

Churchwide News:

WELCA Triennial Convention was held online from July 13-14. After worship, Bishop Yehiel Curry greeted us & we voted:

- the 2026-2029 board (pictured from the left: Miranda Searcy, secretary; Linda Clarke, treasurer; Sheena Foster, president and Gwendolynn Edwards, vice president)
- approved the constitutional changes and budget
- Ten of the 27 memorials submitted from Synodical Women's Organizations were submitted and approved



2026 WELCA Triennial Gathering. We had a total of 10 NT-NL women join 1,000 people in Des Moines, Iowa from July 16-19 to enjoy worship, workshops and service projects focused on "I am Worthy" theme from Psalm 139:14. Bishop Yehiel Curry presided over our closing worship.

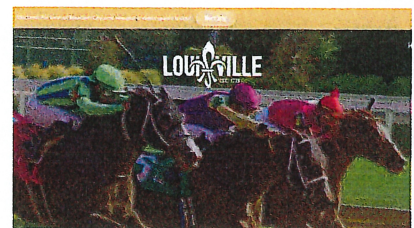
- Pictured from the left: RoxAnne Knauss, Jamie Knauss, Ginger [redacted], Peg Varns, Renea Tucker, Ann Hanley, Sally Weber-Hawthorne, Jane Winge, Marjorie (Marge) Kohler
- Not pictured: Nancy Parker

Our Donation from the NT-NL SWO was a \$500 check to Dorothy's House, which provides a safe place in Des Moines for survivors of human trafficking, exploitation and prostitution¹ to discover their healing journeys through the practice of life.



Run, Walk & Roll had 132 participants on July 18th. It is a fundraiser to support the work of Women of the ELCA health initiative Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls. Money raised supports programs that offer education, health care and advocacy to help women and girls live healthier lives.

2029 Triennial Gathering will be held in Louisville, KY from July 12-15, 2029 with worship, workshops and service projects. Take advantage of \$295 registration **by September 1, 2026** at <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>. Triennial scholarships are available for registration and hotel approved by our SWO Board at <https://ntnlutheranwomen.com/forms/> and mail to our new Treasurer, RoxAnne Knauss, 1095 Edith Cir., Richardson TX 75080



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.

First Lutheran Ladies Summer Retreat in Longview on July 25

A Ladies Summer Retreat was held on July 25th at First Lutheran Church in Longview.



Rev. Veronika Czutor, keynote



38 women participated



Belinda Walenta was our retreat coordinator

NT-NL SWO Fall Retreat at St. Matthew in Waco on October 23-24

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Love Thy Neighbor [Mark 12:31]
The NT-NL Synodical Women's Organization is holding our 2022 Fall Retreat on October 23-24, 2026.

Day	Registration	Breakfast	Agenda	Keynote
Friday, Oct. 23	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Registration, Sign-in, Breakfast	Rev. Irma Banales
Saturday, Oct. 24	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Registration, Sign-in, Breakfast	Rev. Irma Banales

Registration fee: \$35/early bird registration by October 2, 2026

Bring: Silent auction item to raise money for our scholarship fund

Optional sightseeing (on your own):

- Silobration from Oct. 22-25 at [magnolia.com](https://www.magnolia.com)
- Waco Mammoth National Monument at <https://www.nps.gov/waco>
- Dr. Pepper Museum at <https://drpeppermuseum.com/>
- Baylor Museum at <https://mayborn.web.baylor.edu/>
- Waco Trolley Bus at <https://www.thewacotrolley.com/>

Save the date for our NT-NL Fall Retreat!

Date: 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

Keynote: Rev. Irma Banales, Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM)

Cost: \$35/early bird registration by October 2, 2026

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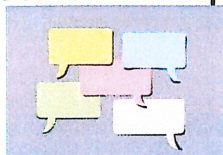
Continuing Education Scholarship Application Due November 15

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



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



Love Thy Neighbor! (Mark 12:31)

The NTNL Synodical Women's Organization is holding their SWO Fall Retreat on October 23-24, 2026.

When October 23-24, 2026
Location St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 800 N. New Road, Waco TX 76710
Cost 2-days Early Bird ends 10/2/26 \$35, Registration Ends 10/16/26 \$40, At the door \$45 Sat Only \$30
2-day registration includes ticket for drawing for 2029 Triennial registration.
Make checks payable to NTNL SWO, includes Friday dinner (2-day) and Saturday lunch
Online registration is available at: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/11349211> include NTNL SWO, your name and email in the notes box.

Friday:		Saturday:	
3:30	Registration Opens	8:30	Registration Opens
4:00	Bingo / Chair Yoga	9:00	Welcome, Opening Remarks
5:30	Dinner	9:15-10:15	Keynote Speaker – Rev. Irma Banales
6:45-7:45	Worship Service	10:30-11:15	Group Stretching
7:45-8:15	Memorial Service and Life Event Celebration	11:15-12:00	Craft
		12:00-1:00	Lunch/Networking/Living Water/Thrivent
		1:00-2:00	Workshop
		2:00-3:00	Worship / closing remarks

Please mail completed form and check by October 16, 2026 to:

Pam Grosze
2600 Ash Drive
St. Paul, TX 75098
Questions? Call 918-978-4046 Email pgrosze@tx.rr.com. Forms can be emailed to this address also.

Registration Information

Name	
Street Address	
City / ST / ZIP Code	
Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Home Church	
Special Dietary Needs / Restrictions?	

☐ 2 Days Early Bird \$35 ☐ 2 Days \$40 ☐ Sat Only \$30

Remember the following items:

1. Email roxanne.knauss@gmail.com to request \$75 scholarship if needed by **Sept 15**
2. Each church donate a basket or wine (\$30-\$50) for silent auction
3. New Clothing and shoes (infants to teen, tags still on) for donation to Isaiah 1:17 House
4. Cash/checks for freewill offering and charity booths
5. Cash/checks/credit card for Fair Trade items.
6. Quilt raffle \$1 each or 6 for \$5, benefits Lutheran World Relief
7. SWO T-Shirts will be available for sale \$20

Room block reserved at Tru Waco for \$109. Rooms must be reserved at the link below by **Sept. 23**.

2408 Marketplace Drive, Waco, TX 76711

[Available Rooms - Tru by Hilton Waco South](#)

Texas Hotel Occupancy Tax Exemption Certificate is available upon request to pgrosze@tx.rr.com to lower hotel cost.