



# THE VOICE

SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD

Fall 2018 October

## President's Message

As of the June 2nd convention we have a new Board of Directors for the SE PA SWO. Their names and contact information with short bios can be found in another section of the VOICE. Please keep these women in your prayers as we work toward doing God's work in this area of the world.

We sincerely thank Joy Grace who has served as our president for the past four years and has strived to keep us on track in our mission of service. We also thank the departing board members: Beatrice Parker, Carol Herstine, Elaine Keller, Arlette Stansbury, and Liz Harmon for all the work they did while serving with us. Unfortunately, at the end of the day on June 2 we did not have a president to elect for the new Board. At our September 16 Board of Directors meeting I offered to step into that position for one year and will serve until our next special business meeting in June 2019. This leaves the office of vice president open and eligible for appointment. If there is anyone out there who feels they could serve in the vice president position, please contact me ASAP (215-679-6626) and let's talk..

Our goals for the term of 2018-2019 are to find leadership for five of our eight conferences who have lost their leaders and get them up and running again. We are also planning a major campaign to get new congregational units, CU's, on board at the churches who currently do not have active units. We are eager to take on some of the special projects brought to our attention at the 2017 Triennial. This includes working with other women across the country and beyond to make a better place for all.

Respectfully,

Phyllis Boyer  
WELCA Synodical Board President  
Southeastern PA Synod

## Officers & Board Members

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Linda Garcia, Board member	H: 215-257-2925	Email: jaglsg@comcast.net

## **Brief information about officers and Board members**

**President** - Phyllis Boyer - Previous SWO Board Member, retired secretary from TEVA Pharmaceuticals, member of Zion Lutheran, Zion Hill, Upper Bucks Conference

**Secretary** - Helen Dungan - Previous SWO Board Member - retired librarian from Lafayette College in Easton, member of Evangelical Durham Lutheran in Durham, Upper Bucks Conference

**Treasurer** - Cynthia Ryan - Past President of SEPA SWO, works in banking, member of Trinity Lutheran, Lansdale, Lower Montgomery Conference

**Board member** - Dale O'Hara - previous board member, member of Augustus Lutheran in Trappe, Upper Montgomery Conference

**Board member** - Joan Seader - previous board member, retired nurse from Abington Hospital, member at St. John's Lutheran, Melrose Park, Lower Montgomery Conference

**Board member** Linda Garcia - New to the Board, retired professor of Nursing, Bucks County College, member at Trinity Lutheran, Perkasio, Upper Bucks Conference

**Board member** Rev. Sarah Stobie - New to the Board, pastor at St. John's Lutheran Blue Bell, and chair of SEPA Candidacy Committee, Lower Montgomery Conference

**Board member** Sandy Zimmerman - New to the Board, member at St. John's Lutheran Phoenixville, Chester Conference

**Conference Coordinator** Joy Grace – past Board of Directors president – contact by C: 484-432-8087 or Email: [jgrace@partneresi.com](mailto:jgrace@partneresi.com) (non-board member)

NOTE: This is the first 2018 Fall edition of the Voice published prior to the scheduled fall gatherings. Another edition will come out later this fall.

### **In this issue of the Voice:**

A message from the president

List and brief biography of Board officers and members

Information about Conference fall gatherings and Bible studies

## **Delaware Conference Fall Gathering**

**DATE:** Saturday, October 13, 2018  
**TIME:** 10:00 am Registration, 10:30 am Brunch followed by meeting  
**PLACE:** Faith Immanuel Lutheran Church  
65 Penn Blvd., East Lansdowne, PA. 19050

**PROGRAM:** Participants will share program ideas they have for future programs and share past year programs they had at their congregational units.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!**

Directions: Baltimore Avenue to Penn Blvd. Turn left at Giant Food store on right)

Thank you for your continued interest and support of our conference endeavors!

May God continue to bless each of you.....to be a blessing!

In His Service,  
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of The  
UPPER MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE of the  
Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of  
The Women of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Augustus Lutheran Church  
717 W. Main Street  
Trappe, PA  
(610) 489-9625

**Theme:** *Galatians 3:28 about "Equality." There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

**PROGRAM BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9:30 A.M.**

Coffee, tea & beverages will served by our host church, and refreshments and treats supplied by each church group will be shared. Many thanks to host church and to all bringing treats.

