



The Southeastern Weaver

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Newsletter of the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA

Message from the President



By Patti Austin

Dear Ladies of Southeastern Synodical Synod,
It is with sadness and a heavy heart that I inform you of the cancellation of our 33rd Annual SES WELCA Convention in September at the Marietta Hilton Hotel and Conference Center.

With the circumstances of the Covid-19 Virus changing rapidly and looking at all possible uncertainties, your SES WELCA Board made this decision. Of course, the health and safety of our participants was the main priority in our decision making.

We have made plans with the Hilton Hotel for next year's convention and plan on it being the biggest celebration ever.

In the meantime, we will keep *The Southeastern Weaver* newsletter going with news from around our Synod and churches. Let's use this time to really get to know each other and share ideas; ideas about what your units are doing, new quilting ideas or patterns, new receipts, new family additions, especially prayer concerns. Send your ideas to newsletter editor, Kathy Hill and me at kathyshill1@gmail.com and paustin562@att.net

This could also be a time for us to look at communications between our Units, Cluster Leaders and our SES WELCA Board. It's a good time to update our records. If you have updates please send them to our Secretary Shirley Connelly at slconnelly@gmail.com and paustin562@att.net.

In the meantime, let's keep in touch, stay safe and remember to wash your hands.

Love and Peace,
Patti



From moment to moment one can bear much. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

Helpful Links:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html>

Share Facts About COVID-19

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/about/share-facts.html> †

In-Kind Gathering



By Sissy Gifford

The recipient of our Gifts in Kind for the next convention is MUST Ministries. MUST Ministries is a faith-based organization serving 33,500 people in poverty in 8 counties each year. MUST Ministries has been serving people for the past 45 years. Eighty-four percent are women and children with children making up 55%. For their clients MUST Ministries provides several programs which include food (meals and food banks), housing (temporary and long term), workforce development and clothing for men, women and children. The work is mainly done by a force of 10,000 plus volunteers. They only have 75 employees and many of them are only part time. So, 80% of all funds collected go directly to the clients they serve. As you can see, they are a very worthy cause and if you live in the area where MUST Ministries operate consider contacting them and helping.

When asked what they needed us to collect for our Gifts In Kind, they said they needed new socks and underwear for all sizes of men, women and children. I told them that our women were very generous and that they may be surprised by the number of items they receive, and I know you won't let me down. **If you have already collected items, please store them for the next convention and continue to collect.**

If you would like further information on the programs of MUST Ministries, visit their website at <https://www.mustministries.org/> . †

An update from the WELCA Churchwide Executive Board

Greetings in the name of the one who creates, redeems and sustains us all. I write today to offer an update regarding the impact of COVID-19 on Women of the ELCA in its three expressions: churchwide, synodical and congregational.

CHURCHWIDE EXECUTIVE BOARD TO MEET VIRTUALLY

The April meeting of the churchwide executive board will not occur in-person. Instead, the board will be meeting on Saturday, April 25, via a Zoom meeting.

TRIENNIAL CONVENTION AND GATHERING

The executive committee of the churchwide executive board has determined that it will **bring to the board a recommendation regarding whether the convention and gathering will be postponed no later than April 25th**, the date of the board meeting. Once made, decisions will be conveyed to you and posted on *welca.org*.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Synodical events. At the request of the executive committee of the churchwide executive board, I have conveyed to the presidents of our synodical women's organizations (SWOs) the following: the executive committee strongly encourages the SWOs postpone or cancel all SWO-sponsored events through the end of 2020, carefully monitoring current federal, state, and local governmental orders and recommendations. This request applies to conference and cluster events also.

Financial realities. Your continued and strengthened partnership with the churchwide organization through financial support is critical. What can you do?

- Become a [Faithful Friend](#) and encourage other women to become Faithful Friends by joining our monthly giving program.
- Encourage congregational units to take up offerings even when meeting virtually.
- Transmit Regular Offerings to your synodical treasurer in a timely manner, perhaps monthly or quarterly.

Day-to-day management of the organization. The transition from working in the Lutheran Center and working at home has gone well for staff. At this time (and it is always subject to change), staff at the Lutheran Center will be working remotely through April 20. Rest assured that the day-to-day work of the churchwide women's organization is functioning smoothly. Programmatic work continues, with a new emphasis on sustaining community, which is at our core, in this time of physical distancing.

IN CONCLUSION

I invite you to pray regarding all these matters as we live into this new reality.

