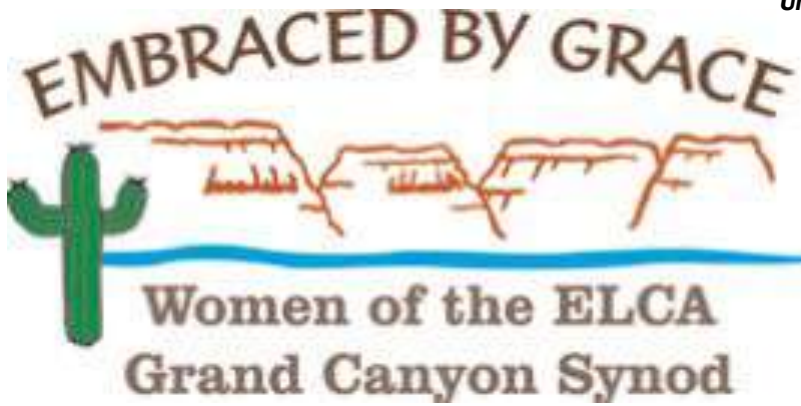


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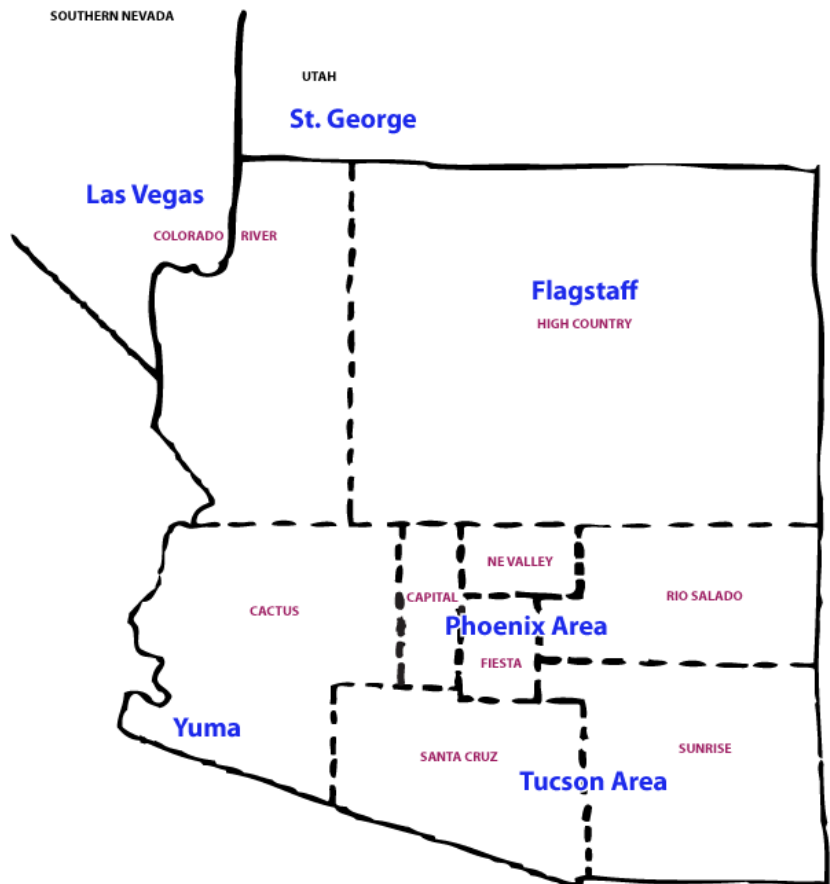
Canyon Echoes

Special Conference Edition

Reports of Spring Gatherings Around the Grand Canyon Synod ~ 2D

Did you know?

- ♦ Women meet in over 7,000 locations around the U.S. and Caribbean
- ♦ There are 64 WELCA Synods.
- ♦ The Grand Canyon Synod contains 9 **Conferences**.
- ♦ The Grand Canyon Synod consists of approximately 89 different **congregations**.
- ♦ The WELCA Board of the Grand Canyon Synod is made up of 12 active, dedicated and passionate women.

