

FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY

September 2017-August 2018



Informational Booklet

CARING

Funeral Ministry
Christian Care
Kitchen Kare

SHARING

Quilting Ministry
Prayer Shawl Ministry
BOLD WOMEN'S Weekend

GROWING

Bible Studies
Christmas Gatherings



Purpose 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.

First Lutheran Women Mission Statement

To mobilize women to act **Boldly** on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Resources available:

The Communicator, the newsletter of the SW MN Synod Women of the ELCA
Website - swmnelca.org

Information available on the womenoftheelca.org website for the following-

Boldcafe (boldcafe.org), *Café*, an on-line magazine, shares stories written by bold young women who write about faith, relationships, advocacy and more. Readers and writers of *Café* include pastors, seminary and college students, and other young adult women who use *Café* as a Bible study resource individually or with a group. Although many women in their 20s and 30s contribute in every issue, *Café* can be used and shared by women of all ages.

bold connections, the monthly e-newsletter that features the latest news and information about Women of the ELCA programs and activities. *Bold Connections* is delivered via e-mail toward the end of the month.

Daily Grace is an on-the-go companion for your journey, offering a faith reflection every day. Encounter God's extravagant, boundless and often surprising grace by signing up for a daily email message.

Gather, the magazine of Women of the ELCA, offers a mix of articles, theological reflections, devotions and stories of comfort and challenge that help readers grow in faith and engage in ministry and action. To subscribe: subscriptions@augzburgfortress.org or call 1-800-328-4648.

Are you receiving e-mails from First Lutheran Women with the monthly e-mail Faith Messages & other announcements? If not, send your e-mail address to Bobbie Carmody and she will be happy to put your address on the mailing list.

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FLW Ministry Opportunities

All women members of First Lutheran are considered a member of First Lutheran Women of the ELCA and welcome to participate in all programs and ministries.

- **Funeral Ministry**

First Lutheran Church provides funeral support for family members.

- **Christian Care**

Circle Bible Study members have regular contact with those over 85 and members who are no longer able to join us at worship through cards and visits.

- **Kitchen Kare**

First Lutheran Women take leadership for maintaining the kitchen and all equipment. Contact Kitchen Co-Chairs for more information.

- **Quilting Ministry**

Anyone is welcome to participate in the quilting ministry throughout the year. See the calendar for meeting times.

- **Prayer Shawl**

A prayer shawl can be a great comfort for members who are going through a difficult time. Shawls are crocheted or knitted while saying prayers for the recipient.

- **BOLD WOMEN'S Weekend**

An annual event held in February to highlight the work of First Lutheran Women of all ages.

- **Bible Studies**

Circle Bible Studies are held monthly and open to anyone. See the calendar for more details.

**Along with circle bible studies, First Lutheran offers various other studies throughout the year. Contact the church office for more information.

- **Christmas Gathering**

2017-2018 PROGRAM Calendar

2017

September:

AM Circle Bible study- **Gather** –“The Apostles’ Creed”

Session 1: I believe in God...

Evening Circle Bible study - **Jeremiah**

- 6th Board meeting 5:15
10th **Rally Day - Serve**
11th Esther circle meets – 7pm - Fireside Room
11th Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Board**
13th AM Circles meet
18th Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Board**
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October:

AM Circle Bible study **Gather** - “The Apostles’ Creed”

Session 2: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Evening Circle Bible study – **Jeremiah**

- 2nd Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Elizabeth Circle**
4th Board meeting 5:15
7th WELCA Conference Fall Gathering at First Lutheran - Marshall
9th Esther circle meets 7pm - Fireside Room
11th AM Circles meet
16th Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Elizabeth Circle**
25th **Serve TLC meal**
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Giving Projects begin – Watch for details

November:

AM Circle Bible study **Gather** -“The Apostles’ Creed”

Session 3: I believe in the Holy Spirit...

Evening Circle Bible study - **Jeremiah**

- 1st Board meeting 5:15 pm
6th Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Hannah Circle**
8th AM Circles meet
13th Esther circle meets 7pm - Fireside Room
20th Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Hannah Circle**
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December:

AM Circle Bible study **Gather** –

Evening Circle Bible study – **Jeremiah**

- 2nd **Christmas Gathering**
6th Board meeting 5:15 pm
11th Esther circle meets 7pm - Fireside Room
13th AM Circles meet
December 25th **Merry Christmas**
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2018

January:

AM Circle Bible study **Gather** - "Multiple meanings: Learning from other interpretations"

Evening Circle Bible study – **Jeremiah**

- 3rd Board meeting 5:15 pm
- 8th Quilting 12-4 - **Board Serves Annual Appreciation Soup Luncheon**
- 8th Esther circle meets – 7pm – Fireside Room
- 10th AM Circles meet
- 15th Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Board**
- 24th **Prayer Shawl & Quilting Ministries serve TLC supper**