May the peace of God, that surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. †



Lutheran World Relief Quilt & Kit Ministry Update



By
Janice
Hawkins



New policy regarding BULK-soap and Fleece Blankets

The following information is from an email sent out on February 13 to Lutheran World Relief Key Leaders regarding a change in LWR donation policies. Our Ingatherings in the Southeastern Synod are scheduled for August 28/29, 2020 (please watch to see if these dates change) and we *will not* accept any donations of BULK soap or Fleece blankets. If you have already collected bulk soap you can use it in Personal Care Kits and Baby Care Kits. If you have made fleece-tied blankets please see suggestions below where you can donate them. LWR has just released an updated 2020 Quilt & Kit Ministry Guide. This update reflects these changes and may also include some updates to their quilt & kit guidelines. Please read it and be familiar with their guidelines. Visit the lwr.org website, under congregational resources, and order new guides to have on hand. They are free and you can order up to 25 copies.

Email information about new policy:

No BULK-SOAP after March 1, 2020

Yes, baby care kits still need soap.

Yes, personal care kits still need soap.

LWR will stop accepting BULK-soap. Bulk soap is the soap that is not part of a kit.

Why no more BULK-soap or soap that is not part of a kit?

Recently there have been fewer requests for bulk-soap by our partners. In 2019 there were no requests for bulk-soap. Many partners are sourcing soap within their country, which is good for local economies. Considering the reduced requests, we will stop collecting BULK-Soap. There will still be soap included in personal care kits and baby care kits, but we will discontinue BULK-soap collection. We know many of you have already collected bulk-soap and we ask that you donate that soap to local organizations and shelters that can utilize it immediately.

No FLEECE BLANKETS as of May 1st

Starting May 1, 2020 LWR will no longer accept Fleece Blankets.

Why no more Fleece Blankets?

We've received information that fleece causes environmental concerns, so we will discontinue the collection of fleece blankets. We know many groups have already started assembling blankets, so we will accept fleece blankets at Ingatherings through April 30, 2020. After that, we encourage you to take any completed fleece blankets to a local shelter, hospital or nursing home. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and deeply appreciate your kindness and generosity. †

CU in the PEWS



By
Ada
Junge

Feed the Homeless Day

On September 15th, 2019 Holy Trinity Lutheran in Marietta & eight other Lutheran churches participated with the Stepping Stone Mission who sponsored an event in Hurt Park in downtown Atlanta. During the afternoon 60 volunteers were able to feed over 300 homeless men, women and children. Holy Trinity donations along with a Thrivent grant were able to provide all the items for the lunch, consisting of



hot dogs, chips, fresh fruit, buns, paper plates, napkins & condiments. Each adult received a new backpack, MARTA cards, hygiene bags, all the clothing items they could carry along with cookies and trail bars, which were

donated from the other churches. They were also able to take several bottles of water. Live music, scripture, and prayers were shared over the speaker system. It was an inspiring day of fellowship and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Left over items were gratefully accepted by the Stepping Stone Mission. †

CU in the Pews is an occasional column as space permits highlighting events at churches in our synod. Email your articles to the newsletter editor and they will be used as received and space is available.

IMPORTANT DATES for 2020

Some of the dates in the January edition were incorrect. Apologies from the editor. **Dates in red have been cancelled due to COVID-19.**

JAN 31 End of fiscal year - All 2019 offerings must be received by this date

FEB 1 Start of fiscal year - Offerings for CW Women of the ELCA begins

JAN 31-FEB 1-2 Winter Board Meeting – St. John's, Atlanta GA

FEB 15 Churchwide Grant and Scholarship Applications due

FEB 21-23 Conference of Synodical Presidents - Chicago, IL

FEB 23 Bold Women's Day - Women of the ELCA

MAR 6 World Day of Prayer - Church Women United
MAR-APR Spring Cluster Meetings

MAY 2 Spring Board Meeting – ZOOM

MAY 1 May Friendship Day - Church Women United (First Friday in May)

MAY 3 Rachel's Day - Justice for Children and Youth (First Sunday in May)

JUN 5,6,7 Southeastern Synod Assembly - Chattanooga, TN

JULY 14-16 Triennial Convention- Phoenix, Ariz.

JULY 16-19 Triennial Gathering-Phoenix, Ariz.

AUG 28-29 Lutheran World Relief In-Gathering

SEP 18-20 33rd Annual Convention – Hilton Hotel & Conference Center Marietta, GA.