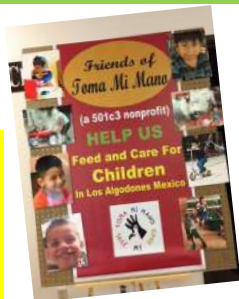


Cactus Conference

Saturday, March 3—Gloria de Cristo, Yuma, AZ

“Do You Love Me? Feed my Lambs. . . Tend my Sheep”

Buckeye—Our Saviour’s
El Mirage—Pan de Vida
Glendale—St. John’s,
Emmanuel Sudanese
Goodyear—Christ
Peoria—Celebration
Peoria—Community of Grace
Peoria—Peace
Phoenix—Alleluia
Quartzsite—Covenant
Sun City—American,
Shepherd of the Desert
Sun City West—Lord of Life
Surprise—Desert Streams,
Spirit of Grace
Yuma—Faith, Gloria de Cristo



Janice and Delia share stories from Toma Mi Mano (Take my Hand), a child care facility in Los Algodones, Mexico.



Some of the Planning Committee!



June and Geri



Churchwide Board Member Laura Krueger and GCS -WELCA President Myrna Wells-Ulland



Tend my Sheep Scripture Cake

Approximately 102 women (many traveling by chartered bus from the Phoenix area) attended the Cactus Gathering hosted by Gloria de Cristo in Yuma. Known as the Salad Bowl of the USA, America’s Winter Vegetable Capital — and the top Medjool date producer in the world — the ladies learned much about farming and human food related issues from Larry Killman, whose family has farmed in the area for 90 years. Interesting to note that Arizona’s 5 C’s (commodities) are: cattle, copper, citrus, cotton and climate. Paul Brierley, inaugural director of the University of Arizona’s Yuma Center of Excellence for Desert Agriculture, pointed out that Arizona is #1 in vegetable production (#3 in the USA) and also #1 for lemons, tangelos, tangerines, watermelon and cantaloupe produce. We were encouraged to look at the Labor of Love program (<https://laborofloveyuma.com/>) which provides breakfast for farm crews and random acts of kindness through the season.

Janice Fischer and housemother, Delia Medina, introduced the Toma Mi Mano program in Los Algodones, Mexico where 24 children, ages 3-11, enjoy nutritious meals, quality care, educational and creative opportunities and time to enjoy being a child. Many in-kind gifts of food, toys, and teaching materials were donated, along with funds from a quilt raffle. Ms. Mike Rosenberg, Yuma County Community Justice Board, shared the program where volunteers work with victims and children who are in trouble with the law for the first time. The child has opportunity to make things right and the victim is heard, understood and feels restored. The whole community benefits. Pastor Maria Valenzuela led the pastoral review of “Do You Love Me? Tend my Sheep,” followed by Communion. We were sent in peace to love and serve the world.

2019— February 16—American Lutheran Church, Sun City, AZ

Capital Conference

Saturday, April 7—Faith Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ

“Reaching Out”



Phoenix

All Saints

Faith

Grace

Mount of Olives

Native American Urban
Ministry

Our Saviour's

St. Andrew

Shepherd of the Valley

Trinity

La Vida Neuva



Spanish and English music provided
by La Vida Nueva and La Sagrada
Familia



Renewing friendships and sharing



Pastor Karn Carroll
described and
demonstrated how to
REACH!



Pastor Mary Louise
Frenchman and Rev. Jacqui
Pagel



Marlene shares her Song Book



La Sagrada Familia Sisterhood keeps growing with every event



“For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.” Psalm 57:10 “Porque grande es tu amor, llagando a los cielos; tu fidelidad alcanza los cielos.” It was truly a bi-lingual day at Faith Lutheran in Phoenix when the Capital Conference gathered to “REACH OUT.” In order for us to have the tools we need in life today Rev. Karn, from Our Saviour's Lutheran, had us reaching UP, OUT, DOWN and IN (while standing and sitting!). Rev. Jacqui Pagel, from Trinity Lutheran, shared the value of friendships and how to distinguish unhealthy relationships. Sometimes it's necessary to let go and move on.

