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**32nd ANNUAL KATY YORK
HONORING WOMEN LUNCHEON**
For all women in the Southeast Michigan Synod

Saturday, May 18, 2024



**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154**

**Honorees are asked to arrive at 9:30 AM
Program will begin at 10:00 AM**



**Speaker: The Rev. Jen Kiefer
Assistant to the Bishop for
Congregation and Synod Life Candidacy**

Family style luncheon will be served at noon:

**Rosemary Encrusted Baked Chicken, Meatballs with Mushroom Gravy,
Whipped White Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Cut Vegetable Relish Tray,
Garden Fresh Tossed Salad, Assorted Tea Cookies, Coffee, Tea and Water**



Happy New Year everyone! Although we all complained about the pandemic and the problems it caused all of us, even those who did not contract the Covid-19 virus, it did produce some changes which we now continue to benefit from. One of those changes has been the regular use of Zoom for meetings, for church, for work, and for court.

As an attorney, it was a strange thing to think I could be involved in a court hearing online, but now in Wayne County, we can only attend the Probate Court hearings online. It is a blessing which allows hearings to take less time, less travel expense and less parking expense. For others there has been a benefit of being able to work from home or to only have to go into the office a few days a week rather than every day, or being able to work from home as needed when the weather might prevent that (although that does prevent the joy of being off work for a snow day!)

For other meetings, it has been a blessing to be able to attend my Optimist Club meetings whether I am in town or traveling. Even though getting together to socialize has been limited, we are still able to combine and maintain both in person and online connections. It has also benefited our WELCA Board by being able to meet on Zoom to work on preparing for the Honoring Women event coming up in May. Although the traditional time for the event was in February, we were not able to make that happen but still wanted to continue to recognize the women of our synod who are serving God by living their theology. "Living Theology" is the theme for this year's event and I look forward to seeing the women who we have in our synod who are doing just that! (Please see the information and registration forms in this newsletter)

I believe one of the biggest blessings has been with church. At Zion in Ferndale, Zoom has allowed those often referred to as "shut ins" to attend church and be a part of the service rather than simply have the pastor or another church member bring communion or having the service streamed for the ability to only watch. We are able to connect with other members before and after service for our own little "coffee hour" online. Even though we no longer have the requirement to be locked down out of the church building, the benefit of having the online service continues. It even allowed me to invite to church, my sister, who lives in Maine and to invite my sister-in-law, who lives in California. It is a blessing to be able to share God's word across the country and around the world. It has also allowed us to have an online bible study to which all are invited on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. Just go to zionluthernmi.org and click on the women's bible study link.

As we begin this new year, I pray that each of you will praise God for the blessings he has bestowed on us and share them with everyone. We are blessed to be a blessing to others every day.

God bless you,
Molly Eklund-Easley



32nd Annual Katy York Honoring Women Luncheon
HONOREE INFORMATION FORM

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2024

Completed form should be mailed to:
 M. Diane Hopper
 1395 Millbrook Trail
 Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Honoree's Name

Address

City:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Honoree's Email

Home Church:

Address:

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

Personal/Family:

Church:

Community:

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



*32nd Annual Kathy York
Honoring Women Luncheon*

RESERVATION FORM—All Attendees

Submission Deadline: April 15, 2024

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Home Church _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Honoree's Name _____

Cost: \$35.00 each

Number of tickets: _____

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____ (please make check(s) payable to:
Southeast Michigan WELCA

**PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU HAVE HANDICAPPED OR SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS, SUCH AS A
VEGETARIAN OR GLUTEN FREE REQUIREMENT.**

Please mail to:

**M. Diane Hopper
1395 Millbrook Trail
Ann Arbor, Mi 48108**

Please note: We try to seat groups together. Please mail registrations together. Each table seats 8 people.