SEP 27 Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA Sunday

NOV 6,7, 8 Fall Board Meeting - Lutheranch, Tallapoosa, GA †



Tidbits from the Treasurer

By
Karen
Andrews

The 2019-2020 fiscal year ended January 31, 2020. We had a good year, finishing \$3200 in the black. Thank you to each of you for your donations and continued support of the SES WELCA organization.

Did you know you can donate directly to the SES WELCA organization via Amazon Smile? If you place Amazon orders, simply type in Amazon Smile in your browser and follow the instructions to choose our non-profit organization to support: *Southeastern Synodical Womens Organization*. Once enrolled, the only thing you need to do going forward, is place your orders via AmazonSmile.com instead of Amazon.com. There is no difference in the merchandise or price when ordering from Amazon Smile. Now every time you place an order via Amazon Smile, a portion of your purchase will go directly to this WELCA organization, without any additional effort on your part. I am in the process of working to set up the organization to receive donations via Kroger as well; more information to come at a later date.

I pray everyone is taking care and I look forward to seeing you soon.
God's peace be with you,

Karen Andrews
Donations should be mailed to:
950 Eagles Landing Pkwy.
Suite 617
Stockbridge, GA 30281†

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

There's a little bit of
Katie in all of us.



Connecting With Young Women



By
Terry
Chongulia

Terry, here's your topic!
Young women in WELCA
Young women news....
I looked at this topic and just sat there.

Then I explored <http://boldcafe.org> again and then it hit me...

The good news is we simply need to extend out our hands to the younger generation. Define young. Granted, Bold Café is aimed at 20-30 something Millennial women. That's fine. The challenge is are there other ways of being young other than just by virtue of your chronological age? Young at heart! There are more generation X women starting new hobbies and talents. Case in point, in my late forties, I picked up my violin again after a 20+ year hiatus and accepted that lessons were not a sign of failure but a realization I could only grow by working with others. My teacher was and still is a 4th year college student majoring in music education and performance piano and violin. Yes, a young whipper snapper. We have the best time during lessons sharing our music experiences and along the way I get to give her a few pearls of wisdom about life.

It is this type of collaboration that we need between the more mature women in WELCA with the younger ones who also come to church and with those who don't. Think about that for a minute. And what defines us as Lutheran women? Martin Luther's wife is referred to as Katharina von Bora, Katie, "die Lutherin" meaning "the Lutheress." She entered the convent at age 5, through her years of education decided she wanted to leave life in the convent and was interested in the Reformation movement. She plotted an escape with other nuns and after being rejected by her family to return home, and declining several suitors, she married Martin Luther. I think Martin Luther was the lucky one.



Cathartic to think of what she represents. A bold woman ahead of her time. Oh, that we could have a little bit of Katie in us! She is all of

us. She was young and involved in the early days of Martin Luther's mission, had a family, and grew into a mature age and was still involved in the church he founded even after he passed. She helped create the initial model of a family that lives by the ideals of the reformation. It is our ACTIONS born from our belief system that define us. Did you know she has an opera about her? I don't think Martin has been immortalized this way yet.

So... Let's be real....the median age of a WELCA convention attendee is increasing every year.

So, take action. Age is overrated. How do we encourage women younger than us to be involved in WELCA? A funny thing happened as I typed. Auto spell inserted "wounded" in a sentence about younger and older generations. I think this was not a coincidence. Not in the sense of big corporations monitoring our searches online....First you have to be involved with them. You have to change the pronoun of "them" to "part of us." You have to find common ground and interests. You work to find common causes you are all passionate about.

The first step is the hardest, that is putting aside any perceived difference of opinion based on how we were raised and our experiences. Doing things differently doesn't necessarily mean abandoning your values but can sometimes illuminate better ways to stay true to them. Extend a personal invitation. Bring the kids! Start a Café group to discuss articles published through boldcafe.org to discuss faith in the modern age in an informal setting. Plan projects to work on during the year that allow everyone to participate. Organize group social activities at church or outside of church.

God's creation of humankind is kind of like making an infinite number of spinning tops that come and go, winding them up and letting them go and watching and marveling at the path they take as they spin. Not to say there isn't any divine intervention from time to time when one wobbles or when another comes to a rest, which all of us will eventually come to a rest, but I think the Love and Joy comes from seeing the tops interact with one another.

God wants to see the spinning tops **stop** clumping in groups by age. We should launch off one another and be propelled forward as we interact with new groups. Everyone benefits and grows.

