

2015 YEARBOOK



Our Savior Lutheran Church

421 Pearl Street
Wayne NE 68787
402/375-2899

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Meets 1st Tues—1:15 p.m.

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| President: | Phyllis Rahn— <i>Tabitha Circle</i> | (375-1667) |
| Vice President: | Ruth Grone Maier— <i>Visitation</i> | (286-4819) |
| Secretary: | Thelma Moeller— <i>Joy Circle</i> | (375-4919) |
| Treasurer: | Vera Longe— <i>Joy Circle</i> | (375-2897) |
| Advisor: | Elaine Draghu— <i>Joy Circle</i> | (833-5230) |
| Board Representative | Rodella Wacker— <i>Sewing</i> | (375-3193) |
| Board Representative | Diane Ehrhardt— <i>Charity Circle</i> | (375-4422) |
| Board Representative | Virginia Backstrom— <i>Visitation</i> | (375-4489) |

MISSION GROWTH

Plan and implement programs for the yearbook:

Vera Longe, Ruth Grone Maier, Thelma Moeller,
Phyllis Rahn (chair), Virginia Backstrom,
Rodella Wacker, Elaine Draghu, Diane Ehrhardt

MISSION COMMUNITY

Guide the work of the Prayer Chain, act as a liaison for kitchen supplies and any community-helping activities.

Prayer Chain – Madge Bruflat
Kitchen – Margaret Hansen

MISSION ACTION

Coordinate for Lutheran World Relief or any project concerning in-gatherings (convention and Spring gatherings). Serve as a contact person for the gathering of soup labels and serve as a contact person for Peace and Justice.

Elaine Menke

WOMEN OF THE ELCA STATE OFFICERS

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| President: | Kandy Pflaster, Cozad |
| Vice President: | Terri Johnson, Hershey |
| Secretary: | Beth Meyer, Fremont |
| Treasurer: | JoAnn Rohrs, Auburn |
| Conference II Board Member: | Judy Stahlecker, Spencer |

Program Circle

Joy Circle2nd Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

Project Circle

Charity Circle..... 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study Circle

Tabitha Circle..... 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m. at The Oaks
Kathy Johnson, Chair

Interest Groups

Visitation..... 3rd Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.
(Meeting dates TBD)

Sewing.....4th Monday at 9:30 a.m.
(no Sewing in November & December)
Rodella Wacker, Alice Mohr

WELCA Purpose

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

1. Implement and inform the women of the congregation about Mission Growth, Community and Action.
2. Implement and encourage increased attendance and/or to begin a new circle group.
3. Implement and encourage individual circle projects to enhance spiritual growth.

Care, Share, Prayer

Our overall theme for 2015 is “*Doing Good to All*” (*Galatians 6:9-10a NIV*) and the song is “*We all are one in Mission*”—*WOV #755*. We pray that you will come and participate each month. Don’t forget to bring a sister in Christ, who has been inactive or one who is new to our church community of women.

*Your sisters in Christ,
WELCA Executive Board*

IMPORTANT DATES

2015 WELCA Synodical Events

January 24 – NE Synod Women’s Organization — Winter Retreat
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grand Island, NE

March 14 – Northeast WELCA Spring Gathering
Grace Lutheran Church, West Point, NE

JOY CIRCLE

(2nd Wed—2:00 p.m.)

January 14

Program: Triennial
Speaker: Phyllis Rahn
Hostesses: Rodella Wacker
Devotion: Phyllis Rahn

February 11

Program: Trafficking
Speaker: Jennifer VanMeeter
Hostesses: Gena Puls
Devotion: Thelma Moeller

March 11

Program: Lent
Leader: Phyllis Rahn
Hostesses: Bonnie Stanley
Devotion: Phyllis Rahn

April 8

Program: Cards
Leader: Dorothy Wert
Hostesses: Vera Longe
Devotion: Dorothy Wert

May 13

Program: Surprise!
Speaker: TBA
Hostesses: Dorothy Wert
Devotion: Thelma Moeller

June 10

Program: Sewing
Leader: Rodella Wacker
Hostesses: Phyllis Rahn
Devotion: Rodella Wacker

July 8

Program: Gratitude
Speaker: Phyllis Rahn
Hostess: Ruth Grone Maier
Devotion: Phyllis Rahn

August – No Meeting

September 9

Program: Prison Ministry
Speaker: TBA
Hostesses: Elaine Menke
Devotion: Phyllis Rahn

October 14—Time TBA

Program: Ladies Night Out
Leader: with Providence Medical Center

November 11

Program: Memorial Service
Leader: Phyllis Rahn
Hostesses: Dorothy Wert
Devotion: Phyllis Rahn

December 9 – Christmas Potluck— noon

Program: Christmas
Leaders: Executive Board (*Program & Decorations*)
Hostesses: Executive Board
(make coffee, purchase dinner rolls, set up & clean up tables)

TABITHA CIRCLE

(4th Mon—7:00 p.m.)

