

**Women of the ELCA**  
**2018 Bluebonnet Conference Spring Gathering**  
*Spiritual Renewal*

*Those Who Wait for the Lord Shall Renew Their Strength. Isaiah 40:31*



**DATE:** Saturday, March 10, 2018

**PLACE:** St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
1545 E. FM 1961, Goliad, Texas 77963

**TIME:** Registration - 8:00 a.m. — 9:00 a.m.  
Program, Lunch and Closing Service, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**REGISTRATION:** \$15 per person    **DEADLINE:** February 25, 2018

**SPEAKERS:** Keynote Speaker—Rev. Lucinda Zesch, chaplain for Knopp  
Healthcare and Rehab, Fredericksburg  
Guest Speaker and Physical Offering Recipient—  
Theresa Klacman, Restoration House Ministries, Victoria

**WHAT TO BRING**

**LOVE OFFERING:** Your unit's love offering to be divided: 50% Churchwide, 25% Synodical Women's Organization, and 25% to the Goliad Ministerial Alliance

**DOOR PRIZE:** Door prize with your unit's name on it.

**PHYSICAL OFFERINGS:** Requested items to be donated to Restoration House Ministries: college ruled spiral notebooks, journals, pens, envelopes, stamps, new ladies footies, ankle socks, booties, toilet paper, paper towels, liquid laundry detergent, Dawn dish detergent, and oven mitts

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Please detach and return the following registration form (Please Print)

**Your Church Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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(If additional space is needed, please use the back of this form)

Please make checks payable to **St. Peter's Lutheran Church (Women of the ELCA)**

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed

Return completed registration forms by **February 25, 2018** to: **St. Peter's Lutheran Church**  
**1545 E. FM 1961**  
**Goliad, Texas 77963**



January 10, 2018

Women of the Bluebonnet Conference:

We welcome all women to the annual Bluebonnet Spring Gathering event to be held on March 10 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ander, Texas. (A map to the church and written directions are enclosed.)

Our theme is "Spiritual Renewal" taken from Isaiah 40:31 — *Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.* Registration and refreshments will open at 8 AM and the Gathering program will begin at 9 AM. The cost for the day is \$15, which includes refreshments and lunch. If you have special dietary requirements, please contact St. Peter's office at 361-645-2922.

Rev. Lucinda Zesch, who currently serves as chaplain for Knopp Healthcare and Rehab in Fredericksburg, is our keynote speaker for the day. We also welcome Theresa Klacman, the Director of Restoration House Ministries in Victoria, as a guest speaker. Bios for Lucinda and Theresa are enclosed.

The LOVE offering collected will benefit: 50% to Churchwide Women of the ELCA, 25% to the Southwestern Texas Synodical Women's Organization, and 25% to the Goliad Ministerial Alliance.

The Physical Offering to be collected will benefit Restoration House Ministries. Their needs include: college ruled spiral notebooks, journals, pens, envelopes, stamps, new ladies footies, ankle socks, booties, toilet paper, paper towels, liquid laundry detergent, Dawn dish detergent, and oven mitts

We will also furnish collection containers for two synod-wide ministry projects announced at the 2017 convention: Completed prayer shawls for the "Bishop's Election 2018 Prayer Shawl Project" (informational flyer enclosed) and "Pop Tops" from aluminum cans which will be used by members of our companion synod in Costa Rica, Iglesia Luterana Costarricense, to create purses and crafts for income.

A registration form is enclosed for your congregation. Please send your completed registration form by **February 25, 2018** and the required fee of \$15 per person to: St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
1545 E. FM 1961  
Goliad, Texas 77963

Make checks payable to: **St. Peter's Church Women of the ELCA**

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, March 10.

Dorothy Bowman and Linda Dornburg, St. Peter's  
Alice Schneider, St. Luke's, Schroeder  
Barbara Hand, First Lutheran, Gonzales  
Bluebonnet Conference Coordinators

Kathy Albrecht  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
Unit President

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**Keynote Speaker – Pastor Lucinda Zesch**



Rev. Lucinda Zesch was ordained in 1991 and presently serves as chaplain for Knopp Healthcare and Rehab in Fredericksburg. She is also a Licensed Professional Counselor and has a private practice. Prior to moving to Fredericksburg in 1994, she served Peace Lutheran Church in Cedar Park. Lucinda and her husband, Rev. Casey Zesch have two grown sons.

**Guest Speaker – Theresa Klacman**

After overcoming a childhood of trauma and abuse, which led to severe depression and multiple suicide attempts, Theresa made the decision at the age of 46 to surrender her life to Jesus Christ. That decision led her to dedicate her life and her home. She founded Restoration House Ministries in 2009 to show young women in crises about a God who loves them and how to live a life with purpose.

Shortly after she opened the resale shop RHM Gleanings that now meets the practical needs of hundreds of families and helps the homeless adults and children in our community.

In March 2014 she initiated a partnership between Restoration House Ministries and Faith Family Church to open the first Christian Faith-Based Homeless shelter in Victoria for women and women with children and in July of the same year she took a position with South Texas Children's Home to start a program in Goliad for women and their children.

Theresa Klacman is committed to advancing the Kingdom of God and to stop the cycle of poverty and abuse in the lives of women who desire change for themselves and their children through continued and new partnerships with churches and individuals.

Restoration House Ministries will be the recipient of the Physical Offering at the Gathering. More information on their work can be found at <https://restorationhouseministries.org/>.



