

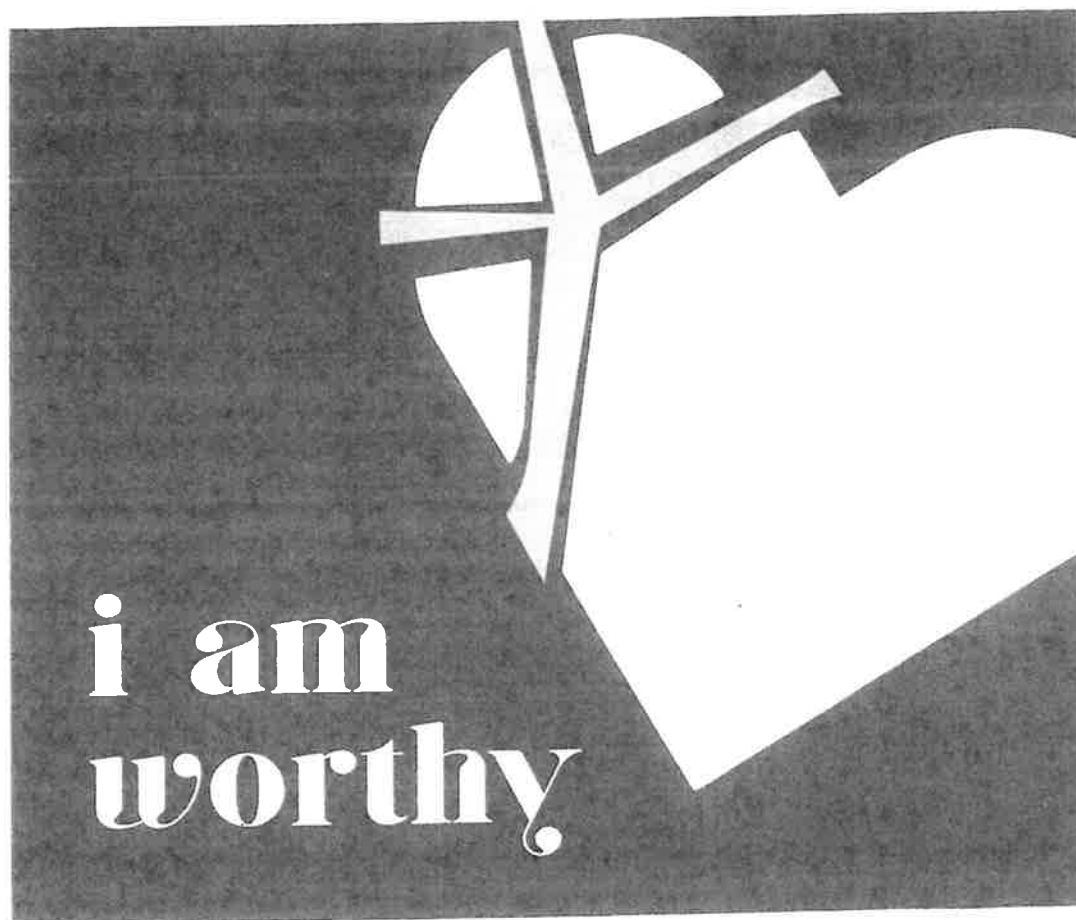
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2026 WOMEN OF THE ELCA GATHERING



July 16-19, 2026 des moines, iowa

***Welcome to the Registration for the Women of the
ELCA - 13th Triennial Gathering***

July 16 - 19, 2026

At the Iowa Event Center Des Moines Convention Center, Des Moines Iowa

Iowa Event Center (<https://www.iowaeventcenter.com/convention-center>)

The Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering takes place every three years and gathers 1500-3000 women leaders, participants, and newcomers for four days of worship, inspiring speakers, workshops, service projects, and more!

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.

Registration Fees

All registration categories include all gathering activities scheduled for July 16 - 19, 2026, except the optional activities and add'on's below:

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

Thursday, July 16, 2026

- Registration
- Opportunities for walking tour of Des Moines and State Capitol
- Opening Remarks
- Welcome
- Plenary Address
- Worship Service with Bishop Amy Current preaching
- Opening Reception
- Free Time for Fellowship
- Late Night with Boldcafe Event (after 8:00 p.m.)

Friday, July 17, 2026

- First Time Attendee Breakfast
- Plenary Bible Study with Rev. Martha Ambarangu
- Mini-Learning & Information Sessions
- Workshops on Storytelling, Leadership, Images of God,
- Body Positivity, Supporting Women Clergy and more
- Servant Leadership Opportunities
- Exhibit Hall Open - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m
- Quilting Exhibit
- Silent Auction
- SWO Leaders Reception

Saturday, July 18, 2026

- Run, Walk, and Roll 5K event for Raising up healthy women and girls
- Plenary Address

- Exhibit Hall Open - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Quilting Exhibit
- Silent Auction
- MAWTH (Many Awesome Women Telling Her Stories!) Sharing Time

Sunday, July 19, 2026

- Closing Worship
- Optional Walking Tour of Des Moines
- Quilting Exhibit and Silent Auction Pick-up.

***** Advanced orders for the I AM Worthy T-shirt have now closed through registration.**

However, you may still order your t-shirt—as well as other related items—via the Old Lutheran website at: <https://oldlutheran.com/collections/welca>
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Additionally, t-shirts and other items will be available for purchase onsite at the gathering.

Please register no later June 21, 2026

If you have any questions, contact - Gabriela Contreras - 773-380-2747 or via email @ Gabriela.Contreras@elca.org (<mailto:Gabriela.Contreras@elca.org>)

Please note, a successful registration will result in an immediate confirmation email.

If you do not receive a confirmation email after completing your registration, you may need to register again.

Attendees

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