

Loving  
the  
Least  
of These

*'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these sisters and brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40*

NW MN

Synodical Women's Organization  
31st Annual Convention  
September 20-21, 2019

Luther Crest Bible Camp  
Alexandria MN



## Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization

Hello my Sisters in Christ!

Wow! Where has the time gone...it just seems like yesterday that I was writing my first letter to be included with our convention packet, and 5 years later, this is my last one. It has been an enjoyable 5 years leading our NW MN SWO. I have gained many friends and traveled to many parts of NW MN to experience the great work women in congregation do in the name of Women of the ELCA.

It is time to send out the convention packet, and after reading the material you will notice some changes to our convention. We will be trying a full 2 day event at our annual convention in September. Part of the reason for trying this format is in response by our attendees wishing to attend more than 1 break out session. We will be breaking up our business sessions into shorter segments, especially since we will have the election of our 8 voting members to the Triennial convention in 2020. We will have a worship service and our bible study on Friday and the keynote will happen after our meal on Friday Evening. We are bringing back the popular "Root Beer and Hymns" on Friday evening. On Saturday you will get to attend 2 different breakout sessions, and we will close with another worship service.

Luther Crest Bible Camp has the space to house our attendees in new and updated facilities. We did not put a hold on any rooms in the local hotels, but there are many fine hotels in Alexandria if you choose to stay at a hotel.

The fee that you will pay to attend the convention includes your lodging. **You need to call Luther Crest Bible Camp directly to make your lodging reservation. Their number is; (320) 846-2431.**

I am excited about our convention. I hope to see you there!

Peace and joy!

Sue Ellwanger, President  
NW MN Synodical Women's Organization

**Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization Convention**  
**September 20 - 21, 2019**

Convention Call: The 32<sup>nd</sup> Convention of the Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization will be held on Friday, September 20 and Saturday, September 21 at Luther Crest Bible Camp, Alexandria MN. This is the proposed schedule for this year.

**This year we have changed our format to a full 2-day convention.**

**Friday, September 20**

11 am: Registration for everyone

12 noon: Orientation of voting members

**Opening of Plenary Session**

Display booths, Bookstore, hands-on activities and the Silent Auction is available to everyone.

12:15: Business Meeting

1 pm: Gathering Music

1:30 pm: Opening Worship and Communion

2:15 pm: Bible Study

3 pm: Break

3:30 pm: Business Session II

Hands on Activities

Workshops

5:30 pm: Dinner

7:00 pm: Keynote Speaker - Gary and Cindy Nolte from Moorhead. "Loving the Least of These" by serving others in God's name

8 pm: Root Beer and Hymns

**Saturday, September 15**

7:30 am: Registration/Coffee, juice pastry, fruit

8:30 am: Gathering Music and Business Session 3, if needed

9:00 am: Talk by Lori Plorin, our Churchwide representative

Break

10 am: Work Shop 1

11 am: Work Shop II

12 Noon: Lunch

1 pm: Gathering Music

1:15 pm: Installation of Board

Announcements, Offerings Report, and Mary Magdalene Awards

1:30 pm: Closing worship w/Communion

2:30 pm: Closing of the 32<sup>nd</sup> NW MN Synodical Women's Organization Convention





**Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization Convention  
September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019~ Luther Crest Bible Camp  
8231 CTY. Rd. 11 NW Alexandria, MN 56308**

Convention Registration - ALL ATTENDEES MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM

**Voting Member Registration due by August 20, 2019**

Non-Voting Registration due no later than September 10, 2019

\_\_\_\_ Voting Member (1 per Congregation) \_\_\_\_ Non-Voting \_\_\_\_ Conference Officer  
\_\_\_\_ Convention Planning Committee \_\_\_\_ SWO Board Member \_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Time Grant Recipient

**PLEASE PRINT:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you the contact for your Congregational Unit?** \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Conference # \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK PLAN DESIRED:**

**Please Register early to facilitate Convention planning!**

**Must be postmarked by August 20 for voting members:**

\_\_\_\_ **Full - Friday and Saturday** \_\_\_\_ **\$150.00** (Includes all Meals, including Snacks & Breaks and Lodging)

\_\_\_\_ **Friday -Saturday Commuters** \_\_\_\_ **\$110.00**  
(Includes All Meals & Breaks)

