

Women ^{of the} ELCA



His Eye is on the Sparrow

2023-2024 WELCA Yearbook

All women are welcome!

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<https://firstenglislutheranchurch.360unite.com/home>

Activities of Women of ELCA

- ◆ Bible study & book discussion
- ◆ Elkhorn Conference Spring Gathering
- ◆ Synod level update meetings & conventions
- ◆ Quilting (9:00am-Noon every Tuesday in Fellowship Hall)
- ◆ Kit assembly (School, Baby care, Personal care)
- ◆ Funeral luncheon serving
- ◆ Thrift Shoppe
- ◆ Online Silent Auction
- ◆ Fundraising

*If you would like to suggest additional activities,
please feel free to contact a board member or attend a board meeting.*



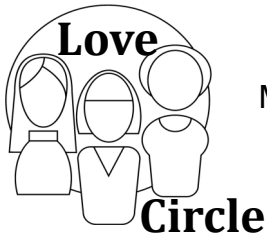
Purpose Statement

*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.*

2023-2024 Calendar - Synod Women of the ELCA,

First English Lutheran Church

1	August	9:00am	Barn Quilt Excursion
5	August	10:00am	Barn Quilt Paint Party in Fellowship Hall
8	August	6:00pm	WELCA Board Meeting
8	August	7:00pm	Vintage Bridal Revue Planning
12	August	9:00am-3:00pm	Lutherdale Quilt Fest
12	September	7:00pm	Vintage Bridal Revue Planning
14	September	6:00pm	LWR kit assembling and packing
15	September	TBA	Load trailer with LWR quilts & kits
17	September	10:30am	Baskets due for Online Silent Auction
21-24	September	All Day	Triennial Gathering in Phoenix, AZ
3	October	6:00pm	WELCA Board Meeting
3	October	7:00pm	Vintage Bridal Revue Planning
7	October	9:30am-2:30pm	SCWI SWO's Biennial at Midvale Comm. Lutheran, Madison
10	October	6:00am	Launch of Online Silent Auction
22	October	1:00pm	Vintage Bridal Revue—FELC Sanctuary
31	October	midnight	Online Silent Auction ends
14	November	6:00pm	WELCA Board Meeting
14	November	7:00pm	Fundraiser follow-up meeting
19	November	9:30am	Thankoffering Sunday
2024			
5	March	6:00pm	WELCA Board Meeting
2	April	6:00pm	WELCA Board Meeting
TBD	April	TBD	Elkhorn Spring Gathering—Sugar Creek Lutheran
7	May	6:00pm	WELCA Board Meeting
4	June	6:00pm	WELCA Board Meeting



Love Circle

Meets 2nd Thursday of the month ~ 7:00 pm, Moksnes Hall
any difference in day/time/location is noted

***All women of FELC are welcomed
to be part of a Circle.
If interested, please contact a Circle member.***

MONTH	LESSON/OTHER	HOSTESS(ES)
September 14	Pack Lutheran Relief kits	Kim Monk, Ginny Knuteson
October 12	Kim Monk	Susan Hiscox, Diana Swan
November 9	Barb Penington	Lynn Coyle, Lezlie Oldenburg
December 7	6:00pm Christmas Meal @ Blackhawk	
January 11	Janna Smith	Linda Meyer, Diane Carlson
February 8	Tricia Borchardt	Nancy Wendt, Barb Runnoe
March 14	Karin Campbell	Ginny Knuteson, Kathy Schumacher
April 11	Barb Penington	Kathy Brockmeyer, Vicki Devitt
May 9	Ginny Knuteson	Jerry Philip, Carol Haas

Love Circle uses the Gather Magazine for Bible Study.

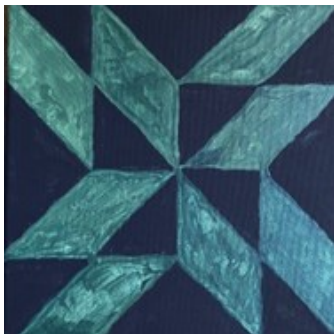
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Gather Magazine

Fall 2023 Bible study

“Holy places” by the Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni

Physical places often shape our identities, relationships and faith. “Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it,” Paul writes. Part of what this means is that faith doesn’t just reside in our thoughts or emotions. Faith resides in our whole bodies, and how our bodies “live and move and have our being” in the sacred places where God encounters us. In this Fall 2023 Gather Bible study, written by an ELCA missionary living in Jerusalem, we’ll explore what holy places mean, not only for the Holy Land of the Bible, but for each of us, wherever we may be.

September

Holy places: Home

Home can be the place we lay our head and the people we call family. Home can be our community or homeland. Home is also found wherever we truly and fully belong. This month, we consider the complexity and the promise of “home” through the stories of Israel’s exile, the ministry of Jesus, and the promises of Revelation.

