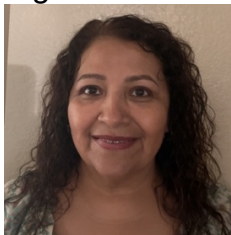


Churchwide News:

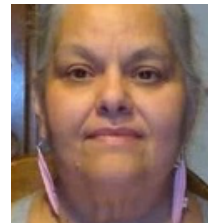
WELCA Triennial Convention will be held online from July 13-15, 2026. Thanks to our NT-NL SWO Voting Delegates elected at our SWO Convention on October 10, 2025:



Lupita Escamilla, PLM



Cate Berridge



Renea Tucker

WELCA Triennial Gathering will be held in Des Moines, Iowa from July 16-19, 2026 with worship, workshops and service projects. Early bird registration ends January 5 at

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

WELCA Strategic Plan Updates:

- Celebrated the close of the 2122 capital campaign for Katie's Fund, which has raised \$850,000 in donations and pledges since it launched the campaign in 2022. Katie's Fund provides grants to fund programs, resources and opportunities in leadership development, global connections and living theology at <https://www.elca.org/our-work/grants/welca-grants-scholarships> by Sept. 1st and Nov. 1st.
- Participated in the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix.



- Hosted a mission trip to Tanzania. Two staff members, Eva James Yeo and Valora Starr, and one WELCA participant, Nola Smith, traveled to the Meru Diocese to meet with girls and women involved in the African Girls Scholarship and Mentorship program (AGSMP), which has received three seed grants from Women of the ELCA.
- Established the S.A.L.T. (Share Abundance, Love, and Thanks!) appeal aimed at closing WELCA's 2024 funding gap of \$250,000. Gifts given to S.A.L.T. by January 31, 2026, at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/salt-appeal> will be matched up to \$50,000.
- Producing new resources on the topics of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and gun violence prevention.
- Launching WELCA Campus Ambassadors, a program designed to connect young women on college campuses with peers, raise awareness of WELCA's ministry, and introduce young women to authentic intergenerational community at <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/ministry-action/intergenerational-2>



A virtual Blue Christmas Service
December 21 at 7pm CST

Blue Christmas on December 21

Our Blue Christmas Service offers a safe place to bring your grief, fear, and loss. Brief readings. Quiet and reflective music. Prayers. All are welcome. Spanish translation provided.

Date: Sunday, December 21, 2025

Time: 7:00-8:00pm CT

Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_T_O-DI4iTTGtNaV1SFMmsg#/registration

Synodical News

NT-NL SWO \$500 Continuing Education Scholarship Awarded

Congrats to Tricia Huston whose application was approved for a \$500 scholarship to further her seminary education as a Deaconess. Applicants must be a participant in a WELCA unit and a voting member of the ELCA. Course of study may have a ministry job component, or it may be for continuing education in job training or updating vocational training. Deadlines for application are **May 15 and November 15**. To apply, click on <https://ntnlutheranwomen.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Application.pdf>



Dallas Area Metro North Spring Retreat on April 18

Serve Others
1 Peter 4:10

Save the Date!!

Don't miss an opportunity to join with other members of the Dallas Area MetroPlex North Conference! We have great speakers, interesting and fun breakout sessions, and always great food and conversation! More details will follow—so mark your calendars now!

NTNL DAMN Conference Spring Retreat
April 18, 2026

Our keynote speaker is Pastor Cheryl Herried, pastor at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Allen, TX. She has a heart for those Jesus sought out—the poor, the oppressed, the outcast. Before joining CTSLC, Cheryl served at Rejoice Lutheran in Coppell, where she focused on discipleship development, worship, and outreach as their Vicar while completing her seminary studies. Before pastoring, Cheryl was an HR professional with a concentration in leadership and organizational development. Cheryl and her husband, Bob, have two daughters, and she loves running with their German Shepherd.

Hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church, Sherman, TX

Join us on Facebook

Don't miss an opportunity to join with other members of the Dallas Area MetroPlex North Conference! We have great speakers, interesting and fun breakout sessions, and always great food and conversation!

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2026

Place: Trinity Lutheran Church
1515 N. Travis St
Sherman TX 75092

Speaker: Rev. Cheryl Herried

Theme: *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10*

NT-NL SWO Fall Retreat Save the Date!

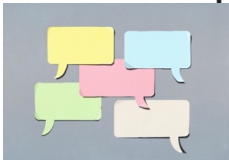
Save the date for our NT-NL SWO Fall Retreat and more information will be coming!

Date: October 9-10, 2026

Place: St. Matthew Lutheran Church
800 N New Road
Waco TX 76710



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