

# Walking in the Word

Official Newsletter of the Central States Synod Women of the ELCA

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## Walk With Me - Alice Burnett

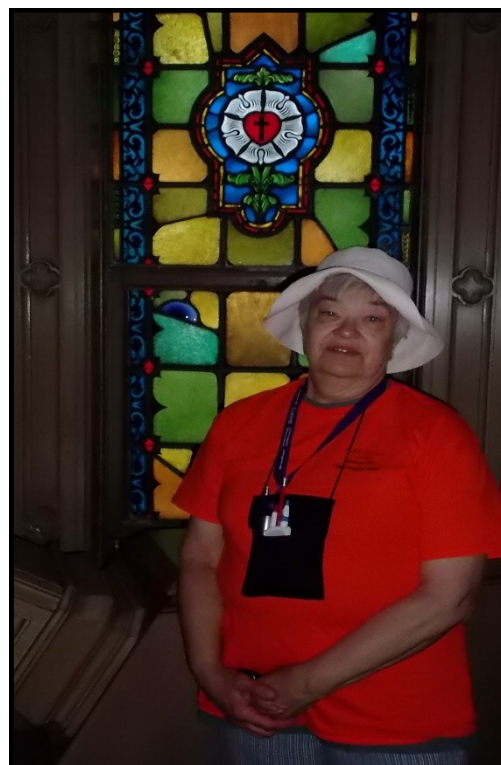
Recently, I heard that a leader in an ELCA congregation asked, "What do the women do?" I was offended and wondered if this person has had his (her) head in the sand. I calmed down and then God spoke to me. "Alice, you share the blame."

With God's help, as president, I will educate clergy and rostered leaders, and inform women about our organization. It may be hard to do. But I will begin by just telling my story.

I grew up Lutheran. I was baptized, confirmed and married in the Lutheran church in Diller, NE. I graduated from a Lutheran school of nursing in Omaha and retired after practicing as an RN for 38 years.

My mother, who took me to "Ladies Aid", witnessed to me as she taught Sunday School; conducted LCW meetings; and, made quilts for Lutheran World Relief. My dad was a benevolent farmer giving generously to his church and serving on the church council.

My husband spent his career in the U.S. Air Force in Kansas. He retired



after serving at the McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, KS.

I have been involved with the Women of the ELCA since its formation, serving in various capacities.

Being elected CSS W/ELCA president is a humbling honor. I invite you, as God's instruments, to walk with me on this journey. With God's guidance and help, we can accomplish the task of sharing our experiences of fellowship and love with other Women of the ELCA. All with the purpose to encourage our sisters in Christ to join us.

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***Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. —Ephesians 6:10***

### Welcome New 2017—2018 Officers, Board Members

These ladies were elected at the 30th Annual CSS W/ELCA convention held Sept. 29—Oct. 1, 2017 in McPherson, KS.

**President**—Alice Burnett, Cross of Glory, Derby, KS.

**Treasurer** (after 2-1-2018) - Vickie Donnell, Messiah Lutheran, Springfield, MO.

**Board Member**— Ann Hoover, Pymont Trinity Lutheran, Stover, MO.

**Board Member**—Kim Frederking, Bethlehem Lutheran, WaKeeney, KS.

**Board Member** — Anna Prockish, Redeemer Lutheran, Salina, KS.

## ***Justice is faith in action — Rev. Dinah Dutta***

### ***Dear Sisters in Christ—***

Congratulations to those of you who were elected to the new board. Welcome Alice Burnett as the president.

As your sister in Christ and also a member of the W/ELCA executive board, I want to share with you how important is our ministry together. We as SWO have much work to do. How can we do that? Where do we start? Are we too busy or too old to do much work? These are thoughts that often crowd and clutter our minds. It also is true that we want to do it alone. That is hard. But, together we can make a difference.

My challenge to all of us is— invite new, young people to your clusters. Meet together to pray to see where God is leading us. Invite me to come to your cluster meetings to share with you what I have learned as well as what was decided at the executive board meeting. You do not need to wait for another year to learn what is happening in our CSS. I also encourage you to go to the WELCA.org web site and check out all the resources that are available.

