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## **33rd ANNUAL KATY YORK HONORING WOMEN LUNCHEON**

**For all women in the Southeast Michigan Synod**



**Saturday, March 29, 2025**  
**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
**30650 Six Mile Road**  
**Livonia, Mi 48152**



**Honorees are asked to arrive at 9:30 am**  
**Program will begin at 10:00 am**  
**Speaker: State Trooper**



**Family style luncheon will be served at noon.**



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I trust that everyone had a blessed Christmas and is looking forward to the New Year ahead.

One thing I look forward to is opening up my email in the morning and seeing the Daily Grace devotional from the church wide WELCA. I think a devotional reminding me of God's grace is the best way to start my day. You can go to the website each day and read that day's devotion or you can choose to sign up to receive the devotion in your email every day. You can sign up to receive that email by going to the WELCA website which is <https://www.womenoftheelca.org> and click on the Daily Grace menu item at the top.

Another thing I am looking forward to is honoring the WELCA women in your congregation who are the examples of all we should be doing in serving our Lord and who are an inspiration for the future of ministry. The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia. You are able to select 3 women from your congregation—one under 40 years old and one over 40 years old. They should be someone who emulates the purpose of WELCA as a woman created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, who helps us 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.

Acknowledging that we all have our own special gifts of the Spirit, we look forward to honoring the women you select and hearing all about the wonderful ways in which they inspire us and spread the love of God in the world.

In this issue of The LOOM, you will find the registration form. One form should be submitted for each honoree and for each guest who will be attending to show support for their honoree. The registration forms should be submitted no later than 03/14/25 along with a check or checks to cover the registration fee for each attendee. You should also include a statement of the background of the honoree which the reason(s) for their nomination.

Another thing I am looking forward to is seeing your congregation's fund-raising and ministry activities in The LOOM. In December I attended the Cookie Walk at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Port Huron. It was a first for me since I had never been to a Cookie Walk. It was a fun experience and good to meet all the people who were raising money to support their WELCA programs. I know each of your individual church organizations have programs and events geared toward spreading God's love to others "by any means necessary". Please share your groups' fund-raises and activities with your fellow synod congregations by sending your articles and pictures to our LOOM editor.

One of the special ways we are looking to use to spread the love of God is by having each of you attending the Honoring Women event is to bring a new or gently used purse to support the Michigan State Police's program "Purses with a Purpose". The purses should be filled with personal sized toiletries and some of the following items: a) socks, b) feminine hygiene products, c) washcloth, d) gift cards, 3) candy, f) charging cords, g) stuffed animals for children, h) any other items you believe would be of assistance to a person in need due to homelessness or as a victim of domestic violence or human trafficking. The purses will be distributed by the Michigan State Police to homeless and domestic violence shelters to provide some of the necessities which those in the shelters may need but do not have. If you have purses but no contents or want to donate contents but don't have purses, please bring either so that can fill them all.

You can still donate to Katie's Fund by going to the above website and make an online gift by selecting Katie's Fund in the drop-down designation list. Alternatively, you can send a check made payable to Women of The ELCA to Women of the ELCA, ELCA Gift Processing Center, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. Note "Katie's Fund" on the memo line.

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**33rd Annual Katy York Honoring Women Luncheon  
HONOREE INFORMATION FORM**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 14, 2025**

Completed form should be mailed to:

M. Diane Hopper  
1395 Millbrook Trail  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Honoree's Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose any letters of recommendation or Newsletter articles if they are available.

Personal/Family: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

What inspired you to become involved in serving the Lord? Share your story: \_\_\_\_\_

**HONORING WOMEN REGISTRATION**

March 29, 2025  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
\$35.00  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
30650 Six Mile Road  
Livonia, MI 48152

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOMECHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

HONOREE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL NEEDS \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make copies for all attendees

Please mail to: M. Diane Hooper, 1395 Millbrook Trail, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Deadline to register: March 14, 2025



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As we leave the Christmas season behind and look forward to the new year and Easter season ahead, consider giving a gift to Katie's Fund in honor of a departed love one, a gift in gratitude for a friend, pastor, or parent to show your support for the ministries of WELCA.

When you give a gift and fill out the acknowledgement form found on the website on page 2 and send a copy of the form to our LOOM editor, the names(s) of the person(s) you are honoring will be displayed on our website and in the following issue of The LOOM.

Again, Happy New Year and may God bless you throughout the year ahead.

Yours in Christ,

*Molly Eklund-Easley*



### Easy Soda Pop Cake

1 box of cake mix and 1 can of soda (7-Up or experiment with other flavors). Mix together and follow baking directions on cake box.

### Brussel Sprouts/Butternut Squash

1 lb Brussel sprouts; trimmed and halved  
 1 medium Butternut, peeled and cubed  
 2 Tbs olive oil  
 S & P to taste  
 1/2 cup maple walnuts  
 1/2 cup dried cranberries  
 1/2 cup crumbed goat cheese  
 4 Tbs maple syrup

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Toss sprouts and squash with oil and salt and pepper.
2. Roast veggies on large baking sheet, single layer, 25-30 minutes; stir at 15 minutes.
3. Add nuts, cranberries and cheese. Toss gently.
4. Drizzle with syrup. Serve warm.

Serves 4-6 people

If you have a delicious recipe you would like to share, please email it to the editor.

Chicken Cups (served at Celebration Lutheran Church)

Makes 8 servings

1 cup mayonnaise (not salad dressing)  
 1 tsp lemon zest  
 2 tsp onion  
 1/2 tsp salt  
 2 1/2 cups cooked chicken (shredded or diced)  
 1 cup celery  
 1 cup toasted almonds or dried cranberries  
 Shredded sharp cheddar cheese  
 1 roll of Pillsbury Grand biscuits

Blend mayonnaise, lemon zest, lemon juice, onion and salt. Mix with chicken, celery and almonds or cranberries. Roll out Pillsbury Grands biscuits to approximately 5 inches and pat into muffin tins that have been sprayed with cooking spray. Spoon chicken salad into cups and bake in 375 degree oven for 20-25 minutes. Sprinkle cheese on top and return to oven until cheese is melted.

# Ways to Serve Samaritas™



## Four ways you can help those we serve!

You can be an integral partner in enhancing our ministry and Mission:

*Serving people as an expression of the love of Christ.*



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**Purpose of the Women of the Ev. Lutheran Church in America**

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy spirit, 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.

**Mission**

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

**Mission Areas**

Women of the ELCA carries out its purpose statement in three mission areas:

- Mission: Community
- Mission: Growth
- Mission: Action

These mission areas are intentionally interdependent and overlapping



**LEADERSHIP CHANGE?**

If you have had a change of leadership in your WELCA Unit, please fill out and mail the following form to the editor:

Joan Onkka, 19432 Mayfield, Apt. 102, Livonia, MI 48152

Present Leader \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address, City, and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address, City and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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