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2025 NORTHWESTERN OHIO SYNODICAL WOMENS GATHERING EDITION

September 26 & 27, 2025
St. Mark Lutheran—Bowling Green, Ohio



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2024-2025

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REGISTRATION FORM

NWO WOMEN OF THE ELCA 2025 GATHERING

Friday, September 26th and Saturday, September 27th

Friday - Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., Opening @ 1:00 p.m.

Saturday – Registration @ 8:30 a.m.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church * 315 S College Dr. * Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express

2150 West Wooster, Bowling Green OH Phone: 419-353-5500

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Congregation: _____ Voting Member: Yes _____ No _____

Each person must complete a registration form and enclose payment						
1) Registration Fee: Choose (1) option only					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amount Due
Friday & Saturday: Includes Friday Banquet, Saturday Lunch & snacks					\$55.00	
Friday Only: Includes Banquet					\$40.00	
Friday Only: No Banquet					\$20.00	
Saturday Only: Includes Saturday Lunch					\$35.00	
Choose choice of Sandwich for Saturday Lunch:						
Veggie Wrap _____ Chicken Cordon Blue _____						
Medical Dietary Restrictions for meals:						
HOTEL RESERVATION: Standard Room (2 queen beds – max of 4 per room). If sharing a room, enter price below that applies per night) -- Breakfast included at hotel.						
Please indicate if a handicap accessible room is needed: Yes _____						
	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons		
Thursday Night	\$144.00	\$72.00	\$48.00	\$36.00		
Friday Night	\$144.00	\$72.00	\$48.00	\$36.00		
Registration and Hotel Total Amount Due						

People Sharing Room: 1) _____ 2) _____
 3) _____ 4) _____

Registration Deadline: August 19th for hotel rooms (without state sales tax) gathering & meals

Gathering ONLY—NO HOTEL: Deadline Sept 12th. No refund after: September 12.

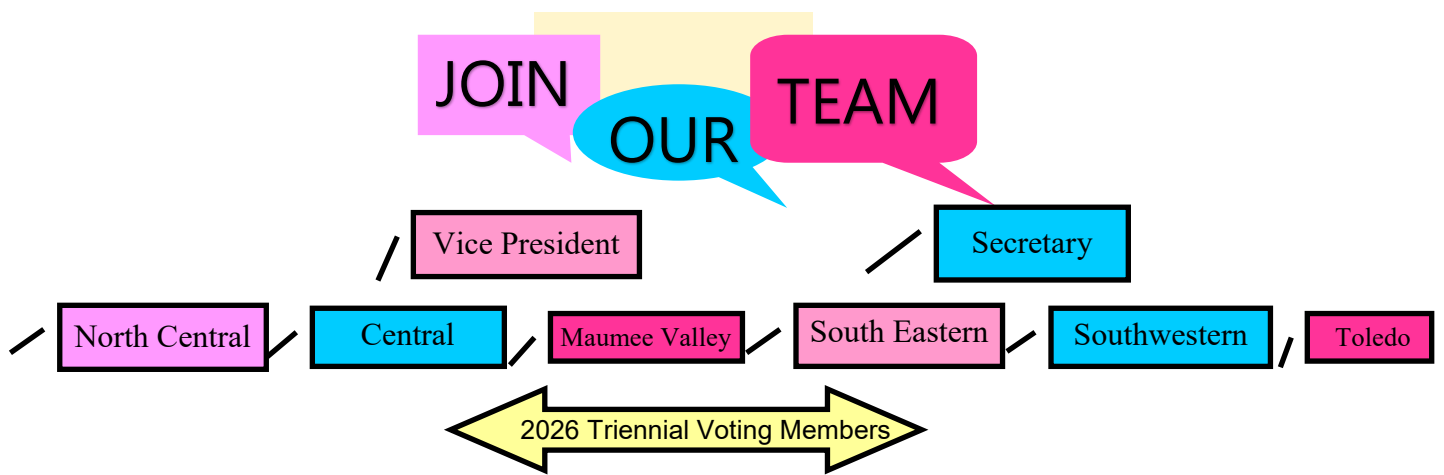
Mail Registration form and make check payable to: NWO Women of the ELCA

**Debbie Shiets
 760 County Rd 97
 Fremont OH 43420**

Questions regarding registration contact Debbie Schiets 419-680-8491

You will receive an email confirmation of your registration. If there is no email address, it will come by mail.

