

WELCA Meeting January 21, 2024 make available agenda, booklet for each person present

**Call to Order Sarah**

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

**Our 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. (Resource:

[www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org))

**Devotions** Volunteer for devotions for Feb meeting: Carol \_\_\_\_\_

**Read minutes Sandy** Motions \_\_\_\_\_ to accept \_\_\_ Linda \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Sherri \_\_\_\_\_ If you have an email our minutes sent from [sc4332947@gmail.com](mailto:sc4332947@gmail.com) or, hand delivered or mailed

**Treasurer's Report Melinda** Discussion: Melinda is having trouble with categorizing the expenses. She is looking for a free program to use for the WELCA accounting. December 31, 2023 balance was \$2,579.89. There are still checks written that have not cleared for \$1,964. Many thank yous were shared from end of year donations.

**Reports of Officers or Committees Altar Guild** **volunteers needed for February** So far Karen Livingston, Melinda Sorensen, Raelin Sorensen, and Laurie Ellefson volunteered for February and March. We will keep asking people going forward to fill the months of April, June, and July. Sherri will help with instruction or people can ask those who have done it before if there are questions. There is a binder with all of the instructions including pictures to help. The binder needs to be updated with some of the new changes such as using bread instead of wafers and someone standing up front to handoff new trays as necessary.

**Quilting:** Soup brunch on February 18 after church service with proceeds to Lydia's home church in the Phillipines

**Sunshine Committee** will be hosting Lenten service on March 13, Will be working on treat packages for homebound and care centers.

**Hall Décor (Theresa)** No report

**Sanctuary** no report

**Old Business** \*Newsletter deadline Wednesday **DID YOU KNOW? about ...** Sarah writing up about starting a Thankoffering container at home throughout the year and then donating the funds to the synod. Carol will write something in February.

\*Cookie Walk: \$500+ was gifted to ELCA Good Gifts Program. Thanks to the bakers and buyers!!

\*Volunteers are needed to be on the council Nominating Committee – Sandy **spread the word!!**  
**No nominating committee was formed. Prayerfully consider making the commitment to serve on council.**

\* Who are Thrivent members at JOY? [Deborah, Evelyn, Melinda, Carol, Lonnie, Margot + Raelin S](#)

\* WELCA Gifts survey due by 1.14.24 **Please turn them in if you haven't yet.**

\*Think about what you can contribute to the Bazaar **Theme baskets can be started any time and items collected throughout the year. What can you create such as dried flower arrangements, crafts, etc. Some can be done throughout the year.**

**New Business** \*New handbook has WELCA contact information!! Take one from table in narthex 😊 Sarah will email the handbook to everyone.

\*Start Thankoffering container at home The funds can be donated to the Synod WELCA

\*Send articles to ARC newsletter **Any volunteers?**

\*Serve on a church committee, be an usher or reader **Please consider this important and valuable ministry. Try and step outside your comfort zone and you might find out it's not that bad. Ask others to participate who may just need an invitation from you.**

\*Host fellowship or a confirmation dinner individually or as a WELCA group **For the confirmation dinners host we could get a group to do the cooking. Bring up again at March meeting for April.**

\*Valentine Care packages to those in care centers and at home?? **Sherri brought examples of gift packages that she has made and would like to use for the homebound and care centers. We agreed it is a great idea and those interested can participate. May also consider at other holidays.**

\*Lenten Supper 2.21: Loaded Baked Potato Bar -Carol Johnson, chair. Volunteers: Lorraine, Emma, Kelly, Debbie, Sandy, Sarah, Sherri. Providers: Evelyn: Potatoes; Sandy: Shredded cheese, chopped onions Sherri: chopped ham; Linda: Top the tater (2), Kerry- sour cream (2); Carol: Taco meat; Melinda: 2 Salsa; Salads: Sarah, Carol, Melinda (pasta), Emma (fruit), Bars: Karen, Sarah, Melinda, Pam

**Announcements: Volunteer at Community Food Pantry; Quilters meet every Wednesday in January & February on Wednesdays from 10-12, Bible Study 1:30p 1.10 and 6:30p 1.17 at JOY**

**Next Meeting date:** \_\_February 11\_\_ after church. Meetings will be held monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday unless there is a conflict. **Close with Lord's Prayer**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT SARAH WITH ANY QUESTIONS, OR INFORMATION TO SHARE**

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**Women Present:** Sarah, Sandy, Carol, Sherri, Karen L, Emma, Kerry, Linda J, Lynne, Melinda

