

# THE BREEZE

Southern Ohio Women of the ELCA Newsletter

Fall 2018

## *From the President*

### **Greetings Women of the Southern Ohio Synod!**

#### **Fall is Here!**

Hard to believe that the holidays will be upon us before we know it! I'm sure that you are all in full swing with your women's programming. I know I am!

Remember to check out the Women of the ELCA website

[www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org) for ideas and initiatives that may be of interest to your group.

Also, [www.southernohiosynod.org](http://www.southernohiosynod.org) Find WELCA information under the Collaborate tab.



Many of you will be holding a Thankoffering service where we remember the efforts of the many women who have gone before us. This is a time to be proud of and share the history of the Women of the ELCA with your congregational family. A Thankoffering service can also be found on the website. Feel free to pick and choose from it however it fits into your congregational worship style. Reminder: Those offerings go directly to churchwide.

Share your activities and gatherings on our Facebook page. Search "Southern Ohio Synod Women of the ELCA". We love to hear what each other are doing!

Please encourage women of congregations who do not have a WELCA unit. Invite them to attend yours to get an idea of what it might look like.... And there is freedom to make it look like something else! The women's group should meet the needs of the women who attend. Therefore, it might be more geared towards mothers with young families, to young couples, to career-oriented women, retirees, special interests, etc. I would also be happy to meet with anyone who is interested in starting a WELCA unit. Contact me for more info.

Following are the 4 basic steps to be recognized as a fully participating *active* unit

- Meet together for study, support and mission**
- Participate in the ministry of Women of the ELCA beyond your congregation**
- Support financially the total program of Women of the ELCA**
- Designate leadership to communicate with synodical and churchwide women's organization**

Also in this issue of the Breeze is an article from our Synod Treasurer, KathyDeLong. Please read and note important information regarding your offerings.

Continue to hold in prayer those who have lost loved ones to violence, for those who have been affected by Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael and those who struggle with addiction and illness. Pray for our broken world.

May the Love and Blessings from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, keep you All Anew! Amen!

Susan Wyckoff

**SOS WELCA President**

## SPRING GATHERINGS IN 2019

Saturday March 30th - Scioto

Saturday April 6th - Dayton

Saturday April 13th - Northwest

Saturday April 27th - Cincinnati

Saturday May 4th - Muskingum

Sunday May 5th - Central

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

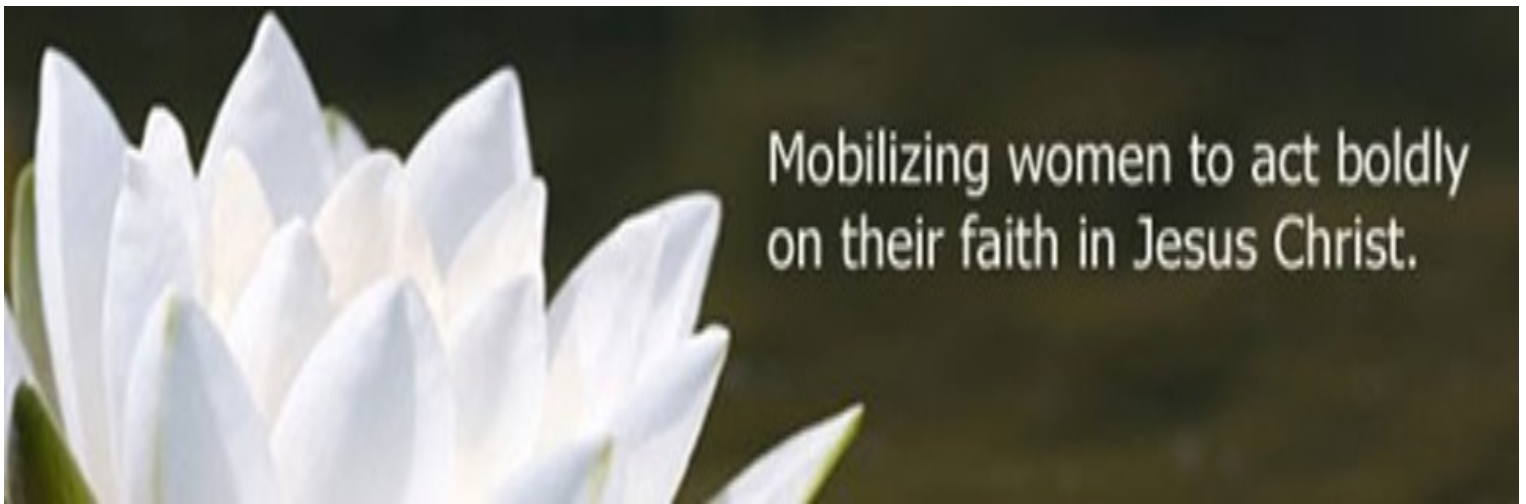
### *Meet The Treasurer*

Hi! I'm Kathy DeLong, your new treasurer for the SOS Women of the ELCA. Let me tell you a little about me. I am originally from Grove City, Oh, and now live in the Cincinnati area (Fairfield Township.) I am married and have two grown sons and four grandchildren. I love animals, especially dogs. We have a Pomeranian named Bentley. I am a huge sports fan, especially football. I love my Ohio State Buckeyes and Cleveland Browns. I have previously served as treasurer and co-president of the Cincinnati conference WELCA. I look forward to working and getting to know all of you. Please contact me if you need anything. (Forms can be found on the synod website link)

My address is 4178 Bayberry Ct., Fairfield Township, Ohio 45011. My email address is [rkdelong71@aol.com](mailto:rkdelong71@aol.com), and my phone number is 513-893-0069.

## Current for Curran

Many of you supported the recent initiative of providing PV for Phebe Hospital which quickly met its goal. Following in the footsteps of Phebe is Current for Curran. The hospital in Curran has been destroyed many times during the civil unrest in the country. The hospital has even been used without a roof! The Lutheran Church has held a relationship with the church in Curran Liberia for 100 years. The need for solar power is great. Fortunately the solar panels have been donated for this project. This initiative is for each synod of the ELCA to provide \$3000. Southern Ohio Synod has had donations coming in to this initiative. Please send your offerings to Kathy DeLong and she will get them to the appropriate place. Thank You



### **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**SOUTHERN OHIO SYNOD WELCA BIENNIAL CONVENTION 2019**

**Friday and Saturday September 20 & 21**

**Ascension Lutheran Church  
7333 Pfeiffer Rd., Cincinnati**

**Theme: ALL ANEW!**

**Theme Verse: Romans 12:2**

**Watch for More information coming soon and at your Spring Gatherings**



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**Southern Ohio Women Changing the World, one day at a time.**

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