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NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

The Northwestern Ohio Synodical Board is looking for women to join our "team". We are looking for officers and conference representatives.

The only requirement is you must love the Lord, be willing to have fun, laugh with one another, make new friends and allow the Lord to lead you in this experience.

We meet quarterly at a central location. Our meetings run from around 9:30 AM to noon. Once the meeting is over, those who can, go out for lunch for fellowship.

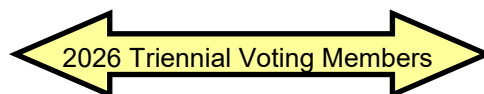
The board members and conference reps may turn in the mileage and be reimbursed if so desired. Expenses for the Synodical gathering are also covered by the board with some cost-sharing if you choose to room by yourself.

RESPONSABILITIES: Conference reps are the liaison between the conference they represent and the board. We are also responsible for awarding scholarships and grants. As a team we work together to promote the Women of the ELCA and all the good work we as women do.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your conference rep or any board member. Contact information is on the contact page in this newsletter.



CONGREGATIONAL VOTING MEMBER: Each congregation is encouraged to have a voting member for our gathering to be the voice for their congregational unit. As a board we will keep the business meeting to what is needed to be brought before the gathering, appointment/election of officers and voting members for the 13th WECLA Convention.



The Synod board is looking for ladies who would like to be a voting member for the 2026 Triennial Convention. The synod is allowed to have 2 at-large voting members and the President. This will be held via zoom July 13-14, 2026. This can be done in the comfort of your home. You will just need to have internet access.

BIBLE STUDY

Bishop Beaudoin declared 2024 as the year of rest and 2025 as the year of listening. With this in mind, the theme for the gathering, "Be Still", encompasses both rest and listening.

The Bible Studies for the weekend will be based on these—being still and listening. **Chris Budke** will be our bible study leader on Friday.

Saturday, **SAM Jeaninne Grimm** will lead us in bible study.



BREAK-OUT SESSIONS & Guest Speakers



Contemplative Prayer

Bible Journaling

Party Planning



Call Gilson—NWOS

Kim Brown—Self-help

Anna Jetson—WELCA—Churhwide Rep / Iowa

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Letters and articles of interest to the Northwestern Ohio Synodical Women's Organization may be submitted to the Editor no later than:

February 1

May 1

August 1

November 1

Articles shall be emailed or typewritten or legibly handwritten on one side of the paper and shall contain a proposed title, author's name and telephone number, author's title, name and city of church. They are to be sent to Sonlight Editor, Dana Hahn (see Officer page for address or email address)

The Editor reserves the right to ensure not only readability but grammatical accuracy and may elect to publish any article in a later issue. Women of the ELCA may reprint original articles as desired. Permission from the author must be obtained prior to reprinting articles from other sources.



Do you have a favorite apron?
An apron who belonged to your mom, grandma or a special
person in your life?

Please bring and share during our
Friday evening program

“Your Grandma’s Apron”

APRONS

SILENT AUCTION

There will be a silent auction with proceeds going towards the Triennial Gathering. If your unit or as an individual would like to donate items, please feel free to bring them to the gathering.

There will also be a free-will used book sale. If you have books you feel would be of interest to others, please feel free to bring and place on the table.

Note: You will need to take them back home if they do not get sold. Thank you!

USED BOOK SALE

IN-KIND AND LOVE OFFERING

WHAT TO BRING

Bible

Reuseable water bottle

Apron (optional)

Dress is casual

Dated Material: **June—Gathering Info**

Please direct to your Women's Ministry

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Opening Devotions: 1:00 p.m.

Saturday September 27th 9AM—3:00
Registration: 8:30
Opening Devotions: 9:00 am

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
315 College Drive—Bowling Green, Ohio

Join us for

Bible Study * Break-out sessions * Worship Service
◇ Friday night Program * Business Meeting
◇ Fun, food and fellowship
◇ Silent Auction

Hotel accommodations
Holiday Inn—Bowling Green, Ohio

WHAT TO BRING

*Bible *
Reuseable water bottle
Dress Casual

Join Us!