As the holiday season approaches, let us also think about giving more to W/ELCA or to a ministry that is close to your heart. The ministry that is close

to my heart is justice.

### ***What does justice mean to you?***

- Justice is faith in action. It addresses inequities in political, economic and social systems.
- Justice is equity and impartiality, mercy and compassion.
- Justice includes serving God in ways that bring healing and wholeness to the church, the society and the world.

During the Triennial gathering, I heard so much about human trafficking and racial injustice, that it just breaks my heart. I am so thankful to live in a country of abundance. How can I pay it forward?

Please do not hesitate to contact me at pastor-dutta@gmail.com, 785-979-8362. May we look forward to serving God with this wonderful ministry as sisters in Christ! May the Lord bless you to be a blessing!

At the 2014 and 2017 Triennial conventions, voting members voted to bring awareness to prevent human trafficking. There are many ways we may do that. ***What is your W/ELCA group doing?***

## ***Rev. Dutta elected to second executive board term***



The Rev. Dinah Dutta has been elected to a second three-year term as a executive board member of the Women of the ELCA.

She was born into the a Hindu-Christian family in India, where she was brought up in the Christian faith. She has a Ph.D. in Organic Medicinal Chemistry. After a 20-

year career as a cancer research scientist in Germany and the United States, Rev. Dutta accepted God's call to the ministry and was ordained in 2010.

Rev. Dutta serves as a solo pastor at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Emporia, KS. She lives in Lawrence, KS with her husband, Dr. Apurba Dutta. He is

a professor at the University of Kansas in the School of Pharmacy.

Rev. Dutta has been very passionate about women's Ministry since she was very young. She has active W/ELCA circles in her congregation. She was delighted to serve as a chaplain at the 2017 Triennial in Minneapolis, MN.

During service with the CSS, Rev. Dutta has served on the synod council, executive council and mission budget team. She currently serves on the CSS church wide disciplinary action and resolutions committees. Rev. Dutta also is a Stephen minister; and, interviews candidates for leadership in mission development in ELCA.

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## **Living Lutheran — Vickie Donnell, treasurer**

I am a cradle Lutheran and grew up in Cole Camp, MO where I was a member of United Lutheran Church. Since 1971, I have been a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Springfield, Mo., where I am a Bible Study leader of the W/ELCA Martha Circle. I currently serve as a member of the church's Vision & Mission 2.0 Planning and Transition Team. I am also the Evangelism committee chairperson; and serve as a Faith Community nurse, congregational council secretary, Stephen Ministry leader, and in

worship assisting roles.

I retired in 2015 after 45 years as a RN, with a majority of my career as a nurse educator. For 10 years, I was the Executive Director of Clinical Education for the Mercy Health System in Chesterfield, MO.

My life revolves around my family, friends and church. I am thankful for my husband, Ed, who has supported me and my craziness for 46 years; and our daughters and their families. And I think our four grandchildren are very special!

## **"All Anew" for the coming year — Carolyn Olson, secretary**

*"All Anew"* was the theme for the Women of the ELCA's Tenth Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis, MN. When something happens new, it happens again; but in a fresh way that might be different.

*Anew* is a word that describes things that happen again but are more than just a rerun. If a couple takes their marriage vows anew, it is a little different than the first time. If a clothes trend happens anew, it is a revival of the original trend that will not be identical. The word applies to renewals and fresh starts of many kinds.

Because the Tenth Triennial Gathering fell during the observance of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation in 2017, the theme resonates with *reformation* and *transformation* images. At the gathering, participants explored ways in which the Holy Spirit changes us. Through that action, we acknowledged that reformation and transformation have happened and continue to happen within the

community of women, known as Women of the ELCA.

One theme verse, calls on God to send the Holy Spirit to renew not just God's people. Not just God's church. But all God's earth, the creation that God called good.

