



DIRECTIONS

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization
SPRING/SUMMER 2022 Issue



COME TO THE 34TH CONVENTION/ GATHERING
BEING HELD AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN DAVENPORT.

WHEN: FRIDAY, JUNE 10 TO SATURDAY JUNE
11, 2022

GREET FRIENDS AND MEET NEW FRIENDS.
DON'T LET THE GAS PRICES SCARE YOU AWAY!
GET A CAR LOAD OF GIRLFRIENDS, COME AND
ENJOY THIS WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE!

Find more information about the Gathering on Pages
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NOTE TO CHURCHES:
PLEASE HAVE THIS NEWSLETTER VISIBLE
FOR ALL WOMEN OF YOUR CHURCH TO READ!
THANK YOU

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Greetings Sisters in Christ.

Spring is finally here. Since your board met in March many things will be happening this Spring.

1. Cluster meetings will take place this spring and they are important to attend so you can keep up with what is happening in the Women organization. They are thought provoking, inspirational and good social time.
2. Lutheran World Relief pick-up is April 23rd because of Easter weekend in both Des Moines and Cedar Rapids. It is a good time to share with others through out the World of their needs.
3. The Synodical Gathering to be held June 10th and 11th in Davenport at St. Paul Lutheran Church. A great opportunity to learn and have fellowship with other church women from the Synoical. Plus the chance to be elected to the Board and a BIG opportunity to be elected to be delegate to the Church Wide Convention to be held 2023 in September in Phoenix. We (your Board) have been VERY busy planning all of this for you so (LET'S SHOW THAT YOU APPRECIATION BY ATTENDING)
4. There is a retreat being planned for this fall.

So I'll close with a thought about EASTER and I wish a Blessed Easter to you and your family.

I HAVE FAITH

I have faith that each small star gives out it's silver light.

I have faith that a bright dawn comes after every night.

I have faith that a miracle is born from an acorn, a clod or stone.

And I faith that I do not walk Life's rugged miles alone.

Carol Gruhn, President

OFFICIAL CONVENTION/GATHERING NOTICE

You are hereby notified that the 34th Annual Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization Gathering will be held Friday and Saturday, June 10-11,2022 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa to conduct the official business and elect new officers. Each congregational unit is entitled and encouraged to send a delegate.

This serves as official notice as required by the constitution of the Women of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Anne Piestcher, SWO Secretary.

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST!

Our June 10-11 Convention/Gathering Bible Verse, 2nd Corinthians 5:20, asks us to be just this! “We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making this appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf; be reconciled to God.”

Come and Share in the joy of being a community of women, working together as a powerful mission for sharing the love of Christ. St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport will be the host church for this event which promises to be an important opportunity for learning, worship, fellowship and glorious music.

Those from farther away will stay at the historic Blackhawk Hotel, a great experience in itself

There will be wonderful speakers and meaningful worship.

You will **learn** of the ministry of Tapestry Farms, which resettles refugees in our area, including 5 new Afghan families. Hear Ann McGlynn speak of the founding of this ministry that uses the gifts of these new people in our community while helping them to adjust to a new life.

Hear about the Madison Marketplace, a food pantry organized and run by St. Paul in response to Jesus telling us to love our neighbors.

Enjoy beautiful music by Chris Nelson, St. Paul organist, as he demonstrates the workings of the Bigelow organ and leads us in hymn singing. We will make a joyful noise!

Share in meaningful worship experiences in including the Holden Evening Prayer for Vespers and a communion service led by our own Bishop Amy Current as we close our time together.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, meet the women of our Southeast Iowa Synod, who are A graceful force for the mission of the church. **Speak and listen** to others as they share ways in which they love and serve the Lord. **Be a part of this Gathering** by registering before May 9 for \$75.00, later registration will be \$80.00. We hope to see you there!

