

Circle



# A Community of Women



## Morning Circles

Sept 4—9:15 a.m.

Deborah ..... Marlene Doram

Sept 4—9:30 a.m.

Mary ..... Karen Rasmussen

Naomi ..... Mary Lou Stolp

Rachel ..... Jane Nelson

(At Church)

Sarah ..... (At Church)

## Afternoon Circles

Sept 3—1:00 p.m.

Hannah ..... Louise Wobig

Sept 10—1:00 p.m. Luther Hall

Martha ..... Dee Sadenwasser

## Evening Circle

Sept 9—6:30 p.m. (Note Date Change)

Priscilla ..... Ellen Gifford (At Church)

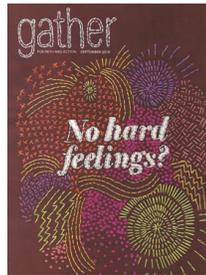
**Piece Makers** – Thursdays 9:00 a.m.



We're hard at work on meeting our goal for LWR

quilts, and we would love to have some new members. Join us in Luther Hall on Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:30.

No sewing required. **Everyone is welcome!**



Sept 8 Donuts

Sarah Circle



Sept 9 10:00 a.m. Sit and Chat

Sept 18 9:15 a.m. Visiting Phobes

Sept 18 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

Sept 25 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Leaders

## In Community: Sept 16 6:30pm Salad Potluck

**Part 1 of our Mission statement commitment:**

**We commit ourselves to grow in faith**

All women are invited to join in fellowship with a **salad potluck** and a program, "Women of the Bible." Come to see and hear about some of the women from the Bible – from both the Old & New testaments and how they played a role in their time in history. Why is it important that we know them? As we hear their stories, perhaps we can relate their lives to ours, helping us to understand how their roles and ours become one, through faith in God, the Father and his son, Jesus Christ. We'll also share with you our vision for next year.

Sign up at the Women's Counter.

Tell us if you need a ride!

**Sit and Chat resumes  
Sept 9 at 10:00.  
"Freedom to Succeed"  
JOIN US!**

## A Community of Women....

Thank you to everyone who came on August 14 to discuss the future of our Women of the ELCA group! As a result of that gathering, you'll see a few changes in our monthly meetings. This year we will structure our meetings to reflect our commitment to our mission statement:

As a **community of women** created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit,

**we commit ourselves to grow in faith,**

**we commit ourselves to affirm our gifts,**

**we commit ourselves to support one another in our callings,**

**we commit ourselves to engage in ministry and action,**

**we commit ourselves to promote healing and wholeness in the church, society and the world.**

New this year will be 12 meetings- all on the 3rd Monday of the month, except the Christmas Tea. Most meetings will start with a potluck or a bag lunch, and more importantly, fellowship! The dates and times are

Sept.16—6:30 pm

Oct. 21—12:00pm

Nov.18—12:00pm

Dec. 14—2:00pm – Christmas Tea

Jan. 20—12:00pm

Feb. 17—12:00pm

Mar.16—6:30pm

Apr.20—6:30pm

May 18—6:30pm

June 15—6:30pm

July 20—6:30pm

Aug 17—6:30 pm

In place of a highly structured organization we will have a very fluid fellowship. We will need women to step up to help as they are needed to help our fellowship thrive. We are excited about the possibilities as we explore what a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit can do! We invite you to join us in this journey.

# AR-OK Women of the ELCA Fall Convention Sept 27-29 Faith Lutheran Little Rock

(See the Women's Counter for more details)



**Saturday Bible Study:** Pastor Liz Albertson, Director for Evangelical Mission/Assistant to the Bishop for Youth & Family, will lead us in a Bible Study on our Convention theme verse, Zephaniah 3:17: The Lord, your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

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## **Penny Budzien will share stories from Tanzania.**

Penny, Bishop Mike Girlinghouse, Pastor Liz Albertson, Pastor Kara Shaw, and Pastor Melissa Ehrhardt traveled to visit the Lutheran Church in Tanzania this May. They went to learn from one of the fastest growing Lutheran Churches in the world, to see how the spirit is working among them and what lessons they can bring back for us in Arkansas and Oklahoma. We will also have a **LIVE INTERNET CALL FROM TANZANIA** with Elisipha Lepilal, Legal Secretary for the Morogoro Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, the highest ranking woman in the Morogoro Diocese. We're excited to hear from her and thankful we're blessed with the opportunity.



