons and choice of dressing. House Honey French, House Thousand Island, Honey Mustard, Ranch or Italian

One of our workshops has Cindy Weikart showing and teaching us how to play the Dulcimer. If you have an instrument that you would like to bring, please do.

At the closing worship, there will be a special offering for Katie's Fund. Please consider giving for someone special in your congregation that has passed since our last Biennial or as a way to say good bye to executive director Linda Post Bushkofsky

Women of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Southern Ohio Synod—2024 Biennial Convention
St. John's Lutheran Church 248 Wood St, Piqua, OH 45356
937-773-3284



Saturday Sept 28, 2024 **Note: One Day Only**
8:00 AM Registration, Breakfast & Vendors with Gathering at 8:45

“Grounded in Love”

that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with might through his Spirit in the inner man, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fulness of God.

Ephesians 3:16-19

We will be electing voting members for the 2026 Triennial. Nomination Forms available from any board member. Also elections to the Synodical Board will be made. Nomination forms available.

In-Kind Gifts: We will be collecting **gift cards** for **Lowe's and Home Depot** to help those in Russells Point who were hit with a tornado this past spring. Pastor Karen Torrez of Galilee Lutheran Church in Russells Point is coordinating. Lunch will be provided by a local artisan Sandwich shop. Please mark whether you prefer meat or vegetarian .

Registration Fee: **\$50.00**

Make check payable to: Women of the ELCA

Deadline: Sept. 9, 2024 Walk-ins welcome –Limited sandwiches available

Send bottom portion of this registration form and fee to: Cindi Eidson, SOS WELCA treasurer
1018 Norwood Dr. Sidney, OH 45365 eidson1969@msn.com 618-697-0446

for group registrations: Please fill out a form for each person attending.

Payment may be included in one check.

Clip here and send bottom half. Keep upper half for your referral

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail _____ Please include below:

Check Choices: Sandwiches: Vegetarian ___ Turkey ___ Ham ___ Pick Cheese: Colby ___ Swiss ___

Salad only _____ Write in dressing choice _____ (listed elsewhere) Need Gluten Free _____

Congregation _____ City _____

Conference: ___ Central Ohio ___ Cincinnati ___ Dayton ___ Muskingum ___ Northwest ___ Scioto

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA TRIENNIAL CONVENTION
DES MOINES IOWA JULY 16– 19, 2026
NOMINATION FORM FOR VOTING MEMBERS**



Candidate is to be nominated by an active woman of WELCA in the Southern Ohio Synod. Only one candidate per congregation can be nominated. Airfare & Hotel Accommodations during the Convention are paid by churchwide.

I, _____, hereby nominate _____ to be a voting member of the 2026 Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention in Des Moines. She would be a good candidate because _____.

Her strengths are: _____

Signature of person nominating: _____ Date __/__/__

To be filled out by nominee:

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Home Church: _____ City _____

Please check Age Range 18-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60+

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

Woman of Color Primary Language other than English 1st time Voting member
 have previously served as a voting member at Triennial

List Activities in the following areas: (the back side of this form may be used as needed)

Woman's Organization (local unit)

Within your congregation:

Conferences/Synod Activities

Community

Signature of Nominee _____ Date __/__/__

Signature of Pastor, Council member _____ Date __/__/__

Return to:

Robin Kaelin (SOS WELCA Co-lead)

1757 Cleveland Ave.

Hamilton, OH 45013 rbk013@gmail.com 513-284-5176 (cell)

**SOUTHERN OHIO WOMEN OF THE ELCA
NOMINATION FORM FOR BOARD**

Candidate is to be nominated by an active woman of WELCA in the Southern Ohio Synod. Only one candidate per congregation can be nominated per position.



I, _____,
hereby nominate _____
to be a member of our Southern Ohio Synod WELCA Board January 2025-December 2027.
The position I am nominating her for is: _____

She would be a good candidate because _____.

Her strengths are: _____

Signature of person nominating: _____ Date __/__/__

To be filled out by nominee:

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Home Church: _____ City _____

Please check Age Range 18-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60+

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Primary Language other than English have previously served on the board

Woman of Color

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