

Greetings to all the women who are--or may become-- members of this congregation! Please be reminded that each of you also becomes automatically a member of "WELCA", - Women of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

We invite, we encourage you to attend a monthly Bible study group. However, you will find many other opportunities to show your commitment to serve your church and your Lord.

Women of the E.L.C.A. serve on the congregation council or as its president; they are members of every major committee; they usher, serve as lectors, communion assistants, and assisting ministers. Look for us in the choir (singing or accompanying), as First Footsteps in Faith and Vacation Bible School staff and leaders. Some of us serve as Food Pantry packers, while others serve at Loaves and Fishes, Broken Bread, and on the Prayer Chain.

You will find opportunities to participate in our tape ministry, flower delivery, shut-in visitation, Christmas gift delivery and caroling. Some of us do funeral meal service, altar flower set-up, Christmas tree trimming or help make "Welcome" gifts for new members.

Women of the E.L.C.A. also lead and participate in Bible studies, do quilting at church or home, assemble kits and layettes for Lutheran World Relief and for local needs, and we make coffee. (What Lutheran church has ever operated without coffee?) Others serve by supporting WELCA with their financial gifts and sincere prayers for our work in God's glorious kingdom.

We invite and encourage you to participate in at least one, -- preferably several-- of these opportunities so that you, too, may know the joy of working with your church family, and of serving the Lord.

**WE ARE PROUD TO BE WOMEN OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
(In fact, we enjoy it! Come! Enjoy it with us!)**

Mission Statement:

**As a community of women
created in the image of God,
called to discipleship in Jesus Christ,
and empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

**We commit ourselves to
grow in faith,
affirm our gifts,
support one another in our callings,
engage in ministry and action, and
promote healing and wholeness
in the church, the society,
and the world.**

GOALS FOR 2008 - 2009

- Increase Emphasis on Bible Studies
- Increase our active membership
- Intentional invitation to women of the congregation to all WELCA events

-Correspond with our missionaries:

**Rev Brian & Kristen Konkelt Nancy & Jonathan
Burmeisster
PO Box 28694
Haymarket
3200
South Africa**

**SIL
B.P. 2232
Bamako
Mali**

Correspondence Schedule:

- Cards and greetings are to be sent out after each general meeting.
- Meeting hostesses provide the supplies.
- Encourage congregation to participate.
- Encourage continued involvement of First Footsteps in missionary correspondence.

Terms or abbreviations:

- **CWO** - Church-wide Women's Organization
- **Conferences, Clusters, and Coalitions** - terms given to groupings established by E.L.C.A. Synods
- **Region** - a geographic territory which includes several synods. Region V Synod 1 - East-Central, Wisconsin
- **SWO** - Synodical Women's Organization
- **Women of the E.L.C.A.** - the shortened form of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Definitions:

- **Least Coin:** given to Church Women United for world evangelism, service, and ecumenical fellowship among women world wide (collected at each Circle meeting).
- **Regular Offering:** given to support the work of the Women of the E.L.C.A. (collected at each Circle meeting and the general meetings).
- **Thankoffering:** - special gifts to the national office of the Women of the E.L.C.A. (collected twice: Women's Sunday in October and Lenten offering calendar)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT	Maureen Kelm	921-5474
SECRETARY	Marion Eggert	922-5647
TREASURER	Char Bohnsack	923-4284

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

GROWTH	Jill Bjornstad	922-1556
COMMUNITY	Pat Wallender	929-9611
FLOWERS	Lisa Frank	924-5463

CIRCLE CHAIRPERSON

Colleen Rispalje	922-8516
Marion Eggert	922-5647
Norma Lynch	921-4624

APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE

HEALTH KITS	Betty Kettler	583-3705
QUILTING	Shirley Thiede	922-9659

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Preside at all meetings of the unit. Coordinate and counsel committees and help with their functioning, be an ex-officio member of all committees, prepare an annual report for the congregation and appoint the nominating committee. She shall serve as primary contact person and communicator for women of the ELCA (CWO, SWO, Conference and Cluster).

SECRETARY: She shall keep accurate records of proceedings of meetings, provide written announcements of meetings, and activities, handle correspondence, provide names and addresses to leaders of Women of the ELCA, and assume all the duties of the President, in the absence of the President.