**Psalm 104:30**

***Lord, send forth your spirit...and renew the face of the earth.***

**Romans 12:2**

***Be transformed by the renewing of your minds. You will be changed from the inside out.***

**2 Corinthians 4:16**

***Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.***

**Titus 3:4-5**

***[God] gave us a good bath, and we came out of it a new people, washed inside and out by the Holy Spirit.***

Ponder these words of faith and have a year that is all anew!



## **Rev. Dutta**

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Rev. Dutta is a cancer survivor and leads a support group called "Bosom Buddies" in Lawrence, KS. Supporting and encouraging women in their struggles to fight the disease, gives her an opportunity to pay it forward in answer to her own life's healing. She calls herself a *prayer warrior* as she prays for the needs and healing of women worldwide.



## ***Be empowered — Ann Hoover, board member***

I am from Stover, MO and attend Pymont Trinity Lutheran Church. I am excited to have a new role in the Women of the ELCA organization as a SWO board member. I have been the treasurer and secretary of our unit, and a voting member at the Triennial and CSS conventions.

As I reflect on the purpose statement of W/ELCA, I do believe that I am a *disciple of Jesus Christ* and definitely *empowered by the Holy Spirit*. I believe my *growth in faith* has enabled me to move outside my comfort zone and become more active in leadership. As we work with a unit, I see us come together with each of us taking part in the areas we enjoy. We all are supported in our work. *We affirm our gifts and support one another*. I believe in *ministry and action* and that we should be mission-driven, doing for others whenever we can. *Promoting healing and wholeness in the church society and the world* sounds like a big job. But, I believe anytime we can do one small act toward this goal, we can

have a big affect as that small act snowballs.

I have been assigned to the Justice-Human Trafficking area. This has been on my mind since the 2014 Triennial Gathering. I hope we will be able to work on a related project. I pay attention to those who are meeting and working toward making a difference, but not as yet been able to participate. I think that is about to change!

I am still working as a physical therapist assistant. It is a rewarding job I have enjoyed for 42 years. My husband, Brian, is involved in mission trips, and I help with them as I can.

My hobbies are reading and knitting, and I hope to learn how to sew. We live in the country where I enjoy gardening, hiking in the woods and looking for wildflowers. Our animals include chickens, cats and our German Shepherd dog, Sonny.

I look forward to serving in this new capacity in which I hope to learn and grow.

## ***Spread the Good News — Kathy Steinke, board member***



I am a second-year CSS W/ELCA board member. I thoroughly enjoyed worshiping, praying and sharing ideas and hugs with everyone who gathered in McPherson, KS this past September. What a fun reunion!

My board member responsibility is the area of discipleship,

which is the lifelong journey of living out and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. During my seven-hour drive home, I reflected on my weekend experiences. *The importance of encouraging other women* stood out as my number one take-a-way. Several women share specific ways they are reaching out to women in their home congregations who are not currently engaged in bible study or fellowship. We must be *authentic and intentional with invitations to all women of all ages in our sphere of influence*. This takes time and involves some risk (someone saying, "No thanks"). But God is with us and is calling us to support each other by inviting, encouraging, giving, praying, serving, studying and worshiping.

Please email me with ways you or your unit is reaching out to get more women involved. My circle meets in the evening once a month at a restaurant nearby our church. About five to eight of our women gather there.

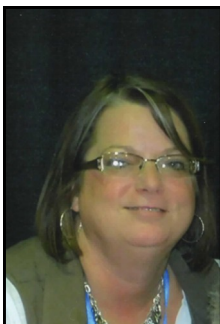
Two years ago, I invited a young working mother to join us. I served with her husband on the witness team, but I did not know her well. I invited her five consecutive months before I happened to ask her while she was with her husband. His response was positive as he encouraged her to attend. She joined us the following week and since then has been a regular attendee.

God works through each of us. We are God's hands, feet and voice. I would love to hear from you - [kathyteinke81@gmail.com](mailto:kathyteinke81@gmail.com).