**Please Indicate Any Special Dietary Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

**No Cash; Checks Only, Payable to NW MN SWO** Check Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE DUE DATES**

**FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION FORM**

**NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPT. 10.... HOWEVER, REGISTRATIONS ARE TRANSFERABLE**

**Please Call Luther Crest Directly for Lodging: 320-846-2431**

**MAIL REGISTRATION FORM WITH CHECK TO:**

NW MN SWO Convention  
Roxanne Goulet, Registrar  
Box 131  
Roosevelt, MN 56673  
Phone: C: (218) 281-370-0182

Questions? Email [RBW13049@yahoo.com](mailto:RBW13049@yahoo.com)

**Attending Leadership Training?** \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

(If you are an officer of a unit or conference you are encouraged to attend the Leadership Training)

**For office use only:**

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Both Days \_\_\_\_ Overnight \_\_\_\_ Commuter

## Housing at Luther Crest

### Adult Retreat Center

15 hotel-style guest rooms, each with a private bathroom, desk, and beds for 3-4 guests. Linens, towels, pillows, and blankets are included. One guest room is fully handicap-accessible. The ARC also has two common areas and wireless internet.

Photo of Adult Retreat Center



Photo of Adult Retreat Center room



### New Cabins

14 new cabins in 2 village areas are heated, air conditioned, have bathrooms with individual showers in the cabin. Each cabin has 4 single beds and 1 queen bed with quilt, linens, towels, and pillows provided.

Photo of New Cabins



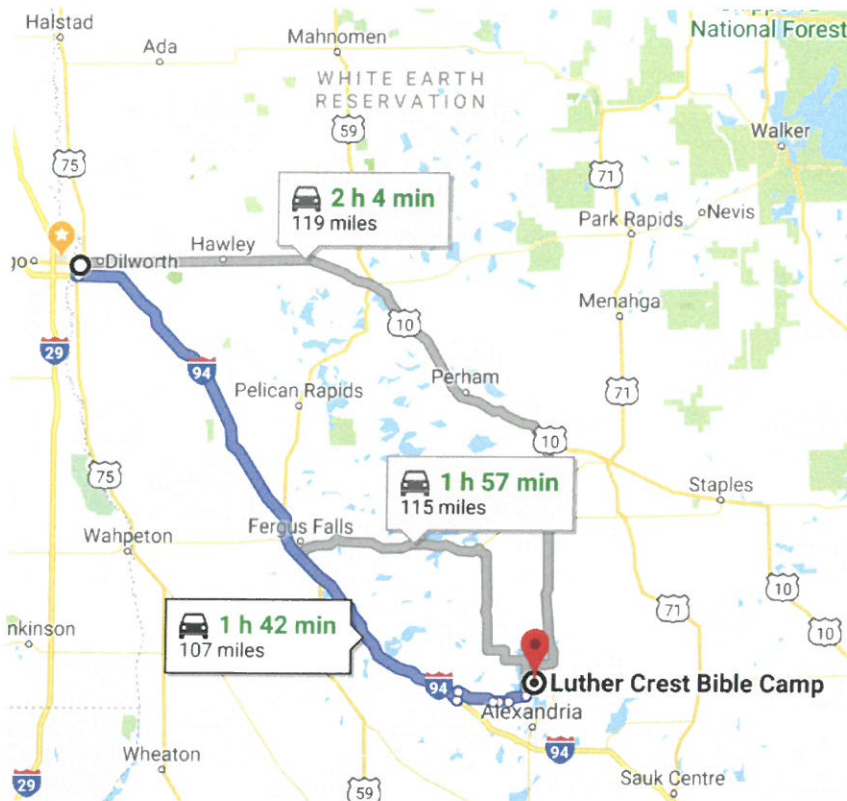
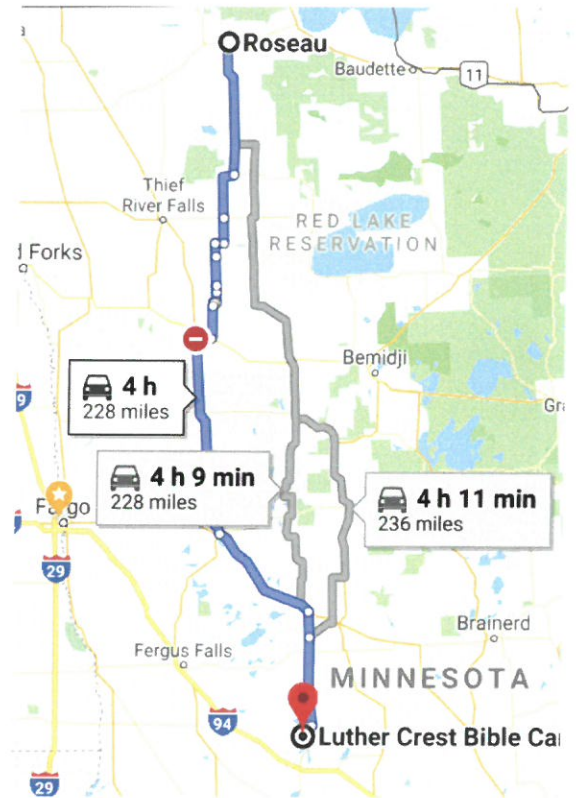


