



The Columbine

A New Season—A New Look

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September is here, and with fall finally upon us, we must acknowledge what lies ahead: the start of a new season. Leaves changing colors, temperatures dropping — it really is all part of the fun.

Although the hassle of finding closet space for boots and sweaters galore may be bittersweet, we ladies simply can't deny the affection we possess for this time of year. From candles and baking to holidays and spending time with the family, the list goes on and on.

The Columbine too is experiencing new changes—a

new editor and a new look. It is hoped that the new format is informative as well as pleasing to the eye and easy to read. We do need content, however, so your articles, poems and advertising of your events are much needed and appreciated. Look at the back page for the deadline for the Spring issue.

Inside, you will find information regarding our upcoming Synod-wide gathering in May of 2015. It is in the form of a brochure that you can pull out and copy double-sided to post in your congregation or pass on to a friend. Registration forms

will be mailed out to each congregation in the Eastern Synod as well as the Columbine e-mail list in November.

I will be visiting areas this fall and look forward to their events—London, Hamilton and K-W. I find this to be the best part of my "job" - networking with other women in our Synod.

Lastly, our Women of Faith Scholarship Fund is finally up and, so your donations can be directed to the Seminary. See the article on page four for information.

Blessings for a Faith-Filled Fall, **Cathy Calvin**

Planning Ahead....

- We need a venue and theme for our 2017 Eastern Synod Women's Gathering
- Now's the time to talk to your group—what would you be interested in? Where would you like to visit?
- Areas—think about whether you would like to host
- Contact Cathy Calvin at ccalvin10@rogers.com with your comments

Ottawa—St. Lawrence Area Women

Ottawa St Lawrence held their last Conference meeting on Saturday September 27th. We were small in size but great in work. We opened with Pastor R Liedtke conducting a Communion Service and this was

followed by a short meeting. NO one was willing to let their name stand as contact person for the area. Irene Churchill brought greetings from Women's Interchurch Council. Lunch was provided by Janet Ke-

hoe and Brenda Weaver and was delicious to say the least. Following lunch we went to our quilts and Pastor Zakaria Mandara led us in a Bible Study on quilting. We tied 3 quilts (cont'd on page 6)

St. James, Mannheim—The Butterfly Man



Lots of fun with John Powers "The Butterfly Man"

Fifteen people enjoyed listening to our guest speaker John Powers "The Butterfly Man". A very positive and uplifting talk on how butterflies affect our lives and all the different things that use butterflies as part of a theme, such as stamps, greeting cards, material, jewelry, glassware etc. He shared many stories on how he

has made it his mission to meet and give a butterfly collection to any person who has used the word butterfly in a song, poem or story, etc. Some notable celebrities he has met include John McDermott and Johnny Cash. His love of butterflies has also contributed to his increased knowledge of History, Geography, Science and many other subjects. A

very funny man, great at story telling; we all laughed a lot.

Submitted by Lynn Perrin



Georgian Bay Area Churches—Fall Event

Ladies Note:
Change in venue for the Georgian Bay And Area Event

The former Georgian Bay Conference will be holding their Fall Event **on Saturday, October 18th** from 9:00 am—2:00 pm.

It is to be hosted by St. John's Elmwood and St. Peter's Brant. It was to be held at St. John's, but vandalism has caused damage to the church so it is now under repair.

However, the event will now be held at the Lamlash Hall in beautiful Grey County.

It is not hard to find as one can go east from Hanover towards Durham take county road 3 north and at the 6th Concession of Bentick turn left and the hall is there on your left, or County road 10 north from

Hanover and turn right unto the 6th concession of Bentick and keep going east until you come to the Hall on your right.

All are welcome to attend.

The Bay Area Churches—Fall Event



Join the women of the Bay Area for their Fall Event.

"Bag Ladies" being presented on **Tuesday, Oct 21st** at Grace Lutheran Church, 1107 Main St W in Hamilton from 1:30 -4:00 pm.

There is no cost for the event however in lieu of offering you are asked to bring a good quality re-useable shopping bag.

These will be collected and sent to Agape Ministries Press who distribute them

to women in developing countries

RSVP

Tel: (905) 527-0877

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All are welcome to attend.

Northern Area Women's Fall Event

Trinity Women are hosting the Fall Northern Area Lutheran Women's Gathering: Faith-Filled Women.

Saturday, October 18, 2014

from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 189 Regent St. South, Sudbury

We've included a tentative agenda and hope the plans you see entice you to come and bring a friend.

Our day begins with the celebration of Communion, continues with the Bible

study, based on our theme of faithful women, includes lots of singing, then a break for lunch. Stay with us for the afternoon when we welcome a guest speaker and then choose one of these three interesting workshops:

- ◆ Write your own Magnificat
- ◆ See how social media (Facebook, blogs, twitter, etc.) can impact our faith life

◆ Learn more about ELCIC's Call to Spiritual Renewal: Pray. Read. Worship. Study. Serve. Give. Tell.

We'll also hear from Inga Nelson and Pastor Glenda Morrissette about what is happening here in our Northern Area and in the Synod.

