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*Women of the ELCA  
2018 Booklet*

*Bible Studies and Study Groups  
Mission and Service Activities  
Fellowship Events*



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## **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

## **Our Mission**

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

### **FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN OFFICERS**

<b>President</b>	Mary Morken	320.491.6234
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<b>Secretary</b>	Lola Anderson	320.766.2738
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### **2018 OFFICERS of WOMEN of the ELCA (Church Wide, Synod, Conference)**

**Church Wide President:** Lori Plorin, Upham, ND

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# MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

## MISSION: GROWTH

To provide a variety of learning experiences which strengthen each woman as a whole person, develop her potential, and equip her for ministry.

- Responsible for:
  1. Greeters at general meetings
- Encourage spiritual growth through:
  1. General Programs
  2. Bible Study
  3. Devotional life
  4. Promote Women's Week and Retreats at Luther Crest Bible Camp
- Promote use of church library
- Publicize Synod scholarships
- Promote attendance at Conference Meetings and WELCASWO convention
- Promote and publicize Mary Magdalene Award

## Community & Growth Committee

Mary Morken, Chair	320.491.6234
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## MISSION: COMMUNITY - GLOBAL

To enable each woman to value herself and others as created in God's image and redeemed through Christ; and to build up and celebrate relationships which are global, diverse, and interdependent.

- Promote Community World Day of Prayer
  - \* Lola Anderson, Coordinator
- Invite new members to women's activities

## **MISSIONARY**

Rev. Chandran Paul Martin serves as the Asia-Pacific Regional Representative. His primary responsibility focuses on church relations and diakonia ministries, which include health care, development and disaster response within Asia and the Pacific. He was educated in India and currently resides there. Chandran loves church music and liturgy and plays some basic percussion instruments.

## **MISSION: ACTION**

To enable women to articulate and act upon their faith as disciples of Christ in all areas of life.

- Lutheran World Relief (kits and quilts)
- Newborn Kits for Global Health Ministries
- Maintain contact with our missionaries

### **Action Committee/Mission Quilters**

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#### **Conference 8 contact for LWR:**

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## MISSION QUILTERS

This is a time to be together in fellowship. Your time and talents are needed to rip, cut, sew, pin, or tie in quilt-making every third Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall from 8:00am-Noon. Coffee is provided. Join this ambitious group when you can.

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Individual items or complete kits can be dropped off in the LWR basket at church.

### BABY CARE KITS

- ☉ 2 lightweight cotton t-shirts
- ☉ 2 long-or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- ☉ 2 receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- ☉ 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ☉ 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- ☉ 2 pairs of socks
- ☉ 1 hand towel, dark color recommended
- ☉ 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
- ☉ 2 diaper pins or large safety pins



Sizes up to 24 months may be used. Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins. Gently used and clean items can be included.

### FABRIC KIT



- ☉ 2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester); fabric should have no stains or holes and be cut into pieces measuring 2 ¼ yards of 60" wide fabric, or 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or 4 yards of 36" wide fabric
- ☉ 2 spools of matching or neutral-colored general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each

Fold thread and one piece of fabric inside second fabric piece and tie with yarn, sturdy string, ribbon, or strip of fabric.

### SCHOOL KIT

- ☉ 4 70-sheet notebooks of wide-or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10 ½"
- ☉ 1 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ☉ 1 pencil sharpener
- ☉ 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ☉ 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ☉ 5 ball point pens (no gel ink); secure with rubber band
- ☉ 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ☉ 1 2 ½" eraser
- ☉ 1 sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks); recommended fabrics include heavy cotton, canvas, denim, and twill



Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in bag and close. Visit [lwr.org/involved](http://lwr.org/involved) and click on School Kits for an easy-sew backpack-style bag.

## **PERSONAL CARE KIT**

- 🌀 1 light- or medium- weight bath-size towel (approximately 52" X 27"), dark color recommended
- 🌀 2 bath-size bars (4-5 oz) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- 🌀 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging (toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope)
- 🌀 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 🌀 1 metal nail clippers, remove packaging



Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbon or yarn.

## **GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES Aren't Babies Wonderful?**

Preparing for the birth of a baby is exciting. Parents attend classes to get themselves ready. They fix up a room for a nursery. They shop for diapers, blankets, and tiny shirts, even toys. They want to give the new life every advantage so this will be a happy occasion.

Not all mothers have such a happy experience. In some countries a piece of cloth may mean the difference between life and death for a baby. Some mothers do not even have a blanket to cover their newborn child. The midwives who deliver the majority of babies in developing countries do not always have the materials needed to ensure a safe delivery.

You can give babies in these countries a chance to get a good start in life by preparing newborn kits. They will be sent by Global Health Ministries to midwives to help them deliver a baby into a clean environment and provide the mother with a few necessities to keep her child warm and healthy.