January 26

Leader: Kathy Johnson
Hostesses: Kathy Johnson

February 23

Leader: Lila Splittgerber
Hostesses: Phyllis Rahn

March 23

Leader: Carolyn Vakoc
Hostesses: Lila Splittgerber

April 27

Leader: Lila Splittgerber
Hostesses: Phyllis Rahn

May 18

Leader: Sharon Fleer
Hostesses: Sharon Fleer

June 22

Leader: Kathy Johnson
Hostesses: Kathy Johnson

July 27

Leader: Carolyn Vakoc
Hostess: Lila Splittgerber

August – No Meeting

September 28

Leader: Sharon Fleer
Hostesses: Sharon Fleer

October 26

Leader: Phyllis Rahn
Hostesses: Carolyn Vakoc

November 23

Leader: Phyllis Rahn
Hostesses: Carolyn Vakoc

December – No Meeting

CHARITY CIRCLE

(3rd Wed—7:00 p.m.)

January 21 – Easter Cards for Shut-ins

Leader(s): Sue Olson, Diane Ehrhardt

February 11 – Buckets, Brass, Brownies

(ref: Ash Wednesday is February 18th)

Leader(s): Joanie Baier, Melia Hefti

March 18 – Lenten Supper

(Spring Gathering is March 14th)

Leader(s): Kim Dunklau, Debbie Bargholz, Joanie Baier

April 15 – Educational/Devotional Meeting

(Easter is April 5th)

Leader(s): Annette Rasmussen, Carol Novak

May 20 – Mystery Meeting

Leader(s): Karma Magnuson, Cynthia Puntney

Summer – Cook Out

Leader(s): TBA

August 26 – Organizational Meeting & Thanksgiving Cards

(4th Wednesday; after school starts)

Leader(s): Cindy Franzen, Dorothy Wert

September 16 – Lutheran World Relief—Health or School Kits

(as needed by LWR)

Leader(s): Lynette Lentz, Sharon Fleer

October 21 – Valentines for 2016

Leader(s): Sue Olson, Nancy Jo Powers

November 7 & 14 – Pies-4-You (2 meetings)

Leader(s): Kim Dunklau, Cynthia Puntney

December TBA – Christmas Caroling Event

Leader(s): Lynette Lentz, Kim Dunklau

2015 WELCA BUDGET

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| Education (speakers, program materials, etc.) | \$250.00 |
| Study Materials | 30.00 |
| Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund (LWR) | 250.00 |
| State Convention, retreats, learning sessions | 250.00 |
| SWO Travel Expense | 16.00 |
| Sewing & Quilting | 100.00 |
| Visitation | 0.00 |
| Supplies (coffee, cleaning, etc.) | 1,500.00 |
| Love Offering | 60.00 |
| Mission Offering | 60.00 |
| Textbooks for Tanzania (TBT) | 360.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 250.00 |
| Donations - Tabitha, Mosaic, Good Shepherd UNL Student Center, Lutheran Family Services, Kearney Campus Ministry, Midland University - \$30 each Wayne Campus Ministry - \$50 | 260.00 |
| General Fund Budget | <u>\$3,136.00</u> |

The money for the General Fund comes from the regular offerings of our members. Half of our offerings are remitted to the WELCA Synod Treasurer, and half remains in our local treasury. The money (\$30) needed to sponsor Textbooks for Tanzania comes from the TBT offering. Any donations designated for TBT, above and beyond our monthly sponsorship, will also be sent in.

TABLE PRAYER

Be present at our table, Lord. Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless and grant that we may strengthen for thy service be.

OFFERING PRAYER

The earth is filled with your light and goodness, a storehouse of your gracious gifts to us. Now we return these gifts as an offering of Thanksgiving, a token of the giving of ourselves. Fill us with new joy to serve you, that the brightness of your generous care may spread to all, until the day it shines in full, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEMBERSHIP

On the following pages is a list of the ladies attending the WELCA Circles and special interest groups.