January 27-28th Bold Women's Weekend

February:

AM Circle Bible study **Gather** - "Multiple meanings: Learning from other interpretations"

Evening Circle Bible study – **Jeremiah**

- 5th Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Esther Circle**
 - 7th Board meeting 5:15 pm
 - 12th Esther circle meets – 7 pm -Fireside Room
 - 14th AM Circles meet
 - 19th Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Esther Circle**
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March:

AM Circle Bible study **Gather** - "Multiple meanings: Learning from other interpretations"

Evening Circle Bible study – **Jeremiah**

- 5th Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Deborah Circle**
 - 7th Board meeting 5:15 pm
 - 12th Esther circle meets – 7 pm -Fireside Room
 - 14th AM Circles meet
 - 19th Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Deborah Circle**
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April:

AM Circle Bible study **Gather** - "Multiple meanings: Learning from other interpretations"

Evening Circle Bible study – **Jeremiah**

- 2nd Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Esther Circle**
- 4th Board meeting 5:15 pm
- 9th Esther circle meets – 7 pm - Fireside Room
- 11th AM Circles meet
- 16th Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Esther Circle**

April 21st Prairie Conference Spring Gathering

May:

AM Circle Bible study **Gather** - “Multiple meanings: Learning from other interpretations”

Evening Circle Bible study – **Jeremiah**

2nd Board meeting 5:15 pm
7th Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Deborah Circle**
9th AM Circles meet
14th Esther circle meets – 7pm – Fireside Room
21st Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Deborah Circle**

June

4th Quilting 1-4
6th Board meeting 5:15 pm
18th Quilting 1-4
29th & 30th - SWMN Synodical Convention – Bethlehem Lutheran – St Cloud

July

2nd Quilting 1-4
16th Quilting 1-4

August

1st Board meeting 5:15 pm
6th Quilting 1-4
20th Quilting 1-4

Women’s Board serves quilters in September & January

Esther Circle serves quilters in February & April

Deborah Circle serves quilters in March & May

Elizabeth/Hannah Circle serves quilters in October & November

Funeral Lunch Guidelines

First Lutheran Women will provide cupcakes, coffee/water, condiments; order additional food; as well as prepare, serve, and complete all tasks involved with serving the lunch.

- Family will instruct First Lutheran Women on *additional food choices, special requests, and the number expected to serve. **The cost of additional food will be an expense covered by the family.** All leftover food will be taken by the family.
- First Lutheran Women, upon request, will make suggestions on additional food choices.
- First Lutheran Women suggests a donation of \$150 for serving the lunch. The donation helps cover kitchen expenses and maintenance

Offerings collected at the Circle Bible Study Meetings are used in the following ways:

- *1/3 of the total to the Churchwide Women of the ELCA
- *Offerings for the Prairie Conference Fall & Spring Gatherings
- *Offering for the SW MN WELCA Synodical Convention
- *Offering for the WELCA Triennial Convention (every 3 years)
- *Penny donations for the First Lutheran Missionaries

The remainder is placed in the First Lutheran Women's General Fund

Circles

DEBORAH CIRCLE 6am – 2nd Wednesday – various places

Shirley Anderson-Porisch	828-1945
Marquita Banks	865-4563
Denise Dulas	828-9060
Corlys Knudson	532-2434
Karen Murphy	829-9410
Rennae Petersen	532-5916
Mary Lou Peterson	532-3665
Arlene Schoephoerster	530-5136
Kathy Tjosaas	532-6536
Beverly Winkelman	537-1862

ELIZABETH/HANNAH CIRCLE 9am - 2nd Wednesday - various places

Shirley Bruns	401-3066
Delores Holm	829-3615
Judy Koepf	532-5015
Marilyn Lund	532-5340
Jan Mann	532-5617
Ramona McCorquodale	537-2460
Audrey Norris	929-8631
Pam Odland	532-2981
Dawn Planting	828-8157
Ardella Quarnstrom	532-6200
Dolores Rans	537-2433
Marge Sorenson	537-2368
DeAnna Zimmer	337-1135
Judy Werner	929-5826

ESTHER CIRCLE 7pm – 2nd Monday – Fireside Room

Chris Anderson	829-4643
Kathy Bartz	337-0137
Bobbie Carmody	829-0168
Kim Christianson	530-2301
Sue DeSaer	532-7470
Janet Hamner	390-1306
Connie Kimpling	537-0649
Vicki Lamprecht	532-6896
Ruth Quist	337-0068
Norma Raske	537-1202
Lorraine Schmidt	532-3186
Diane Wright	530-7672

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We are **BELIEVERS** seeking to invite all into the **CARING, SHARING** and **GROWING** ways of Christ.



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