## **Freddie Jordan, Executive Board**

**Secretary**, will be joining us and bringing greet-ings and news from church wide. Freddie hails from Columbus, Ohio where she is a member of her church choir and Sunday school teacher. Before serving on the church wide Board, she served as the president of the Southern Ohio Synodical Women's Organization. Freddie has three young children and she works as an adjunct chemistry professor at Central State University in Wilberforce Ohio. We are excited to welcome Freddie to our Convention. Freddie will lead a breakout session on Saturday afternoon.



## **Identifying Your Spiritual Gifts–**

Nia Indelicato will lead a workshop on identifying your spiritual gifts. Participants will learn about spiritual gifts and will take time to reflect on how their gifts show themselves in every-day life.

## **Convention In-Kind:**

### **Days for Girls and Dorcas House**

**Days for Girls** is a nonprofit that provides menstruation supplies to women and girls in need around the world. In some places, menstruation can cut a young woman off from her life and daily activities, like going to school, all be-cause she does not have access to feminine hygiene products.



**Days for Girls** provides reusable menstruation kits to help women and girls stay connected during their period. Please see the included Days for Girls flyer for more information on how you can help. Lorrie Healy, a Days for Girls Team Lead from Rogers, AR, will lead a breakout session on Saturday afternoon.

In addition to supporting women around the world, we will be supporting women at home too. We will also be collecting disposable tampons and pads for the women of Dorcas House, a shelter that serves women fleeing abuse or suffering from addiction. Please bring a package of tampons or pads to the convention to donate to Dorcas House.



## **The Significance of Speech-**

Guest speaker, Pam Christie, will lead a talk on the significance of speech. According to the Moody Blues, it is up to us "to decide which is right and which is an illusion." We will have an interactive discussion regarding what our personal speech says about us, the meaning of some of the current speeches being delivered, and what the Gospel might say about it all.

**Fun Activities and Service Opportunities** will be available throughout the convention. We will offer crafts, a chance to learn about Tibetan Prayer Flags and make our own versions, and information on the different WELCA resources to help you better connect and reflect. We will also have several impactful service projects participants can help contribute to including Tiny Angel Gowns, preemie bereavement gowns. There will be plenty to do for non-voting members.

**Arkansas-Oklahoma Synodical Women's Organization of Women of the ELCA (WELCA)**  
**32nd Annual WELCA Convention Registration Form**  
**September 27- 29, 2019 Faith Lutheran Church**  
**7525 W. Markham Street · Little Rock, AR 72205**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name\* (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ WELCA Cluster:   6  

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ How many conventions have you attended? \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending as:

Delegate/Voting Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_ SWO Board Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Speaker/Special Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees**

Registration covers Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner, all printed materials, plus snacks and beverages during convention for regular attendees. Guests of attendees are asked to pay for any meals they attend.

**Convention Fees**

Early Bird (Before July 15):	\$70.00	\$ _____
Regular (Before August 25):	\$75.00	\$ _____
Late (After August 25):	\$85.00	\$ _____

**SUBTOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*Meals for Guests Fees**

Friday dinner:	\$10.00	\$ _____
Saturday lunch:	\$10.00	\$ _____
Saturday dinner:	\$20.00	\$ _____

**SUBTOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**I am paying via:**  Enclosed check in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to AR/OK Women of the ELCA)  
 Online through Tithe.ly in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (<https://tithe.ly/give?c=664790>)  
 I am applying for a scholarship (Fees charged after scholarship decision has been made)

**\*\*\*There are NO REFUNDS \*\*\***

**Food (and other) Allergies/Special Dietary Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WINE TASTING RSVP** - A fee of \$6.00 will be collected at the Convention

I plan to attend  I DO NOT plan to attend  I am not sure (we check w/ you before the Convention)

**Mail registration form and payment before August 25 to:**

Tracie Omit, Treasurer, 4526 Spring Cliff Loop, Rogers, Arkansas 72756; [teaora@hotmail.com](mailto:teaora@hotmail.com)

**Lodging Information: You are responsible for making your own reservations**

Hampton Inn & Suites- 1301 South Shackleford Rd. Little Rock, AR 72211; Phone: 501.537.3000

The Convention rate is \$89.00 +tax. (includes breakfast) **Last day for reservations: September 12**

Remember to let them know you are with the "AR-OK WELCA" group

Detach Here: -----

**Attention Women of United:**

**Make a copy of this registration form and your check. (Roz will do that for you in the office if you don't have a copier.) Place the copied form and check in the W-ELCA Treasurer's box in the work room. You will be reimbursed for \$35 of your registration fee. Send the original completed form and check to Traci Omit at the address above.**