TREASURER: She shall receive and disburse funds of the unit, keep accurate financial records, make regular reports to the unit and unit board, provide written annual financial report to the congregation and interpret and transmit offerings to Women of the ELCA. She shall interpret those offerings to the unit and the congregation when needed.

COMMITTEE FOR GROWTH: To provide, through small groups and congregation-wide events and activities, a variety of learning experiences which strengthen each woman as a whole person, develop potential, and equip her for ministry. Areas of concern: programs, Bible study, membership and magazine subscriptions.

COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY: To establish support groups and provide other occasions which enable each woman to value herself and others as created in God's image and redeemed through Christ; and to build up and celebrate relationships which are global, diverse, and inter-dependent. Areas of concern: Church Women United, Ecumenical group meetings.

COMMITTEE FOR ACTION: To provide occasions and activities which equip and challenge women to articulate and act upon their faith as disciples of Christ in all areas of life. Areas of concern: Lutheran World Relief, including quilting and kits, visits and funerals, flower delivery, literacy, services and development, Peace with Justice, and the environment.

CIRCLE CHAIRPERSON: Shall conduct the business of the circle, be a liaison between the unit board and the circle, and transmit all offerings to the unit treasurer.

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION AS NEEDED:

2008	September	Lydia
	October	Tabitha
	November	Lydia
	December	Tabitha
2009	January	Lydia
	February	Tabitha
	March	Lydia
	April	Tabitha
	May	Lydia
	June	Tabitha
	July	Lydia
	August	Tabitha

2008 WOMEN OF THE E.L.C.A PROGRAMS 2009

All women and friends are invited to all meetings.

- Aug. 23** Fall Fun Daze at Pine Lake Camp
- Sept. 19&20** Women of the ELCA Fall Retreat
Crossways – Imago Dei Village
- Sept. 17** 9:15 am Church Women United General Meeting
Place to be announced
- Sept. 19-20** Pine Lake Camp September Retreat
- Sept 28** Church Bazaar
Postponed (date to be determined)
- Oct. 19** Women of the ELCA Sunday
Speaker: Connie Weiss
Adult/Youth Forum:Lutheran Campus Ministry & Peggy Laehn- Ronald McDonald House
- Nov. 7** 1:30 pm program- Church Women United World Community Day Fellowship to follow
Place to be announced
- Dec 4** 6:00 p.m. Advent Potluck
Program: Pam Werth, Staff Chaplain St. Agnes Hospital
- Dec. 11** 6:00 p.m. Wrap Christmas Gifts for our special members
- Dec. 18** 6:30 p.m. Chancel & Tree Trimming
- Jan 15, 2009** 9:15 a.m. Church Women United General Meeting

Place to be announced

- Mar. 6** 1:30 pm Program- Church Women United World Day of Prayer Fellowship to follow.
Place to be announced

- March 19** 9:15 a.m. Church Women United General Meeting
Place to be announced

2009 Lenten Suppers

- Mar. 4** WELCA serves
- Mar 11** Ascension Lutheran Church serves
- Mar 18** WELCA serves
- Mar. 25** Ascension Lutheran Church serves
- April 1** Church of Our Saviour Youth serves
- April 12** Easter Continental Coffee Hour
- April 28** 6:p.m. Spring Event-Potluck Salad Supper
Program: "Catch a Dream" by the Dream Catcher Lady, Karen Hartman
- May 1** Church Women United May Friendship Day 12:15 Luncheon & 1:30 Program
Place to be announced
- May** 6:00 pm Ladies Night Out
Place to be announced

THE PRAYER CHAIN

God has given us a powerful "tool," prayer, to use in our daily lives and for the benefit of others. Remember, we can pray in confidence, for Christ said: *"Whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."* (Matthew 21: 11 RSV)

The Prayer Chain is for all Christians believing in the power of prayer, to use and to be a part of. Membership at Church of Our Saviour is not necessary, although this church is the originator of this Chain. The pastor is notified of all items submitted to the Chain, and also submits concerns he/she encounters. Many of our requests will be confidential; some, anonymous. It is very important that we guard our tongues in what we say to others regarding our knowledge of these concerns.

