

# Women of Christ Lutheran



2024  
Hand Book

## To all Women of Christ Lutheran

### *Welcome*

This is your handbook for the 2024 year.

- Our women's group offers you a chance to join a Bible study circle.
- The main purpose of the Circles is spreading the gospel through a Bible study.
- Please feel free to attend any of your choosing. No need to sign up.

Monthly Meeting are as follows:

**PEACE CIRCLE** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday morning at 9:00 am

**Chair:** Deb Staples (626-4086)

**Co-Chair:** Lorna Bader (829-6467)

**LOVE CIRCLE**—2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 3:00 pm

**Chair:** Laurie Jensen (507-360-5044)

**Co-Chair:** Karen Torbert (626-0496)



## ***PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF WOMEN OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH***

Mindful that our Lord Jesus Christ, the divine Head of the Church, made use of the service and devotion of women during the days of his earthly ministry, and desiring in our day likewise to follow and serve him, we now with united effort dedicate ourselves to the furtherance of his kingdom by a stewardship of life and service to the glory of the triune God.

### ***Mission Statement:***

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

### ***Statement of 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.

**OFFICERS FOR 2024**

**President** ..... 2024..... Kathy Wurpts 227-3115  
**Vice-President**.... 2024..... Deb Staples 626-4086  
**Secretary** ..... 2024..... Laurel Nelson 836-6039  
**Treasurer** ..... 2024..... Lila Anderson 227-2702

**Mission Growth**.. 2024..... Lorna Bader 836-6463  
 ..... 2025..... Cindi Pavlis 227-0003  
**Mission Action** ... Ongoing Cathy Blair 370-2909  
 ..... Ongoing Sue Gass 227-3832

**Mission Community** .....  
 2024..... Deb Staples 507-626-4086  
 2025..... Sue Clarke 507-227-6337

**Nominating Committee**  
 Nancy Moberg.....507-626-5314  
 Ruth Hoyme .....507-276-9677  
 Nancy Lee Pierson ...507-760-0385

**Department Secretaries**  
**Cards** ..... Cindi Pavlis 227-0003  
**Historian** ..... Nancy Moberg 626-5314  
**Nursery Roll** ..... Kathy Wurpts 227-3115

**The 2024 SWMN 37<sup>th</sup> Synod Convention**

Friday, May 4th, 2024  
 Gloria Dei Redwood Falls MN

**Welcome  
 to all Women of Christ Lutheran Church  
 (WCLC)**

Below is some general information. If you have questions, please call any of the officers listed on previous page.

1. We offer meetings several times through the year to which all women are invited. We have a short business meeting, and offer some program or event.
2. A free will offering will be received at all Circle meetings. Fifty percent of these offerings are sent to the synod/national office of the WELCA in support of the larger organization and their ministry. We also receive a thank offering (gifts in gratitude for blessings) on Thank Offering Sunday in November for the ministry of WELCA.
3. We sponsor events through the year for the purpose of fellowship of our members and for fundraising. The money raised is given at the end of the year to non profit organizations such as Lutheran World Relief, ELCA Missions, The Banquet, and other local charities.
4. Anything “charged” at local businesses to be paid from the WCLC treasury needs to have the following documentation: *name of person making charge; name of Circle or Committee; date of charge; and purpose for the items charged.* One copy of the receipt with the documentation should be left in with the business and a copy placed in the WCLC box in the church office. Thanks.

### *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

A prayer shawl is a wrap that is knitted or crocheted by members of the congregation and then given out to individuals as a gift of encouragement and support. It is the prayers that are prayed as the shawl is being made, that make it a great ministry. If you have questions about this ministry, or want to get involved in making the shawls, you can contact the Health Ministry Parish Nurse, Caren Voss 360-3081. Hats and Mittens can also be donated to this ministry.

### *Quilting Ministry*

Workday is the last Monday and Tuesday afternoon of each month at 1:00 pm. Coffee is furnished. Come and join in the fun of quilting and fellowship.

**We always need fabric, sheets,  
blankets, and thread.**

**GUIDE TO MAKING QUILTS:** Every quilt, plain or fancy will comfort a Someone.

Size of standard quilts made is 60 inches by 80 inches. Many of the quilts are donated to Lutheran World Relief, Food Shelf, Native American Mission and Local Missions and needs.

### *Cradle Roll*

Cradle Roll is a program that helps parents nurture the faith of their very young children. These families receive a packet of resource information when their child is born, and continue to receive written information periodically until the child is age 3 and ready to start Sunday School. Included are a number of spiritual helps for the child's growth in love for Jesus. Thanks to Kathy Wurpts for facilitating this program for many years.