34th Annual Convention/Gathering of the SEIA Women of the ELCA

June 10 and 11 2022

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2136 Brady Street Davenport, IA

CALLED TO BE WOMEN IN MISSION

Bible verse: 2Corinthians 5:20

So, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ ZipCode _____
Phone Number _____ Cluster _____
Church _____ City _____
Email Address _____

Age group: 10-30__ 31-40__ 41-50__ 51-60__ 61-70__ 71 & up_____

Board ____ Delegate _____ Non-Delegate _____

Staying at the Blackhawk Hotel Yes _____ No _____ Hotel Reservation Info below

Early Registration Fee (March to May 9 2022) (meals included) \$75.00 for Friday and Saturday

After May 10, 2022 \$80.00 for Friday and Saturday.

One Day \$45.00 Friday _____ Saturday _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

Make Checks payable to: SEIA Synodical Women

Mail to: Lynda Miller, 1808 S. 11th Avenue, Eldridge, IA 52748

Make your own hotel reservation at the Blackhawk Hotel-563-322-5000 by May 10, 2022. Cost per room is \$149.00 plus tax per room (up to 4 in a room). They are either king or 2 queen beds per room. Reservations are under Southeastern **Iowa Women's Org. of the ELCA 2022 block. Address of hotel is 200 E. 3rd Street, Davenport,**

Gathering schedule-as of March 19, 2022

Friday, June 10 , 2022 –

10:00 a.m. SWO Meeting, Dining Room

1:30 p.m. Vendor set up and St. Paul Book Corner opens

2:30 p.m. Registration

3:30 p.m. Madison Marketplace presentation, Chapel by Susan Marty

**4:15 p.m. First Business Meeting (delegates only) Luther Loft
Free time or Craft Activity**

4:30 p.m. Hotel Blackhawk check in

5:30 p.m. Evening banquet

7:00 p.m. Organ demonstration and hymn sing by Chris Nelson

**7:45 p.m. Vespers Holden Evening Prayer - Pastor Katy Warren
Cantor – Pam Crowe**

8:30 p.m. Back to the hotel

Saturday, June 11, 2022 – St. Paul Lutheran Church

**6:00 – 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast at Hotel Blackhawk for those staying there
Coffee and Donuts available for others at St. Paul**

8:00 a.m. Registration – Lynda Miller, Doris Mack and Artie Simms

**8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Opening worship, devotions- Chapel - Pastor Sara Olson-Smith
General Offering to be taken at this time.**

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Chapel by Pastor Sara Olson Smith

10:30 a.m. Break

10: 45 – 11:45 a.m. Tapestry Farms Presentation, Chapel by Ann McGlynn

12:00 noon Boxed Lunches, Library Commons - catered by Corner Deli

1:00 p.m. Claims and Credentials

1:15 p.m. Second Business Meeting (if necessary, delegates only)

1:15 p.m. Message from Churchwide, Sanctuary by Bishop Amy Current

**2:00 p.m. Closing worship with Communion, Sanctuary - Bishop Amy
Current**

2:45 p.m. Installation of officers

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization
NOMINATING FORM

Please send in form by May 9, 2022

I believe that _____ would be a good candidate for the following position(s):
____ Vice President (2 year term) ____ Treasurer (2 year term) ____ Board Member (2 year term)
____ Nominating Committee (1 year term)

Name of nominee _____ Cluster _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

Email Address _____

Name of of Congregation/City _____

Experience: *Please begin with the most recent and list significant experience in each area over the last five years*

If additional space is needed, please use the back of this form, or an additional sheet of paper.

1. Women of the ELCA Congregational Unit

2. Women of the ELCA Cluster/Synodical Women's Organization

3. Congregational

4. Conference/Synod

5. Other Organizations (community, school, etc.)

6. Occupational History

7. Some of the many talents she has to share are: _____

8. Age range: ____ 34 and under ____ 35-49 ____ 50-64 ____ 65 and over

Ethnic/Racial Heritage: ____ American Indian ____ Asian ____ African American ____ Caucasian
____ Hispanic ____ Other (specify)

Form Submitted by: _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone () _____ Email Address _____

Nominee's Signature _____

____ Please check here for permission to be granted for Bio information to be placed on the SEIA web site prior to the Gathering.