## **NEWBORN KIT NEW or (USED ITEMS that have been washed and are in good condition)**

- 🌀 1 bath towel
- 🌀 1 wash cloth
- 🌀 1 bath size bar Ivory soap
- 🌀 1 newborn cap
- 🌀 1 baby cotton blend or flannel shirt/kimono, size 0-3 months  
\*Short-sleeved, no sleepers
- 🌀 1 receiving blanket
- 🌀 2 cloth diapers and 2 large pins

Pack items in a 2-gallon Ziploc bag (squeeze out air before closing).

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7831 Hickory Street NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55432  
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**BULLETIN BOARDS**  
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# WOMEN OF THE ELCA GATHERINGS

## Hospitality...Entertaining Angels

### JANUARY

Chili and Games: Thursday, January 4 at 12:00 noon (Fellowship Hall)  
Server: Your WELCA Board  
Program: New Year's Party

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Thursday, January 11	Bible Study Leaders at 10:30am
Tuesday, January 16	Mission Quilters, 8:00am to 12noon
Thursday, January 18	WELCA Bible Study Groups

### FEBRUARY

Dessert and Coffee: Thursday, February 1 at 1:00pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Server: Esther Bible Study Group  
Program: Habitat for Humanity Cambodia Trip  
(Mark Bergerson, Steve Heseltine and Greg Tvrdik)

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Thursday, February 8	Bible Study Leaders at 10:30am
Thursday, February 15	WELCA Bible Study Groups
Tuesday, February 20	Mission Quilters, 8:00am to 12noon

### MARCH

Dessert and Coffee: Thursday, March 1 at 1:00pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Server: Hannah Bible Study Group  
Program: "A Gift With No Strings Attached"  
Darla Engstrom and Jim Winkels

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Friday, March 2	World Day of Prayer
Thursday, March 8	Bible Study Leaders at 10:30am
Thursday, March 15	WELCA Bible Study Groups
Fri-Sun, March 16-18	Spring Creative Retreat at Luther Crest
Tuesday, March 20	Mission Quilters, 8:00am to 12noon

## APRIL

Treats and Coffee: Thursday, April 5 at 10:00am (Fellowship Hall)  
Server: Lydia Bible Study Group  
Program: "Restoring Relationships" Ardyce Harris

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Thursday, April 12	Bible Study Leaders at 10:30am
Tuesday, April 17	Mission Quilters, 8:00am to 12noon
Thursday, April 19	WELCA Bible Study Groups
Wednesday, April 25	Pick Up: Lutheran World Relief 8:00-10:00am

## MAY

There will be NO general WELCA gathering.

### MOTHER—CHILD—FRIEND EVENT

Teddy Bear Brunch

Saturday, May 12 at 10:00am (Fellowship Hall)

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Thursday, May 10	Bible Study Leaders at 10:30am
Tuesday, May 15	Mission Quilters, 8:00am to 12noon
Thursday, May 17	WELCA Bible Study Groups
Date TBA	Conference 8 Meeting: Peace...Ashby

## JUNE

There will be NO general WELCA gathering.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

*(Bible Study Groups do not meet in the summer months)*

Tuesday, June 19	Mission Quilters, 8:00am to 12noon
Mon-Fri, June 24-29	Women's Week at Luther Crest

## JULY

There will be NO general WELCA gathering.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

*(Bible Study Groups do not meet in the summer months)*

Tuesday, July 17	Mission Quilters 8:00am-12:00 noon
Sun-Fri, July 22-27	Grandparent Camp at Luther Crest

## AUGUST

There will be NO general WELCA gathering.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

*(Bible Study Groups do not meet in the summer months)*

Tuesday, August 21	Mission Quilters 8:00am-12:00 noon
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## SEPTEMBER

Potluck Salad Luncheon: Thursday, September 6 at 12:00 noon (Fellowship Hall)

Server: Mary Bible Study Group

Program: Music by Pam Anderson

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Thursday, September 13	Bible Study Leaders at 10:30am
Fri-Sat, September 14-15	Synod Women's Organization Convention -- Trinity, Detroit Lakes
Tuesday, September 18	Mission Quilters, 8:00am to 12noon
Thursday, September 20	WELCA Bible Study Groups

## OCTOBER

Dessert and Coffee: Thursday, October 4 at 1:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

Server: Naomi/Ruth Bible Study Group

Program: Pastor Ben and Alyssa Jacobson

**\* Election of Officers for 2019**

**\* Installation of Officers with Pastor**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Thursday, October 11	Bible Study Leaders at 10:30am
Tuesday, October 16	Mission Quilters, 8:00am to 12noon
Thursday, October 18	WELCA Bible Study Groups
Saturday, October 20	Luther Crest Quilt Extravaganza at Carlos Creek Winery
Sat-Sun October 20-21	Blanket Weekend
Wednesday, October 31	Pick-up: Lutheran World Relief 8:00-10:00am
Date TBA	Fall Conference 8: Faith, Miliona

## **NOVEMBER**

Dessert and Coffee: Thursday, November 1 at 1:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

