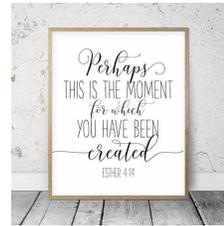




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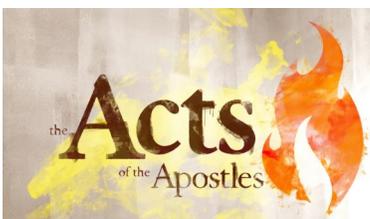
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## Anne's Announcements

Spring has brought new activity all around. I'm hearing about Spring Gatherings taking place in many of our Conferences. As elections are held, new and experienced leaders are boldly responding to a call to use their gifts to express the Purpose and Mission of the Women of the ELCA through service to their Conference and their Congregational Unit. Care has been taken to minimize risk, and there has been awareness of regional and individual differences in the risk of exposure to new variants of the Covid virus. But as we have more information and new treatments, we are better able to worship, pray, and learn together with safety.

On April 23, our Churchwide organization held another Zoom meeting to serve the women in leadership positions throughout the country. This was "Leadership Training for Synodical Presidents/Vice Presidents." Building on the foundation laid in our January Meeting, "Spirit Fed, Spirit Led," **Linda Miranda**, former President of the Chicago Metro Synod, began our meeting with a devotion centered on Acts 6: 1-7. The disciples were being drawn away from their



primary mission of spreading the Gospel because there were too many people for them to meet all their needs. So the community of worshipers was called together to select seven men of good standing, full of spirit and of wisdom to take on those tasks. This shows that God calls, but we must pray and ask for wisdom to discern our purpose and our gifts.

Leaders will pray for wisdom and discernment to guide others to identify their gifts and boldly share their faith. Our leaders need to be commissioned, celebrated, and supported. We continued this training by raising our own questions about how to increase the effectiveness of our organization by drawing from a larger pool of leaders. Always using our purpose and mission, we need to look at the unique needs in our own communities. We may need to adjust the definitions of roles to be able to take advantage of particular gifts in our membership. Participation in WELCA should give each woman a chance to be seen, and a chance to have her gifts recognized so that she can act on her purpose.

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There are more training sessions available at [womenoftheelca.org/events](http://womenoftheelca.org/events). If you have missed an event, but want to watch at a later time, you can do that, too. Check under Tools for Leaders.

As always, your sister in Christ,  
**Anne Storan, FL-BA SWO President**



Forms, Funds, and Finances...

Registration for the Fall Gathering will be open soon and I wanted to remind everyone there are Share the Spirit and Let Your Light Shine Grant monies available for all women and youth to help defray the cost of attending.

Share the Spirit is for us adults. This grant program provides funds to attend the Fall Gathering above what the recipient or their unit is able to pay toward the cost. We encourage the participant or their unit to help cover some of the costs of attending the Fall Gathering and then apply for Share the Spirit Funds for the remaining amount. Any woman who would benefit from an awesome spirit filled weekend with sisters in Christ are welcome to apply. This can include women of all ages, first timers, women needing a bit of financial assistance, or any women in your congregation.



Let Your Light Shine is for our Youth and operates just like Share the Spirit but is designed for Grade 6 through college ladies who would like to attend. If you know any young ladies, invite them to attend and take advantage of this grant if needed. Our Youth Shepherd is busy making plans for the youth activities all weekend!

Grants are awarded to supplement the cost of accommodations, meals, and registration fees. Previous grant recipients are eligible to apply. Both applications will be available in June at: [www.flwelca.com](http://www.flwelca.com) on the Fall Gathering page. Include this form with your registration. Again, a reminder that for both grants, applicants are encouraged to also seek support from their congregation, sponsors, and self to share the costs. This will help spread the funds to more women and youth who need assistance to attend. If you have questions once your application is submitted, contact the Registrar Diane Cummings at [sworegistrar1@gmail.com](mailto:sworegistrar1@gmail.com).