***31st CSS WELCA Convention  
July 13—15, 2018  
Windermere Retreat Center  
Roach, MO  
Website: WindermereUSA.org***

## 2017 Convention: WWKD — Kathy Regehr, Vice-President

The 30th Annual Convention of the CSS Women of the ELCA was held in McPherson, KS, Sept. 29—Oct. 1, 2017 with 115 in attendance. Our theme for the weekend was “What Would Katie Do?”. Convention scripture was **Romans 12:2**. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.



The convention opened Friday evening with a warm welcome from President Lisa Youngquist. Mayor Thomas Brown welcomed the women to McPherson. Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich, chaplain, lead an inspirational worship service. A Love Offering of about \$1,991 was received Friday evening. Following the worship service, Rev. Tim Leaf and Kim Frederking entertained us with a Katie Luther skit and ended with a beer tasting from 3 Rings Brewery. We were privileged to have Lisa Plorin, church-wide WELCA president attend and give an inspiring message the following morning.

Saturday began with Rev. Pavlovich leading us in devotions. While voting members attended the business meeting, other participants had the option of attending a painting class or share craft activities. Thanks to all who donated food items to McPherson County Food.

During the business meeting, Alice Burnett of Derby, KS was elected president and Vickie Donnell of Springfield, MO was elected treasurer. Ann Hoover of Stover,

MO was elected to the CSS W/ELCA board. Frederking of Wakeeney, KS and Anna Prockish of Salina, KS were elected to another board term.

All women had the opportunity to attend three of four workshops: How to deal with death and helping others by Chris Whittaker; Easy exercises and relaxation tips for caregivers by Kelly Dossett; Taking care of the caregiver by Jana McKinney; a workshop by Plorin; and a group discussion led by Rev. Susan Candea.

Many women dressed up for the Saturday night banquet. Entertainment by the Smoky Valley Bluegrass Band left us uplifted.

Our Sunday morning closing worship was led by Rev. Candea.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our 31st annual convention at Windermere Retreat Center in Roach, MO, July 13-15, 2018.

## Thank you for making our 2017 convention a success!

Chris Wiens, program planning;  
Kim Hett and Susie Borgstrom, worship and music;  
Bernita Richards and Jean Rowland, registrar;  
Mary Ann Conyers, local events chair;  
Rev. Pavlovich, chaplain;  
Miriam Strasen, choir director/song leader;  
Genevieve Bishop and Brett Janssen, accompanist;  
Smoky Valley Cluster, providing snacks  
Trinity Lutheran, graciously hosting our convention.

### 2017 CSS W/ELCA Convention donation\$, offering\$

**Friday and Sunday worship (total) \$4,013.**

1/2 — ELCA church wide, \$2,006.50

1/4 — Circles of McPherson County \$1,003.25

1/4 — CSS W/ELCA, \$1,003.25

**Lutheran Disaster Response \$1,550**  
(matched by Thrivent)

**CSS Educational Scholarship Fund \$242.16**  
(proceeds from raffle)

**Barbara Nelson Scholarship Fund for Triennial Registration (baskets silent auction) \$768**

**In-kind offerings (value) \$1,011 plus \$250**  
**monetary donation to McPherson County Food Bank**

**Rhonda Templing, CSS W/ELCA Treasurer**

## Are you on board? — *By Kathy Steinke, Kim Frederking, board members*

Lisa Plorin, president of the Women of the ELCA for the 2017-2020 Triennium, was the special guest speaker at the 30th Annual Convention of the CSS Women of the ELCA held in McPherson, KS in September 2017. On Saturday afternoon, Plorin facilitated a workshop, “The Women’s Ministry Train”. We explored opportunities that encourage women to pursue leadership roles and brainstormed ideas to get more women involved at the WELCA unit level.

### Keynote Speaker

*“The Women’s Ministry Train” is leaving the station!*

**Lisa Plorin**  
**WELCA President**  
**2017-2020**

Plorin invited us “climb aboard” the train so we all may make our ministry travel in a common direction with our sisters in Christ. Workshop participants divided into small groups and shared the workings of home units and discussed opportunities for further engagement in each of the three district areas.

Plorin presented three components of a successful women’s ministry.

