

Guest Speaker  
Janet Letnes Martin

Co-Author of *Growing Up Lutheran*

Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>  
3:30 p.m. in Sanctuary

Dessert served in Fellowship Hall

Tickets - \$10.00 per person

Benefit to purchase  
new oven and stove for St. Philip's

Sponsored by Parish Fellowship Committee

Janet Letnes Martin grew up in the rural setting of Hillsboro, ND. She graduated from Augsburg College, married Neil Martin of Newfolden, M N, and moved to Hastings, MN where they raised their three daughters, Jennifer, Sarah and Katrina.

In 1983 Janet began her writing career, and has since authored and co-authored 17 books and 2 audio tapes all relating to her Norwegian Lutheran Farm background. In 1987 she started her speaking career, and appropriately promotes herself as a Norwegian Lutheran Farm Girl Humorist.

In 1998 Janet and her co-author Suzann Nelson won the Minnesota Book Award for humor for their book, *Growing Up Lutheran, What Does This Mean?* The book has since been turned into the wildly successful musical, *Church Basement Ladies*. They are presently working on the sequel, *Church Basement Ladies 2, a Second Helpings*. Their new musical comedy opens, March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Plymouth Playhouse, and the original musical, *Church Basement Ladies*, is mounting a national tour.

Last year Janet teamed up with David Cook, a famous artist to write the book, *Lemonade for the Lawnboy, The Executives' Wives' Cookbook* Committee, a humorous book about high society ladies.

Janet also operates a retail and web store, *Scandinavian Marketplace* with her daughter, Jennifer Green. This mother of three daughters, and three granddaughters believes and promotes the healing gifts of humor and laughter. She is now trying to perfect her role as a non-interfering mother-in-law.