I'd like to also encourage individuals, units, or conferences to make contributions to these grant programs so many more of our sisters in Christ have the opportunity to attend the Fall Gathering. Contributions may be sent to SWO Treasurer:

Tracy Moffatt  
1944 Crestview Way  
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Please make check to Women of the ELCA and designate which fund in the memo line on your check or include a Form A.

For questions and more Information, please contact me via email, text or an old-fashioned phone call!  
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November 11th - 13th, 2022

Annual FL-BA Synodical  
Women's Organization  
**FALL GATHERING**  
at  
Lake Yale Baptist Center  
Leesburg, FL



**ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED.** Come and bring a friend. The Gathering is to be at the Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center on the beautiful lake in Leesburg. Theme is "**Step by Step**" based on Proverbs 16:9 "NLT:" **We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.**



Exciting news about our Fall Gathering! **Pastor Lois Sorensen** from Reformation Lutheran Church in Lakeland, one of our scholarship recipients, has agreed to be our Pastor for the weekend. **Charlene Cranmer Cantor** from Gloria Dei in Leesburg has agreed to be our Music Leader for

the weekend. **Tabitha Richter** from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Winter Park will be our Youth Shepherd for the weekend. She has been a participant in the youth program for several years. We are so happy to have the three of them with us.

We will have Worship, Workshops, Bible Study, Fun, Good Food, see old friends, make new friends and, most of all, the Presence of the Lord will be with us.

Registration forms will be on our website soon along with forms to complete for **Share the Spirit** and **Let Your Light Shine** scholarships. The scholarships are for those that would like to join us but feel they cannot because of finances.

Check our website [fwelca.com](http://fwelca.com) for more information and Early Registration Forms.

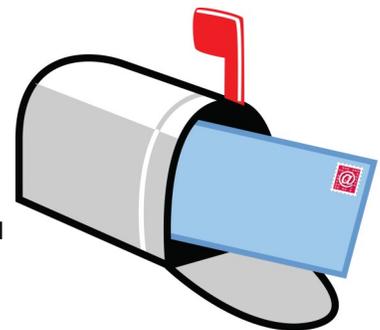
**Looking forward to seeing you all at the Fall Gathering!!**

*Peace and Blessings,*  
**Loraine Van Haecke & Lisa Klima**  
*Co-Chairs Planning Committee*



*or by Mail*

Registration for this year's **Fall Gathering** will officially kick off early in June. You will once again have several options for registering and paying.



Early in June, PDF registration forms that you can mail, fax or email to the registrar, **Diane Cummings**, will be available online at [www.fwelca.com](http://www.fwelca.com) and on our Facebook page. Remember: you can also print these forms or share the online link with women in your congregation and conference. We are also excited to announce that online registration will again be available this year. Each year, more women have taken advantage of this option. When you register online, you can select your workshops, choose your housing preference, and pay via credit card. When you register online, you will receive an email confirmation with your registration and payment information.

Please watch your email and Facebook for updated information about this year's Fall Gathering.

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# SPRING GATHERINGS 2022

*are happening!*

As this Spring Conference season is in full swing, I would like to say thank you to everyone who has reached out thus far to me to provide updated details for your Conference and Congregational Units. If you have not sent any information to me or are unsure, I am more than happy to double check. The best way to contact me is via email. Over the next few weeks I will be reaching out based on previous information to make sure any and all information is updated. I am excited as I am able to grow in this position as well as get to know everyone. My email in [njageler@gmail.com](mailto:njageler@gmail.com).