- **Participation** — regular attendance and participation by every woman is important to steer this organization into the next generation. Your ideas matter. Your energy is contagious. Do not sit by and wait

## Thrivent Choice available now

CSS Women’s organization is now enrolled in Thrivent Choice and will be listed in the Thrivent Choice online catalog. This program allows members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable outreach funds each year. If your organization is designated and approved, then an electronic deposit is made into your organization’s bank account.

To promote your organization to members who may be eligible to direct Choice Dollars, refer to the promotional tip sheet and the Thrivent Choice best practices.

For more information, call 1-800-THRIVENT or email [mail@thrivent.com](mailto:mail@thrivent.com).

to be asked to share your time and God-given gifts. How do you participate in women’s ministry?

- **Encouragement**— The power of encouragement changes lives. Who better to pray for and encourage women in your church than each other? Women know best how to support other women. We need each other for encouragement. How can you be encouraging?
- **Investment**— Investing your time and talents toward your church’s women’s ministry is important. There will be a time when you will be called to pitch in for activities and functions with prayer support in order for the church to function properly. What investment can *YOU* make to Women of the ELCA?

The discussion was lively and insightful. All aboard!

## Share the Good News — *Mary Liby, editor*

I am a lifelong member of Grace Lutheran Church, Osage City, KS. I attended Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS for two years. I transferred to and graduated from Washburn University in Topeka, KS with a degree in Communication Arts. I was a newspaper reporter-photographer for over 20 years. I am retired federal government employee. My husband, Larry, and I have two sons and five grandchildren.



Currently, I am president of our W/ELCA unit and Sunflower Cluster coordinator. In October, the first issue of our cluster’s newsletter was distributed. It will be published quarterly.

WITW also will be published quarterly. The next issue will be March 2018.

We welcome input from all for our WITW newsletter: exciting news about your unit; special prayer concerns; testimonials of God’s blessings; cluster meetings; and any other good news you would like to share!

You may send to: [lmifarms@embarqmail.com](mailto:lmifarms@embarqmail.com)



## ***Discussion with Rev. Candea — Dawn Lessiack, board member***

### **What from your viewpoint were the issues at the time of Martin and Katie Luther?**

Major issues were poverty, decreased status of women, illiteracy, disease and illness; and indulgence, corruption and abuse of the church. There was a definite divide between the wealthy and poor with government and church using that division as a way to control people. Everyone was expected to attend church but only the priests could read and lead the Latin worship. Most people could not read so they were not informed or able to read the Bible themselves. The church came up with the idea of selling indulgences to pay for the operations of the church and building the cathedral in Rome.

### **How did the Luthers solve these issues:**

Martin wrote the 905 Thesis as a *discussion* tool and did not want to leave the church. Yet both left and hid for their safety. They then married and were hosts to many people and helped the poor and orphaned. Martin translated the Bible into German. He wrote many works to continue the theological discussion of the church. He educated those who would become the leaders of the changing times and the Reformation.

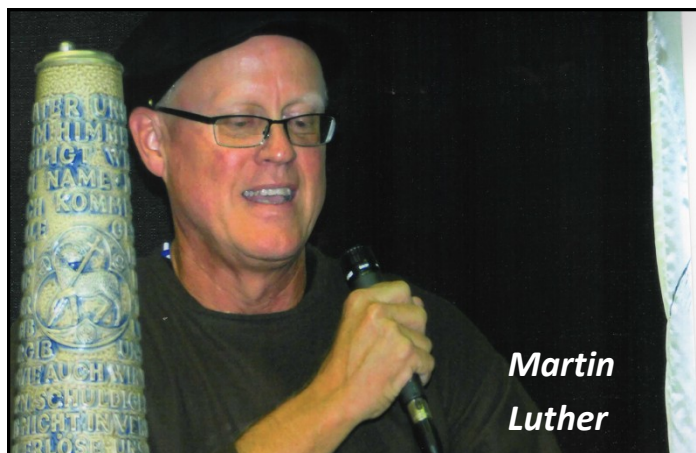
*Their primary actions were to be witnesses of caring and staying.* From the beginning Jesus' ministry, Christians are the ones who show compassion and who care for the poor, sick and dying. People ask, "Why are you doing this?" Christians respond, "Let me tell you about Jesus."