# Bishop's Election 2018



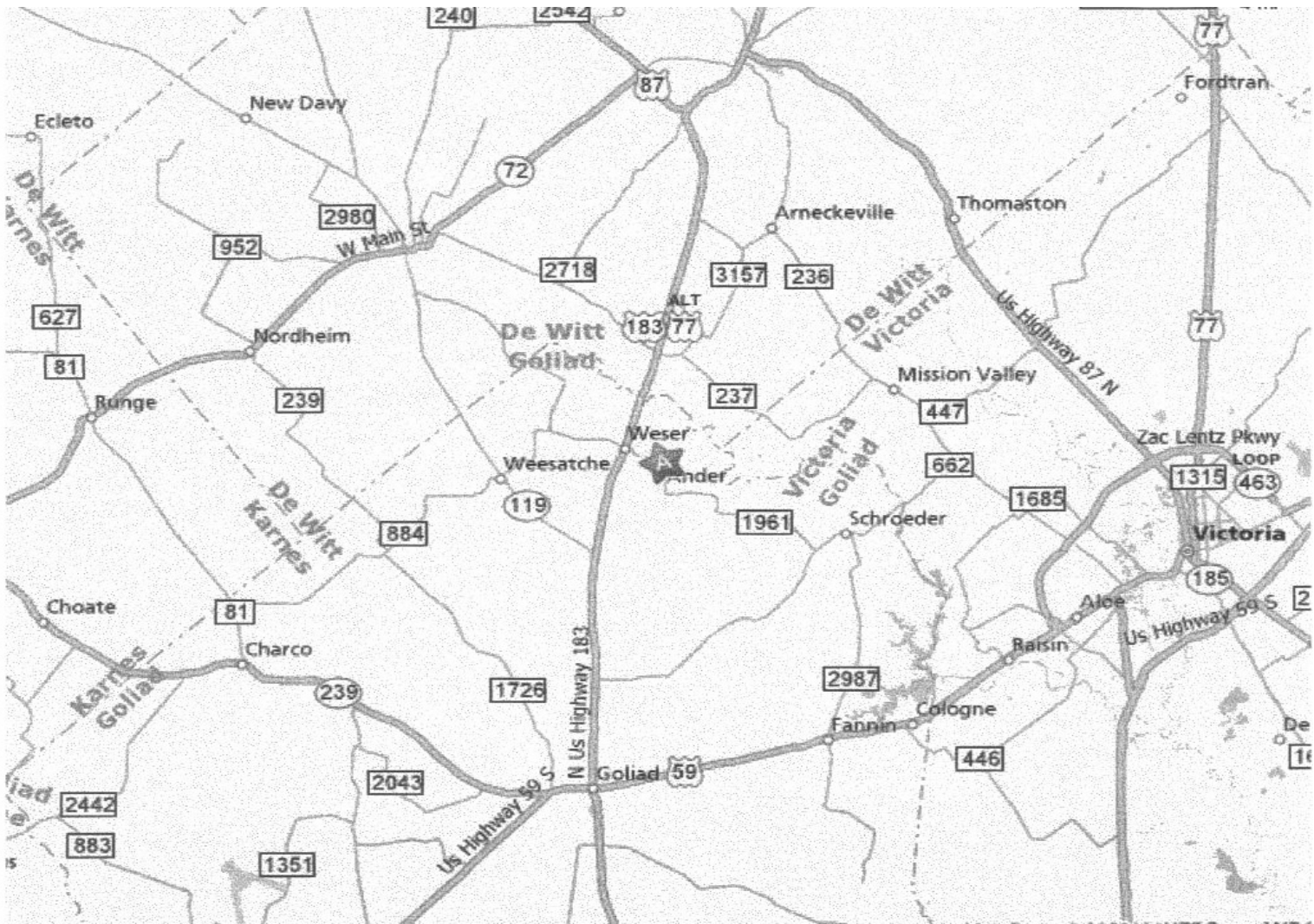
## Prayer Shawl Project

At the Synod Assembly in 2018, the Southwestern Texas Synod of the ELCA will elect a new bishop. **You** are invited to create prayer shawls to be gifted to Voting Members as they participate in the election process. As you create with yarn, pray for those making important decisions for the future of the church. You are welcome to knit or crochet, and use any pattern you are comfortable using. Shawls should be approximately 15" wide by 60" inches in length, depending on style. Our goal is **400** shawls from across the synod and the deadline is April 1, 2018. There will be collection bins at each conference WELCA gathering in the spring of 2018, or completed shawls can be delivered to:

**Rev. Sue Irvin**  
**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
**313 Chaparral St, Nordheim TX 78141**  
**[Sue.Irvin68@gmail.com](mailto:Sue.Irvin68@gmail.com) 361-243-0981**







**Directions to St. Peter's Lutheran Church:**

**From West on Hwy 87**

Take Hwy 87. Take US-183/ US-77 South. Turn left at FM 1961. St. Peter's Lutheran Church is located approximately two miles on the right side of the highway.

**From East on US-59BR**

Going west from Victoria on Houston HWY-59BR . Turn Right onto FM 236/UPPER MISSION VALLEY ROAD. Turn Left onto FM 622. Turn right onto FM 1961. Approximately 30 miles.

**On US-183/US-77 from the North**

Turn left at FM 1961. St. Peter's is located approximately two miles on the right side on the highway.

**On US-183/US-77 from the South**

Continue north passing through Refugio. Continue on US-183/US-77 passing through Goliad. Turn right at FM-1961. St. Peter's is located approximately two miles on the Right side of highway 1961.

**January 10, 2018**

**Hi! We are your new Bluebonnet Conference Women of the ELCA Co-Coordinator.** We were elected at the Spring Gathering in March, 2017 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gonzales: Dorothy Bowman and Linda Dornburg of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ander; Alice Schneider of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Schroeder; and Barbara Hand of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gonzales.

We want all women of the ELCA to know that they are part of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Whether you have an active unit or no unit at all, we want you to know that you are invited, and we welcome you to the 2018 Bluebonnet Conference Spring Gathering.

Our contact numbers are as follows:

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