Pastor Mary Louise Frenchman, Native American Urban Ministry, described “Reinventing Re-Entry: A Prison Ministry” which is up and running at Grace Church. Besides an ever-growing Closet where women can shop for clothes, shoes, jewelry and hygiene items, they are also provided transportation, by way of bus tickets, to travel to other needed services. They are also given counseling, stipends and encouragement to help them adjust to life outside the prison walls. When you clean your closets, please consider donating to this much needed program.

President Myrna spoke at the brief business meeting and dates for the next two Spring Gatherings were selected. After more music, the women of Faith Lutheran served a delicious lunch and we were on way to ‘Reach Out.’

2019— April 6—Shepherd of the Valley 2020—April 4 - Grace

Colorado River Conference

Saturday, April 21—Christ the Servant, Henderson, NV

“Helping Others Help Others”



Bullhead City – Community
Henderson - Christ the Servant,
New Song
Kingman - Grace
Lake Havasu City—Mount Olive
Las Vegas—Christ
Community Lutheran
Good Samaritan
Holy Spirit
Reformation
St. Andrew
The Lakes
Pahrump—Saved by Grace
St. George, UT—New



Baskinette Ministry – Handmade with LOVE



Derrick and Armenia from LSS-NV describe their passion for Helping Others Help Others.



Soap for Hope 'Executives'



525 Soap for Hope hygiene kits were assembled!



The Ladies from The Lakes Lutheran in Las Vegas, your hosts for 2019.

“Helping Others Help Others”—Centerpieces



Over 70 women strong from several churches enjoyed a beautiful day learning how people in the community and around the world are being served and helped. Church groups, friends and family were scattered at different tables giving everyone an opportunity to meet someone new. A short business meeting was led by Grand Canyon Synod WELCA President, Myrna Wells-Ulland, assisted by Vice President, Suki. Myrna shared information on the upcoming Convention/ Gathering being held at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel on November 9-11, 2019. There are about 90 congregations in the Grand Canyon Synod and all Units are encouraged to send a Voting Member to Convention. All business will be conducted on Friday afternoon, leaving the rest of the week end for workshops, servant projects, sharing ideas with other churches, being inspired, singing, eating, praying, and having fun with other women.

Armenia Mnatsakanyan and Derrick Felder, representing Lutheran Social Service of Nevada, described several innovative programs that have been developed. One example is a cyber program where people can order food on line from the LSS pantry. Sean Maseng, a high school student and Boy Scout, developed an organization called Soap for Hope as part of his Eagle Scout requirements. Drop boxes have been put at area congregations in the Valley. All products are collected, bagged and delivered to LSS to include with food products. Women attendees had a great time bagging 525 hygiene kits to add to the Soap for Hope project.

A video highlighting an orphanage in Liberia was shown during lunch. This project began with the Liberian Lutheran Church, now developing in Las Vegas. Besides Christ the Servant, Christ Lutheran became involved by adding a roof to the new orphanage. Between 50-70 children in the area have been orphaned due to the earthquake and ebola epidemic in Liberia and other Lutheran churches are being encouraged to participate in this much needed project.

Everyone had such a good time that volunteers stepped forward to host the Colorado River Conference Spring Gathering for the next THREE years! See below and add **2021—April 18—Community Lutheran, Las Vegas**

2019 – April 6 -The Lakes Lutheran, LV 2020—TBD—Mount Olive, Lake Havasu City

High Country Conference

Saturday, April 28—Spirit of Joy, Clarkdale, AZ

“We are Called”



Clarkdale—Spirit of Joy

Flagstaff—Living Christ

Flagstaff—Shepherd of the Hills

Lakeside—Church of our Savior

Payson—Mount Cross

Prescott Valley—Emmanuel

Rock Point—House of Prayer

Sedona—Christ

Williams—St. John's

Flagstaff –NAU Lutheran
Campus Ministry



Islands of Prayer group activity



Pastor Jennifer preaches on Micah 6:8



Suki with mothers and daughters from the Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point.