Women of the **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**
Southeast Michigan Synod



**You are invited to the
32nd Annual Katy York Honoring Women Luncheon
May 18, 2024
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
39020 Five Mile Road
Livonia, Michigan 48154**

1. We will honor a woman from your congregation who represents **all** women in your congregation.
2. We urge you to consider sponsoring an additional **young woman** from your youth group or an active woman under age 35 who makes an important contribution to ministries in your congregation.
3. The honoree(s) should arrive by 9:30 am so that a group photograph may be taken prior to the luncheon. The cost of the photograph will be absorbed by WELCA.
4. All other attendees should arrive no later than 10:00 am.
5. Holy Trinity is located on Five Mile Road and I-275. Please use your favorite application to map the best route to the church.
6. Your church should purchase the tickets for your honoree, her spouse, special guest and pastor.
7. The following items are enclosed in this newsletter:
 - a. Honoree Information Form. The information on this sheet will be read at the luncheon as an introduction of the honoree. The completed form should be returned to Diane Hopper no later than March 31, 2024. Diane's address is on the bottom of the honoree form.
 - b. Reservation Form for all luncheon attendees, plus payment, may be sent to Diane no later than April 15, 2024. **NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**
 - c. Vegetarian option must be included on the registration form. **No vegetarian options can be made the day of the luncheon.**

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA - SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN SYNOD
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Ending Balance as of 12/31/22

\$12,355.27

INCOME - DONATIONS

	01/31/23	02/28/23	03/31/23	04/30/23	05/31/23	06/30/23	07/31/23	08/31/23	09/30/23	10/31/23	11/30/23	12/31/23	TOTAL
REGULAR OFFERINGS													
Special Offering	\$446.20	\$0.00	\$260.00	\$758.50	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$1,764.70
Eidweiss Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Honoring Women Registrations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
LOOM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Convention Income:													
FALL Convention Registrations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$285.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$285.00
National Convention Registrations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
National Convention Education Gift	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
KATYS Fund Education Gift	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$260.00	\$758.50	\$1,150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$285.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$2,048.70
Total Donations Per Month	\$446.20	\$0.00	\$260.00	\$758.50	\$1,150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$285.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$2,048.70
Total Deposits YTD	\$12,801.47	\$12,801.47	\$13,061.47	\$15,019.97	\$14,969.97	\$14,969.97	\$14,969.97	\$14,969.97	\$15,254.97	\$15,364.97	\$15,404.97	\$15,404.97	\$15,404.97

DISBURSEMENTS - EXPENSES

	01/31/23	02/28/23	03/31/23	04/30/23	05/31/23	06/30/23	07/31/23	08/31/23	09/30/23	10/31/23	11/30/23	12/31/23	TOTAL
HONORING WOMEN													
Venue Rental	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Venue Deposit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Food Deposit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Food Cost plus Tip	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Books and Postage - Jacqueline Busale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$242.84	\$0.00	\$242.84
FALL GATHERING EXPENSES													
Entertainment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Food	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WEBSITE FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
LOOM EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$185.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$112.26	\$0.00	\$105.60	\$0.00	\$403.16
ELCA AND SEMI EXPENSES													
KATY'S FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.88	\$24.88
PRESIDENTS FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
REGULAR OFFERING	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PREPAID CONVENTION FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expense Per Month	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$305.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$112.26	\$0.00	\$105.60	\$24.88	\$694.08
Total YTD Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$305.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$112.26	\$0.00	\$105.60	\$24.88	\$694.08
BALANCE (INCOME - EXPENSES)	\$12,801.47	\$12,801.47	\$12,941.47	\$13,699.97	\$14,664.67	\$14,364.67	\$14,364.67	\$14,364.67	\$14,537.41	\$13,732.41	\$8,483.97	\$8,459.89	\$8,459.89
BANK STATEMENT BALANCE	\$12,801.47	\$12,801.47	\$12,941.47	\$13,699.97	\$14,664.67	\$14,364.67	\$14,364.67	\$14,364.67	\$14,537.41	\$13,732.41	\$10,983.97	\$8,459.89	\$8,459.89
Difference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,500.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00