



# CONVENTION & RETREAT

September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

9:00 am-2:00 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church

20275 Davidson Rd

Brookfield 53045



## AGENDA

**9:00 am: Gathering and light breakfast**

**9:30 am: Worship litany**

**10: 15 am: Welcome from Jennifer Hockenbery**

**Executive Director of Women of the ELCA Topic: Supporting Women in Today's World**

**Worship litany**

**10:30 am: Workshop: *Mending Our Souls* with Emma Mock**

## MENDING OUR SOULS

*Mending Our Souls* is a workshop centered on the healing power of creativity and community. The workshop includes a presentation on the significance of textiles in relation to grief across cultures and history. The hands on portion will explore how textiles can help us engage with our personal narratives of loss and healing. This space invites us to reflect on loss, memory, legacy, and healing through the transformative act of making. Together, we will create keepsakes that honor our personal experiences with loss. Inspired by the goal to promote grief awareness, reflection, and expression, this workshop emphasizes the powerful and healing nature of combining creativity with community.

**12:00pm: Lunch**

**12:30pm: Convention for Greater Milwaukee Synodical Organization**

*This business meeting will include time to hear about the initiatives and strategic plan for Women of the ELCA. We will hold elections for all positions on the SWO board and for voting members for Churchwide Convention in July 2026. All are welcome to attend this meeting and learn about Women of the ELCA.*

## WHO IS THIS FOR?

- Anyone who identifies as a woman and is interested in deepening their connections with the ELCA, either as an ELCA congregation member or a participant in women's ministries with that congregation
- Women interested in Mock's *Mending Our Souls* workshop who are looking for healing from grief

**You do not need to have participated in Women of the ELCA, nor are you required to commit beyond this retreat**

**Children are welcome! There will be childcare provided.**

**Registration is free.**

**Donations of \$25.00 are suggested to help cover the cost of breakfast, lunch, and the speaker.**

## ABOUT EMMA MOCK

Emma Marie Mock is the Bereavement Care Coordinator at Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice in Sheboygan Falls, WI. She holds a Master of Thanatology from Marian University and is a Certified Grief Counselor. In addition to her hospice work, Emma is an artist, educator, facilitator, and speaker on topics related to the healing qualities of creating in relation to grief. Her art and workshops emphasize that creative and collective spaces often serve as healing spaces. Drawing inspiration from the intricate relationships between objects, sentimentality, and memory, Emma designs her professional work, art, and workshops to encourage the exploration of personal narratives and meaningful connections