



March 2022

Views from the Rockies

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Rocky Mountain Synodical President's Corner

Love, Love, Love, that's what it's all about!

I didn't manage to get *The Views* out in February. It is the shortest month of the year, and in the middle of it is the 14th, the day to commemorate St. Valentine. The day is mostly associated with romantic love, but because it is a saint's day, perhaps the emphasis of the day should be more like Agape love—the Greek word for love that is empathetic and universal and the most like God's love for us.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." John 3:16a.

"He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matthew 22:37-39.

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:12-13

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love." 1 John 4:7-8

"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends...And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, 13 (NRSV)



Everybody sing and SHOUT! 'Cause that's what it's all about! It's about Love, Love, Love!

God's boundless LOVE and blessings to you all,

Julie

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**Spur one another on
toward love and good deeds**



RMSWO Convention
September 30- October 2, 2022
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Greeley, Colorado

Theme verse - Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,

²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

What will the Fall 2022 Convention be like? The plan is to meet in person with the option for participation by Zoom.

- Participate in person as a voting member or as an attendee
- Or join us by Zoom, again either as a voting member or as an attendee

Our hope is to encourage a renewal of “...meeting together...” and gathering together, even though it still might be in a manner not quite how things used to be!

With so much of our church life changed these past years, we will also be asking all of you to think about what does it mean to be a woman of the ELCA now? What do we want to continue to make a priority and what decisions need to be made about doing some things differently in the future?

Your Rocky Mountain Synodical Women’s Organization board is so thankful and grateful for all of you who have continued in whatever way to support the Women of the ELCA. You kept meeting for Bible study, for quilting, for mission and community projects. You continued to send in financial support which, in turn, enabled our RMSWO to send funds on to Churchwide Women of the ELCA. You participated in our first Zoom Convention! Pray with us and stay with us as we “...consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds...”

Ways to honor and celebrate women

by Elizabeth McBride (Daily Grace-March 3, 2022 for the entire article)

March is Women's History Month: March has arrived, and it's time to honor and celebrate women! Women's History Month is a wonderful time to acknowledge the impact of women in your life and on the whole world. Here are some intentional ways to honor the women you love: past, present, and future.

1. Write a letter to a woman who inspires you. . . .
2. Make a list of 10 women in your life who have influenced you. . . .
3. Pray for a different woman each day this month.
4. Intentionally appreciate women in art. . . .
5. Pick up the phone and call a woman in your life you haven't talked to for awhile. . . .

6. Support female businesses owners. . . .

7. Read the biblical books of Esther and Ruth. . . .

March is a wonderful time to celebrate all women. Praise be to God for women throughout history. May our intentional acts of remembrance and celebration remind us of the creator at the center of all life!

(Remember, resources for Bold Women's Day encourage celebration of women who have touched our lives. Usually, Bold Women's Day is celebrated the last Sunday of February but if you didn't hold a service, do so this month with a donation celebrating those special women and send these to the Women of the ELCA.)

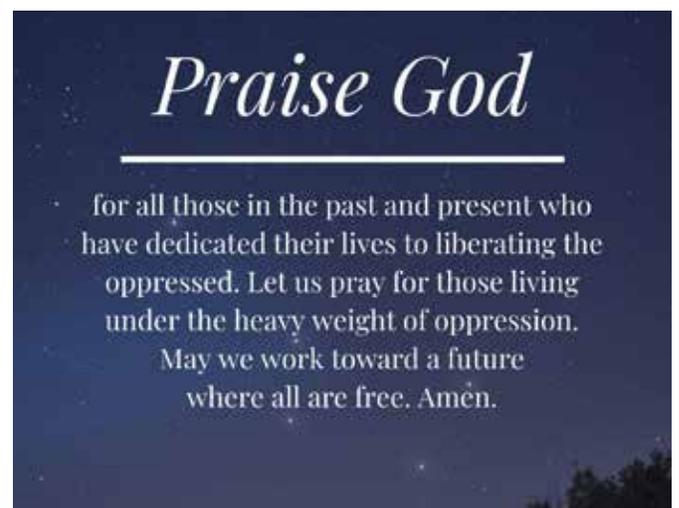
New RMSWO Treasurer

As of February 1, Debra Haar is now the treasurer of the RMSWO. Please send in your offerings in

care of Debra Haar at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 4720 Galley Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80915. If you have questions, send Debra an email at: haardap@hotmail.com.



