

News from the Women of the ELCA

Memorial for Jesse Hall

Jesse grew up in our church and passed away suddenly last year. We would like to continue remembering him with scholarships to go to Camp Caroline Furnace. He enjoyed attending events there with our youth group. If you wish to participate make check payable to St. John's – Jesse Hall Memorial on memo line. Thank you!

Convention Scholarship

Have you thought about going to our West Virginia-Western Maryland Synodical Convention, but you just did not feel you had the financial support to attend, or you have not been to a synodical convention? The Synodical Board wants to help you.

Are you willing to attend this year's convention at Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center in Huttonsville, WV and are you --

-A woman from a church that has not sent a delegate in the last five years or more, OR

-A woman under age 40 who has never attended a convention

If you agree to attend as a delegate and meet one of these two requirements, the WV-Western Maryland Women of the ELCA will pay your registration fee along with room and meals if you are selected.

If you are interested, please send your synodical convention registration form (In the May issue of *Lutheran Lines*) along with a letter from your local Women Of the ELCA congregational unit president or secretary. This letter needs to include a statement of financial need, age, (if younger woman), or the last synodical convention your unit had a delegate attend. Mail the registration form and letter, before June 1, 2011, to President, Dolly J.

Nilsen, HC 71, Box 32B, Franklin, WV 26807. If you have questions you may contact Ms. Nilsen or any board member.

The recipients of the two Scholarships will be notified by July 1st. We look forward to meeting with you and hearing your ideas as we work together toward the future of Women of the ELCA. Please think about it as a new beginning to help your Women of the ELCA local unit.

Your Synodical Board

St. John's would only be able to use the woman under 40 criteria and if you would be interested Andrea and I would be glad to help in any way. If you have never attended a convention because of financial concerns please consider. It's a great opportunity!

We will also be electing a president and vice-president and four board members at this year's convention. If any one is interested please see me as soon as possible for nomination forms. More convention information will be shared in May.

REMINDER: Thank offerings will now be collected at the September meeting.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

April 8 – Mustard Seed Turkey and Ham Dinner – come and support them

April 9 – Cluster Meeting at Baker Community Center at 10:00AM. “Increasing Our Faith Together” is the theme – revealing of past and selection of new Secret Sisters – Memorial and Church service-Pastor Christine.

Registration forms are on our bulletin board in Luther Hall or please see Linda Riley. **ALSO PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE ENOUGH DRIVERS. COME AND JOIN US!**

April 10 – Lutheran Women in the Fast Lane meet at 12:15PM in the Lounge

April 19 – Circle Meetings

-St. John's Circle will meet in the Lounge at 1:00PM. They will continue there study of Women in the Bible. Watch the bulletin for more information.

-Mary/Martha Circle meets at 7:00PM in the Lounge. Please read Lesson 9 – Ending Poorly – *Cultivating a Life of Character* by Elizabeth George

May 1 – Book Club meets at 1:00PM at the home of Evelyn Coffinberger. We are reading *Look Again* by Lisa Scottoline

May 17 – Mother-Child Banquet at 6:30PM in Luther Hall. Meal cooked and served by men of the church.

More information will be offered next month.

Linda Riley, Co-President