The Chain operates very simply. Requests are phoned to our Prayer Chain leaders:

- Jill Bjornstad (home) 922-1556
- Lisa Frank (home) 924-5463
- Pastor (church) 922-0020

Prayer requests also may be made by filling out the yellow "Caring Request" form found in the pew racks in the sanctuary. The concern should be passed down each list as quickly as possible. The last person on the Chain should call Jill or Lisa, so that we know the requests are not getting lost somewhere along the way.

This is a beautiful opportunity for all of us to share in God's love and concern. It is a time to allow others the joy of helping you. Your personal prayers are precious to the Lord. Remember also, *"If two of you agree down here on earth concerning anything you ask for, my Father in heaven will do it for you."* So we know that agreeing with one another in prayer, through the chain, is important, too.



QUILTERS

The Quilters meet each Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Anyone interested in a morning of friendship and helping others is invited to join us. There is a job for everyone; no special skills required.

Many people around the world have been comforted by quilts from Lutheran World Relief.

QUILTERS:

Eldora Alby	Lorraine Lepien
Carol Klimke	Marge Ludwig
Shirley Thiede	Jean Zuelke
Ellie Lohse	Jill Bjornstad
Joanne Talaska	Darlene Otte
Florence Schuppe	Ruth Scott
Ruth Hendricks	Sheila Hodgden
Debbie Greuel	
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mathieu	

2008-2009
LYDIA CIRCLE

Hostesses and Study Guides to be determined

LYDIA CIRCLE

MEETINGS: Third Monday 7:00 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON: Colleen Rispalje 922-8516

MEMBERS:

Ramona Bennett (Arthur)	583-4323
Jill Bjornstad (Nick)	922-1556
Dawn Brown	922-7447
Jane Emery (Ed)	979-7337
Karen Goldapske (Paul)	922-9675
Fran Hamilton	922-6593
Maureen Kelm (Boyd)	921-5474
Colleen Rispalje (Bob)	922-8516
Dolly Stuebs (Dave)	922-2104
Pat Wallender	929-9611

We ask your cooperation by calling your Circle chairperson when you are unable to attend your meetings.

RESPONSIBLE FOR - collecting, assembling and packing the sewing kits and layettes

September 15, 2008

Hostess:
Study Guide: Jill Bjornstad

October 20, 2008

Hostess: Fran Hamilton
Study Guide: Maureen Kelm

November 17, 2008

Hostess: Jill Bjornstad
Study Guide:

December 11, 2008

Gift Wrapping & Party, 6:00 pm

January 19, 2009

Hostess:
Study Guide:

February 16, 2009

Hostess: Maureen Kelm
Study Guide:

March 16, 2009

Hostess:
Study Guide:

April 20, 2009

Hostess: Karen Goldapske
Study Guide: Karen Goldapske

May 18, 2009

Hostess:
Study Guide: Fran Hamilton

TABITHA CIRCLE

MEETINGS: **Third Tuesday** **1:00 P.M.**

CO-CHAIRPERSONS: Norma Lynch 921-4624
 Marion Eggert 922-5647

MEMBERS: Mary Ann Arthur 922-2387/579-
1535

Char Bohnsack (Bob) 923-4284
Marion Eggert (Gene) 922-5647
Lisa Frank 924-5463
Peggy Jessen (Kevin) 907-1361
Norma Lynch 921-4624
Edi Moore (DuWayne) 922-1767
Jan Rabbitt (Don) 923-3844
Ida Seager 922-7008
Joanne Talaska (John) 923-1057
Lois Weigelt (Gib) 922-0903

We ask your cooperation by calling your hostess when you are unable to attend your meetings.

RESPONSIBLE FOR - collecting and assembling school kits

2008-2009
TABITHA CIRCLE

September 16, 2008

Hostess: Edi Moore
Pack School kits

October 21, 2008

Hostess: Joanne Talaska
Study Guide: Joanne Talaska

November 18, 2008

Hostess: Marion Eggert
Study Guide: Marion Eggert

December, 2008

No meeting

January 20, 2009

Hostess: Mary Arthur
Study Guide: Mary Arthur

February 17, 2009

Hostess: Norma Lynch
Study Guide: Norma Lynch

March 17, 2009

Hostess: Joanne Talaska
Study Guide: Joanne Talaska

April 21, 2009

Hostess: Char Bohnsack
Study Guide: Char Bohnsack

May 19, 2009

To Be Announced

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

School Kits

A school kit may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war. School kits help parents continue their children's education, even while living in a refugee camp, for example. A school kit may also be used in adult literacy classes.