October

Holy places: Sanctuary

For thousands of years, physical spaces have been set apart for individual prayer and community worship. “Sanctuary” is one word for such spaces. Throughout history, “sanctuary” has also referred to spaces of safety and refuge. If God is everywhere, what is the importance of sanctuary? What can Jesus’ teachings and Paul’s correspondence with the early church teach us about what sanctuary looks like today?

November

Holy places: Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage, a journey to a sacred place, is a spiritual practice with a long history in Christianity (and many other religions). In the Bible, pilgrimage is not only about the destination, but also about the “holy place” of the journey itself. Considering the journey of the Magi, the walk to Emmaus, and Jesus’ arrival in Jerusalem, we’ll ponder how pilgrimage can inspire, challenge and transform our faith and our lives.

2022-2023 WELCA Officers

Chair	Lezlie Oldenburg	(608)322-9399
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Board Member	Gayle Stettler	(262)458-2283
Board Member	Ginny Knuteson	(262)495-4573

We are always looking for more WELCA board members.

THRIFT SHOPPE

123 S. Church Street - Whitewater

The Thrift Shoppe has been serving members of the Whitewater community since 1966. Clean, gently used items are offered at affordable prices. The Shoppe accepts donations and consignments. They also help victims of fire and others in need. For more information call (262)473-3138.



HOURS

Tuesday

1:00pm-4:00pm

Wednesday

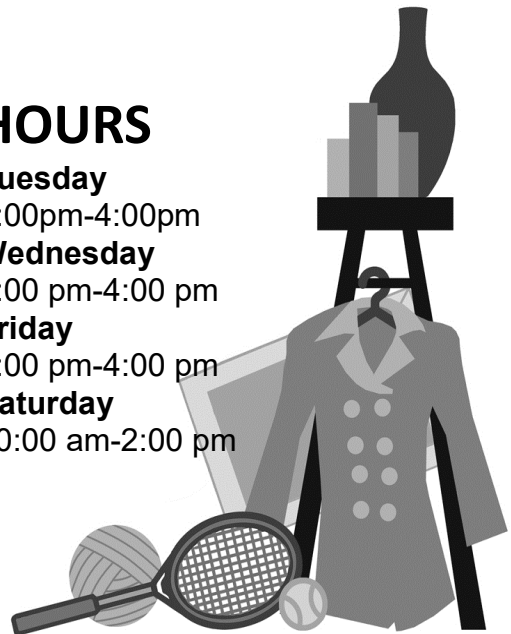
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Friday

1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Saturday

10:00 am-2:00 pm



Hours May Be Different In Winter



South-Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization invites
all women's ministries of every age to the
2023 BIENNIAL Gathering Event SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7
Theme - Good Things Come in Small Packages
Bible Verse - Luke 12: 13-21

Location MIDVALE COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
4329 Tokay Boulevard, Madison, WI 53711

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Opening Session begins at 9:30
Morning beverages - workshops
Lunch - Afternoon workshops
Closing Session at 1:35, adjourning at 2:30

In-kind Gifts:
Non-perishable food items for the
St. Mark's Lutheran Church food pantry and/or
Spiritual/Devotional book drive for the Madison Area Jail Ministry
Only Soft cover books, Spanish books especially needed.

CAUSE OF THE MONTH FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

(place items in donation bins under church bench in Moksnes Hall)

January	Hand towels &/or pencil sharpeners
February	Nail clippers &/or rulers (inches & centimeters)
March	Combs &/or erasers
April	Crayons &/or blunt scissors
May	Toothbrushes or diaper pins
June	Baby jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt (with hood or cap) to size 2
July	Cloth diapers (flat) &/or baby t-shirts (no onesies)
August	Bath towels, dark color recommended
September	Notebooks (70 sheets) &/or receiving blankets
October	Monetary donations for shipping LWR items
November	Baby sleepers (no feet) &/or baby socks
December	Soap 4-5 oz. bar (Ivory is a good choice)



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

LWR KIT ITEMS LISTS ON PAGES 11 & 12.

**FELC MAKES QUILTS AND ASSEMBLES BABY CARE,
PERSONAL CARE, AND SCHOOL KITS. THEY ARE SENT TO LWR
EACH SEPTEMBER. PACKING DATE IS EARLY SEPTEMBER.
WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS IN BULLETIN.**

Include the following items in each BABY CARE KIT:

(Baby clothes should be size 6 months to 24 months)

- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies or snap crotch)
- Two gowns or sleepers (long or short sleeved, no feet)
- Two receiving blankets, between 36" to 52" square
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with hood or cap (up to size 2)
- Two pairs of socks
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- Two or three bars of gentle soap (equaling 8-9 oz.), in its original wrapping
- Two large diaper or safety pins

Include the following items in each PERSONAL CARE KIT:

- One bath size towel (approx. 52"x27"), dark color recommended (light weight)
- Two or three bars (equaling 8-9 oz.) of soap, any brand, in its original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers, remove packaging

*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.