**Nina Jageler**  
FL-BA SWO Conference Coordinator

## WHERE AND WHEN

CONFERENCE	DATE	LOCATION	BOARD MEMBER ATTENDING
Broward-Bahamas	July 9 9:00 a.m.	Christ Lutheran, Fort Lauderdale	Donna Person/ Jackie Haynick
Caloosa	March 26 (9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.)	Christ Lutheran, Cape Coral	Tracy Moffatt
First Coast	May __	Trinity Lutheran, Jacksonville	Karen Weinrich
Flagler/Volusia	None scheduled at this time		Karen Weinrich
Gulf Coast	April 9	Nativity, Weeki Wachee	Anne Storan
Heart of Florida	2/26 Planning Meeting 3/26 Spring Gathering	St. John's, Winter Park	Nina Jageler/ Denise Beumer
Lake	With Heart of Florida		Nina Jageler/ Denise Beumer
Miami-Dade/Monroe	With Broward-Bahamas		Donna Person/ Jackie Haynick
Mid-Gulf	April 9	Holy Trinity, Port Charlotte	Gayle Backiel
Panhandle	Gathering may be held in the summer or fall		
Pinelands	2/19 Planning Meeting 3/19 Spring Gathering	Hope Lutheran in The Villages	Leone Goding/ Sallie Haley
Space Coast	April 23	Our Savior, Vero Beach	Sallie Halley
Suncoast	May 14	Prince of Peace, Largo	Tracy Moffatt
Tampa	With Suncoast		Tracy Moffatt
Tradewinds	With Space Coast		Sallie Halley



Caloosa Conference Women's Spring Gathering  
"SALAD WITH OUR SISTERS"

# 2022 Spring Gatherings continue Caloosa Conference

## At Christ Lutheran in Cape Coral

The Caloosa Conference Spring Gathering was held at **Christ Lutheran Church** in Cape Coral on Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>. Forty-Five ladies were in attendance from six different congregations. Eighteen ladies attended for the first time!



Worship led by **Pastor Jen Moore** from Gateway Trinity Lutheran Church opened the day. During Worship, the ladies from Gateway Trinity were welcomed back to the Caloosa Conference after re-forming as an active unit in December. After a few games of Veggie Bingo, a short business meeting was held where **Rhona Diamond** from St Peter Lutheran Church was elected Key Leader of the Conference. Three other ladies were elected to form the Caloosa Conference Leadership Team: **Julie Hunter**, Christ Lutheran Church; **Kathy Olesuk**, Gateway Trinity Lutheran Church; and **Melissa Kennedy**, Messiah Lutheran Church. This was followed by a presentation on World Hunger by **Barbara Miller**, the FBSynod World Hunger Advocate.

A salad bar lunch with lots of conversation followed. All were asked to bring a salad topping so the selections were endless! As the ladies arrived in the morning, they were given a nametag with a vegetable on it and then were asked to sit at the table with a centerpiece of their vegetable. Many thanks to **Joan Schwiebert**, Christ Lutheran Unit President, for her incredible creativity in making the centerpieces and edible bugs that decorated the tables.



After lunch, **Pastor Sharon Miller** from St Peter Lutheran Church presented a program on Soul-Tending leading the group in meditation and the *lectio divina* method of scripture study. The conversation and sharing from this method of study was appreciated by all in attendance! The day ended at 2:00 with many new and old friends thankful for the opportunity to gather again in person and looking forward to exciting things for the Caloosa Conference.



By **Tracy Moffatt**, FL-SWO Board Member and Treasurer





*2022 Spring Gatherings continue  
Gulf Coast Conference  
At Nativity Lutheran in Weeki Wachee*

On a beautiful, sunny Saturday morning the Women of the Gulf Coast Conference came together at **Nativity Lutheran Church** in Weeki Wachee to hold their Spring Gathering. At 9:30 a.m., the 28 women in attendance were greeting old friends as well as the 7 first time attendees. After coffee and breakfast, we moved to the sanctuary for the meeting and worship at 10:00 a.m.

Following an opening hymn, there was a video presentation about Lutheran World Relief. Information was given about the LWR assistance to regions holding the multitudes of Ukrainian refugees, as well as other places where people's lives have been disrupted by floods, storms, fires and other disasters.