The listings were compiled for everyone's convenience and in no way limits attendance to any one group. Please feel free to attend any one or all groups as each of you desire. Everyone is encouraged and welcomed to be a participant.

If any person has been overlooked, please accept our apologies. Please notify the group chairperson and your name will be added to the listings. An * denotes the chairperson of each group.

Thank you.

Joy Circle

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| Virginia Backstrom | 375-4489 |
| Marion Baker | 833-5273 |
| DeAnn Behlers | 375-3023 |
| Elaine Draghu | 833-5230 |
| Donella Johnson | 375-4625 |
| Vera Longe | 375-2897 |
| Ruth Grone Maier | 286-4819 |
| Elaine Menke | 375-1902 |
| Viola Meyer | 375-3339 |
| Thelma Moeller | 375-4919 |
| Alice Mohr | 585-4535 |
| Arlene Ostendorf | 375-1405 |
| Gena Puls | 375-4936 |
| Phyllis Rahn | 375-1667 |
| Bonnie Stanley | 375-2322 |
| Rodella Wacker | 375-3193 |
| Dorothy Wert | 375-4273 |

Charity Circle

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| Joanie Baier | 375-4038 |
| Debbie Bargholz | 375-4239 |
| Kim Dunklau | 369-1696 |
| Diane Ehrhardt | 375-4422 |
| Sharon Fleer | 375-3073 |
| Cindy Franzen | 369-3046 |
| Lynette Lentz | 375-1307 |
| Barbara Lutt | 375-1975 |
| Karma Magnuson | 585-4593 |
| Carol Novak | 680-2493 |
| Sue Olson | 375-4644 |
| Nancy Jo Powers | 375-2391 |
| Cynthia Puntney | 585-4736 |
| Phyllis Rahn | 375-1667 |
| Annette Rasmussen | 518-0033 |
| Dorothy Wert | 375-4273 |

Tabitha Bible Study

Sharon Fleer 375-3073
 *Kathy Johnson 375-4525
 Gloria Leseberg 375-2663
 Arlene Ostendorf 375-1405
 Phyllis Rahn 375-1667
 Lila Splittgerber 375-4267
 Carolyn Vakoc 375-3091
 Rodella Wacker 375-3193
 Lois Youngerman 375-5166

Honorary WELCA Members

Blanche Backstrom
 Norma Backstrom
 Roberta Carman
 Jewell Cavner
 Dorothy Grone
 Norma Hansen
 Opal Harder
 Leone Jager
 Ivy Junck
 Rae Kugler
 Donna Lutt
 Doris Lutt
 Helga Nedergaard
 Eva Nelson
 Lavonne Smith
 Mabel Sommerfeld
 Lydia Thomsen

Visitation Group

Virginia Backstrom 375-4489
 Rhonda Blecke 833-1313
 Marilyn Bodenstedt 375-2732
 Elaine Draghu 833-5230
 Corliss Krusemark
 Vera Longe 375-2897
 Ruth Grone Maier 286-4819
 Elaine Menke 375-1902
 Thelma Moeller 375-4919
 Betty Morris 375-2172
 Bonnie Stanley 375-2322
 Rodella Wacker 375-3193
 Twila Wiltse 375-2596

Sewing Group

Jeannine Anderson 375-3845
 Virginia Backstrom 375-4489
 Marilyn Carhart 375-2976
 Elaine Draghu 833-5230
 Mildred Gramlich 375-3678
 Donella Johnson 375-4625
 Vera Longe 375-2897
 Alice Mohr 585-4535
 Nancy Jo Powers 375-2391
 Gena Puls 375-4936
 Janet Reeg 375-1235
 Lydia Thomsen 375-2937
 Rodella Wacker 375-3193

WELCA WEB SITE

The National Women of the ELCA organization has a web site. Check out www.elca.org/wo/index.html.

NOTES

LWR PERSONAL CARE & SCHOOL KITS

Include the following items in each health kit:

- One light-weight bath-size towel (maximum 52"x27"), dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in its original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business envelop; no plastic bags or wrap

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap all items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

Include the following items in each school kit:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8"x10 1/2"; **no loose-leaf paper**
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2 1/2" eraser
- One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14"x17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items lists. All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in bag and close. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

2015 CALENDAR

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