



MARCH 2025 / NEWSLETTER

**All the Women of our Congregation are Members of the First Lutheran
Congregational Unit of the Women of the ELCA**

Check the Women's bulletin board of more information

UPDATES

Winter Retreat - January 18, 2025

The Women of the ELCA held their Winter Retreat on January 18 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Grand Island. The program was based Psalm 40:8 - "I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

President Elysia McGill gave a Welcome. She said that plans are under way for the Biennial Convention in October at Camp Carol Joy Holling. David Pinkston will be the guest speaker.

Mary Mayfield Saved to Serve Coordinator said the next Saved to Serve opportunity will be August 4-6th at Mosaic in Beatrice. They have 80 residents and we will be playing bingo, games, making necklaces and having a picnic with the residents. Pillowcases and shower mitts will also be made that weekend. They are in need of beads, ribbon and little stuffed animals.

The day was filled with 5 speakers who talked about the fire in their heart. One's fire was being a Mom, an ICU nurse, working in a nursing home, and working with children. Katie Mathews, a former Park Principal, talked about her fire of faith. She shared several items she uses as resources to help grow in her faith. Max Lucado books, a sermon journal, Lutheran Bible Study, and Bible Recap a one year guide to reading and understanding the Bible, The Chosen Bible Study.

Pastor Heidi Wallace, from the Synod Office lead the Bible Study on the Uses of Fire in the Bible. In Exodus 3:1-15 it was attention getting. Exodus 13:17-22 the purpose of the fire was to give light and be a presence with God's people. 1 Kings the fire showed God's power.

Dana Village - Blair NE

It was reported that all apartments at Dana Village were full with 14 youth living on campus. The van is up and running to help them get to and from work.

An Amazon Wish List is being used for purchasing items needed by the youth moving into Dana Village's Transitional Living Program. Cards and care packages are still welcomed and may be sent to Dana Village TLP, 750 Angel Share Drive, Blair NE 68808. For more information you can contact Stephanie at 402-889-2523 or Stephanie.gardeman@onelfs.org.

First Lutheran Women's Events Calendar

Up Coming Events

2025

- Apr 26** Spring Event, Luncheon - 10:30 am in Centennial Hall
May 3 Southern Prairie Spring Gathering at Church of the Good Shepherd in Hastings. The theme for Spring Gathering is "*Loved Beyond Measure*"
June 2 Board Meeting
July 7 Election of Officers / girls night event
Sep 26-28 NSWO Biennial Convention: Camp Carol Joy Holling

The Nebraska Synodical Women's Events Calendar

- May 3** Southern Prairie Spring Gathering at Church of the Good Shepherd in Hastings. The theme for Spring Gathering is "*Loved Beyond Measure*"
Aug 1-3 Saved to Serve, "Mosaic" at Beatrice. Spending time with the residents.
Sep 26-28 Biennial NSWO Convention at Camp Carol Joy Holling near Ashland. The Theme is "*Wrapped in God's Love*".
All women can attend these planned events, as they are open to everyone.

Spring Event Women's Luncheon April 26, 2025

If you are female...you are invited.

Mother, daughter, grandmother, aunt, friend, neighbor.

Come and invite guests.

Doors open a 10:30

Salad Lunch at 11:00

Program to follow

Be looking for sign up sheets in the Narthex.

Bring a salad to share and sign up the number of people attending so that we can have a head count a prepare accordingly.





Southern Prairie Spring Gathering 2025

“Loved Beyond Measure”

Saturday, May 3, 2025

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

1338 N Saunders Ave Hastings, NE 68901

Registration at 8:30 AM

Program 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

“I want you to know all about Christ’s love, although it is too wonderful to be measured” Ephesians 3:19

Offering designations: 60% Churchwide Women’s Organization

20% Nebraska Synodical Women’s Organization

20% Dana Village Transitional Living Program TLP

Tangible Offering for Maryland Living Center: pots & pans, kitchen trash cans, laundry soap, toilet paper, dish soap, twin and full sheets, hair brushes & combs

Spring Gathering 2025 Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Congregation/City _____

Special Needs (Food/Mobility) _____

Send form and \$20.00 payment by April 23 To: Julie Reiser

PO Box 64

Butte, NE 68722

Phone: 402-775-2495

Email: nswotreasurer@gmail.com

Check payable to Women of the ELCA Registration fee is transferable, not refundable

HELP NEEDED

Baptismal Banners

We are looking for someone to help color symbols on the squares used to make the Baptismal Banners. There are patterns to trace for each design on the white squares.

The yellow sashing and back/binding are machine sewn and the symbol in the white square can be hand or machine quilted.

So, if anyone would like to trace the patterns, Beth can still machine quilt. If you have any questions or would like to help, you can contact Beth Jochen at:

bethjochen@gmail.com or call 308-233-0633



NEEDED

Hospitality Coordinator

We are looking for someone to serve as the Hospitality Coordinator. We need to have someone start this ministry on June 1st. The Hospitality Coordinator sends cards to members of the congregation.



Thank You!

Thanks to Vicki Conn. She has been our Hospitality Coordinator since 2020. She has enjoyed this ministry and has sent out 428 cards during this time. She now feels it is time to move on and let someone else have the opportunity to share in this ministry.

Thank you Vicki

First Lutheran's Women's Circle Groups

Deborah Circle

5:00 pm - 3rd Monday

Co-chairs: Deb Schauer

308-233-2669

Gloria Circle

12:00 pm - 3rd Thursday

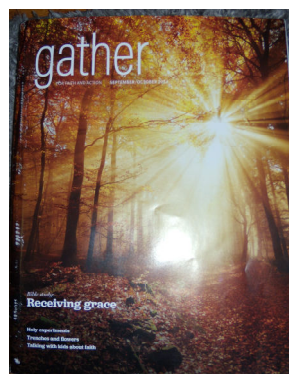
Chair: Judy Workman

Naomi Circle

7:00 pm - 4th Thursday

Chair: Judy Niemann

Deborah Circle is currently using the bible study from the Gather Magazine



Gloria and Naomi Circles are currently using the Bible study from the "The Women of the Bible Speak"