Send form to: Teresa Ziegenmeyer
202 Main Street, Grinnell, Iowa 50112 Or
EMAIL: tziegenmeyer52@hotmail.com

Nomination Form for Triennial Voting Member 2023 Triennial Convention Week of Sept. 18, 2023 Phoenix, Arizona

At the business meeting of the 34th Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization on June 10-11, 2022, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA, three voting members and alternates will be elected for the 2023 Triennial Convention. The President will also be a voting member. They will attend the Triennial Convention (business meeting) before the Triennial Gathering. Voting members will have their round-trip travel, lodging, and meals paid during the convention. Lodging, meals, and registration for the Triennial Gathering will be at the voting member's expense.

Name of nominee _____

Address of nominee _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Congregation _____ Conference _____

Address of Congregation _____

Age Range 34 or under 35-49 50-64 65 or older

Ethnic Racial Heritage

Native American Asian African American Caucasian Hispanic Other

Have you been a Voting Member or Delegate at a Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention in the past? Yes No

Experience - Beginning with the most recent, please list significant experience in each area

Participation as a Woman of the ELCA (Cong. Unit, Conference, Synodical Women's Organization, Churchwide)

Service and Experience (Community, Organizations, Vocational)

Special Gifts and Talents

Signature of Nominee _____

Completed Nomination Forms must be emailed or postmarked by May 9, 2022 to

Teresa Ziegenmeyer 202 Main St., Grinnell, IA 50112 EMAIL: tziegenmeyer52@hotmail.com

Every day God thinks of you.
 Psalm 68 : 16
 Every hour God looks after you.
 2 Thessalonians 3 : 3
 Every minute God cares for you.
 1 Peter 5 : 7
 Because every season HE LOVES YOU.
 Jeremiah 31 : 3

Directions Subscription Form

Cost is \$8 annually payable to:

Make check out to: SEIA Synod Women of the ELCA

Mail to: Lynda Miller

1808 S. 11th Avenue, Eldridge, IA 52748

If you are sending in a subscription for more than one person; **or** if you are a board or Cluster Leader renewing or new subscriber please put the information on a separate sheet of paper, with names and addresses

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____

Phone _____ Church and Town _____

E-mail Address _____ Cluster _____

Fall Issue

Deadline: September 1, 2022



Publication and Deadline Dates

Issue	Deadline	Mailing Date
Spring.....	Feb. 10.....	March 1st
Summer.....	April 10.....	May 1st
Fall.....	August 10.....	September 1st
Winter.....	November 10...	December 1st

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Fall.....August 10.....September 1st

Winter.....November 10...December 1st

Spring Cluster News

Cluster 2 The Spring meeting will be held April 2, 2022 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Tama, Iowa

Cluster 5 Spring Gathering will be April 23 at First Lutheran Church in Maquoketa. Our program will be on the Sleep in Heavenly Peace program which provides beds for children without one. Our Bible verse is from Matthew 11:28 “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

We hope to have a good turnout this time with lots of smiling faces. A lunch will be served with a cost of \$6.00 for registration. All are welcome.

Liz Mink stepped up to take over as secretary and will be on the ballot for the full term along with Pam Bahr who will be up for a second term.

Our ladies continue to look for ways to bring back ladies to our activities and to get others involved who have not been. Any ideas need to be shared through the clusters and Synod. As I heard yesterday, “we are sisters in Christ” and need to have some face to face time to fulfill some of our needs.

Cluster 6 Spring Gathering will be Saturday, April 30, 2022 11:30 am to 1 pm Pizza Ranch in Bettendorf

Program--charitable fundraising opportunities provided by Pizza Ranch. Dutch treat approx.\$13

Donations welcome for Synod and Cluster 6

In kind collection for Food Pantry--personal hygiene products

Reservations made by April 23 to Linda Kortemeyer

Email korte4m3@gmail.com

Phone 563-271-3309

Cluster 8 will meet at Peace Lutheran Church in West Burlington Saturday April 30 9AM call Dee Stigge 319/754-6997 for details

Stewardship Report

The Stewardship challenge for 2022 is Stock a Backpack.

