



Northern Illinois Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Report of the Women of the ELCA

Grace & Peace from the Northern Illinois Synod Women's Organization,

This year has gone smoothly. September 2023, our three-member delegation attended the Triennial Convention and Gathering in Phoenix, AZ. The full NISWO contingent was fed and nurtured with inspiring speakers and activities.

In October, we held our NISWO convention at St. John's, Peru where Bishop Stacie Fidler led us in worship. Our Churchwide representative, Laura Krueger, had met us in Phoenix and was pleased with how smoothly the convention proceeded.

November was our first board meeting with the new representatives at St. Paul's, Dixon. Guidelines were reviewed and committees were formed. More importantly, socialization ensued. January 2024, we had a Zoom meeting with the business of reviewing progress of plans for the Spring Retreat and NISWO convention to be held in the SW Conference. I am happy to report that this will take place at Zion, Kewanee on September 21, 2024.

Several board members attended CRE on March 16 at Sauk Valley Community College. We represented several committees including NISWO and Triennial display.

On April 27, 2024 we held our annual NISWO Retreat at LOMC in Oregon. Our Bible Study was Emotional Health Well-being and Faith: Creating Calm in a World Full of Chaos. Genesis 1:1-2 was our focus verse. This was led by Rev. Jennifer Ohman-Rodriguez, pastor at St John's Rock Island. We had 83 participants and a beautiful day to seek calm in chaos.

May 18 will be our 3rd quarter meeting in person at St. Paul's, Dixon.

The future holds interchanges with our Sister Synod, Lower Susquehanna of Pennsylvania to include a recipe exchange and other messages of good will. We look forward to Synod Convention at Augustana with you all on Friday, June 14. Stop by our booth for a visit Friday evening.

Finally, our NISWO Synod Convention at Zion, Kewanee Saturday, September 21, 2024, where Rev. Julie Monnard will preside at our morning worship. Speakers this year include a representative from Global Refuge and AMMPARO, ELCA World Hunger.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeana I Fors, NISWO Board President