



A District of Lutheran Congregations  
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# Women of the Word

## "WOW News

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### Greetings from your Women of the Word Board!

Are you enjoying the lazy, hazy days of summer or are they leaving you breathless from all of the activities that are crammed into the summer?

My husband and I spent a week in Calgary, Jasper and Banff, Canada (a destination that was on our "bucket list"). In order to stay out of the sun during part of our day at the Calgary Stampede, we watched World Champion Stock Dog Competition in an air conditioned arena. Three sheep were let into a football -size arena. A dog was directed by its owner who blew a whistle to help the dog herd the sheep first through a three-foot fence opening and then into a 12x12 foot pen (or sheepfold). The "shepherd" (aka whistle blower) held the gate open while the dog attempted to herd the sheep into the pen. All of this work was being timed. Needless to say, the sheep were not very cooperative. Sometimes one sheep would go into the pen and the other two would go around to the outside. Several times the clock ran out and no sheep were in the pen!

As I watched this competition, I started comparing the sheep to people on this earth. In our sin, we are prone to wandering and we are vulnerable to the Evil One. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, guards and guides and leads us into His fold, even laying down His own life so that we might be saved. Even the best sheep-herder in the competition we watched still failed sometimes. The Good Shepherd, on the other hand, never fails to successfully gather us into His fold. What a comforting thought!

Safe travel as you attend the Third Annual Gathering of Women of the Word at Faith Lutheran on Sept. 22.

Mary Ebent, Coordinator for  
Women of the Word – Augustana District

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**Share the Word**

The Third Annual Gathering of Women of the Word – Augustana District will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at Faith Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, MN.

John 1:1: *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."*

The gathering will begin at 9:30 a.m. with registration and coffee and muffins. A tentative timeline is listed below:

- ✠ 10:00 a.m. **Worship service led by Pastor Mark Richardson. An offering will be taken and evenly distributed between Augustana District, ReClaim, New Hope Mission, and Vision Honduras.**
- ✠ 11:00 a.m. **Keynote speaker Pastor Janine Rew-Werling of Hosanna Lutheran, Watertown, South Dakota, speaking on the theme, Share the Word**
- 12:00 Noon - **Lunch**
- ✠ 1:00 p.m. **Break out sessions begin**  
(Breakout sessions include: New Hope Missions, Versions of the Bible, Card Making, Beth Moore Bible Series)
- ✠ 2:30 p.m. **Business Meeting**