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### **NOTES:**



## Duties of WCLC Officers

### President:

1. Write circle letters each month
2. Preside over board meetings
3. Work with WCLC board to revise handbooks, assemble and distribute for coming year.
4. Attend Executive Church Council meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Write a report to be placed in the Council minutes. Find replacement if unable to attend.

### Vice President:

1. Preside at meetings in absence of President
2. Be responsible for advertising WCLC events
3. Wrap and deliver cook books to new brides
4. Facilitate planning calendar events for coming year

### Secretary:

1. Keep written records of each board meeting
2. Make a written report for the congregational Annual Report at the end of the year
3. Take care of correspondence such as thank you's.

### Treasurer:

1. Provide monthly written report of income, expenditures and balance on hand
2. Collect all Circle offerings from the office safe and deposit in the bank
3. Send 50% of all offerings to the Synod WELCA. Also send offerings as decided by the board to the conventions and workshops. Pay bills as required.
  - A. Profits from any fundraising event a minimum of 10% to be given to outside missions.
  - B. February - Gift to local Food Shelves
4. Make year end report for the congregational Annual Report
5. Order Gather magazine for New Members (one year subscription) and 3 for Library. Consult with Office Manager for new members.

### Mission Action:

1. Organize quilting work days and assemble in-kind offerings through the year
2. Keep records of number of quilts completed and donated, and of other projects completed
3. Keep record of places that receive quilts, contact people, and transportation arrangements

### Mission Growth:

1. Organize programs for special events such as Thank offering Sunday and World Day of Prayer (every 7 years) along with the officers
2. Communicate with Pastors regarding Bible Study leadership

### Mission Community:

1. Put Birthday cards in mailboxes monthly
2. Provide suggestions for community outreach
3. Organize Sunshine in Summer and have names and addresses of people to be visited

### Circle Chairpersons:

Preside over Circle meeting and facilitate the following:

1. Arrange for Bible study leaders and hostesses each month;
2. Read WCLC President's letter at Circle
3. Schedule meals on wheels workers when requested
4. Attend WCLC Board meetings.
5. Put offering in safe with Circle name and date.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>January</b></p> <p>8- Love Circle</p> <p>10 - Peace Circle</p> <p>29 &amp; 30 - Quilting Days</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>February</b></p> <p>12 - Love Circle</p> <p>14 - Peace Circle</p> <p>26 &amp; 27 - Quilting Day</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March</b></p> <p>1 - World Day of Prayer</p> <p>11 - Love Circle</p> <p>13- Peace Circle</p> <p>20 - Clean Kitchen 9:00</p> <p>25 &amp; 26 - Quilting Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April</b></p> <p>8 - Love Circle</p> <p>10 - Peace Circle</p> <p>29 &amp; 30 - Quilting Day</p> <p>Shetek Conference Spring Gathering April 20th at Jasper, MN</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>May</b></p> <p>13 - Love Circle</p> <p>8- Peace Circle</p> <p>20 &amp; 21- Quilting Day</p> <p>SWMN Women’s Convention Saturday, May 4th, 2024. Gloria Dei Redwood Falls MN</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>June</b></p> <p>10– Love Circle</p> <p>12- Peace Circle</p> <p>24 &amp; 25 - Quilting Day</p> <p>Shetek Lutheran Ministries Quilt Auction June 22, 2024</p> <p>“No Bake, Bake Sale” Fundraiser</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>July</b></p> <p>29 &amp; 30 - Quilting Day</p> <p>All Christ Lutheran Women Event</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>August</b></p> <p>Son Shine Event Sunday, August 4, 2024</p> <p>26 &amp; 27 - Quilting Day</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>September</b></p> <p>9– Love Circle</p> <p>11-Peace Circle</p> <p>23 &amp; 24 - Quilting Day</p> <p>Fall Work Shop at Shetek Lutheran Ministries September 21, 2024</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>October</b></p> <p>14 - Love Circle</p> <p>9 - Peace Circle</p> <p>28 &amp; 29- Quilting Day</p> <p>Fall Event “Trunk or Treat” October 31, 2024</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>November</b></p> <p>11 - Love Circle</p> <p>13 - Peace Circle</p> <p>Thank Offering Sunday November 10, 2024</p> <p>25 &amp; 26 - Quilting Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>December</b></p> <p>Christmas All Circle Event and visit Sunrise and Lindenwood December 11, 2024</p> <p>16 &amp; 17 - Quilting Day</p> <p>Serve coffee at the Christmas program</p>