**Michelle Mehan-Conklin**, ELCA Deacon, shared a devotion based on hospitality as an expression of love for our neighbors. She shared a quote from **Dorothy Day**: *"All Christians are called to be hospitable, but it is more than serving a meal or filling a bed, opening our door - it is to open ourselves, our hearts, to the needs of others. Hospitality is not just shelter, but the quality of welcome behind it."*



**Judy Clark** from Lutheran Church of Palms presented a Bible study based on the theme verse for the Gathering: Romans 13:10 *"Love does no harm to a neighbor, therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law."* Judy spoke of love for our neighbors wherever they are, sitting right next to you, or half a world away. She called on us to be ever watchful for opportunities to serve another person in Christian love.

As President, I expressed thanks for the gracious hospitality of the women of Nativity Lutheran Church and the Gulf Coast Conference. I encouraged them to register for the Fall Gathering as soon as the registrations are available. I spoke about the blessing of The Lord's call to be a servant leader and urged the women to submit their names to be nominated for leadership positions at their church unit, their conference, or the SWO. The first time participants were each given a gift.

The Roll Call was taken by **Barbara Huth**, outgoing Gulf Coast Conference Secretary. The Nominating Committee, **May Haines** and **Mary Macaulay**, asked for nominations. Three women stepped forward and the slate was unanimously elected by acclamation. The Gulf Coast officers are: **President, Mary Macaulay, Vice President, Judy Clark, and Secretary/Treasurer, Karen J. Gray.**

After a closing hymn, Deacon Michelle Mehan-Conklin gave the table blessing. The women returned to the fellowship hall for a delicious lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

**Anne Storan**

President, Florida-Bahamas SWO



Spring Conference time is when conferences and church units submit names and contact information for their current officers. Conference officers will complete the reverse side of the Event Data Collection form while Congregational units will complete the Congregational Unit Officer Update Form. Locate the forms at [www.flwelca.com](http://www.flwelca.com) by clicking on Local Unit Resources and scanning right until reaching Unit Leadership Forms. Follow the directions on each form ensuring that a copy is sent to the SWO Conference Coordinator: **Nina Jageler** at [njageler@gmail.com](mailto:njageler@gmail.com)



# More 2022 Spring Gatherings

## Mid-Gulf Conference

### At Holy Trinity Lutheran in Port Charlotte

It was with joy and thanksgiving that Mid-Gulf Conference women were able to meet for their Spring Gathering on April 9, 2022. Thirty women from four churches met at **Holy Trinity Lutheran** for a lovely day spent together.

At the brief business meeting, **Janice Hannus** was elected as Secretary of the conference. **Gayle Backiel** read the letter from **President Anne Storan** and shared information about the coming Fall Gathering and the Love Offering recipient, SoZo Kids. She later installed Jan Hannus as Secretary. There were 13 first time attendees.



Thirteen First Time Attendees

We had a Spiritual Growth study entitled *Paths to Wholeness*. Each person had the opportunity to find greater awareness of her own spiritual style, be it *Earth, Fire, Air or Water*. Following this study was a worship service. The message was given by **Jerry and Paula Wiedewitsch**, two missionaries to Uganda. **Pastor Andrea Barrios** presided over communion.

A luncheon of roast chicken and a salad bar followed. During lunch we were entertained by the music of **Peg & Emery Williams**. A lovely time was had by all.

