

Our W/ELCA SWO CONVENTION concluded about 4 p.m. yesterday. We are grateful to **Cecil Maureen Johnson** who served as our delegate. Visit with her, Jackie Boorman, or Cleone Pritchard about what was accomplished and experienced. They may be a bit “bleary-eyed” this morning as the convention is an action-packed 24 hours, but they are excited about the work that is being accomplished through our synod-wide connections.

Thank you also to Jackie for providing a basket for the silent auction, to Meg Corrigan and Gloria VanDenneltraadt for their convention participation, to those who supplied refreshments for the Friday break times, to the quilters for two quilts, to those who donated socks and underwear for our material offering, and to all who helped with our goal of providing a “farm” through the ELCA Good Gifts program. What a demonstration of our Mission Statement: To mobilize women to act **BOLDLY** on their faith in Jesus Christ.

A NEW MISSION ENDEAVOR: During May and June, we are asking for donations of full skeins of **4-ply acrylic** yarn. Male inmates at the Rush City, Moose Lake, and Lino Lakes correctional facilities are being taught to knit and they are creating baby sweaters and other items for a project called Bundles of Love. Donations may be brought to the box at entrance to the atrium.

BIBLE STUDY IN A DEVOTIONAL MANNER: If the winter passed without your having an opportunity to attend a study session, our May gathering would be a perfect time to experience one. This month we’ll consider “Two-Way Blessings: intergenerational relationships”. We’ll explore Biblical examples of this very special human connection. Sessions meet **THIS TUESDAY, MAY 7** in the Fireside Room at 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

PROGRAM PLANNING FOR 2019-2020 is underway. There is still a need for helpers as hostesses, special event leaders, and sunshine visitors. A sign-up sheet is posted on our WELCA bulletin board by the office. If you have questions about what a task entails, contact: Barb Erickson, Jackie Boorman, Merdith Moser, or Cleone Pritchard. Through our WELCA churchwide office, we are receiving word that our organization is facing challenges. We’ll share more about that in coming months, but how grateful we are for the active support CLC women provide to our unit.

RETIREMENT NEWS: Global Health Ministries newsletter contained information about Dr. Mark Jacobson’s retirement after 33 years of mission service with the hospital at Arusha, Tanzania. What a legacy this Stillwater, Minnesota native has left for his adopted country. What an example of service he provides for all of us.