Hannah Miller and Charlotte Shurtz from Lutheran Social Services gave an overview of programs being offered in Arizona with special focus on the Refugee Program (not to be confused with Immigration Program). There are over 22.5 million refugees worldwide. 80% are women and children and 70% spend over 10 years in a camp! Forty countries have Resettlement programs but less than 1/2 percent are resettled.

Lea Begay, Manager of the Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, shared some of the new programs being developed at Rock Point to try to combat rising alcohol and drug problems. The 2016 census stated a population of 642 in the Rock Point area. A more accurate number is close to 2,500. Healer's Circle, led by local spiritual leaders, provides a place to talk, listen and heal. Laura's Closet (replacing the Thrift Store) provides needed items for local residents. The private Mission school now serves 32 students in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade. Conference attendees assembled Matthew Kits to be used in Laura's Closet.

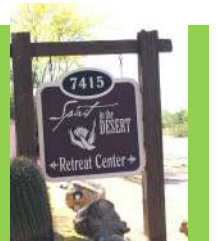
After a delicious lunch and brief business meeting, which included the approval of new Conference Planners and determining the dates and locations for the next two years, attendees were divided in three groups and participated in Islands of Prayer, an outdoor activity for prayer and reflection. Pastor Jennifer Zahnow led Worship and Communion focusing on Micah 6:8. The day finished with the singing of 'We Are Called.'

2019—April 27, Living Christ, Flagstaff; 2020—April 25, Mt. Cross, Payson

Northeast Valley Conference

Saturday, April 28—Spirit in the Desert, Carefree, AZ

“Keepers of the Wisdom — Our Stories”



Carefree—Christ the Lord

Fountain Hills—New Journey

Paradise Valley—Ascension

Gloria Dei

Phoenix— La Sagrada Familia

Prince of Peace

Scottsdale—Bethany

Living Water

New Covenant

Resurrection



Centerpieces



Pastor Shari Bernau from Living Water gives the opening devotion from our scripture from Proverbs 4:6 “Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you”



100 new and gently used books were brought in for distribution through the Assistance League of Phoenix. Another 256 books were purchased with a Thrivent Action Team gift card. All books will benefit literacy in our community.



Keynote speaker Vickie Mullins asks “what’s in your legacy gift box?”



The small, intimate setting in Lower Estrem provided space for lots of good conversation.

Richard Andersen explaining SITD’s Healing of Memories Program



A small but mighty group of women from the NE Valley Conference churches gathered to celebrate the gift of wisdom in our stories at the beautiful Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center. Pastor Shari reminded us that sharing our wisdom and love and caring everyday can be more impactful than a sermon message. We were inspired by our keynote speaker, Vickie Mullins, who challenged us to think about what we want to leave as our legacy, our story. Sue Brash, a volunteer with Assistance League of Phoenix, shared the League’s mission, including improving literacy through the distribution of new and gently used books. Since 2004, over 250,000 books have been distributed. Richard Andersen from Spirit in the Desert, educated us on their Healing of Memories Program for Veterans. 50% of our worship offering of \$412 was directed toward a scholarship for women veterans attending the Healing of Memories program. Following lunch, we learned the history of our theme song, “I Love to Tell the Story.” Pastor Shari concluded our time together with a communion service.