### **What are the major issues we now face?**

Major issues now are apathy, decreased morals, division of church and society, intolerance of divergent views, and still a decreased status of women. Charismatic churches seem to be offering something not found in our mainline denominations. We have lost our identity as an evangelical church. We do not communicate well about who we are and what we do. We often do not reach out because of fear being rejected or labeled as a zealot. We stay focused inward as a protection mechanism which makes the issues tougher. We have lost the priority of God first

and family second. Members do not attend their local church Sunday morning, which appears that they are not active or contributing to the congregation. Parents place other social activities and sports first before church attendance. Grandparents also are attending these activities, visiting family or scheduling other events. Perhaps we are stuck in the old thinking of "what does attendance mean?" People still claim to be spiritual but do not affiliate with a denomination or contribute to a local church. We have buildings that are difficult to maintain and pews that are not full.

We are part of a Reformation. The Reformation changed not only the church and religion, but culture, politics, education and society, as well. Who and what are we going to trust? What is Christ calling us to do as the ELCA, our synod, our congregations, and as an individual believer, here and now?



**Rev. Tim Leaf**



**Kim Frederking**

## ***Dealing with death — Anna Prockish, board member***

About 30 women attended the second session of this workshop. I thought we had a very good discussion with input from the speaker and the attendees.

How do we deal with death? Perhaps it is not closure, but more like reconciliation. We learn to cope with and accept that our daily life has changed and that is okay. Sometimes, we carry regret and guilt as a way to not forget our loved one.

Death is not only people, but pets; and, divorce, moving, kids growing up, lifestyle changes and retirement. We may be relieved, but feel guilt, anger, fear and a sense of being lost. We have a missing piece of identity. Our routines changed. A partner is gone. We have lost our dreams and plans.

We often have to reconcile our own mortality. We may not be afraid of death, but rather how we will get there. Will we suffer in pain? Be alone? Or have no one to care for us? Will we be in a hospital, nurs-

## ***Scholarship winners — Dawn Lessiack***

The Barbara Nelson scholarship winners were determined by the CSS WELCA board in April 2017. The recipients were Kimberly Hett, Lindsborg, KS; Carolyn Olson, Topeka, KS; Dawn Lessiack, Columbia, MO; and Brandie Nelson, Lindsborg, KS. Each received a \$750 award that covered Triennial registration and other expenses.

Winners of the Educational scholarships also were determined last April. Each of the four applicants received \$650. They were: Kelsie Anderson, Lindsborg, KS; Jill Hayden, Olean, MO; Adrienne Pohl, Assaria, KS; and Mikayla Turner, Syracuse, MO.

### **WORKSHOP**

***How to deal with death  
and helping others.***

**Presented by Rev. Chris  
Whittaker of McPherson  
Church of the Brethren;  
and Chaplain at  
*The Cedars.***

ing home, or another facility that is not our home?

There are five stages of grief: denial and isolation, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. But we may not experience them in order or within a certain time frame. Emotions will surface at unexpected times or even years later. We may need the help of a bereavement support group. A couple ladies said they attended two sessions and could perhaps benefit from a third.

While people try to say kind things, such as, "It is God's will", "God needed another angel", or "God takes only the best", those comments are not helpful. Others also may question how we spent our time before and after a death by asking, "Why were we with them all the time? Why didn't we ask someone else to do it?" But we do not have to be embarrassed or apologize for our actions.

***End of life planning is  
a gift to loved ones.***

Our social and spiritual life changes in many ways. We are no longer a couple so we may feel uncomfortable with our friends. We may not sit with the same people or in the same pew. We may not feel like attending church or other organizations.

End of life planning is a gift to loved ones. It may seem morbid and your children may not want to talk about it. Or, perhaps, your children want to discuss plans and you do not. This can be a time to accept that life changes. You may want to share your requests and finances, household goods, etc., so that it will be easier when your death does occur. You want to see others enjoy your life's labors and items they have admired. It may feel like a burden has been lifted.

