

## MOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED.

Reserve your room today!

We are suggesting **The Des Moines Marriott**, but that is your decision for you and your friends.

## MOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY YOU.

The bus will get you to any motel you choose. The motels listed here are the ones that Churchwide has set blocks aside but pay attention to their deadline dates.

### HILTON DES MOINES DOWNTOWN

Reservation phone #: 800-445-8667  
Group Reference Code: 95Z

#### Reservation Deadline : June 21, 2026

RATE IS \$200.85 ++ per night per room++(taxes) (below would be per person breakdown)

##### KING ROOM:

2 PERSON MAXIMUM  
1 PERSON ..... \$200.85  
2 People ..... \$100.45 ea.

##### QUEEN ROOM:

4 PERSON MAXIMUM  
1 PERSON ..... \$200.85  
2 People ..... \$100.45 ea.  
3 People..... \$66.95 ea.  
4 People ..... \$50.25 ea.

### DES MOINES MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN

Reservation phone #: 800-514-4681  
Group Reference Code: WELCA2026

#### Reservation Deadline : June 25, 2026

RATE IS \$169.00 ++ per night per room++ (taxes) (below would be per person breakdown)

##### KING ROOM:

3 PERSON MAXIMUM  
1 PERSON ..... \$169.00  
2 People ..... \$84.50 ea.  
3 People ..... \$56.33 ea.

##### QUEEN ROOM:

5 PERSON MAXIMUM  
1 PERSON ..... \$169.00  
2 People ..... \$84.50 ea.  
3 People..... \$56.33 ea.  
4 People ..... \$42.25 ea.  
5 People ..... \$33.80 ea.



We invite you to join with our ministry as we seek to nourish women's faith and love and to inspire women to proclaim their identity, intent, and actions.

The theme for the 2026 Triennial Gathering is "I am Worthy" focusing on Psalm 139:14

**"I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14**

This proclamation reminds us of God's promise to always be with us, even during times of devastation and division. Repeating the phrase "I am worthy" helps us recognize the Holy Spirit's ongoing work in our lives. This practice of self-affirmation creates opportunities for healing and repair within ourselves, the church, society, and the world. When we declare, "I am worthy," we align ourselves with God's promises. There is great power in our resolve



## *Women of the ELCA 2026 Triennial Gathering*

**COME AS YOU ARE  
& JOIN OVER A  
THOUSAND LUTHERAN  
WOMEN IN  
DES MOINES, IOWA,  
JULY 16-19, 2026 FOR  
WORSHIP, ADVOCACY,  
INSPIRATION,  
SISTERHOOD & MORE!**

**JOIN US AT THE GATHERING  
IN DES MOINES, IOWA  
July 16th - 19th, 2026**

# Registration for the Women of the ELCA - 13th Triennial Gathering

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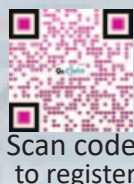
## Registration Fees

All registration categories include all gathering activities scheduled for July 16 - 19, 2026, except the optional activities shown here:  
<https://golinker.in/2026-elca-gathering>

REGISTRATION CATEGORIES	Early Bird Registration until Jan. 5, 2026	Registration after Jan. 6, 2026
Adult	\$475	\$525
Adult Friday	\$250	\$275
Adult Saturday	\$250	\$275
Girls 13-18	\$125	\$125
Child under 13	FREE	FREE

Please register no later June 21, 2026

If you have any questions,  
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Ottertail Minn-Dakota Coaches Inc. will come to you and bring you to Fargo where we will all get on one bus and head south to Des Moines.

We will have pick up stops in GRAND FORKS, DEVILS LAKE, HILLSBORO, JAMESTOWN, VALLEY CITY, and that point we all get on one bus in FARGO and head out, stopping in WAHPETON for our final pick up.

Once we have everybody on board, you just sit back and let the driver take over. We will have a sack lunch on the way down and if you want to bring treats to share you certainly can. I suggest you bring your coffee, water or drink. The bus will stop for comfort breaks, but not for meals.

This trip will only cost each person \$230 and that should be paid by July 1, 2026. Reserve your seat as early as possible, because the bus only holds 56 persons. You may hold your seat with a \$50 dollar non-refundable deposit.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your pick up location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your deposit or payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Your funds must be paid by July 1, 2026.  
I will accept checks or venmo payments. Make checks out to SWO with the memo stating bus deposit.

## Hello Ladies of SWO,

Three years have passed since we all gathered in Pheonix, and it is time to come together once again with 3000 of your sisters in Christ.

This year we will travel to Des Moines, Iowa which is so much closer, and we believe the weekend should start with our very own bus headed to Iowa. I can hear the chatter and the laughter already.

If you have never attended a Triennial Gathering you need to experience the joy of the weekend. Come join us to hear fabulous speakers, dynamic music, many displays of God's work done with our hands. We have so much planned and there is much you can do. Open our web site **eandwelca.net**. Once you're on, click on the little boxes and find all the information or go the churchwide web site, **www.womenoftheelca.org**. You will find all Des Moines has to offer as well as a preview of the speakers and happenings of the gathering. Picture yourself in a sea of women all in one place serving, singing, praying and enjoying this big world we live in to know that **"we are worthy"** of the love of God. As members of the board, we invite you to join us. There's all kinds of information in this little pamphlet to help you get ready. Call anyone of us, your board, and ask anything you're wondering about. As winter and spring come our way we will send little notes with more detail as to time and events, just stay tuned, but get ready to be on the bus in July 2026.

## TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BY:



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