Packing: Do not add or leave out any items. Wrap all items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. Do not enclose any portion in plastic.

Include the following items in each SCHOOL KIT:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10 1/2", do not include loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- One pencil sharpener
- Five new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ball point pens (**no gel ink**), secured together with a rubber band
- One eraser, approximately 2 1/2" long
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One sturdy cloth bag approximately 14"x17" with shoulder straps—no backpacks.

***IF MAKING BAGS, PLEASE USE PATTERN
available in the church office or on bulletin board in Moksnes Hall***

Lutheran World Relief Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund:

One Mission Quilt	\$2.25
One School Kit	\$1.40
One Personal Care Kit	\$2.65
One Baby Care Kit	\$1.30
One 18-Pound Carton of Soap	\$11.00

For a detailed report on the distribution of quilts & kits around the world,
please visit lwr.org.



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HELPFUL WEBSITES

First English Lutheran Church

<https://firstenglishlutheranchurch.360unite.com/home>

Women of the ELCA

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

Café online magazine

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

Gather magazine

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

Lutheran World Relief

<https://lwr.org/>

UPAVIM Crafts

<http://upavim.org/>

Living Lutheran magazine

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

Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

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

Whitewater Banner

<http://whitewaterbanner.com/>

Interchange newsletter

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

South-Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization

<http://scsw-elca.org/ministries-and-partners/welca/>

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Helpful Publications

(many of these are available in the church library or on the church or synod website)

The First Light—monthly newsletter of First English Lutheran Church mailed or emailed to each member (deadline to submit info is the 15th of preceding month)

The Trumpeter—newsletter published by the South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Org. emailed quarterly (**Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**) - Women, please sign up to receive The Trumpeter by email.

Women of the ELCA Interchange—quarterly publication of the Women of the ELCA (churchwide)

Gather Magazine—magazine developed by Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA) and published 10 times per year. Contains the monthly Bible Study and includes regular columns on prayer, health, the church calendar, and useful resources supplement the Bible study and faith-in-action articles.

Living Lutheran—monthly ELCA magazine both in print and online that nurtures awareness of God's presence in our lives, connects ELCA members with each other and the global Christian community, and provides an open forum for lively discussion. Although under different names, this publication has been in existence for American Lutherans since 1837.

ASSISTED LIVING or NURSING HOMES

Alden Estates of Jefferson

1130 Collins Rd, Jefferson, WI 53549 (920)674-3170

Fairhaven

435 W. Starin Rd., Whitewater, WI 53190 (262)473-2140

Glenwood at Mulberry

1281 W. Main St., Whitewater, WI 53190 (262)473-9876

Golden Living Center - Fort Atkinson

430 Wilcox, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538 (920)563-5533

Holton Manor

645 N. Church St., Elkhorn, WI 53121 (262)723-4963

Lakeland Health Care Center

1922 County Road NN, Elkhorn, WI 53121 (262)741-3600

Reena Senior Living

737 Reena Avenue, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538 (920)542-1521

HOSPITALS & HOSPICE

Fort HealthCare Hospital

611 Sherman Ave., Fort Atkinson, WI 53538 (920)568-5000

Froedtert Memorial Hospital

9200 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53226 (414)805-3000

Aurora Lakeland Medical Center

W3985 Country Road NN, Elkhorn, WI 53121 (262)741-2000

Mercy Hospital & Trauma Center

1000 Mineral Point Road, Janesville, WI 53548 (608)756-6000

UnityPoint Health—Meriter Hospital

202 S. Park St., Madison, WI 53715 (608)417-6000

SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital

700 S. Park St., Madison, WI 53715 (608)251-6100

3400 E. Racine St., Janesville, WI 53546 (608)373-8000

University Hospital

600 Highland Ave., Madison, WI 53792 (608)263-6400

Middleton VA Medical Center

2500 Overlook Terrace, Madison, WI 53705 (608)256-1901

Rainbow Hospice Care Inpatient Center

1225 Remmel Dr., Johnson Creek, WI 53094 (920)674-6255

Structure of the Women of the ELCA

-Bible study circle

-FELC WELCA group

-Elkhorn conference

-South-Central Synod of Wisconsin SWO board

-Women of the ELCA board (church wide)

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Vintage Bridal Revue

Sunday, October 22, 2023

1:00pm-4:00pm

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