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(continued from page 5) So, remember the good news is you **ARE** the most important tool to engage with younger generations. This is literally medicine for the mind and soul. Now read this twice and call me in the morning. †



Churchwide News

By
Billie
Goepfert

Conference of Presidents Lutheran Center, Chicago, Illinois

Since our president, Patti Austin, could not attend the Conference of Presidents this year, I looked to the web-site of WELCA for information to share. The conference theme, “The Power of Community”, was drawn from Hebrews 10:24-25: *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

The presidents in-kind gift recipient was Sarah’s Inn, an organization that supports victims of domestic violence. If you would like to see a list of gift suggestions, visit their website at sarahsinn.org.

President Lisa Plorin challenged the presidents to enliven congregational units in their synods. “If I had a nickel for every time I heard ‘Our unit is not active,’ ‘Our members are old,’ or ‘The interest isn’t there,’ Katie’s Fund would be crazy flourishing, and more women would be involved. A missing link exists between units that are active and excited and those that don’t know what Women of the ELCA does, she said. One of our organization’s free, downloadable resources, “Six Models for Mission” offers different ways to organize and revitalize a unit. It’s a great way to start talking about how to enliven your unit or cluster.

“Challenge yourself to get units active this year,” Lisa said. “Make a goal to boost your active units by a certain percentage by this time next year. Let’s share the Good News our organization gives to all women.”

“I love this organization. It’s going to take some legwork, but we want to see it thrive, don’t

we?” she asked. The Presidents gave Plorin a journal and a parting gift of \$1,870 to designate for a ministry of her choice. She’s chosen to give half to Women of the ELCA to use where needed most and half to AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.)

During the Saturday evening worship service, presidents gave an offering of about \$7,000. Half will go to Women of the ELCA’s ongoing ministries, and half to AMMPARO, ministries selected by the conference’s planning team.

“The organization cannot rely on how things have always been done if it is to grow and thrive into the future,” she said. “That is true in circles, in congregational units, in conferences and clusters, in synodical organizations, in the church-wide organization, within the executive board, and within the staff.”

“If we rely on how things have been done before, we will surely bring about the demise of the organization,” she said. †

OUR PURPOSE

“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.”

DAYS FOR GIRLS



By
Diana
Palma

Every Girl. Everywhere. Period.

11th Triennial



By
Margery
Kellar

At publication date of this issue of *The Southeastern Weaver*, the 11th Triennial Convention and Gathering had not been cancelled. Will update you with the status of the Triennial when we have more information.

Throughout the world, thousands of women and girls lack access to adequate products to manage their menstruation hygienically, safely, and with dignity. In addition, many also lack access to menstruation and sexual and reproductive health education and knowledge. Days for Girls is working to tackle these challenges by increasing access to menstrual health solutions and education by developing global partnerships, cultivating social enterprises, mobilizing volunteers, and innovating sustainable solutions that shatter stigmas and limitations for women and girls. Together, we're creating a world with dignity, health, and opportunity for Every Girl, Everywhere. Period.

WELCA Units are encouraged to become new volunteers by joining teams or creating new teams. This valuable effort helps to improve menstrual education along with the kits they sew and distribute around the world. There are several teams outside the Atlanta area. Their contact information is:

lawrencevillewestga@daysforgirls.org

johnscreekg@daysforgirls.org

westmariettaga@daysforgirls.org

dallasga@daysforgirls.org

woodstockga@daysforgirls.org

Find additional sites in your local area at:
<https://www.daysforgirls.org/search-maps>

To receive the monthly newsletter visit:
<https://www.daysforgirls.org/contact-us>

For information on creating a new chapter, or to contact a chapter or team near you, go to
www.daysforgirls.org/

Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/DaysforGirls>†



Registrations are still being accepted for the Triennial Convention and Gathering in Phoenix, AZ, July 14-16, 2020 (Convention) and July 16-19, 2020 (Gathering). Visit <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page> to see registration opportunities and information regarding the Gathering. Registration is now \$375. The convention is free for visitors. If you haven't watched our Churchwide President's videos on YouTube, please do so!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=saw7eTkrVFY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUb32S9gE3s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUb32S9gE3s>

Our SES trading tokens are ready! They are fans that fold and fit into an attached pouch.

I am looking forward to seeing y'all there! †



2019 – 2020 CLUSTER LEADERS			
Thank you ladies for your willingness to serve our organization as cluster leaders!			
LEGEND C - Coordinator R - Recorder M - Member At Large			
CLUSTER 1 – Ebenezer			
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2020 SPRING CLUSTER MEETINGS

Cluster meetings in red have been canceled due to COVID-19 virus.

