



UPCOMING EVENTS of the Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Organization:

- **SOUP KITCHEN** Saturday, February 3 from 10:30 – 1:00
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
1616 Olive St in Stillwater

Featured speaker, J. Duke Hamilton, is a science policy director at Fresh Energy. She will speak about renewable energy. Great food, great fellowship, and an opportunity for learning.

- **SPRING CONVENTION** Friday-Saturday, May 4 – 5
Christ Lutheran Church
11194 36th St N in Lake Elmo

Conventions are held to conduct business, elect officers and board members, approve budgets, and set directions. You will be inspired by the speakers and workshops. It is also a time to renew friendships and make new ones.

We are looking for a delegate to attend from our congregation. Consider being a part of this event.

- **INTRODUCTION TO GATHER BIBLE STUDY
2018-2019**

September 15, 2018
St. Marks Lutheran Church
2499 N Helen St in North St Paul

St. Mark's pastoral associate, Lindsey Bina, will lead the study again. More information to follow in the spring.

FUTURE TRINITY W/ELCA FUNDRAISER:

SPRING SILENT AUCTION
in April. Watch for date in March



Think Spring!

We will be looking for creative donations from Circle members.
Watch for more details in the March newsletter.

HOSPICE KITS

Trinity Women of the ELCA will again be collecting items for *Global Health Ministries*. The kits will be sent to Third World countries where they will provide comfort and cleanliness to hospice patients. A list will be included in the March newsletter. We will be collecting items in May and June.

CAFÉ

is an award-winning web-based magazine for young women who want to build **C**ommunity, participate in **A**dvocacy, strengthen **F**aith and strive toward **E**nlightenment (**C.A.F.E.**) It incorporates a Lutheran perspective for women of Christian faith or for any woman interested in how faith can relate to issues that women face today. Sign up today at www.womenoftheelca.org to receive email alerts of new issues of CAFÉ.

CARE OF CREATION CORNER

For Valentine's Day, over 150 million roses are sold nationwide. Have you ever stopped to wonder just where those roses come from? Many of the cut roses sold in the United State are imported from South and Central America, where labor costs are low. Now, China is investing in the cut-flower market by starting huge core farms, where workers earn as little as \$25 a month.

Besides the low wages, workers on rose plantations around the world are often exposed to dangerous chemicals used to fumigate the flowers.

All of the imported roses must be transported by air in refrigerated containers, consuming huge amounts of energy.



What is a socially minded person to do? Seek out domestically-grown roses and flowers that have not traveled as far as imported flowers. In the summer and fall, locally grown flowers are available at our farmers markets. It is our job to make a difference in God's creation – one step at a time!