**REGISTRATION WILL START AT 9:00 A.M.**

**PROGRAM SPEAKER:** Rev. Dr. Kriebel is a summa cum laude graduate of the Philadelphia High School for Girls, a cum laude graduate of Ursinus College with a B.S. degree (pre-med), an honor graduate of the Lancaster Theological Seminary, with a B.D., and an S.T.M. (Masters in Sacred Theology) from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Ursinus College conferred the Doctor of Divinity degree in 1984. The Rev. Dr. Kriebel is now retired from Trinity United Church of Christ in Collegeville. She was a Pastor at Trinity for over 30 years. She is married and has one son.

**IN-KIND DONATIONS:** Canned goods for "Daily Bread Community Food Pantry," a Collegeville local food cupboard.

**DIRECTIONS to Augustus L. C.:** From Pottstown travel East on Ridge Pike past the Target/Giant Shopping Center in Upper Providence on right. You will then pass a blue sign that says "Welcome to Historic Trappe" on left. Continue on Ridge Pike (Main Street) a little further to Augustus LC on the left. If you come to a Dairy Queen on the left or the Trappe Tavern on your right, you went too far.

**Upper Bucks Fall Gathering**  
**Topic: Most merciful God:**  
**living in God's forgiveness and love**

*Join us for Upper  
Gathering  
All women are  
Saturday,  
invited!*



*Bucks WELCA Fall*

October 20, 2018

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jennifer Ollikainen Pastor of Trinity and author of article about forgiveness in September 2018 *Gather* magazine

Registration: 8:30AM in Fellowship Hall

Breakfast: 9AM followed by devotions and program

Place: Trinity Lutheran Church - 19 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Perkasie, PA

Parking lot: 4<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut or park on street

Bring in-kind gift of: bars of soap, sanitary pads (no tampons), wash cloths, deodorant, travel-sized hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, and toothpaste to support a Poverty Resolutions mission of women in Haiti

Please RSVP to Linda Garcia by Wednesday, October 17, 2018  
by email [jaglsg@comcast.net](mailto:jaglsg@comcast.net) or phone 215-257-2925



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## SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA

### Upper Montgomery Conference

#### First Tuesday Bible Studies

10 a.m. (Coffee and treats at 9:30 a.m.)

Fall: Repentance Winter: Meetings with Jesus: John's Gospel  
9:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. Fall/ Winter 2018; Winter/ Spring 2019



September 4, 2018	"Time after time: Turning to God" When we turn to God, we find grace.	Emmanuel Lutheran Church Hanover & Walnut Sts., Pottstown
Presenter, Kitty Pell	Session one	
October 2, 2018	"If I could turn back time: Turning to others" Session two	St. Peter's Lutheran Church Walnut & Glassgow Sts., Pottstown
Presenter, Janet Luyben		
November 6, 2018	"Turning points: Turning as the church to the world" Session three	Augustus Lutheran Church 717 W. Main St., Trappe
Presenter, Barbara Thornton		
December 4, 2018	"Fear not: an Advent/ Christmas devotional"	St. James Lutheran Church High & Price Streets, Pottstown
When God's people are afraid, it doesn't mean we are outside of faith. "Fear not" appears frequently in the Bible, in a way that is comforting. Knowing God is with us, we can face our fears. As we enter the season of Advent, this devotional by the Rev. Katie Hines-Shah, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hinsdale, Illinois, will help us begin to see that the Christmas story is also the story of life in faith.		
Presenter, Jean John		

### January - February 2019 Mid-winter break — SAVE GATHER Magazines

March 5, 2019	"Come and see: Seeking and finding faith" Session one	St. Mark's Lutheran Church 81 Main St., Pennsburg
Presenter, Debra Long	Study from <b>January</b> / February issue of <i>GATHER</i>	
April 2, 2019	"By night and day: Coming to faith in Jesus" Session two	St. James Lutheran Church Kugler Rd. & Swamp Pk., Limerick
Presenter, Bobbie Hoffman	Study from <b>January</b> / <b>February</b> issue of <i>GATHER</i>	
May 7, 2019	"Friends for life in Christ" Session Three	Augustus Lutheran Church 717 W. Main St., Trappe
Presenter, Pat Leberman	Study from <b>March</b> issue of <i>GATHER</i>	
June 4, 2019	"Seeing the risen Christ" Session Four	St. John's Lutheran Church 3104 Main St., Sumneytown
Presenter, Fran Iverson	Study from <b>April</b> issue of <i>GATHER</i>	

### 2019 Summer Bible Study to be announced in the Spring

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND BRING FRIENDS. Study materials are found in the *Gather* magazine.

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