Server: Deborah Bible Study Group

Program: Prayer Shawl Ministry Lola Anderson

Music by Community Preschool

\* Thankoffering Received

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Thursday, November 8	Bible Study Leaders at 10:30am
Thursday, November 15	WELCA Bible Study Groups
Fri-Sun, November 16-18	Fall Creative Retreat at Luther Crest
Tuesday, November 20	Mission Quilters from 8:00am-12:00pm

## **DECEMBER**

Christmas Potluck Luncheon: Thursday, Dec 6 at 12:00 noon (Fellowship Hall)

Server: Martha Bible Study Group

Program: Christmas Party with Name That Tune/Christmas Sing-Along

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Thursday, December 13	Bible Study Leaders at 10:30am
Tuesday, December 18	Mission Quilters, 8:00am to 12noon
Tuesday, December 18	Mission Quilters Christmas Potluck Lunch at 12:00 noon
Thursday, December 20	WELCA Bible Study Groups

## BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

(\*Denotes Chairperson, ALL are area code 320 unless noted)

### **BOAZ AND RUTH** (Meets third Thursday at 7:00pm)

Brian and Bernice Berg.....	808.3268
Darlene and Verdell Berger.....	762.8090
Vinal and Kathy Franson.....	491.8918
Ken and Cindy Losch.....	283.5618
Bob and Sonja Loucks.....	763.5708
Darrel and Carole Magnuson.....	808.1638
Paul and Joan Thompson.....	763.5017
*Ivan and Lois Wambheim.....	763.4724

### **DEBORAH** (Meets third Thursday at 1:30pm at Grand Arbor)

Sonia Bale.....	759.4700
Corinne Ehlke.....	759.4869
Avis Fagerlund.....	759.4872
Marliss Fleck.....	760.8233
Eleanore Hagstrom.....	219.0338
Addy Jones.....	759.2016
*LaVina Larson.....	762.2025
ShirleyLarson.....	759.4729
LoisLubeck.....	759.4864
DorisMiller.....	763.4751

## BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

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### ESTHER (Meets third Thursday at 9:30am)

*LolaAnderson.....	283.5741
Raquel Barros.....	524.2772
MaryBess Biegner.....	766.8299
Carol Domke.....	763.7115
GracieLewis.....	759.2175
Barbara Riley.....	763.9759
Margaret Schroeder.....	763.5875
Dianne Schoeneck.....	763.4019
Lillian Schuneman.....	759.1184
Ruth Stob.....	763.6874
Bonnie Thorfinnson.....	763.7726

### HANNAH (Meets third Thursday at 9:30am)

Phyllis Ackerman.....	763.5494
Ruth Amundson.....	846.5400
Darlene Bartelt Berger.....	762.8090
Vivian Rindelaub.....	763.7872
Elrene Rosell.....	762.2264
*Glenda Seela.....	763.7754
Joan Suckow.....	762.2758

### LYDIA (Meets third Thursday at 9:30am)

LindaEngebretson.....	846.0911
JeanErickson.....	763.2838
Shirley Fielder.....	763.2969
*JaniceHartwig.....	846.0098
Ruth Nelson.....	759.4895
MaryNorlien.....	762.1250
Phyllis Norton.....	763.5620
Judy Trana.....	763.6120
Jenny Trumm.....	763.6938
Judy Voss.....	219.7399

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### MARY (Meets third Thursday at 9:30am)

Mary Ann Bearson.....	852.7026
Judy Berger.....	852.6902
Ardis Botner.....	701.212.7120
Ruth Irgens.....	762.1298
Sue Johnson.....	763.6705
Marjean Larson.....	219.7471
Kathy Moen.....	763.4077
Mary Morken.....	491.6234
Bev Nelson.....	763.3828
*Kathy Ortloff.....	763.8477

### MARTHA (Meets third Monday at 5:00pm at Arabella Manor)

Doris Burkey.....	762.1808
Lucille Christensen.....	762.7951
Bernita Darveaux.....	763.6248
Fran Engstrom.....	763.7284
Evelyn Grove.....	218.205.6321
Virginia Hegre.....	763.7935
*Betty Hiebel.....	707.326.3493
Mary Kanton.....	760.5503
Marge Thompson.....	763.3988

### NAOMI / RUTH (Meets third Thursday at 9:30am)

*Cheryl Doose.....	834.2155
Char Halvorson.....	808.4594
Arlou Schwendemann.....	491.3381
Lois Lundberg.....	763.6912
Loretta Lundy.....	762.5613
Beth Melaas.....	(701) 240.5308
Ruth Osterberg.....	763.9466
Lois Wambheim.....	763.4724

- ◇ Bible Study Groups OPEN to anyone who wishes to attend
- ◇ Women's Bible Study at FLC, Thursdays 7:00am Family Room
- ◇ Women on Wednesday (WOW) Bible Study at 11:00am, every other week at Common Ground Coffee House





# 2018

## JANUARY

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# BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS: 2018

<b>Date</b>	<b>Hostess</b>	<b>Bible Study Leader</b>
<b>January</b>		
<b>February</b>		
<b>March</b>		
<b>April</b>		
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