

JOYful Hands Meeting Meeting September 14, 2025

Call to Order: Sarah **Members present:** Kathie, Carol, Margot, Pam, Lynne, Sandy, Sherri, Lydia, Raelin, Deborah, Melinda, Sarah

Share: Our Mission Mobilizing members to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Our Purpose (read together) As a community of members 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.

(Resource: www.womenoftheelca.org)

Devotions: Kathie Volunteer for devotions for November 16: Margot

Read minutes Motions to accept: _Sandy ___2nd: _Margot ___ ___ If you have an email our minutes are sent from sc4332947@gmail.com or hand delivered, or sent

Treasurer's Report Melinda **Balance in checking account: \$8392.07; We discussed increasing publicity for camperships for 2026 as only 4 families used this help. Early bird discount is by April 1. We will address this in January with the help of treasurer Elizabeth.**

Reports of Officers or Committees *Decorating- Kathy A, Theresa J. and Pam L.

*Quilting- Quilters meet Wednesdays 10-12 am; 3-4/month to pantry: Need more people to sew tops.

Blood Drive will be held at JOY on 9.22 from 11:30-6:30 with Toni and Kathie helping register.
Thanks!

*Sanctuary: Lonnie, Nancy G

*Sunshine-Sherri, Kerry Fellowship funds can be donated to purchase stamps. Pastor Appreciation will be held October 19.

*Synod Updates _Carol *Women are needed to run for 3 vacant Apple River Conference positions for 2026 – guidance will be given to your role, good computer skills a plus, meetings are quarterly, see Margot if interested. * The new bishop will be installed at Central Lutheran in MPLS. on October 4

*****If interested in being part of any of the above committees, contact Sarah Campbell or Sandy Christensen**

Old Business *Newsletter deadline for **DID YOU KNOW** article for October newsletter: Sherri will submit an article about pastor appreciation

*LWR School Kit donations-Deborah has offered to transport completed kits to St. Paul in September!!

*Lefse Making sign-up on JOYful Hands table in narthex. **PLEASE NOTE POTATO PREP AND MIXING WILL BE TAKING PLACE AFTER CHURCH ON 5 SUNDAYS IN LATE AUGUST AND IN SEPTEMBER, BUT BAKING WILL BE TUESDAY AFTER LABOR DAY AND THE FOLLOWING MONDAYS. PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP FOR ANY SHIFT THAT YOU ARE ABLE!!** We really

need your help to create this popular item for our JOY Bazaar on October 11. Consider signing up with your family 😊 Bruce will shop for potatoes.

*Sister Church activity- Trinity Lutheran of Falun will be inviting us to a fall evening get-together.

* Consider joining a new committee/host fellowship/usher/be a reader. Volunteers are needed and appreciated.

***More JOY representation would be ideal working at Feed My Neighbor Food Pantry PLEASE NEEDS: WATER!!!! School lunch items like peanut butter, jelly, juice boxes, fruit, etc. And any items or monetary donations!!**

*Sarah and Sandy will remain the co-chairs for 2025. Please **consider taking on new responsibilities** or

chairing some of the events going forward throughout the year to spread out work on the projects for the

coming year. **Please think about asking others to help with projects when the opportunity arises.**

*The Generosity Committee is working on a **Time and Talents survey for January 2026**

***Help is needed to be trained in as a funeral shift leader for 1 ½ hours on prep shift, serving shift, or clean-up shift. PLEASE contact Sarah Campbell if you are willing to be trained or can help. There**

have been 10 funerals so far this year at JOY so your help is appreciated

New Business *BAZAAR

ITEMS DROP-OFF: times will be Sunday October 5 9-11:30am , Tues. Oct. 7 10a-3pm, Wed. Oct.8 9a-7p, Thurs. Oct. 9 10a-3p, Friday Oct. 10 1-6p TO THE APPROPRIATELY MARKED TABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. IF DONATING PRODUCE !!PLEASE!! MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO RODENTS IN THE BAG OR BOX YOU BRING THEM IN !! Containers to package baked goods will be available at church October 5.

*Holiday items will be freewill donation. Prices are marked accordingly on other items. Pie tins available next month.

*Make pickles for Bazaar. Think about what you can contribute to October's Bazaar on October 11th Garden Produce especially pumpkins as well as houseplants and dried arrangements, Baked Goods including LABELED pies, bars cut, cookies, breads, coffee cakes, gluten free items, jams and jellies, Canned Foods, Theme Baskets (with a list of items included), Handmade Craft and Sewing items priced accordingly, Woodworking Projects, Vintage items, any Holiday and Seasonal items.

*All donations will be signed in. If items are left over you will get them back as it takes much effort to get rid of left over items. This is NOT a Garage Sale, but a showcase of mostly created items to raise funds for community benevolence.

*If interested in helping with Bazaar please see Sarah. MORE HELP IS NEEDED! Current help includes MANY HANDS making Lefse, Deborah, Raelin, and Deanna on Advertising, Carol and Lydia in the kitchen (apply for Thrivent grant), Lonnie organizing the Produce, Pam and Sandy in the Baked

Goods and Canned Goods, Bruce and Joel at Lefse, Margot and Kathie at Quilt table, Sherri and Jill R. in the Craft area, Deborah in Vintage, Kelly at Theme Baskets, Nancy G. at the Holiday/Seasonal, Kendra N. greeter, Toni mark lunch cards, Melinda and Raelin cashiers. Floaters are Carly N., Kendra W., Kayli **WORKERS PLEASE HELP SET UP ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 10 FROM 1-6 AS YOU ARE ABLE; REPORT TO CHURCH AT 9AM ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 11**

Announcements/Correspondence: *keep own ThankOffering container at home to be collected in November of 2025 at WELCA fellowship to help expand the ELCA's educational ministry

*Serve as worship volunteer; **Volunteer at Community Food Pantry** see [article in September 2023 about general food](#)

bank needs, current local needs are WATER, LUNCH ITEMS, produce, venison, milk quarts, Laundry soap small bottles

find at Dollar Store; CASH DONATIONS sent to Our Lady of the Lakes-memo Food Pantry,

Pantry hours M 2-5pm, T 5-7pm, Th 10-2, Sat 9-11am; ADD TO NARTHEX CART as able *Bible Study meets at 1:30p and

6:00p at church- see newsletter or bulletin for Dates *JOYful Hands meetings will be held monthly on the 2nd Sunday EVERY OTHER MONTH STARTING IN NOVEMBER unless there is a conflict.

Next Meeting date: November 16 after church Motion to Adjourn Close with the Lord's Prayer

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT SARAH CAMPBELL OR SANDY CHRISTENSEN WITH ANY QUESTIONS, OR INFO TO

SHARE AT ANY MEETING 😊 ph: 715.557.0387 or 715.3813765 or email: sc4332947@gmail.com , sc_bellaterra@yahoo.com