Please contact the Cluster Liaison, Shirley Connelly for further details.

CLUSTER	DATE	LOCATION	BOARD LIAISON
1-Ebenezer	March 7	Zion Lutheran, Guyton, GA	Shirley Connelly
2-Good N.E.W.S.	April 17-19	Lutheranch, Tallapoosa, GA	Karen Andrews
3-Trinity	April 17-19	Lutheranch, Tallapoosa GA	Bernice Bland
4-Magi	April 25	Living Grace, Tucker GA	Terry Chongulia
5-Mission	TBA	Christ Lutheran, Oakwood GA	Gloria Martin
6-Agape	March 28	Grace Oak Ridge, Oakridge TN	Beth Drane
7-Diaspora	March 28	St. Marks, Huntsville, AL	Diana Palma
8-The King	April 25	Christ Lutheran, Nashville TN	Billie Goepfert
9-Gulf Coast	April 25	Grace, Gulf Shores, AL	Sissy Gifford

Ebenezer Cluster Meeting



Dana Lee Smith conducted a music therapy session with the group and helped us feel our inner beat. We easily engaged and it was hard to put it down in the end.



Pastor Terry and Vicar Collett made a great therapy team.



The table décor was spring and green and the flowers were shamrocks. The ladies enjoyed a delicious lunch.



Ladies from Jerusalem, St James and Zion churches enjoyed the day.

2020 LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF INGATHERING SITES
Ingathering dates: Friday, August 28 and Saturday, August 29
PLEASE WATCH TO SEE IF THESE DATES CHANGE

2020 LWR Key Leader: Janice Hawkins Email: jchawkin@bellsouth.net Ph 770-712-6090

ALABAMA—Coast

Friday and Saturday: 9 am – 12 noon

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Church Phone: 251-621-2968 (call coordinator)

8271 Whispering Pines, Daphne 36526

Site Coordinators: Tommie Morgan

Phone: 251-591-1019 or 251-342-9337

Eileen Becker

Phone: (cell) 251-454-5912 or (home) 251-666-1896

ALABAMA --Central—Call coordinator to drop off at church Aug 24-27 for truck loading on Friday (28th)

Shades Valley Lutheran Church

Church Phone: 205-871-3512 (call coordinator)

720 Shades Creek Parkway, Birmingham 35209

Site Coordinators: Anne Scholl

Phone: 770-403-0023

Kathryn Waters

Phone: 205-967-8101 or 205-243-8038

ALABAMA—Northeast

Saturday: 9 am – 12 noon *NO FRIDAY DROP-OFF*

Messiah Lutheran Church

Church Phone: 256-721-0041 (call coordinator)

7740 Hwy 72 West, Madison 35758

Site Coordinator: Rhonda Gaede

Phone: 256-679-2931

GEORGIA—Atlanta Area

Friday 8:30am – 1 pm Saturday 9am-noon

Trinity Lutheran Church

Church Phone: 770-972-4418 (call coordinator)

1826 Killian Hill Road, Lilburn 30047

Site Coordinator: Janice Hawkins

Phone: 770-712-6090

GEORGIA—Coast

Friday: 1 pm-5 pm Saturday: Drop-off by appointment-call Sandy Gibson at 912-658-0868

St. Johns Lutheran Church

Church Phone: 912-826-5411 (call coordinator)

Highway 21 & 7th Street, Rincon 31326

Site Coordinators: Sandy Gibson

Phone: (cell) 912-658-0868 or (home) 912-826-5005

Marty Hendrix

Phone: (cell) 912-661-4122 or (home) 912-754-4860

TENNESSEE-Nashville Area

Friday: 9 am–1 pm Saturday: Drop-off by appointment-call Joni at 615-584-9309

Saint Andrew Lutheran Church

Church Phone: 615-794-1624 or 615-714-2928-call Jolene Richardson

908 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin 37064

to arrange time & place for truck

Site Coordinator: Joni Donegan

Phone: 615-584-9309

TENNESSEE—East/Central

Friday: 4-8 pm Saturday: 8:30 am – 11

Reformation Lutheran Church

Church Phone: 423-638-4627 (call coordinator)

