



# CROSSWINDS

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Dear Sisters in Christ:

Greetings, Ladies! I cannot believe 2011 is almost over; this past year has flown by! 2011 in Recap: I attended my first Conference of Presidents-learned much, came back "pumped" up, ready to hit the ground running, I was asked to be on the planning committee for the 2012 Conference of Presidents, Spring Convention at Grace Lutheran in Elroy, with a young, energetic churchwide rep, Jenny Michaels, new faces completed our Board, Triennial Convention/Gathering in Spokane; with Jenny Michaels being elected as the new President, the new Fall Renewal (former Fall workshop), great worship and sharing of ideas, completion our 2011 Board meetings – making breakfast for my Board last weekend with productive planning for our 2012 Spring Convention in Prairie du Chien, April 21! Whew! What a jam-packed year!

The holidays are just around the corner, times for gathering and breaking bread together, fellowship and strengthening of relationships. No wonder our Father wants us to worship together, in so many ways very similar.....gathering, sharing, and strengthening! This is a time of renewal, response and rejoicing-much like our Triennial theme!

Please take time to remember to give, give as you receive! Just try and out give our Father - try as you might, you can't come close! But, we still need to give back, so we have room for more blessings to come our way from our ever-generous Father!

I received my Advent Devotional and have been pondering the theme: There's a Voice in the Wilderness.....so many times in our "busy" lives do we take the time to sit, breathe, meditate, pray and listen, yes, LISTEN for our Heavenly Father's voice to speak to us, filling us with peace and understanding. Calming, restoring, and rejuvenating us....please remember to take time for yourselves this blessed season, take the time to sit quietly and reflect on all your blessings, release your worries to our Father, and then sit back and let Him take over and bring you peace.

You BOLD women continually amaze me with all you do and accomplish; I am so proud and so humbled to be a part of the Women of the ELCA. Thank YOU for all you do for your units, churches, communities both locally and worldwide!

Have a "thanks-filled" Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas! May you continue to bless others as richly as you have been blessed!

Blessings

Leanne Lutz



## ***FALL WORKSHOP***

I hope those of you who were able to attend the La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA Fall Workshop on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at St. Pau's Lutheran Church, had a wonderful time. What a great program! It is always fun to get together for worship and inspiration. The Fall Workshop provides a great opportunity to visit with old friends and make new friends in Christ. What a great day!

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Listed below are the results submitted from the units related to Lutheran World Relief Projects. Thank you all for sharing your time and talents!!

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Year	Quilts	School Kits	Layette	Health Kits	Sewing Kits	Soap	Preemie Caps	Fabric Kits
2011 Report Year	3232	1317	900	800	100	300	1000	0
2010 Report Year	4076	1852	1093	1368	161	419	0	3
2009 Report Year	3460	1701	1234	1145	420	465	0	0

Miscellaneous donations to various organizations: Women's Clothes Closet, Lutheran Social Services, New Horizons, Domestic Abuse Prevention, Bazaars, Farmer's Market, Thrivent, Sugar Creek, Luther Park Bible Camp, Family disasters, Holmen Hope, Come for Supper, Come to Eat (Ettrick), Cancer Walk, Food Pantries, Fire Victims, World Hunger, Mitten Tree, Tomah Memorial Hospital, Dozens of Prayer Shawls, Salvation Army and Operation Christmas Child.

**Blessing to everyone for sharing their gifts!!**

## Women of the ELCA Purpose 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,

**Affirm** our gifts,

**Support** one another in our callings,

**Engage** in ministry and action, and

**Promote** healing and wholeness

In the church, the society and the world.



### ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER

The *Crosswinds* is published four times a year by the La Crosse Area Synod - Women of the ELCA. The President (or contact person) and the Treasurer (or financial recorder) of each unit should receive a free copy. Units are encouraged to subscribe for the balance of their officers. Please report your officer list yearly so that we can maintain a correct mailing list. Subscription rate is \$5.00 per year. If your mailing label has \*\*\* following your name, your subscription is due. Please remit \$5.00 to Shari Bockenbauer, W2709 County Road T, Mindoro, WI 54644. **Mailing labels containing ## following your name, indicate that we have not received an updated Unit Rooster.** Please remit these to Shari Bockenbauer to assure proper and uninterrupted receipt of *Crosswinds*. It is important to report to the Editor any change of address as the post office will charge us to forward or return undeliverable newsletters.

The *Crosswinds* is published four times a year. You are encouraged to submit articles, notices and information. Deadlines and issue dates are listed below.

- February issue, February 5 deadline (pre-convention issue)
- May issue, May 5 deadline (post-convention issue)
- September issue, September 5 deadline (pre-fall renewal issue)
- November issue, November 5 deadline (post-fall renewal issue)

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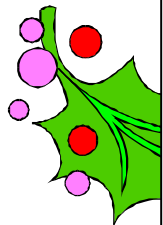
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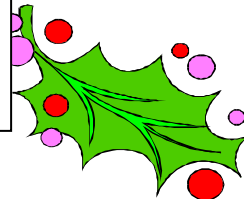
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**NORTH CONFERENCE:**



**CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**

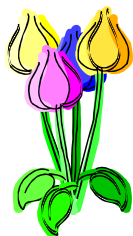
Mindoro Lutheran Church hosts its annual Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 9:30 am. Following the brunch, there will be a musical program. Make reservation by December 5<sup>th</sup> by calling the church office at 608-857-3474. All are welcome to attend. Hope to see your there!



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**“Come for Supper”** hosted by Living Hope,  
15360 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Ettrick, Wisconsin  
third Sunday of each month from 5 pm to 6:30 pm.



***Spring Convention***

***Spring Convention to be held April 21, 2012 in  
Prairie du Chien.***





## **Puzzle #6**

### **WHO AM I?**

**You will find my story in the Book of Acts. I am mentioned only in 4 verses. I lived about 50 A.D.**

**I was a very successful business woman. My business was making purple material—using the shells of an ocean mollusk for the dye. It was very difficult to make.**

**I never married but I did have a large house—big enough to accommodate an entire mission party. My home was also used as a meeting place for the Philippians Church.**

**I was considered a spiritual person and others came to me for guidance. Paul judged me as “faithful to the Lord.” Paul baptized me.**

**I showed my bold commitment by hosting the church in my house—even after Paul and Silas had been beaten and imprisoned.**

**Who Am I?**



# RESOURCES



The churchwide organization supports women in their calling by providing resources and support. Because of your generous offerings, they are able to offer back to you – synodical organizations, units, and all women – program resources that will guide and support you and your units.

One of the benefits of participating in Women of the ELCA is receiving quality resources that would be costly and time-consuming for individual units to develop on your own. Lutheran Woman Today magazine and a wide variety of other print resources are there to assist you. *Café” Stirring the Spirit of Within* is an online magazine that provides inspiration and information.

You can also visit Women of the ELCA’s facebook page. The facebook page is a great way to connect with the churchwide organization or hear what other units are doing across the country.

Women of the ELCA Interchange is a great monthly publication of the women’s organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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follow the link for program resources  
or call 800-638-3522, Ext. 2730

### Lutheran Woman Today

Go to [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org)  
Click on Lutheran Woman Today

### Interchange

Go to [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org)  
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**The Answer to Puzzle #6 from this Crosswinds edition is:**

**Lydia**



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