

# FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY

September 2018-August 2019



## 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](http://www.swmnelca.org)

Information available on the [womenoftheelca.org](http://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](mailto: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.

[cbcarmody@iw.net](mailto:cbcarmody@iw.net)

## **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**

## 2018-2019 Program Calendar

### September:

AM Circle Bible study- **Gather** – Time after Time:  
Turning to God

Evening Circle Bible study – **1 Peter: A Living Hope  
In Christ** (Intro)

**5<sup>th</sup>** Board meeting 5:30pm

**10<sup>th</sup>** Esther circle meets – 7pm - Fireside Room

**10<sup>th</sup>** Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Board**

**12<sup>th</sup>** AM Circles meet

**17<sup>th</sup>** Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Board**

### October:

AM Circle Bible study **Gather** – If I could turn back  
time: Turning to others

Evening Circle Bible study - **1 Peter: A Living Hope  
In Christ** (A Living Hope)

**1<sup>st</sup>** Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Elizabeth Circle**

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Board meeting 5:30pm

**6<sup>th</sup>** **WELCA** Conf Fall Gathering at Danebod - Tyler

**8<sup>th</sup>** Esther circle meets 7pm - Fireside Room

**10<sup>th</sup>** AM Circles meet

**10<sup>th</sup>** Prayer Shawl & Quilting **Serve TLC Meal**

**14<sup>th</sup>** **God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday**

**15<sup>th</sup>** Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Elizabeth Circle**

### November:

AM Circle Bible study **Gather** – Turning Points:  
Turning as the church to the world

Evening Circle Bible study - **1 Peter: A Living Hope  
In Christ** (The Believer's Identity)

**5<sup>th</sup>** Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Hannah Circle**

**7<sup>st</sup>** Board meeting 5:30pm

**12<sup>th</sup>** Esther circle meets 7pm - Fireside Room

**14<sup>th</sup>** AM Circles meet

**19<sup>th</sup>** Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Hannah Circle**

**28<sup>th</sup>** Board Meeting 5:30pm

## December:

AM Circle Bible study **Gather – Annual Advent/Christmas Devotional**

Evening Circle Bible study – **1 Peter: A Living Hope In Christ** (Living Stones)

**1<sup>st</sup>** **Christmas Gathering –** Julie Clark Lingen “Coffee”

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Quilting 1-4

**10<sup>th</sup>** Esther circle meets 7pm - Fireside Room

**12<sup>th</sup>** AM Circles meet

**12<sup>th</sup>** **Serve TLC meal**

**25<sup>th</sup>** Merry Christmas

## January:

AM Circle Bible study **Gather – Come and See: Seeking & Finding Faith**

Evening Circle Bible study – **1 Peter: A Living Hope In Christ** (Submission pt. 1)

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Board meeting 5:30pm

**7<sup>th</sup>** Esther circle meets – 7pm – Fireside Room

**9<sup>th</sup>** AM Circles meet

**January 26-27<sup>th</sup> Bold Women’s Weekend**

## February:

AM Circle Bible study **Gather – By Night & Day: Coming to Faith in Jesus**

Evening Circle Bible study – **1 Peter: A Living Hope In Christ** (Submission pt. 2)

**6<sup>th</sup>** Board meeting 5:30pm

**11<sup>th</sup>** Esther circle meets – 7 pm -Fireside Room

**13<sup>th</sup>** AM Circles meet

## March:

AM Circle Bible study **Gather – Friends for Life in Christ**

Evening Circle Bible study – **1 Peter: A Living Hope In Christ** (Submission pt. 3)

**6<sup>th</sup>** Board meeting 5:30pm

**11<sup>th</sup>** Esther circle meets – 7 pm -Fireside Room

**13<sup>th</sup>** AM Circles meet

## April:

AM Circle Bible study **Gather** – Seeing the Risen Christ

Evening Circle Bible study – **1 Peter: A Living Hope In Christ** (Self Control)

1<sup>st</sup> Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Esther Circle**

3<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting 5:30pm

8<sup>th</sup> Esther circle meets – 7 pm - Fireside Room

10<sup>th</sup> AM Circles meet

15<sup>th</sup> Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Esther Circle**

**April 20th Prairie Conference Spring Gathering**

## May:

AM Circle Bible study **Gather** -

Evening Circle Bible study – **1 Peter: A Living Hope In Christ** (Clothed in Humility)

1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting 5:30pm

**May 3 & 4 - SWMN Synodical Convention First Lutheran - Marshall**

6<sup>th</sup> Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Deborah Circle**

8<sup>th</sup> AM Circles meet

13<sup>th</sup> Esther circle meets – 7pm – Fireside Room

20<sup>st</sup> Quilting 1-4 Servers: **Deborah Circle**

## June:

3<sup>rd</sup> Quilting 1-4

5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting 5:30pm

17<sup>th</sup> Quilting 1-4

## July:

1<sup>st</sup> Quilting 1-4

15<sup>th</sup> Quilting 1-4

## August:

5<sup>th</sup> Quilting 1-4

7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting 5:30pm

19<sup>th</sup> 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

## DEBORAH CIRCLE 6am – 2nd Wednesday – various places

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

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

Shirley Bruns	401-3066	Dawn Planting	828-8157
Judy Koepf	532-5015	Ardella Quarnstrom	532-6200
Marilyn Lund	532-5340	Dolores Rans	537-2433
Jan Mann	532-5617	DeAnna Zimmer	337-1135
Audrey Norris	929-8631	Judy Werner	929-5826
Pam Odland	532-2981		

## ESTHER CIRCLE 7pm – 2nd Monday – Fireside Room

Kathy Bartz	829-0267	Connie Kimpling	537-0649
Bobbie Carmody	829-0168	Vicki Lamprecht	532-6896
Kim Christianson	530-2301	Ruth Quist	337-0068
Sue DeSaer	532-7470	Norma Raske	537-1202
Janet Hamner	390-1306	Lorraine Schmidt	532-3186
Julie Bahn	605-610-5484	Diane Wright	530-7672

# First Lutheran Mission Statement

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



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