Registration and meal cost is \$15.00, which includes coffee breaks, lunch and all materials.



"See how social media can impact our faith life"

London and Area Women's Event

London and Area Women are invited to attend the Fall Event to be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 746 Colborne St, London on **Saturday, October 18th** with Registration beginning at 9:00 am and the program running from 9:45 to 3:30 pm.

The theme for the day is "Mission Possible?" and the Guest Speaker is Carol Ristine from Mission Services in London.

The day will be a busy one and will include a worship service, hymn sing, fashion show, shopping and bible

study and of course a delicious lunch.

Cost is 10.00 (including lunch).

RSVP to Barb Drogenmuller via email

barbdrog@sympatico.ca

Guest Speaker Carol Ristine will address the topic "Mission Possible?" at Saturday's Event

Toronto Women's Ministry Event

Where Do We Go From Here?

**Saturday, November 8
10:00 am—Noon**

Epiphany Lutheran Church
20 Old Kingston Rd W
Toronto
(Kingston Rd East of Morningside)

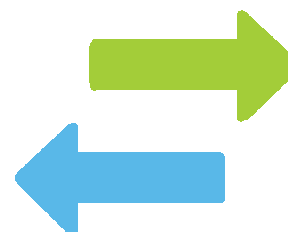
Coffee and Chat

In lieu of a regular conference event, you are invited to come to an informal opportunity to share your views regarding the organization of future events for women in the former Toronto Conference area. We need your input.

Meet old friends! Catch up on the news!

For more information contact Seija Hyhko at 416-244-5873 or seija@sympatico.ca

LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!



Where Do We Go From Here? Come help us decide!

“On Butterfly Wings”

On May 3, 2014, the M & M's of Faith Lutheran Church in Hamilton welcomed women from the Bay Area churches for a faith-filled afternoon.

Based on the theme of “Butterflies” three women from Faith presented the program.

Gail Bennie began the afternoon with a brief devotion entitled, “Have a Good Day...Unless...” where it discusses how we can inadvertently sabotage our well intended ‘good day’ by our actions and attitudes.

Bonnie Hofer, Parish Nurse

at Faith, Hamilton, presented an interesting talk on the spiritual attributes of the butterfly and how we can apply those to our daily lives. Bonnie broke us into groups to go on an “Emmanuel Walk” around the church with bible verses appropriate to our theme to contemplate and discuss.

The ladies provided a lovely strawberry shortcake dessert for break and lively conversation took place.

We then settled down to a bible study by Cathy Calvin on “The Butterfly Effect”. An actual proven scientific principle, the concept is

discussed in the book of the same name by Andy Anderson. The basic premise is “Every single thing you do matters. You have been created as one of a kind. You have been created in order to make a difference. You have within you the power to change the world.” Cathy compared the concepts in the book to Jesus, and how he is the ultimate example of the Butterfly Effect in action. Small group discussion took place.

The day ended with a short devotion. A good time was had by all.



“We as Christians, have a perfect example of a Butterfly Effect – the ULTIMATE BUTTERFLY EFFECT - our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

A Fundraising Project for 2014-2015

On May 31, 2013, the Women of the Eastern Synod received a grant of \$12,000 from the ELCIC Women of Faith Fund. We are indeed pleased to have received this grant which has been invested in a segregated fund in the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary investment fund. The investment income from this grant will be used to fund an entrance scholarship for a female student enrolled in the undergraduate Christian Studies and Global Citizenship program at Waterloo Lu-

theran Seminary.

Before we can begin to award this scholarship, the principal sum in the fund must reach at least \$20,000, in order to grant a scholarship of \$1500 or more each year. This means that we need to raise another \$8,000 to bring the total in the fund to \$20,000.

Donations to this fund will be accepted as memorial donations in memory of loved ones or as a mission project within your group. Alternatively, an amount can be designated in your

will as a gesture of faith in this project.

Cheques are to be made payable to:

Waterloo Lutheran Seminary,

Women of Faith Scholarship Fund,

**75 University Ave. W.
Waterloo, ON N2L 3C5.**

(Receipts for tax purposes will be issued by WLS)

from the Women of Faith Scholarship Committee, Mildred Knackstedt, Ruby Janssen, Linda Mittleholtz, Kay Wentzell, Cathy Calvin

After a few hiccups we are finally able to begin fundraising to keep this scholarship going. Many thanks to Jeff Pym for his valued assistance in setting up this scholarship.

Please consider donating through your women's group or individually.

Singspiration!

Making a Joyful Noise



Sunday-Time for Reflection & Praise!

We will conclude our time together Sunday with one final breakout session with Debbie Lou and morning worship with communion with Pastor Heather.

Who knows you might even find yourself part of choir that morning. Stranger things....

So, still not convinced this is for you?

Low Cost for the Weekend—Too Good to Miss!!!!