A special thank you to Jan Young for serving as RMSWO treasurer from February 1, 2018 until February 1, 2022.



Pray anything

by Daily Grace

Prayer is much more than words. It is an expression of the heart toward God. It is an experience, a relationship, not an activity.

As a child of God, you are invited to come boldly before God's throne. "Since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God," Paul writes, "let us...then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (Hebrews 4:14, 16).

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ makes it possible for each of us to have access to God. Have you utilized your boldness in prayer? Just say the word: Talk to God, tell God your joys and concerns, give God thanks and praise, confess your sins and your needs before God in prayer. It is both that simple and that difficult.

This message is excerpted from "I Am She," a 2009 Women of the ELCA resource.

Friends in Christ

by Daily Grace

Jesus says that we are to love one another as he has loved us. Ok, but how, exactly, has he loved us? For starters, by welcoming, feeding, healing, forgiving, exhorting, challenging, reframing, remaining, and dying. And that is precisely what we are to do with our friends. Be Jesus to them.

The trouble is, Jesus redefines who our friends are. They are all people. Everyone. People we don't like. People who aren't like us. People at the borders. People at the margins. People who don't fit into boxes, and certainly not our boxes. Everyone is to be our friend. We are to be friends with everyone.

Even those people? Yup, even those people. In Christ, they, too, are our friends, because we are in Christ, and Christ has called us, all of us, his friends.

This message is excerpted from "Not just friends" by Anna Madsen in March 2019 Gather magazine.

Recipe to share

from the May/June 2001 issue of the Views:

Grammy Anna's Butter Cookies

2 Cups Butter

1 Cup Brown Sugar

2 tsp. Vanilla extract

4-5 Cups Flour

Roll in a tube shape and refrigerate. Slice and bake about 10 minutes at 375 degrees. Try it and enjoy the results. Recipe from Wendy Johnson of St. Paul Lutheran in Albuquerque. It was a cookie recipe from her grandmother, Anna Clarissa Larson, a life-long member of her home church, Trefoldighed Lutheran Church in Battle Lake, Minnesota.

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Think Spring!



How To Sign Up For The RMS e-Connection by e-mail

By Susan Mitchell

We encourage every woman in the Rocky Mountain Synod to sign up to receive the weekly Synod Newsletter called e-Connection. It is sent out every Wednesday to your e-mail address, and it contains articles and pictures about many things in our lives together as Lutherans living in the states that make up the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Once a quarter, e-Connection will have an article about the current issue of our *Views from the Rockies*—the newsletter of the RMS Women’s Organization. You will be directed to the Synod website, which is where *Views* issues will be available. You may read them online, and also print a copy for your personal use. Ask your church office to print the *Views* for you if you do not have access to the website.

Please sign up as follows:

1. On your computer, go to the Rocky Mountain Synod website by putting this URL into your

browser: <https://www.rmselca.org/faithformation/RockyMountainSynodicalWomensOrganization>

2. On the home page, scroll down to the bottom, and in the middle of the page you will see: Subscribe to e-mail Newsletter. Below that line is a yellow rectangle that says e-mail List. Simply click on the yellow rectangle! This takes you to a page that asks for your e-mail Address, your first & last name, and to check a box stating if you are a Pastor, Associate in Ministry, Diaconal Minister, or Deaconess. Below this you should check the box that states: “I wish to receive e-Connection each week.”
3. Finally, click on the bottom bar that says “Sign Up.” That’s it! Remember, this is a free subscription to the synod e-mail weekly newsletter. You will receive notice of new issues of our *Views from the Rockies* newsletters from the synod’s e-Connection e-mail.

About Views from the Rockies



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the RMSWO Board. Your e-mail address will not be shared with any other organization.

The website of the Rocky Mountain Synodical Women’s Organization has not only this newsletter but more information about what is going on now, what has happened in the past, and what to look to in the future. We will keep new, interesting information highlighted on the web.

RMSWO Website: www.rmselca.org/faithformation/RockyMountainSynodicalWyomensOrganization.

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To mobilize
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