400 West Main St., Greeneville 37743

Site Coordinators: Mary Jane Gray

Phone: (cell) 423-525-2177 or (home) 423-422-4828

Barbara Richards

Phone: 423-525-3254

**THERE WILL NOT BE A LWR TRUCK AT THE CONVENTION
 IN MARIETTA, GA**

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF 2020 CHURCH REPORTING FORM*(Give this completed form to the receiving person at the LWR truck collection site.)*

Church name: _____

City/State _____

Cluster Name/Number _____

_____ *Check here if this donation is from a non-ELCA congregation. A special thanks to you!*

<u>ITEM</u>	<u># OF BOXES</u>	<u># OF KITS/QUILTS</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
<i>Quilts</i>	_____	_____	_____
<i>Personal Care Kits</i>	_____	_____	_____
<i>School Kits</i>	_____	_____	_____
<i>Baby Care Kits</i>	_____	_____	_____
<i>Fabric Kits</i>	_____	_____	_____
TOTALS	_____	_____	_____

REMEMBER: NO Plastic or paper bags inside box. EACH BOX'S MAXIMUM WEIGHT IS 40 LBS!*Only one type of Kit or item in each box.*LABEL each box in **LARGE BLOCK LETTERS** using a heavy black marker or affix a label with following information:

--Church name, city, state

--Cluster number & name

--Weight in lbs (after sealing)

--Name of type of kit/quilts/soap in each box

You can now log on to the [LWR Quilt & Kit Tracker](http://www.lwr.org/tracker) at www.lwr.org/tracker and print out a special barcode to put on your shipment of Quilts & Kits. That way, you and your congregation can track your gifts as they reach those in need all around the world.**NOTE: Donations to the Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund are essential to project success! Make checks payable to Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA with a memo notation "LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund" and mail them to our Synodical Treasurer-Karen Andrews, 950 Eagles Landing Pkwy. - Suite 617, Stockbridge, GA 30281***Your gifts of time and resources toward making LWR Quilts & Kits are beautiful expressions of God's love and grace to those in greatest need. Thank you for your partnership in putting them together.***Collection Site Coordinators – please have copies of this reporting form available on collection day!******** Please Note that as of May 1, 2020 Lutheran World Relief is not accepting donations of bulk (boxed) soap or Fleece-tied blankets. These items will not be loaded on the truck! ******

Lutheranch News



By
Christina
Yarnold

In the interest of public health and per recommendations from the CDC, we have decided to reschedule the Lutheranch Barn Grand Opening from March 29 to May 17, 2020. Visit [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) to RSVP for the new date.

As an organization, we have proactively cancelled all NovusWay programs for the months of March and April. We are praying that summer camp can proceed as usual and are still planning to hold all summer camps and programs as currently scheduled. Please contact retreatrentals@novusway.org or call Angie Yates at 828-243-8762 with any questions about rescheduling upcoming hosted ministry events and retreats rentals at Lutheranch.

Lutheranch Barn Grand Opening Sunday, May 17, 2020, 2pm-5pm

Join us to help celebrate the launch of the new Lutheranch Equestrian Program at Lutheranch. There will be fun for the whole family with pony rides, games, snacks, craft projects, scavenger hunt, bouncy house and door prizes. Meet our horses, tour the facilities, and learn about our programs and how you can get involved as a volunteer.

Ribbon cutting at 3:30pm. Other activities will be ongoing all afternoon. Admission is FREE!

Who is invited?

Everyone! People of all ages are invited to meet our horses, explore our site and participate in activities.

What should I wear?

Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. Most activities will be outside so dress appropriately for the weather (bring a warm jacket or raincoat, insect repellent and sunscreen as needed).

How much does it cost?

Admission and all activities are free! We suggest bringing some money or a credit card if you are interested in purchasing an item from our store or making a donation to help support our programs.

What activities will be available?

- Pony rides
- Bouncy house
- Arts & Crafts
- Outdoor games for all ages
- Scavenger hunt with prizes
- Campfire and s'mores
- Meet our horses and other animals
- Wagon rides
- Family photo spot
- Official barn grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony (3:30pm)
- Lutheranch site tours and information about upcoming camps and programs



Where is Lutheranch located?

Lutheranch is located near Tallapoosa, GA, just north of I-20 near the Georgia/Alabama border, approximately one hour west of Atlanta or 1.5 hours east of Birmingham. Enter the address "342 McGinnis Road, Tallapoosa, GA 30176" into your navigation system or mobile app to get directions to the barn entrance. †

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

May 2, 2020
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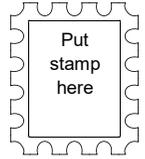


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