**Gayle Backiel**  
FL-BA SWO Board Member

Jerry and Paula Wiedewitsch  
Missionaries to Uganda



## Spacecoast Conference

## At Our Savior in Vero Beach

Spring Gathering for the Spacecoast Conference of the Women of the ELCA met on April 23 at **Our Savior** in Vero Beach. We had coffee hour, communion service, business meeting, lunch, and Bible Study. **Gisela Khail** and the women at Our Savior welcomed us. **Pastor Nicole Eastwood** presided at the communion service inspiring us with her sermon. **Sallie Haley** represented SWO. **Kelly Penrod**, president, conducted the business meeting and election. **Janet Jodoin** took notes as the appointed secretary. **Gisela Khail** was elected President of the Space Coast Conference, **Diane Spicer**, vice-president, and **Janet Jodoin** as secretary. **Sandy Penrod** presented on the Apocryphal books of the Bible. Spacecoast had not met since 2019. It was so good to see friends from the other churches. We had 58 women attending.



The following week on April 30 at **St. Paul** in Melbourne under the leadership of **Janet Jodoin** hosted an afternoon tea for the WELCA groups in the Melbourne area. Again, it was so pleasant to share with other women, about 40. We had tea and snacks, inspirational and historical readings about tea, and closed with a laughter exercise. This was a first time program.



**Elaine Heine**  
Retiring vice-president Space Coast Conference.

FL-BA SWO Board Member Sallie Haley installs President Gisela Khail, Vice-President Diane Spicer, & Secretary Janet Jodoin.

# One more 2022 Spring Gathering

## Suncoast Conference

### At Prince of Peace in Largo



The theme was "Faith, Hope, and Love Abide" for the Suncoast Conference Spring Gathering at **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church** in Largo on Saturday, May 14. Thirty-five ladies representing seven different churches were present including 8 first time attendees. The day began with greetings from **Linda Zachow**, Unit President at Prince of Peace and **Linda Greilick** and **Phyllis Berlage**, Suncoast Conference Co-Chairs followed by a Devotion presented by **Sharon Kolesch**, Paradise, Treasure Island. **Pastor Anne Harman**, St. Paul's, Clearwater then led the group on a wonderful journey of discovery and conversation exploring the four words of the theme: *Faith, Hope, Love, and Abide*. She shared scripture verses, interwoven with an understanding of Love from the words of the antiphon *Ubi Caritas*. This Bible Study began the communion service which Pastor Anne resumed after the business meeting.

Elections were held during the business meeting which saw **Linda Greilick**, Prince of Peace, Largo and **Phyllis Berlage**, St Paul's, Clearwater re-elected as Co-Chairs and **Kathy Bartelt**, Hope, St. Petersburg re-elected as Secretary. SWO, Conference and Unit news were also shared during the meeting. After lunch the group worked on various service Projects, funded by Thrivent Action Grants, and enjoyed prayer stations. In all, 20 school kits and 40 personal care kits were assembled and half a dozen quilts tied for Lutheran World Relief. I was a wonderful and inspiring day and I was honored to be part of it! Thank you, Suncoast Ladies - see you all at Lake Yale!



Eight First Time Attendees



Left to right: FL-BA SWO Board/Treasurer Tracy Moffatt, Co-Chair Linda Greilick, Secretary Kathy Bartelt, & Co-Chair Phyllis Berlage



## Broward-Bahamas Conference

The Spring Gathering for the **Broward-Bahamas Conference has been rescheduled for Saturday, July 9** at Christ Lutheran Church, 1955 East Oakland Park Blvd., Fort Lauderdale 33306, beginning at 9 a.m. If you plan to attend, please contact Donna Person at [dperson7@aol.com](mailto:dperson7@aol.com).





**FL-BA SWO Board  
AND  
Fall Gathering Planning Committee  
Meeting**

The FL-BA SWO Board and Fall Gathering Planning Committee will have an in-person Board Meeting on **Saturday, July 23, at 9:30 a.m.** We will meet at St. John Lutheran Church, 1600 Orlando Avenue, Winter Park. Lunch will be provided. Watch your email for more details, including directions, the agenda, and your specific assignments for the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact SWO President Anne Storan at [astoran46@gmail.com](mailto:astoran46@gmail.com) or (740) 507-7504.