2019—TBD

Rio Salado Conference

Saturday, February 24, - Our Saviors, Mesa, AZ

“Finding Our Bold”



Apache Junction—

Epiphany of Christ

Gilbert—Spirit of Joy

Mesa—Bethlehem

First Evangelical

Love of Christ

Our Savior's of

East Mesa

Spirit of Hope

The Forge

San Tan Valley—

Crossroads

Queen Valley—Queen
Valley



Meet Katie Luther



Finding their Bold



The Planning Committee



Suki and bible study leader, Pastor
Tina Mills



iHELP Service Project sponsored by
Lutheran Social Services



Rev. Deborah Hutterer, LSS

It has been a long time coming but some BOLD women have revived the Rio Salado Conference and provided a great day for 50 attendees. Katie Luther, aka Jean Bradford, gave a wonderful historical rendering of her life with Martin, much of which was news to many of those in attendance. The group was then split in half: bible study with Pastor Tina and Finding Your Bold with Synod Board member Randi VenHuizen and Donna Blad. After taking a little quiz many of the women discovered that, unbeknownst to them, they really had some BOLD characteristics! Pastor Deborah Hutterer from Lutheran Social Services spoke on iHelp (Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program) which gives women a place to stay, eat and rebuild their lives. She filled her trunk with contributions from the women.

The women were so excited they already have a host church for 2019 (Love of Christ) and 10 have volunteered to be on the Planning Committee!

2019 - March 30 - Love of Christ, Mesa, AZ

Sunrise/Santa Cruz Conference

Saturday March 3 - Mt. Zion, Tucson, AZ

“Fill My Cup Lord—Mad Hatter’s Tea Party”



Sunrise

Benson—San Raphael
Safford—Faith
Sierra Vista—Sierra Evangelical
Tucson—Abounding Grace
Lutheran Church of the Foothills
New Spirit
Streams in the Desert
Tanque Verde

Santa Cruz

Benson—St. Raphael
Green Valley—Desert Hills
Oro Valley—Resurrection
Tucson—American
Beautiful Savior
Dove of Peace
Lord of Grace
Mount Zion
Open Space
Our Saviour's
San Juan Bautista
Santa Cruz

Uof A Lutheran Campus Ministry,
Tucson



Synod Board Members Lisa, Heidi, Suki and Randi



Communion Service



The return of Mira, the Mad Hatter.



Bonnie brings laughter



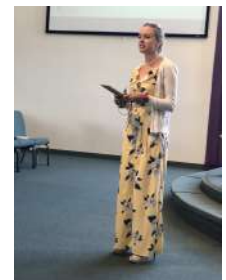
Mae and Dottie, dressed for the Queen.



Fellowship Hall converted to an elegant tea room.



Is Judy competing for the Mad Hatter title?



Visioning with Heidi

74 women representing eight churches gathered for an elegant tea party provided by the women of Mt. Zion Lutheran in Tucson. WELCA Board Member, Heidi Gerrish, led a lively 'Visioning' discussion where women shared many of the Service and Outreach Projects their Units are participating in. A brief Business Meeting was held to announce Treasurer's Report and planning for the 2019 Gathering (March 2/Desert Hills Lutheran/Green Valley/Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell, Keynote) and 2020 (March 7/Sierra Evangelical/Sierra Vista). Gift baskets, donated by each church, raised a total of \$660.00 for Conference Scholarships. The LOVE offering from Units, individuals and the Sunrise/Santa Cruz Conference totaled \$ 743.00 and will be given to the Grand Canyon Synod WELCA to continue providing events. The Worship offering of \$ 448.00 was equally divided between Churchwide and the Herb and Corinne Chilstrom Scholarship Fund for Women Seminarians. Pastor Craig Larson conducted a Homily (*"Praise the women of the church and get out of their way."*) and Communion after which we all settled in for some tea and lunch. There was a tight race for 'best dressed to meet the Queen', but Dottie and Mae split the prize and are now best friends. Author, humorist, and columnist, Bonnie Willemssen, shared stories from her life that produced much laughter and nodding of heads. A full day of sharing, learning, laughter and surprises was enjoyed by everyone!

