Women of the ELCA 2024



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Women **ELCA**

experience faith * know love * share joy

Our organization includes Lutheran Women who gather in more than 4,500 locations in the U.S. and the Caribbean, for service, study, advocacy, fellowship

and more! WELCA embraces ministries that support our mission of mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

We have a place for you in Women of the Women of the ELCA.

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

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National W/ELCA Office: women.elca@elca.org 1.800.638.3522 x2730

JOY Lutheran WELCA

Providing opportunities for education, fellowship, and mission, to support each other, our church home, our community, and global missions through prayer, discipleship, justice, and stewardship.

<u>QTSCTPLESHTP</u>: a lifelong journey of living out and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ through praying, studying, worshiping, inviting, encouraging, serving, and giving

<u>JUSTICE:</u> connect with the community to promote healing and wellness

<u>GTEWARDSHIP</u>: taking care of God's creation, we are stewards of all the gifts and resources given to us by our generous God: our time, our talents, our possessions

Meeting Agenda Outline

Call to Order/reading of Mission Statement and Purpose

Opening Devotions/ Next Devotion

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Reports of Officers or Committees

Old Business

New Business

Announcements / Correspondence/ Next meeting date

Closing with Lord's Prayer

Adjournment

<u>JOY WELCA Event Calendar</u>

<u>January</u>

New WELCA <u>Handbook</u> prepared

Sponsor Missionary first Gunday of each month

Altar Guild (Sherri Schaffer)

<u>Bible studies</u> all year 2nd and 3nd Wednesdays, afternoon or evening; Bible Study leaders use Gather Magazine: Gather Magazine \$19.95 annually, 844.409.0576, <u>gather@cambeywest.com</u> 2nd Wednesday of each month, 1:30 pm OR 3nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at JOY

<u>Fellowship Hall Décor</u> Committee (Kathie Wilson, Kathy Adascheck)

Funeral Lunches Garah Campbell, Sandy Christensen, Margot Nelson, Carol Johnson

<u>Quilting Ministry</u> (Margot Nelson) given to local people who are seriously ill, suffering tragedy, or for a happy occasion, to surround recipient with warmth, caring, prayers; meet twice per month

Sanctuary Committee (Lonnie Ellefson)-change paraments and keep pew needs updated

<u>Sunshine Committee:</u> (Sherri Schaffer, Kerry Swenson) Remembering our members through Correspondence at Birthdays and Holidays, Get Well, Thinking of You

Think about what you can contribute to the <u>Bazaar</u>

Start Thankoffering container at home

Send articles to ARC newsletter

Gerve on a <u>church committee</u>, <u>be an usher or reader</u>

Host <u>fellowship</u> or a <u>confirmation dinner</u>

<u>February</u>

Valentine Care packages to those in care centers and at home

<u>Lenten Gupper 2.21</u>: Loaded Baked Potato Bar-Carol Johnson

March

Bakeless Bake Sale-Carol Johnson

Contact Fisherman's Party for JOY Bingo - Carol Johnson

<u>Bold Women's Pay (</u>women who act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ) first Sunday in March (see <u>www.womenoftheelca.org</u> for liturgy and work with Worship Committee to implement)

<u>April</u>

<u>Youth Camperships available</u>- Melinda Gorensen, Gecretary Meg

Apple River Conference Spring Into Life April 13, 2024

may

BINGO Committee for Fisherman's Party

Sister Church activity

June

Milltown Fisherman's Party BINGO-winner(s) get kitty @ \$0.25 /card

Pies needed for Memory Days

School Kits (LWR) list made available

July

Centuria Memory Days Pie and Ice Cream Social and Variety Show Kathie Wilson (July 14)

<u>Begin LWR School Kit donations</u> through September 15, gathering school supplies (TL Enterprise supplies bags, assemble 2nd Sunday in Sept. @ God's Work Our Hands)

Begin <u>Lefse Making Sign-up</u> - Sarah Campbell

The Thirteenth <u>Triennial Convention</u> July 16-19, <u>2026</u>, Des Moines, IA, (6-7 delegates from NW Synod)

<u>August</u>

 $\underline{\textit{75}^{\text{th}}}$ Luther Point Summer Celebration and Auction August 2 & 3

Apple River Conference Fall Gathering

Make pickles or preserves, discuss baked good needs for Bazaar

<u>September</u>

<u>Lefse</u> Making and <u>Soup</u> making, creating dried arrangements for Bazaar

Sign-up for God's Work Our Hands

<u>Host</u> a Confirmation Dinner

<u>October</u>

<u>Bazaar</u> 2nd Saturday – Sarah Campbell

<u>Apple River Conference Leadership Gathering</u>, learn what is available to do in our church/community

November

December

Determine end-of-year giving by WELCA

Cookie Walk- proceeds to ELCA Good Gifts Program (goodgifts.elca.org/)

Altar Guild set for next year

Co-chairs and secretary for next year

Additional Mission Opportunities (not limited to suggested!)