**Lutheran World Relief**  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

**2022 LWR Report**

**THE NUMBERS ARE IN!**

Our congregational units in Florida continue to complete tons of Lutheran World Relief service projects! Yes! 6,697 quilts amounting to 23,299 pounds of warm coverings for our global friends! Kits completed totaled 309 Baby Care Kits, 115 Fabric Kits, 2,217 Personal Care Kits, and 1,204 School Kits! You are an amazing group of women spread all over our state who continue to work diligently to help those in need! You are so thanked.

Check the FL-BA SWO website at [www.flwelca.com](http://www.flwelca.com) and click on Lutheran World Relief for details by congregation. Please contact **Leone Goding** at [leonegoding@centurylink.net](mailto:leonegoding@centurylink.net) or phone at 352 223 1925 if you have any further questions.

**Global Mission  
at Synod Assembly**

**May Friendship Day**

Everyone who went to the last Fall Gathering will remember *Pastor Katie Carrol* who is the Chair of the Global Mission Table in Florida Bahama Synod. She and the members of the GMT have put together a number of opportunities to learn the story of Global Mission in our synod.

fellowship and perhaps chat with representatives of different Companion Churches that our synod has the pleasure of working with. Pastor Katie will be presenting a GMT Workshop on Saturday. Among other things, she will update you on our companion churches in the Caribbean. If you attend the Synod Assembly, be sure to check out what the Global Mission is doing.

Global Mission Table will have a display in the Connection Cafe. They are also hosting a Hospitality Room on Friday night. There you can find beverages, snacks,

**Gayle Backiel**  
FL-BA SWO Board Member

May Friendship Day was held May 6 at Gloria Dei Lutheran in Leesburg. We used the 2020 program that was cancelled that year. The Theme was "*Vision for the Future-Agree to Differ.*" The program was delivered by the WELCA Board of the church, which included *Lorraine Van Haecke, Donna Tarnok, Sharon LaHood* and *Carol Marshall*. We had 28 attendees and 11 Churches. The fellowship that brought us together was outstanding.

**Leone Goding, SWO Board**



## WELCOME TO SOZO KIDS!

Hopefully, you have already heard about our new Love Offering recipient, Sozo Kids. Sozo Kids is an organization that caters to children and families living within the Ocala National Forest in poverty. Most recently, they held their annual Easter egg hunt which brought hundreds of people to search for 10,000 filled plastic eggs hidden around the facility. In addition to the egg hunt, they had a basket give-a way and even some new bicycles! You can learn more about Sozo Kids from the link in our website.

The next big event for them is Camp Sozo, a free summer camp in which the children enjoy all the wonderful things that we all know and loved from our own camp experiences. This camp is run solely on donated funds so please get your Love Offering donations to our SWO soon. That way we can send them a combined collection to help offset expenses.

For back to school, Sozo Kids holds an annual back-pack event in August. Each child is given a school supply filled back pack, new shoes, clothes and even a haircut. Sozo Kids has year round opportunities for these families such as a food pantry as well as an after school mentoring program for at risk youth. This program keeps kids safe as well as having tutoring, fun activities, meals and field trips (funds permitting).

Sozo Kids Wish List:

- Non-perishable foods: (PB&J, pasta, mac n cheese, canned tuna, hamburger helper, cereal)
- Gift Cards: (Walmart, Amazon, Sam's Club, Visa, Office Depot)
- New Back Packs & new school supplies
- Shampoo, conditioner, body spray, deodorant (for teens)

Ken at SoZo Kids arranges drop off and pick ups for donations and can be contacted at (770) 550-4184.

