

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

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OUR MISSION & 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.

OPENING PRAYER:

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank you for having made us your children by bringing us to faith in Jesus Christ, our savior. We pray for help that we may show gratitude to you and our willingness to live for you. Today we ask that you bless our work as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Bestow your blessing upon all we undertake to do for you.

We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, as we come to the end of another session of fellowship and service, we turn to you. Without you, we can do nothing. Bless all we have done today, that is may be well pleasing to you. Keep our lips from speaking evil, our hearts from thinking wrong and our lives from sin. Keep us strong in the faith until life's journey ends and we behold you in the glory of eternity.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

St. Matthew's—WELCA Officer Roles

President: In charge of the overall activities of WELCA.

Vice President: Assists with President.

Secretary: Takes minutes at meetings & sends to church secretary for publication to the congregation.

Baptismal Chairperson: Makes sure that the baptism banner is up for each baptism & that the new member gets a blanket & cross.

Wedding Chairperson: Is the contact person for all weddings held at the church.

Funeral Chairperson: Is the contact person for all funerals.

There is a wedding and funeral Policy & Procedure manual that will be made available to those who need it.

St. Matthew's—WELCA Officers

President: Mistie Flint

Vice President: Jamie Bischoff

Secretary:

Treasurer: Julie Brorby

Baptismal Chairperson: Mary Welsh & Sharon Gustafson

Wedding Chairperson: Val Uhler

Funeral Chairperson: Sue Simon

*** 1 year term for each position; Vice-President will move into the President role after fulfilling 1-year VP term.*

St. Matthews – WELCA Committee's

Baptism Blankets: *ongoing*

Donuts: **February 22, 2014**

Fall Frenzy: **September 28, 2014**

Festival of Tables: **November 2, 2014**

Vendor Fair: **November 24, 2014**

Monthly Service Projects:

January:

February: Thompson Food Pantry

March: Women's Pregnancy Center

April: Feed My Starving Children

May:

June:

July: Northlands Rescue Mission

August:

September: CVIC

October:

November: Thank Offering Sunday

December: Angel Tree

Prayer Chain

Could you use the prayerful support of fellow parishioners? Maybe you have a personal need. Maybe you or someone you love is facing a medical challenge or going through a difficult time. Consider contacting the St. Matthew's Prayer Chain ministry. Each person called to this ministry prays daily for specific individuals, parishioners, and those for whom parishioners have requested prayer. All names and circumstances are confidential to prayer chain ministers.

*To put a name and concern on the prayer chain,
contact Pastor Amy Eisenmann 701-599-2081*

Meal Train

A meal train is the act of organizing meal giving around significant life events. When a friend is in need, everyone says, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends give a meal, this is a meal train. Think about it like this... Friends going through a difficult or challenging time due to a birth, surgery, illness, etc. could use some help. Willing friends, neighbors, colleagues, and congregation members would love to meet this need, if they only knew what to do. An organized meal train gives them a way to show they care by cooking and taking a meal to a friend or family member.

To help eliminate the confusion related to meal giving. No longer are there questions like; What do they like? When are they available? What have they already had? left unanswered. Providing each giver this information helps simplify the process so they can focus on supporting others with meals.

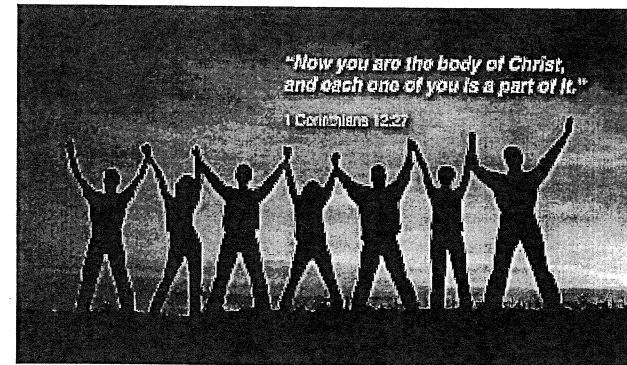
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"Food 4 Fellowship"

Prior to June, July & August, we ask that all families provide a pan or bars, cookies, muffins, etc. to be used for Sunday Fellowship after church. Please place your gift in a freezer tight container, label with the date & contents and "Food 4 Fellowship.

Do not forget to mark your name off the list on the freezer door!

THANK YOU!



Kitchen Use

It is the policy of St. Matthews that any persons/groups using the Sanctuary, Kitchen, and/or Fellowship Hall are to be made with the church secretary or Pastor.