## *Internet Resources*

### **Organization Websites**

Christ Lutheran Church

<https://christinslayton.weebly.com>

ELCA

<http://www.elca.org/>

Churchwide Women of the ELCA

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/>

Southwestern Minnesota Synod

<https://swmnelca.org>

Southwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization

<http://www.swmnwelca.org/>

### **Daily Devotionals**

#### *Daily Grace*

- an on-the-go companion for your journey, offering a faith reflection every day.
- includes daily readings, reflections and prayers
- features connections to the liturgical and secular calendars
- has connections to Facebook, and the churchwide women's website.
- available as a phone app or by email.
- To subscribe, go to: <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/blog/category/daily-grace>

#### *God Pause*

- short, meaningful reflections on the following Sunday's lessons and gospel delivered directly to your e-mail box each day.
- written by alumni of Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN
- To subscribe, go to <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/default.aspx?m=6350>.

### **Magazines**

#### *Gather*

- the magazine of Women of the ELCA.
- offers a mix of articles, theological reflections, devotions and stories of comfort and challenge that help readers grow in faith and engage in ministry and action.

- published 10 times a year.
- A print subscription is \$19.95 a year. Digital access (computer, iPad, Android) is free to print subscribers.
- <https://www.gathermagazine.org/>

#### *Bold Café*

- An online magazine and podcast, *Café* shares stories written by bold young women who write about faith, relationships, advocacy and more.
- Readers and writers of *Café* include pastors, seminary and college students, and other young adult women who use *Café* as a Bible study resource individually or with a group.
- Although many women in their 20s and 30s contribute in every issue, *Café* can be used and shared by women of all ages.
- <https://www.boldcafe.org>

#### *Blogs*

ELCA

<http://blogs.elca.org/>

Women of the ELCA

<http://blogs.elca.org/women/>

#### *Facebook*

A number of groups connected with the ELCA are on Facebook. A few are listed below. To join, "like" the following:

- Women of the ELCA
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA
- Southwestern Minnesota Women of the ELCA
- Living Lutheran
- Lutheran World Relief
- Café—Stirring the Spirit Within

## ***PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION***

We are thankful for prayer. We have many things to pray about. At Christ Lutheran we offer a prayer chain.

Prayer requests can happen at anytime it is important have some guidelines.

Bobbi-Jo Atwood, is in the church office, will receive the prayer chain request from you or from one of the pastors either in person, by phone, or email. She will then forward it on to the email prayer list, made up of those who have requested to be on the list and also contact Margaret Nelson who will then relay the request to others through the telephone chain.

If you would like a to be a part of the telephone or email Prayer Chain, please contact the church office to get set up.

Church Office: 507-836-8291

Church Email: [slaytonchristlutheran@gmail.com](mailto:slaytonchristlutheran@gmail.com)

<b>Prayer Chain:</b>	Margaret Nelson	836-6568
	Alice Beattie	836-6925
	Judy Lange	836-6619
	Margaret Nelson	836-6568

### ***Tips for Praying***

**Pray immediately.**  
**Write down the information helps to remember the facts.**  
**Use discretion to keep prayer requests confidential.**  
**Do not forward or call anyone who is not on a part of the chain.**  
**Don't gossip or distort information.**

## ***Telephone List All Women of Christ Lutheran***

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Dawn Groves		507-227-4290
Barb Hakeman		507-227-1509
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Dodi Haugen		507-227-2023
Sharie Hoefker	507-763-1514	507-360-0776
Ruth Hoyme		507-276-9677
Betty Hughes		507-227-5791
Arlys Husfeldt	507-836-6639	507-626-4948
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Dorene (Jim) Jens	507-763-3642	507-829-6486
Nicole Jens		320-583-3164
Laurie Jensen		507-360-5044
Sue Johnson		507-220-9989
Clarice Kappes		507-227-0497
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Janet Opdahl	507-836-8661	507-227-2145
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Heidi Pedersen		518-637-6050
Ruth Petersen		507-360-7476
Nancy Lee Pierson		507-760-0385
Heidi Rachuy		507-227-2588
Lacey Rachuy		507-828-4329
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Amy Rucker		507-227-0562
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Nancy Sauder		507-227-3991
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Deb Schreier		507-760-0017
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Sheila Sundahl	507-836-6223	
Linda Thovson		507-227-4066
Karen Tommeraasen		507-220-3529
Karen Torbert		507-626-0496
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**NOTES:**

*I can do all things through him  
who strengthens me."*

*~Philippians 4:13*

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