## Directions to Luther Crest Bible Camp

8231 County Rd 11 NW, Alexandria, MN 56308

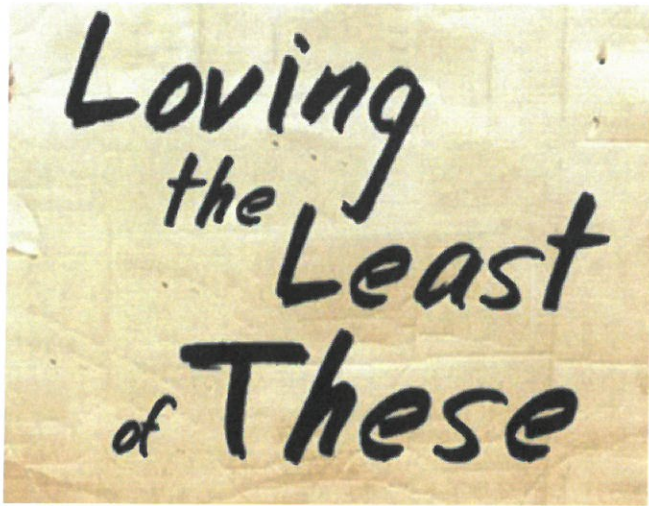
### From the North

Start at US-59 S, or US -71 or US-92  
to US-10 E and MN-29 S to County Rd 5 NE in Douglas  
County  
Follow County Rd 5 NE and County Rd 11 NW to Luther  
Crest Rd



### From the West

Follow I-94 E to County Rd 7 NW in  
Brandon Township. Take exit 90 from I-  
94 E  
Take County Hwy 82, County Rd 61 NW  
and County Rd 34 NW to Luther Crest  
Rd in Carlos Township



Convention  
Physical Offering  
To benefit

*Churches United for the Homeless and  
Public Health Family Home Visiting*

**Baby/Toddler Items**

Diapers of all sizes  
Diaper Wipes  
Powdered Formula  
Cotton balls  
Baby lotion  
Baby bath soap (liquid)  
Baby shampoo  
Skincare ointments  
Baby nail clippers  
A baby-sized comb  
and soft baby brush.  
Books, blocks, small toys

**Mom Items**

Feminine Hygiene products  
Travel Sized:  
Shampoo/ conditioner  
Deodorant  
Hand/body lotion  
Soap (bar or liquid)  
Tooth brush  
Tooth paste  
Mouthwash  
Floss  
Brush  
Comb

# Silent Auction



*We will once again have a Silent Auction  
at the Convention. Put one together by yourself,  
or have several friends join you to create  
a wonderful gift basket. You may bring them to the  
convention where they will be bid on.  
And don't forget to bid on some yourself.*

*Proceeds from the auction will go to the  
2020 WELCA Triennial Convention*





***First Timer's* GRANT APPLICATION  
FOR THE NW MN SWO OF THE ELCA  
ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**Selection Criteria:**

- The woman has never attended a SWO Convention.
- Why the woman would like to attend the convention
- Each congregational unit can have only one applicant.  
More can apply, but we are limited to only 10 scholarships.
- The woman may not serve as a delegate and grant recipient at the same time.

**Selection Procedure:**

- All applications should be sent to the address below and a committee, appointed by the SWO President, comprised of board members, will review each application.
- All applications are due one month prior to the convention.
- The applicants who are chosen, based on the above criteria, will receive a phone call and letter informing her of the scholarship.

Please Print: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Congregational Unit and Town \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Interests \_\_\_\_\_

Why you would like to attend the Gathering \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline is August 1, 2019**

Return to: Diane Teigland  
PO Box 267  
Bertha, MN 56437  
218-639-5610  
[dianeteigland@hotmail.com](mailto:dianeteigland@hotmail.com)