More than 30 million children in the United States depend on school meal programs to stay well nourished and ready to learn. But, on weekends many children struggle to maintain the same nutrition level at home. The Stock a Backpack programs across the country help students at risk for hunger. They are supplied with nutritious food on weekends and holidays. How many back packs can your unit support?

Each Back Pack is \$10.00. Start collecting your change now and bring it to the Gathering being held in June, in the amount of a check made out to S.E. Iowa Women of the ELCA or larger bills.

HOW MANY CHILDREN CAN WE HELP?

Roberta Jurgensen
Dianne Strickler



JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Justice is faith in action and includes serving God in ways to bring healing and wholeness to the church, the society and the world.

In January we asked for prayers for those imprisoned in Human Trafficking.

We are now asking for prayers for the people of Ukraine. For those fleeing with their children and for those staying in their country fighting for freedom from Russia. Also, prayers for the countries who are taking in these refugees. May the people of Ukraine soon be reunited with their loved ones and an end to the terrors of war.

Judy Munger

Kris Elgin

Treasurer's Report

I have the proposed 2023-2024 budget to submit to the Convention Meeting in June for their approval (remember our financial year starts like church wide-Feb. 1 to January 31). The board had to prayerfully cut back on most of our line items. Remember your offerings are our only income to help with the SWO board expenses.

I know this has been a rough two years for everyone, and a lot of groups have not met, and we all need to somehow regroup and get back to enjoying each other's company. I do not want to be such a "downer", and I do appreciate those who have been able to maintain their budget and sending in offerings. It all helps.

This is my last year as your treasurer, and we will need to elect a treasurer this year at the Gathering being held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport, June 10-11. Information about the Gathering is in this issue. It has been a privilege to be the treasurer for all of the women of Southeastern Iowa Synod for the last 8 years. Please note, the position of treasurer is a 2-year term. But, some of us get reelected...and Covid added another term for me.

Lynda Miller

Mission Discipleship:

WELCA has the following resources available on the WELCA website:

Welcome Flyer- What excites you about Women of the ELCA? Download and print this flyer to welcome woman to WELCA and share information and the WELCA mission.

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Toolkit-Revise.pdf>

A Place for You PowerPoint – this PowerPoint is available for local congregations to use to for outreach and slides can be added to include information unique to the congregations' ministry.

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/tools-for-leaders>

Model Constitution – the updated model constitution for local congregation WELCA groups can be found at

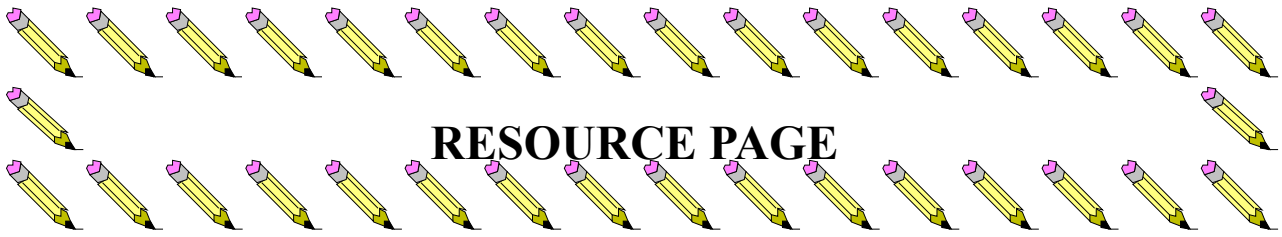
<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/tools-for-leaders/constitutions>

One of the goals for Mission Discipleship is to encourage literacy. Research shows that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on K–12 student learning is significant, leaving students on average four months behind in reading by the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Second-graders and third-graders have been most affected. Reading fluency in second and third grade is now approximately 30% to up to 60% behind what would be expected in a typical year. Many local communities in Iowa are looking for volunteers to help young children increased their reading skills. Reach out to your school or library to ask about programs in your area.

