



## OUR SPEAKER

Renee Gibbs, speaker, teacher, and encourager, is waiting for Jesus to return. She is the wife of Dr. Jeff Gibbs who teaches at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, where they have lived for 24 years. Prior to this they lived in western Oregon for 10 years while Jeff served as a parish pastor.

With advanced degrees in education and theology, Renee teaches numerous Bible studies and mentoring groups for Seminary wives and around the country at retreats. Renee has led thirteen seminary mission trips to Guatemala.

A leading champion for life, Renee speaks on behalf of the unborn and in love for women who have been wounded. Renee loves women and she loves God's creation through camping, hiking, and running...as well as from her 1999 Miata. She taught and consulted in Special Education for 18 years.

The Gibbs have four grown children and thirteen grandchildren—so far! Through it all, the Scripture has been Renee's constant source of joy, wisdom, and strength.

## SCHEDULE

### Friday, November 11

- 3:00-7:00 Check in and registration  
(Dinner on your own)
- 7:00-7:15 Welcome
- 7:15-8:00 Round Table—Questions & Sharing
- 8:00-9:15 Session I—Renee Gibbs
- 9:15-? Punch/Cheese Reception

### Saturday, November 12

- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast
- 8:45-10:00 Session II—Renee Gibbs
- 10:00-10:30 Break
- 10:30-11:45 Session III—Renee Gibbs
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-5:30 Free time/Workshops Available
- 6:00-7:00 Dinner
- 7:15-8:30 Session IV—Renee Gibbs
- 8:30-? Games/Relaxation Time Together

### Sunday, November 13

- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast Buffet
- 9:00-10:00 Bible Study—Renee Gibbs
- 10:15 Worship with Holy Communion  
led by Eastern District President,  
Pastor Chris Wicher

### WHAT TO BRING:

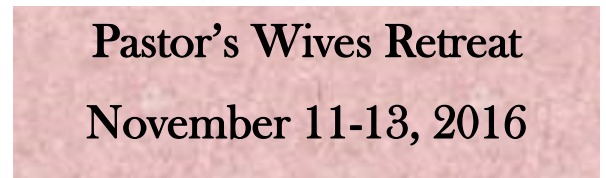
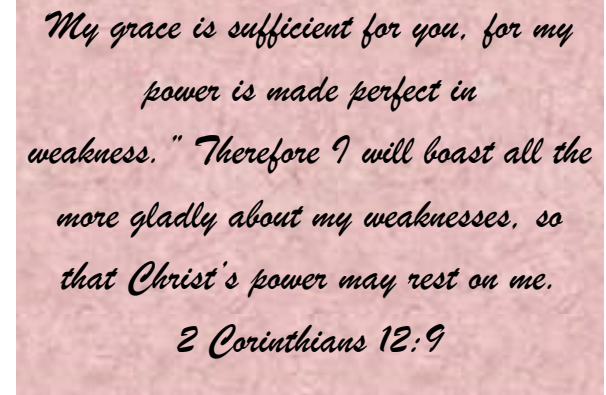
A skill or resource you find helpful that you would like to share with the group (i.e. knitting, ministry, etc.).

Bible

Comfortable clothes

Walking shoes

An open heart and the desire to refresh and renew with your sisters in Christ.



## Why Come to this Retreat?"

We hope that this weekend will meet the unique needs and challenges you face as the wife of a pastor. Ministry women & wives have unique needs...one of which is the fellowship of others who understand what you are going through and are able to share what has worked in their own situations. We hope this retreat will offer you the chance to connect, pray with each other and establish lasting relationships. Discover a safe place for healing and encouragement and a program that will leave you feeling loved and cared for and that you leave empowered to continue the incredible journey to which God has called you and your family.

As we look at 2 Corinthians 12:9, I hope we will grow to learn how we can encourage each other in our walk in the ministry together and that we will be able to also encourage those around us in our jobs, our congregations and our families to always be strong in the Lord.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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The award-winning Radisson Corning in the city's downtown Gaffer District and just steps from the historic Market Street filled with restaurants, boutiques and glass studios as well as Corning Incorporated World Headquarters and the famous Corning Museum of Glass. Known as the gateway to the Southern Finger Lakes, Corning, NY is a short drive to both Keuka and Seneca Lake Wine trails and within minutes of attractions in Big Flats, Hammondsport and Watkins Glen. Ideal for both business and leisure travelers to Corning, NY, our hotel's accommodations off I-86 at exit 47 are just 12 miles from Elmira/Corning Regional Airport (ELM).

Relax easily at the Radisson with an on-site fitness center, an outdoor whirlpool tub, an on-site restaurant and bar, and the full-service AgeLess SPA, offering massage therapies, beauty treatments and hairstyling. You can check emails using free high-speed Internet access or make use of the lobby's computer kiosks or in-room printing to the front desk.

**100% non-smoking facility.**

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

We have received a generous grant from LCEF/Eastern District to cover part of the expenses of this retreat. Please do not stay away if you are in need of financial assistance. We have asked the congregations to cover the cost of the retreat to show support of the time and commitment of their pastor's wife. But if you are still in need of assistance, please contact the Eastern District Office for help at 716-634-5111.



**2016 Pastor's Wives  
Retreat  
REGISTRATION FORM  
[lcmsedwives@gmail.com](mailto:lcmsedwives@gmail.com)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate preference:

Yes, I would like my contact information included in District Pastor's Wives Directory.

**RETREAT PRICE: \$180.00/PERSON—DOUBLE  
\$310.00/PERSON—SINGLE**

Includes:

Lodging—Friday & Saturday  
Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner  
Sunday Buffet

### DIETARY OR ACCOMMODATION NEEDS

**Registration deadline: September 6, 2016**

Return this portion along with your payment made payable to **Eastern District LCMS**—please add "wives retreat" on memo line. Mail to:

**Eastern District LCMS  
5111 Main St.  
Williamsville, NY 14221**

### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

We hope to make this an ongoing event. Please check if you are interested in being on the planning committee for the next Retreat.