

Northern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA

23rd Annual Convention

Saturday September 17th, 2011

St Paul's Lutheran Church Orion, IL

Act Boldly : Neighbors Uplifting Neighbors

Luke 10:2 You shall love your God with all you heart and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.

Fran Sellers and I attended the 23rd convention on Saturday. What a Spirit Filled day, our spiritual leaders whose message inspired us into action through the word of God. In a beautiful facilities on a beautiful day!

President Amy Laurin opened the meeting, followed by our worship service with communion, Bishop Wollershim gave the sermon based on Luke 10:25-37 , What must I do to inherit eternal life? Neighbors helping Neighbors. He gave the example of 9-11-2001 and how everyone came together. Believe in God, God uses us to be neighbors for those in need. When we are called to help out in a disaster, Holy Spirit works, God is with you.

He was back later for a workshop where we could ask him question, which was very informative. He praised the women for all we do, just keep up the good work.

Churchwide Rep , was in attendance from New England Synod, she said Irene was not expected to come , but did and now they have no shopping center , people lost their homes and etc, but how neighbors came together to help out.

We had several workshop, nice lunch and lots of exhibits/displays to attend.

Business meeting we passed one resolution to the elderly and state of Medicare payments; we elected new president Pat Msseemma , St John's ,Peru.

Secretary Kim Choin , Nativity Lutheran, Wonder Lake
New reps for East, South, Northwest and Southwest Conferences.

Encouraging us to continue to give our offering and etc as the giving is down, due to the economy. Have cut the budget.

Continue with our Quilts and Kits, Fair Trade Coffee , Lucinda pins sales ,Kathy Fund and etc.

Offering collected to date 3243.26. 1/2 to WELCA, ¼ to Rocky Boy Indian Reservation, ¼ to Lutheran Social Services. 129 were in attendance.

Mark your calendar St John's Lutheran Church , Pearl City ,IL September 22, 2012 will be hosting the 2012 convention. It was my pleasure to attend and be your delegate.

Colleen Zinke