Plans are in the works for a one-day self-care retreat for Fall 2022. More information to come!

Heidi Hotvedt

Vicki Adamson



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to get to our page

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The 2022 Love Gifts for Tapestry Farms Needs

Tapestry Farms is a nonprofit urban farm system that honors the knowledge of and invests in refugees. We reconnect with and nourish under-utilized land so all in our community may be abundantly fed.

Love Gifts needed for Tapestry Farms:
Gift Cards to Walmart, Jewel-Osco or Aldi's

Shampoo,
bath soap,
toilet paper,
Feminine hygiene pads,
paper towels,
dish soap,
laundry soap,
lotion,
shaving cream,
razors.

Start Collecting and bring them to the Gathering in June.



T A P E S T R Y
farms



TRIENNIAL CHALLENGE

The Twelfth Triennial Convention and Gathering will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, during the week of September 18, 2023.

The Southeastern Iowa Women's Synodical board is putting to all women of Southeastern Iowa Synod a \$500.00 Triennial Challenge, to help your board with expenses to purchase/make tokens for ladies going to the Triennial to give out while there. Along with other things that may come up.

You can bring your money to the Gathering in June, and this will continue through June of 2023.



SOUTHEASTERN IOWA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION RESOLUTION GUIDELINES

Any Convention delegate may submit a resolution using the appropriate format (see following page). Each submitted resolution must include the signatures of three delegates.

The deadline for submitting resolutions to the Committee on Reference and Council is

May 10, 2022. Resolutions pertaining to action that could not have been anticipated prior to

May 10, 2022 may be submitted to the Committee by June 6, 2022.

1 Definition: A resolution is a request for action brought to the convention by a delegate.

2 Resolutions should be clearly and concisely stated.

3 The "Whereas" section should state the reason for the resolution. Each reason should be given as a separate "Whereas".

4 The "Resolved" section should clearly state the action desired, who is to implement the action, and who is to bear the cost. Each action should be described with a separate "Resolved".

5 Resolutions should be tested against questions such as:

- Is the information complete and accurate?
- Is this a matter which pertains to the life, goals, and ministries of the SEIA SWO?
- Is this a matter of significance requiring consideration of the entire assembly?
- Is the action requested one which the SWO can appropriately and effectively implement?

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Format:

1. If a resolution requires one action, the following format is used ...
RESOLVED, that

2. If a resolution requires more than one action, the following format is used ...

RESOLVED, that _____; and
be it further
RESOLVED, that

3. If the resolution is preceded by one reason for submitting the resolution, the following format is used ...

WHEREAS, _____);
therefore be it
RESOLVED, that

4. If a resolution is preceded by two or more reasons, the following format is used ...

WHEREAS, _____; and
WHEREAS, _____;
therefore be it
RESOLVED, that

Why submit a Resolution?

You have probably said, "Why don't they ... ?"

What do you want the SWO to do?

What would you like the Churchwide Women of the ELCA to be doing?

Resolutions present an opportunity to discuss ideas and to participate in making the organization function well.

Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization
Resolution 2022

Title: _____

Whereas, _____

_____ ; and

Whereas, _____

_____ ; and

Whereas, _____

_____ ;

therefore be it

Resolved, _____

_____ ;

and be it further

Resolved, _____

_____ .

Submitted for recommendation by the Committee on Reference and Council by the

following convention delegates:

Delegate's Name Delegate's Congregation

Delegate's Name Delegate's Congregation

Delegate's Name Delegate's Congregation

Kits & Quilts Donations

April 23, 2022 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Bring a copy of this sheet along with your items

Keep a copy for your own records

Name of Church donating items _____

Church Affiliation: _____ ELCA _____ LCMS _____ Other

Church Address _____

Shipping Donation \$ _____ \$30.00 is required

Cash only for Cedar Rapids.

