

Churchwide News:

Bold Café on June 5: Join us for a special Garden Party led by our host, author Celeste Kennel-Shank. She will guide our conversation on the importance of our relationship with plants for our well-being. Bring your granddaughters, daughters, nieces, and others! We'll provide a downloadable coloring sheet for everyone, and participants are encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed animal or doll.

Date: June 5, 2025

Time: 7:00-8:00pm CDT

Register: <https://www.boldcafe.org/dinner/>



Celebrate National Pride Month

June is national Pride month that honors LGBTQIA2S+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Two-Spirit +) people. Download resources to share with your congregation at

<https://www.reconcilingworks.org/resources/pride/>

WELCA Triennial Convention will be held online from July 14-16, 2026.

There will be a pre-Convention virtual practice sessions for voting members to become familiar with the virtual voting process.

WELCA Triennial Gathering will be held in Des Moines, Iowa from July 16-19, 2026. Registration will open July 16, 2025 at

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>



Synodical News



Rachel Brown

Thanks for our transition to a new NT-NL SWO Webmaster

Thanks to Leslie Jenkins transitioning her responsibilities as our NT-NL SWO webmaster to Rachel Brown. Rachel serves as the Administrative Assistant at Central Lutheran Church in Dallas and we're grateful for your service.

NT-NL Synod Assembly on April 25-26, 2025



Keynote Rev. Edson Way (ECUSA)



Installation of NT-NL Conference Deans



Rev. Darlene Hopkins Sat. Worship Message

NT-NL Synod Assembly on April 25-26, 2025 (cont.)



Our synod assembly was held at the MCM Elegante Hotel & Suites in Lubbock, TX. Our keynote speaker, Rev. Edson Way, (ECUSA) gave a historical overview of how the area was developed. Rev. Darlene Hopkins gave the worship message on Saturday with fabric strips showing how we're woven together to shine our light. We had a WELCA display table to meet people, sell SERRV Fair Trade Products for our SWO Scholarship Fund and sell SWO t-shirts. Thanks to PLM Lupita Escamilla, our NT-NL Latinx Special Unit Board Member, for helping me set up and those who said hi.

Heart of Texas (HOT) Conference Spring Gathering on May 3, 2025



Our theme verse was "For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." from 2 Corinthians 4:6. Rev. Christopher Richmann served as officiant for Holy Communion and key note speaker. A silent auction was held, and a quilt was raffled off.

NT-NL SWO Convention

Dates: October 10-11, 2025

Place: Calvary Lutheran Church, 7620 Baker Blvd., Richland Hills, TX

Keynote: Patti Reed, Smart Conversations for All Generations

Registration: Early bird \$35/person by 9/12/25 and email pgrosze@tx.rr.com

Agenda:

1. Our Nominating Committee will be accepting nominations for all positions on our board, because we were all elected in 2023
2. Nominate 2 delegates (a woman of color and a first-timer attendee) to vote at the 2026 Triennial besides the SWO President
3. Pass a resolution, which the board approved and recommending: "Resolve to discontinue the allocation of yearly checking account interest to the various Custodial Accounts and instead deposit all interest from the account into the Scholarship Fund in order to better utilize these funds to help all in need to participate in WELCA and the NT-NL SWO."



Goal #1 is to improve communication with several methods:



- Join our FaceBook NT-NL SWO Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/748717508538531> where this page features local events within our NT-NL Synodical Women's Organization.
- Join our FaceBook NT-NL SWO Page at <https://www.facebook.com/ntnlsw> where this page features Synodical Women's Groups from around the ELCA
- Check out our website at <https://ntnlutheranwomen.com/>

Peace, Jane Winge,
NT-NL SWO President