**Jackie Haynick**  
Love Offering Coordinator

From the Editor's Desk — Linda Greilick



From the Editor

## Spring Gatherings are Happening in 2022!

After two years without Gatherings in most of our conferences, our women have chosen to meet once again! Sharing is happening! Bible study, worship, delicious lunches, service projects, and so much sisterhood! Women, both new to leadership and experienced in leadership, are stepping up to fill positions that allow us to continue our precious Women of the ELCA community of women. We have missed being together! We have missed sharing good conversation and studying our Gather lessons together in person rather than on Zoom! We have missed the hugs and the laughter. We are finding ways to move us on through those times described in Esther 4:14: *"For if you keep silence at such a time as this."* We are not keeping silent. We are stepping up!

As you read through the Spring Gathering reports, you'll see officers elected and installed. You'll find a variety of themes and Bible study lessons chosen! You'll read about creative activities and service projects completed. You'll witness women stepping up utilizing so many gifts: leadership, creativity, drive, persistence, support of others, initiative, willingness to try something new, and the call to discipleship. We find that the words in our Purpose Statement *"we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world"* are extremely meaningful to each of us—very dear to our hearts! We are happening! We are not keeping silent at such a time as this! Thanks be to God!

# Phyllis is Settling In!

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Moves are never easy—I've called this one to north Georgia (Rossville) my "Murphy's Law" move! First, the company I used to supply moving containers under calculated the number needed so at the last minute I was making arrangements with another company to provide last minute help. Fortunately, the company providing labor was able to accommodate my last-minute changes. Then when I arrived here, the apartment complex told me that they had no idea when I might get an apartment—it could be another year (I actually signed a leased the first of March). Housing is extremely hard to find here and is very expensive because the local electric provider for the majority of the area also has one of the world's fastest internet services. Next, when I had originally put my name on the waiting list for an apartment, I'd been told that I could have the containers delivered and they could stay in the parking lot for up to two weeks. The new manager said absolutely not so that was another hurdle to get over. In the midst of all this, I totaled my car. Thankfully no one was hurt.



Although my return to Georgia hasn't gone as expected or planned, I have never doubted that God was with me. All those challenges actually were solved without a huge amount of stress. Well, maybe except for the accident. This is not a good time to buy a car. Even that worked out. The owner of the garage my brother uses had a 2006 Subaru for sale for a great price so after a couple of days of car shopping, we decided that would be my best short-term solution. During finalizing the sale, my brother mentioned to the owner that I planned to look for a part time job so if he heard of anything to let me know. That was definitely a God moment because his bookkeeper was leaving so I'm now working 6 to 8 hours a week as the bookkeeper.

I am slowly relearning my way around the area. It has definitely changed in the 30 years I lived in Florida! I'm also pretty much settled in my apartment. Amazingly, only two things were broken. One I couldn't use here and one I thought about not packing. I am in an upstairs apartment, but there's an elevator for when I have groceries or other items to bring inside. I also have a small balcony that overlooks a courtyard with trees. I occasionally see rabbits nibbling on the clover.



Rossville is on the Georgia Tennessee line, and the closest ELCA congregation is Ascension Lutheran in East Ridge, Tennessee (Chattanooga), and I'm now a member. We are a tiny congregation with maybe 15 to 20 worshippers on a Sunday. We are involved in many community outreach projects which Pastor Crim tells me were mostly initiated by WELCA. We haven't had a WELCA meeting yet, but I'm hoping soon. I really need a good WELCA Bible Study! My plan was to sit back and observe at my new church before getting involved. That didn't last very long—I'm one of the Voting Members to Synod Assembly which will be in Chattanooga the same time as the Florida-Bahamas Synod Assembly.

For those who remember Jenny Michael, she is now serving a congregation in Hendersonville, Tennessee so we are looking forward to catching up during Assembly.

Our SWO Convention will be in September in Marietta, Georgia, and I've already registered to attend. I always knew Lake Yale was a bargain, but I didn't realize how much of a bargain until I registered (about \$500 since it's at a hotel). You are truly blessed to be able to use Lake Yale.

I miss all of you and pray that God will continue to bless each one of you!

With love, your sister in Christ,

**Phyllis Wade**

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