To donate more to LWR make checks out to Southeastern Iowa Synod Women Org. (SEIA SWO)

Directions:

Trinity Lutheran Church, 1363 1st Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA

– Contact Dori Stanek (319) 845-3030

Take the Business 151 exit off of Interstate 380 follow 151 (1st Ave. NW) west. Church is on the left.

Or take Business 151 (1st Ave SW) off of Highway 30 going North. Church is between 15th Street and Murray Drive SW on Business 151 (1st Ave.)

Windsor the Heights Lutheran Church 1240 66th St. Windsor Heights, IA

– Contact Jan Grannes (515)279-8017

Take 235 W to the 63rd Street exit to University Ave. go north on University Ave. (3 blocks) to 66th Street. The church is behind the Strip Mall on 66th Street. Parking lot on the west side the church.

ITEM	NUMBER OF ITEMS	# OF BOXES
QUILTS		
HEALTH KITS		
SCHOOL KITS		
FABRIC		
BABY KITS		

**Boxes may weigh no more than 35 pounds.
See packing information on the following page.**

LWR Packing and Shipping Instructions:

1. Use strong boxes!! Packed boxes should not weigh more than 35 pounds.
2. Please completely fill boxes or cut to fit packed goods.
3. Sort goods, packing one type of item per box. Keep a record of packed items for filling out your LWR society report.
4. Place label on box with contents (see sample below), and your church address on label. (Suggestion – Put your church name and address on a label, make copies, then fill in the contents and affix to boxes.)
5. Please fill out your Kits & Quilts Donations form completely and bring it to the pickup site.
6. For instructions on tracking your donations, please go to Track Your Quilts and Kits | Lutheran World Relief (lwr.org)
7. If you wish to ship direct, contact LWR on the internet for shipping instructions.
8. Know that your efforts will be blessed by God in His service.

Thank you for your help with the details.

Label Sample (to be attached to each box) --

Contents: _____

From Synod: Southeastern Iowa Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Donor Church Name: _____

Donor Church Address: _____



Lutheran
World
Relief

News about Fran Jolliffe, previous Direction Editor

Hello,

Mom has asked me to write a note to let you know where she's been and that she's now recovering at home after being in hospital for over a month - and that is why you may not have heard from her or she hasn't responded to a message over the past several weeks. There have been updates on Facebook since all this happened, but facebook being what it is, even some of her relatives and friends on it may not have seen them.

On Feb 2nd, she had complications from a biopsy on a (what we now know) is a non-cancerous brain tumor. The complications involved heavy bleeding from her left carotid artery in the sinus cavity behind her left eye that was hastily stopped and packed. Long story short, she was moved by ambulance that day to University of IA hospital (from Mercy) where a team of top neurosurgeons and ENT specialists were able to get the bleeding stopped and keep her stable in the SNICU (Surgical Neurology ICU) for just over three weeks.

On Feb 25th, she was released to Mercy Rehab in Clive where she began her recovery until she had some kind of very brief cognitive incident that put her back in the ER to have more scans done on March 3rd. The scans didn't show anything new. After a long weekend at Mercy West, she was released home last Monday, March 7.

She is much weaker than she's used to, but surprisingly strong considering what she's been through. She has home care coming in for PT, OT, speech (mainly for focus and memory) therapy and a Mercy nurse checking in once a week to help work her through all aspects of her confinement and brain injuries, including recovery of some aspects of memory, fine motor skills (texting and typing are coming back but not there yet) and overall strength. All things considered, Mom is doing remarkably well and everyone on her medical team from her doctors to her team of therapists are highly optimistic that she'll recover fully.

John and I have been switching off staying with her to help her back on her way to independence. She gets a little stronger each day and is maintaining an excellent sense of humor and attitude. In fact today, she joined me while I ran some errands and we picked up a pizza for supper 😊

Please feel free to call or text her. If she doesn't answer, one of us will try to check her phone and have her call you back. Keep trying if she doesn't. It's a process.

Best to you and yours,

Love, Rachel

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