Planning and written directives can save many disagreements, hurt feelings and misunderstandings when our loved ones are under extreme stress and grief. They may not see it now, but they will be grateful when making funeral, financial and legal arrangements.



## ***Uplift others with prayer— Anna Prockish, board member***

Anna Prockish is a re-elected board member and member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Salina. She is a part-time child care provider and real estate investor. She and her husband, Tim, have been married for 36 years and have two children, Adam and Kimberly.



Prockish has served on many church committees and currently is council secretary; liaison to evangelism committee, and a member of outreach committee and altar guild. Her spiri-

tual gifts include service, exhortation, apostleship, hospitality and encouragement.

She served as a Justice contact person for the SWO for the last two years. Her new responsibility is Communication-Prayer.

Prockish loves meeting other W/ELCA ladies and believe we need to uplift what we do. We need to **be bold** and tell others so they may join us.

“Please send me photos, information, prayer concerns, etc. so I may share them on Facebook, and through emails, and newsletters. God’s blessings to you!”

## ***Engage people to end poverty — Anna Prockish, board member***

Many convention attendees asked for more information on the *Circles of the USA* presented by a speaker from *Circles of McPherson County*.

*Circles USA* is the result of more than 20 years of research and the development of leadership tools for committees by *Move the Mountain Leadership Center*. The Circles model was developed after the organization discovered that social agencies could reach only a small portion of the population living in poverty to present them with real long-term solutions.

### **BUILDING COMMUNITY TO END POVERTY ONE FAMILY AT A TIME**

Circles addresses poverty by increasing the capacity of communities. Its approach combines the best practices of community organizing, case management, grassroots leadership, S.M.A.R.T., goal setting, financial literacy, mentoring, peer-to-peer counseling and learning, and child/youth development.

The underlying foundation of Circles is to engage people and organizations in the community to



thrive and end poverty. Its manifest states, “We believe strongly that responsibility for both poverty and prosperity rests not only in the hands of individuals, but also with societies, institutions and communities.”

In order to get out of poverty, people need both education and social capital (people who can offer information, contact, and support). Circles connects people in relationships across income lines and helps develop clear goals for education and stable income. Circles also focuses on supporting families to help themselves completely out of poverty.

Circles of McPherson County works with McPherson County families living in poverty and are ready to make the changes in their lives to become more stable and self-sufficient.

Kansas locations are: Derby, Great Bend, Greensburg, Hutchinson, McPherson, Newton, Marion, Olathe, Pratt, Salina, Topeka, Wichita and Winfield. Missouri locations are Joplin and Springfield.

For more information go to [www.circlesusa.org](http://www.circlesusa.org).

**Central States Synodical Women of the ELCA**  
**Educational Scholarship Fund**  
**2018 Award**

Please write legibly

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_

**Guidelines:**

1. Scholarship will be awarded to a woman member of an ELCA congregation seeking post-high school education.
2. Priority will be given to members of the Central States Synod.
3. Award is a one-year non-renewable scholarship.
4. Scholarship monies will be written to and sent directly to the educational institution where you will be attending.
5. Must include a written recommendation with signature from your pastor, mentor, unit president or unit representative. Recommendation cannot come from a current or previous board member (within the last 4 years).
6. Must include an essay of approximately 500 words describing your participation in church, school and the community.
7. Award recipients will be notified in April 2018.
8. Awards will not exceed \$1000.
9. In the event that your school is undecided at the time of award, it will be your responsibility to keep the CSS Board Treasurer, Vickie Donnell, informed of your selection.
- 10. Applications must be postmarked by 2/28/18.**

**Send to: Dawn Lessiack, 3611 W Hilltop Drive, Columbia, MO 65203**

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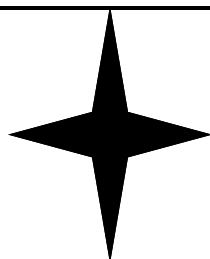
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