



WOMEN of the ELCA at St. Mark's September 2009

Treasurer's Report

WELCA Treasurer Cherry Moser reports a balance of \$2,527.44 as of June 30, 2009. This includes monetary donations of \$426.00 for our June project (Arc of Greater Price William/INSIGHT, Inc.).

See page 3 for the complete treasurer's report for June.

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September Project

Our **September** project is **funding for the after-school activity bus for Lynbrook Elementary School**. If you recall, we sponsored the activity bus last fall and the Holiday Bazaar group continued to fund the spring activity bus... we couldn't have asked for a happier group of recipients!

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Signup Sheets for 2009-2010

At our June circle meetings, your leaders had signup sheets for our new year's St. Mark's circle meetings, circle programs, and WELCA committees. Please complete these sheets at your September meetings so we can compile our WELCA yearbook.

The committee rosters especially need to be completed so these groups can function with representatives from each circle. The Social Concerns committee must present its completed list of projects to the WELCA board at its next meeting on September 16th.

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Andrea Dobberman Myers Ordination at St. Mark's

By now you are aware that Andrea's ordination will be at St. Mark's on Saturday, September 12, 2009; we're very pleased to be a part of this momentous occasion! But we need your help to make it happen... Sign-up sheets for helping with the reception are in the narthex!!!

Friday afternoon, Sept 11 (*after 1 p.m.*):

- Set tables with linens (may need some pressing), silverware, and napkins
- Set up buffet table
- Need four people for food preparation
- Clean up narthex—move out big tables and displays
- Set up some chairs and a couple of tables in Rooms 214/216 where the clergy will robe

Saturday, September 12 (*starting at 9 a.m.*):

- Four kitchen helpers to finish food preparation and make beverages
- Provide some coffee and water for the clergy in rooms 214/216
- Several people for cleanup—men to run dishwasher—our helper will assist in taking down the tables
- Several people to take home the tablecloths and towels for washing
- Someone to pick up the cakes at COSTCO which Alice will order
- In addition to the round tables and buffet table in the Fellowship Hall, there will need to be a few tables on the stage and some in the library blue and green room.

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LSS Disaster Kits

For our in-kind offering for the DC Metro Synod Fall Gathering (see below), we are collecting items for 12 LSS Disaster Kits. Please bring your items or cash to defray the cost to your September circle meeting, as your leaders have instructed you:

- Deborah—12 sturdy can openers, 12 traveler size antibacterial hand wipes, and 12 small sewing or first aid kits
- Esther—4 doz. utility candles, 24 small boxes wooden matches, 12 sandwich bags with rubber bands and paper clips, and 12 scrub sponges
- Lydia—48 pens and pencils, 12 pencil sharpeners
- Ruth—12 pair L or XL latex gloves, 12 small rolls duct tape, 12 steno-sized spiral notebooks, and 12 Sharpie permanent pens

Leaders, please bring your items to church on **Sunday, September 6th**, so they can be organized and delivered.

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A St. Mark's WELCA Retreat

Our retreat plans for St. Mark's Women of the ELCA are coming together. Our theme will be "Creativity and Faith," which Ina Berkey has graciously offered to plan for. Tentative plans are for February 6th (snow date February 20th).

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DC Area WELCA Unit News

DC Metro Synod Fall Gathering

All Metro DC women with an interest in women's ministry are invited to the Fall Gathering at Faith Lutheran Church, Arlington, Virginia, on September 12, 2009, from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Our guest speaker will be Marga Fripp, founder of Empowered Women International, an organization based in Alexandria, Virginia, that uses the arts to empower immigrant and refugee women and families living in America.

Online Newsletters

Please note that two Women of the ELCA newsletters are now available in PDF online (plus our own on St. Mark's Web site from the [WELCA](#) link):

The national office: *Interchange*
(<http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Women-of-the-ELCA/Newsletters/Interchange.aspx>)

The DC Metro Synod: The Joyful News
(<http://metrocelca.org/publications/joyful-news-synodical-women%E2%80%99s-organization/>)

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Care Packages to Troops in Iraq/Afghanistan/Pakistan

Thanks to all for your past donations; let's keep up the good work! Monetary donations to pay for shipping costs are always welcome... and home-baked goods are the BEST as our troops LOVE getting these home-baked items. Debi Johnson will post a list of any specially requested items in the weekly e-Messenger and/or in private emails a week or two before the planned collection Sunday, which is generally the last Sunday of each month, unless otherwise stated.

Thanks, Debi, for continuing this ministry.

NOTE: A good way to package cookies is to wrap two cookies in a paper towel and put them into a sandwich baggie. It helps to keep them from crumbling and the person receiving the cookies gets a "ready to carry" cookie bag with a napkin as well.

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Greetings... from our Youth!

Pat Martin received a "Greetings from the ELCA Youth Gathering New Orleans" card during the week of their gathering. It is from "Marie" of Kalamazoo, MI, and answers the question posed at the top of the card, "How do your relationships with other women bless your life?" Marie wrote,

My relationships with other women all over the world are invaluable. They understand, support, give unconditional love, meet me where I am, and encourage me to stretch my horizons. They understand the importance of my dreams for my life and never say "you can't." I am blessed with friendship with women all over the globe and they teach me about the world God has given us all. I am truly grateful for their sharing and am in "awe" of the dreams we share.

What a wonderful sentiment... hopefully, all of our lives are this blessed! See more of their responses to this question at <http://blogs.elca.org/women/>.

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N Street Village Visit

We are still trying to select a date to visit N Street Village, so if you are interested, contact Cheryl Dwyer. Please indicate what days and times will work for you AND which will not.

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St. Mark's Bazaar Preparations

Mark your calendars! Sunday, November 1st, is the date of the 2009 St. Mark's Bazaar. You are invited to participate by baking or contributing items. You are also invited to attend the next bazaar-prep workshop at Friendship House, Wednesday, September 16th at 10 a.m. Back by popular demand: Frozen Casseroles! Questions? Contact Mary Anderson.

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Reminders... Mark Your Calendars!

Every *Quilts and More (9:30 a.m. Friendship House)*
 Tuesday *House*
 Tue, 9/1 *Ruth (7:30 p.m., Donita Sargeant's)*
 Wed, 9/2 *Esther (9:30 a.m. Friendship House, Kathy Kalmar, hostess)*
Lydia (noon, Marilyn Meyer's)
Deborah (7:30 p.m., Leana Wilson's)
 Sat, 9/12 *Andrea Dobberman Myers ordination (11:00 a.m. St. Mark's Lutheran, Springfield, VA)*
 Sat, 9/12 *Metro DC SWO Fall Gathering (Faith Lutheran, Arlington, VA)*
 Wed, 9/16 *Bazaar-prep workshop (10:00 a.m. Friendship House)*
 Wed, 9/16 *Board meeting (7:30 p.m. Friendship House)*
 Sun, 11/1 *St. Mark's Bazaar (Fellowship Hall)*
 Sat, 2/6 *St. Mark's WELCA Retreat (St. Mark's)*

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Women of the ELCA of St. Mark's Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report through June 30, 2009

Balance May 31, 2009	\$ 2,552.43
Receipts	
June Project (Arc of Greater Prince William Co.)	\$ 426.00
June Offering	\$ 199.00
 Total Receipts	 \$ 625.00
Disbursements	
Arc of Prince William County	\$ 426.00
Cheryl Dwyer (Ife's reception)	\$ 123.99
Women of the ELCA Synod (1/3 June Offering)	\$ 70.00
World Vision	\$ 30.00
 Total Disbursements	 \$ 649.99
 Balance June 30, 2009	 \$ 2,527.44