Community Referral Agency (403 Gandy View Ave., Milltown, 715.825.4414)

Other Local needs-Community Food Pantry, Interfaith Caregivers, Red Cross, Salvation Army, River's Rally, Northwoods Homeless Shelter, Angels in Waiting, Luther Point BC

Global Health Ministries (<u>www.ghm.org</u>) - newborn kits, hospice kits, rolled bandages

Lutheran World Relief (<u>lwr.org</u>) (U.S. and global)- personal care kits, baby care kits, fabric kits

Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin www.loppw.org

LOPPW Priorities: Calling for an End to Childhood Hunger, Addressing the Crisis of Human Trafficking, Caring for God's Creation, Supporting Juvenile Justice Reform, Supporting Immigration Reform

Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Companion Church - Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi (http://synodresourcecenter.org/evang/global_missions/companion_synods/malawi/0013/elcm_needs.html)

Women of the ELCA: Working to End Human Trafficking- through raising awareness (daily prayer four weeks prior to Super Bowl), Racial Justice Advocacy, Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October), Raising up Healthy Women and Girls, Rachel's Day

WELCA Resource for further education: Boldcafe.org — online magazine for young women who want to build community, participate in advocacy, and strengthen faith relating to the issues that women face today.

Women of JOY: "What Are Your Gifts?"	NAME:
PHONE:	EMAIL:
JOY WELCA member,	
"Many hands make light work." Please indicate a comfortable contributing to in our church communyou can help. If there are choices, circle any that y	nity this coming year. Check any line where
James 1:17 tells us that every gift is from God. No gifts, but they are all important and can be used	_
January:serve as a co-chair for JOY WELCA (cortake minutes and send them out)s	nduct meetings, set agenda, plan next year, erve on Church Council
serve on Sunshine Committees	erve on Sanctuary Committee
serve on Fellowship Hall décor committee	be on Altar Guild
be part of the Quilting Ministry sewing, tying	quilts, knitting prayer shawls for local needs
I am a Thrivent Member (members can apply their Thrivent accounts (<u>www.thrivent.com/gener</u>	
attend Bible Study afternoon or evening 1x/n	nonth
keep a thank-offering container at home	

plan activity with Sister Church West Denmark 2023-2024 (2478 170 th St, Luck, 715.472.2383), perhaps bringing in a speaker
write quarterly articles for the Apple River Conference Newsletter
serve at and/or bake for funeralshelp register or provide snacks for Blood Drive
prepare a devotion for a WELCA meeting Share article summaries from Gather magazine, Northwester newsletter, Apple River conference newsletter
prepare, periodically clean-out Children's worship bagshelp prepare WELCA booklet
Volunteer to be:a Greeter/Ushera fellowship host a Worship Reader
family help with summer lawn care May-Septemberhost a Confirmation Dinner
Serve on a church committee:Children, Youth, Adult EducationWorship & MusicGenerosityBuilding & PropertyNominatingScholarshipCemetery
February : help prepare for and serve at first Lenten Supper Valentine Care packages
April:attend Spring Apple River Conference Gathering
help manage, contribute to Bakeless Bake Sale
May:help treasurer manage Luther Point camperships
June: help run BINGO at Milltown Fisherman's Party
July:help plan drive for School Kitslearn how to make pickles for bazaar
help with Centuria Memory Days Pie and Ice Cream Social
Delegate to National Convention (2026)
August:attend Fall Apple River Conference Gatheringcontribute to School Kits
September :Lefse organizing, purchasing, cooking, rolling balls, rolling and grilling, and/or cleaning up, 1x/wk for 5 weeks, MEN AND WOMEN!
create for our October Church Bazaar (preserves of jams/jelly or pickled veggies, bake bars, pies, cookies, create a Theme Basket, quilt, grow produce, create craft or sewing items, donate vintage items, make/serve lunch, advertise, publicize on own, men create projects too)
gather/create dried arrangements for bazaar
men/women help make soup for the bazaar
participate in a God's Work Our Hands activity
December : assist Treasurer in mailing/delivering JOY WELCA end-of-year donations
contribute to JOY Cookie Walk PLEASE RETURN BY JANUARY 14, 2024 to Sarah Campbell or Sandy Christensen at church, OR mail to: JOY Lutheran, PO BX 217, Centuria, WI 54824 ATTN: WELCA

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