Cambridge Hotel & Conference Center
— where it is all taking place



The event will take place at the Cambridge Hotel and Conference Centre conveniently located off the 401 in Cambridge, ON. The cost for the entire weekend (includes food and accommodations) is **\$200.00** per person based on double-occupancy. If you do not wish to share a room you can elect to have a single room for and additional \$100.00 for the weekend.

Our local arrangements will provide transportation from Toronto or Hamilton airports and all bus and train depots in the area both on Friday and Sunday.

Registration forms will be available in November this year, with the registration deadline being March 1, 2015.

Look for updates in the Fall Columbine, Women's Ministry Blog and Facebook page. Make your plans now and **SAVE THE DATE!**

An Event for all Women

Sponsored by the Women of the Eastern Synod

Eastern Synod Women's Ministry
Presents...

Singspiration!



Making a Joyful Noise.

A Weekend Retreat for Women of All Ages

May 29 - 31, 2015

Cambridge, Ontario

Supported in part by a grant from the Women of Faith Fund.

Singspiration!

Making a Joyful Noise

Friday—Inshallah sings for us

Inshallah is a group of community singers based at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary under the direction of Debbie Lou Ludolph our keynote speaker. The idea for the choir was inspired by a trip to Palestine in 2007 where Debbie Lou and a team of others had a transforming time worshipping and singing in the midst of all that they were experiencing. The Arabic word *inshallah* means “God willing.” *Inshallah* sings songs of praise and prayer from around the world. In particular, they focus on songs from the global South that speak to themes of social justice. The concert will be in St. Peter's Church in Cambridge and be a fundraiser for the Seminary.



Some of the Stimulating Breakout Sessions on Saturday



Keynote Speaker Debbie Lou Ludolph



Our keynote speaker for the event will be **Debbie Lou Ludolph**. Debbie Lou is the Dean of Keffer Chapel at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Director of Worship Ministries for the Eastern Synod and teaches voice at Wilfrid Laurier University. In addition, she is Director of both the *Kanata Centre for Worship and Global Song* and the *Centre's* global song community choir—*Inshallah* Choir. The Kanata Centre has a specific interest in the opportunity for Canadians to grow in our connectedness to the rest of the world by building bridges to other cultures and in church renewal.

Debbie Lou was named Companion of the Worship Arts in 2006 by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. She has led worship and music on two trips to the Holy Land with WLS, and also creates opportunities for public conversations about worship practice and ecumenical worship opportunities partnering with musicians and artists in the community.

Saturday—Make a Joyful Noise!

From worship to keynote addresses to many varying breakout sessions, Saturday offers something for everyone. Debbie Lou will have two keynote addresses, one at the beginning of the day, and one at the banquet. Our worship leader, Pastor Heather Spencer-Stotz will provide uplifting worship opportunities as well as bible study for those interested. Breakouts are varied, and will appeal to all age groups.

Not really musical? You don't have to be! You can take a class in handbell ringing or you can learn to play a musical instrument—without knowing a single note of music. There will be a class in music therapy, in leading or teaching a song to your group or congregation, and some old-fashioned line dancing. There are even breakouts devoted to the younger women—of interest to them or to anyone. Most breakouts will be offered twice, once in the morning and afternoon. There is, however, an offsite trip planned to the community of St. Jacobs for an afternoon of shopping or observing history for those interested.

Saturday concludes with our casual banquet and a surprise entertainment guest—sure to make everyone sing, and laugh and even dance!

Eastern Synod Women's Ministry

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Eastern Synod Women's Ministry

Ottawa—St. Lawrence Area Women (cont'd)

for Canadian Lutheran World Relief. One was Jacobs Ladder made by Lois Reinert; one was a Labyrinth Journey made by Joyce Layman and the last one was a



Luther Quilt made by myself. It contained the Luther Rose and 4 camp songs. The Bible study lasted about 2 hours as people commented, asked questions and listened while they were quilting. We ended with prayer and singing the 4 camp songs; He's Got the Whole World in His Hands; Kum Ba Yah; We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder and Build Your House Upon a Rock. The day was enjoyed by all.

We also had a display of books, cards, etc. from Sperlings Church Supply.

Respectfully Submitted, Evelyn Swanson, Area Contact

The Last Word— Becoming A Woman of Excellence



*"Grow me with these qualities as
I walk with you in faith"*

Excerpt from "Becoming A Woman of Excellence"
by M. S. Lowndes

**A woman of excellence
Is what I long to be,
Filled with your godly wisdom
So it is part of me**

**A woman of integrity
No matter what I face,
Standing up for righteousness
And for your saving grace**

**A woman of destiny
Living out your plan,
Knowing where you'd have me walk,
Being guided by your hand**

**A woman of promise,
Standing on your word;
Holding on to all the truths
While carrying out your work**

**A woman of compassion
For the ones in the dark,
Those that do not know your love
And have darkness in their hearts**

**A woman that will never
Compromise the faith
With what the world may offer,
But will keep the narrow way**

**A woman who loves Jesus
And will only follow Him;
Gladly to give up the world
So His light can shine within**

**Lord, this is my earnest prayer
As a daughter by your grace,
Grow in me these qualities
As I walk with you in faith.**

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