The facilities are available for serving funerals, showers, weddings, etc... Fees charged will include a usage fee and janitorial fee. No alcoholic beverages are permitted on St. Matthews's property.

Please contact Pastor Amy, Angie Praska or Liz Welsch for a copy of the Kitchen Policy.

Bible Study

2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7 p.m.

January 8, 2014

Kay Lindell

February 12, 2014

Sharon Gustafson

March 12, 2014

Carmen Bohlman

April 9, 2014

St. Matthews Church

May 14, 2014

Mary Loing / Ruth Walker

June 11, 2014

July 9, 2014

August 13, 2014

September 10, 2014

October 8, 2014

November 12, 2014

December 10, 2014

2014 WELCA Schedule of Events

February 22 – Donut Making

March – Bake Sale

March 14 – Sell Pie @ Fish Fry

March 28 – Sell Pie @ Fish Fry

April 11 – Sell Pie @ Fish Fry

April – Feed My Starving Children

April – Cluster Meeting

April 29 – VMH Birthday Party – 4000 Valley Square

July 12, 13 – Thompson Days

September 14 – Rally Sunday

September 28 – Fall Frenzy

November 2 – Festival of Tables

November 24 – Vendor Fair

December 17 – Christmas Caroling

WELCA 2013—YEAR END REVIEW

January

*Assisted with providing a Good Bye Celebration for Pastor Ron

February/March

*Donuts, Pies, & Baked Goods were made & sold during Men-In-Mission Fish Fry's:

February 22, 2013 we sold pies & donuts

March 8, 2013 we sold pies & baked goods

March 22, 2013 we sold pies

*March Mission: Women's Pregnancy Center – Baby Bottles

*Served Thompson Oil Company Annual Meeting.

April

*Annual Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack on April 6, 2013

*April Mission: Spin 4 Kids on April 6

*Valley Memorial Homes Birthday Party @ Tufte Manor on 4/16/13.

*WELCA Cluster Meeting in Larimore, ND April 27, 2013.

May

*May Mission: School Supply Kits

June

*June Mission: Food Pantry

*Brunch provided on Father's Day

July

*Ice Cream & Pie Social at Southbrook on 7/13/13 – Thompson Days.

*July Mission: Serve meal @ Northlands Rescue Mission

September

*Rally Sunday (Meal & Bounce Houses)

October

*Fall Frenzy

November

*November Mission: Thank Offering Sunday

*Festival of Tables

*Vendor Fair

December

*December Mission: Angel Tree

*Christmas Cookies, Hot Chocolate, & Cider for Christmas Caroling

Monthly Gatherings

*WELCA Meeting, 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6-7pm w/ meal.

*WELCA Bible Study, 2nd Wednesday of each month from 7-p.m.

*Quilting every Monday @ p.m.

WELCA 2013—TREASURER'S REPORT

	EXPENSES	DEPOSITS	BALANCE
Checkbook balance as of 12/31/12			\$6407.53
 <u>2013</u>			
Christmas costumes	257.07		
Caroling	49.71		
Peace Corp Project	750.00		
After-Prom Donation	100.00		
Meals for meetings	94.00	58.00	
Donut Supplies	127.31		
Bake Sale	325.00	2534.00	
Quilts	57.52	120.00	
Pastor's Installation Cake	42.99		
Spin For Kids	63.00		
Birthday Party Cake	59.97		
Tomanek Gift	142.00		
Cluster Meeting	45.00		
Feed My Starving Children	200.00		
Bibles	591.20		
Elizabeth Grove Fund	500.00		
School Kits	156.71	20.00	
Farmer's Oil Donation		150.00	
Father's Day Meal	168.29		
Rally Sunday	90.00		
Pastor's Computer	311.70		
Thompson Days	250.00		
St. Matthew Budget	1000.00		
Chairs	883.98		
Fall Frenzy	743.26	833.74	
Festival of Tables	1336.69	2812.00	
Bible Study	88.00		
Building Fund Dinner	400.00		
Vendor Fair	253.32	1030.00	
Thank offering	133.87	133.87	
Caroling	27.54		
Pastor Christmas Gift	100.00		
DVD Shelf	59.57		
 Balance as of 12/31/2013			 \$4691.44

Submitted by: Julie Brorby

Contact Us

For more information about becoming involved with Women of the ELCA, please contact one of the WELCA officers.

WELCA meeting are to take place the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. Meal and childcare are provided.

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