2019—March 2—Desert Hills Lutheran 2020—March 7—Sierra Evangelical, Sierra Vista

Fiesta Conference

Central, Arizona City
Desert Cross, Tempe
Esperanza, Phoenix
Holy Trinity, Chandler
Maricopa Lutheran,
Maricopa
Mountain View, Phoenix
University, Tempe

ASU Lutheran Campus
Ministry

IS IT TIME FOR A BOOT CAMP?

We would love to hear about
your Women's Ministries.

Call Suki

702 493-7436



Happenings Around the Synod



Quilters from **Living Water Lutheran** in Scottsdale completed more than 70 quilts for Lutheran World Relief this year. The quilts were blessed on April 8 and left Phoenix on the LWR ingathering truck on April 14 to bring warmth and comfort to those in need.

Heather and Ivan Fernandez retired to Puerto Rico prior to Storm Maria. They soon found themselves helping neighbors as best they could. That's when their former church family from **Sierra Evangelical** in Sierra Vista came to the rescue. They collected money, called Amazon and had 50 water purification kits, 100 mosquito nets, solar lights and 100 cans of OFF sent to the Fernandez'. Heather and Ivan drove these supplies to a mountain village, still without power, and helped distribute and install the purification systems to over 250 people! They also took fresh bread to give out to the villagers. Everyone in Sierra Vista agreed that it was a joy to be able to make contact with former members and see how, working together, they could make a difference. . . from miles away.



Lutheran World Relief Truck Arrives

Shepherd of the Valley, Phoenix

Saturday, April 14, 2018



Churchwide Board member Laura Krueger accepts delivery from Las Vegas.



Fun day at Lord of Life focusing on School Kits.



Students at the College of Medicine at University of Nevada in Las Vegas heard about the WELCA project and decided to make 100 Personal Care Kits and drive them to meet the LWR truck in Phoenix! You don't need to be Lutheran to be involved with a project.



The whole congregation at Spirit of Joy in Mesa joined together and contributed 204 School Kits.

Results

Baby Care Kits	28
Fabric Kits	11
Personal Care Kits	282
Quilts	312
School Kits	479

Challenge—2019

- ⇒ Check out LWR.org and identify a project
- ⇒ Plan a Servant Project Event—Make it FUN!
- ⇒ Publicize a local churchwide drive for items
- ⇒ Apply for Thrivent Action Team for Event food and supplemental items for LWR Kits
- ⇒ Provide a donation basket to collect funds to help with LWR worldwide shipping
- ⇒ Repeat on a quarterly basis
- ⇒ Meet the 2019 LWR truck and watch us increase the 2018 numbers!

Conference and Diversity Scholarships For Convention/Gathering

Each of the nine (9) Conferences of Grand Canyon Women of the ELCA can choose a recipient from their conference to receive a Conference Scholarship OR a Diversity Scholarship for Convention/Gathering. If you would like to submit your name for consideration for one of your Conference's scholarships, please complete the appropriate application (pages 12 and 13) and send it to the contact person for your Conference listed below. If you are unsure which Conference is yours, please contact Myrna or Suki (information on page 16).

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Conference Contacts—Be on the look out for women who would benefit from attending the November 9-11, 2018 Convention/Gathering in Phoenix and encourage them to submit Scholarship Applications. If you have any questions regarding your 'duties', please give Myrna or Suki a call. All scholarships applications should be **mailed to Myrna no later than August 20.**

Conference Scholarship

I would like to submit my name for consideration for the Conference Scholarship granted to attend the 2018 Grand Canyon Synod Women of the ELCA Convention/Gathering

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Church _____ Conference _____

Please respond with honesty and an open heart.

What are your passions for serving Christ now and in the future?

What gifts do you feel you have been blessed with?

What has been your experience with Women of the ELCA and how would you like to participate in this organization in the future?