Include the following items in each school kit:

- Pads or notebooks of ruled paper approximately 8 ½" by 11" containing 150-200 sheets of paper
- One blunt scissors(safety scissors with imbedded steel blades work well)
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- Six #2 new pencils with erasers
- One eraser approximately 2 ½" long
- 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One cloth bag approximately 12" by 14" with cloth handles

Pack items in the bag, fold the handles over, and secure with two large rubber bands or tie with yarn.

Here is a no waste pattern for three cloth bags with handles made from a 30" x 45" piece of sturdy fabric. Seam allowance is ½".

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Health Kits

People who must flee their homes quickly often do not have time to pack essential items. A health kit can help children, men, and women who are refugees maintain personal hygiene while living in exile. Items may also contribute to a new start for those who can return home.

Include the following items in each health kit:

- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- One washcloth, dark color recommended
- One bath-size bar of soap, any brand, in its original wrapping
- One toothbrush, in original wrapping preferred
- One comb, wide tooth preferred
- One metal nail file, or nail clippers with file attached, unwrap packaging
- Six Band-Aids, preferably ½" to ¾"

Wrap items in the towel, and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. One LWR volunteer suggests wrapping smaller items in the washcloth.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Layettes

In refugee camps, hospitals, and villages around the world, gifts of layettes convey a warm welcome to newborns and their mothers.

Include the following items in each layette:

- Two shirts or onesies
- Two gowns or sleepers
- Two receiving blankets
- Four cloth diapers
- One sweater
- Two washcloths
- One bath-size bar of soap, in its original wrapper
- Two diaper pins

TIPS:

- ◆ Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins
- ◆ Good gently clean used items can be substituted for new ones. Sizes up to 24 months may be used.
- ◆ Sweaters may be knitted or crocheted from leftover yarn. They may also be made from heavy double knits. Preferred styles have buttons or ties down the front. Infant sweatshirts may be substituted for the sweater.
- ◆ A bolt of flannel can furnish a number of receiving blankets, diapers, and gowns. A square cut the width of fabric (usually 36" or 45") easily makes a blanket. Use discretion. One group reported that their flannel unraveled after washing.
- ◆ Diapers can be made by using a pinking shear to cut pieces 22 ½" wide by 36" long.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Sewing Kits

In the Ivory Coast, young girls who are Liberian refugees learn to sew with the help of LWR sewing kits in an after school home economics program. In Angola, women and men use sewing kits to help learn a trade and earn an income in an LWR-supported sewing workshop.

Include the following items in each sewing kit:

- Three yards of 44" or 45" cotton or a cotton blend fabric; four yards if 36" (no knits or 100% polyester)
- One package of needles for hand sewing
- One spool of matching thread
- One card of buttons, 6 or more, ½" to 5/8"

Wrap sewing notions inside fabric and tie with string, yarn, or strip of fabric.

THE DOVE AWARD

From 1966 to 1994, the Dove Award was given annually to a member of the Women of the ELCA for outstanding service and effort on behalf of Church of Our Saviour Women of the ELCA.

1966	Gladys Petri	1982	Marilyn Koepp
1967	Arlette Reque	1983	June Goodrich
1968	Helen Resheske	1984	Helen Glissendorf
1969	Delphine Miller	1985	Joanne Talaska
1970	Charlotte Keene	1986	Doris Skowlund
1971	Hattie Lawrence	1987	Shirley Ziesmer
1972	- no award given -	1988	Lucille Nelson
1973	Betty Block Dorothy Kenyon	1989	Jill Bjornstad
1974	Dorothy McAlister	1990	Marion Eggert
1975	Millie Parker	1991	Maureen Kelm
1976	Deloris Thurman	1992	Lois Weigelt
1977	Evelyn Hansen	1993	Pat Wallender
1978	Lillian Hollander	1994	Women of Church of Our Saviour
1979	Evelyn Henning		
1980	Sue Schierstedt		
1981	Sylvia Bray		