Signature _____

Submit to your Conference Contact by August 15, 2018

Diversity Scholarship

I am a woman whose ethnic background is not Caucasian, or whose primary language is other than English. I would like to submit my name for consideration for the Diversity Scholarship granted to attend the Grand Canyon Women of the ELCA 2018 Convention/Gathering.

Name_____

Address_____

Zip_____ Phone_____

E Mail_____

Church_____ Conference_____

What are your passions for serving Christ now and in the future?

What gifts do you feel you have been blessed with?

What has been your experience with Women of the ELCA and how would you like to participate in this organization in the future?

How has your diverse background influenced your faith?

Signature_____

Submit to your Conference Contact by August 15, 2018



Grand Canyon Synod Women of the ELCA Convention/Gathering November 9-11, 2018

*“And what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8*

Keynote Speaker: Pastor Meghan Aelabouni “Fully Known, Fully Loved”

Friday, November 9 – Convention Business Meeting for Voting Members

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

6:00 pm - Informal dinner 7:00 pm - Opening Session with Pastor Meghan.

8:00 pm - Evening Social

Saturday/Sunday – Gathering (General Sessions, Workshops, Food, Worship)

\$150.00 – Full weekend Registration- All sessions, Friday night dinner/Opening Session with Music and Meghan, Evening Social, Saturday lunch, Evening Banquet, Sunday Worship

\$100.00 – “Saturday Only” Registration – Saturday sessions, Saturday lunch and Evening Banquet

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\$139.00 – Single

\$149.00 – Double

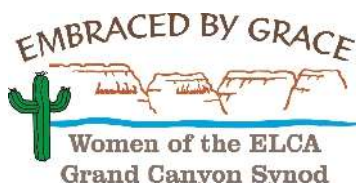
\$159.00 – Triple

\$169.00 – Quad

Rates subject to 12.57% room tax

Checkout out our website for Registration and Scholarship forms

www.grandcanyonwomen.org



What's Next?



1. Reserve November 9-11, 2018 on your calendars and inform your family and friends that you have plans. Invite a friend, sister, mother, or daughter to join you for Convention/Gathering.
2. Check out www.grandcanyonwomen.org for more details and Scholarship Applications.
3. Prayerfully consider running for the WELCA Board (Application on line)
4. Make sure your church unit has a designated Voting Member signed up to attend. Note: ALL business will be done on Friday afternoon beginning at 1:30 p.m.
5. Plan to shop in our on site Spirit in the Desert Bookstore.
6. Watch for the Canyon Echoes Convention Edition to be e-mailed on June 1.
7. Call Myrna or Suki if you have any questions.

See you at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel in Phoenix!



Love Offering



- ♦ Typically given by a Unit, Conference, or individual at Convention, Retreat and/or Gathering.
- ♦ **ALL** money stays with the Grand Canyon Synod WELCA to develop training, communication and events in support of our women's ministry

Conference and Convention Worship Offering

- 1/2 is sent to Churchwide
- 1/2 is designated per the Conference and Convention planners



Credit Card Charging is now available!

All checks should be made payable to: **Women of the ELCA—GCS**

Debbie Romboletti, 1111 Heaton Ave., Henderson, NV 89052—Treasurer



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.

El Proposito

Como comunidad de mujeres creadas a imagen de Dios, llamadas a convertirnos en discípulas de Jesucristo, y fortalecidas por el Espíritu Santo, nos comprometemos a crecer en la fe, afirmar nuestros dones, apoyarnos las unas a las otras en nuestras respectivas vocaciones, involucrarnos en el ejercicio del ministerio y la acción, y promover la sanación e integridad en la iglesia, la sociedad y el mundo.

What does our churchwide Women of the ELCA logo mean? Our churchwide logo, with the cross, water and a white lily, identifies women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as children of God; baptized, forgiven, adopted into God's family, full of grace and hope in eternal life. It's a reminder of the growth, beauty, and vitality that rises out of that life-giving baptismal water. It's also a reminder of the mission of the church to "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19)

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