



April 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

March 3, 2025 Board Meeting

- Meeting was called to order and the Purpose Statement was read together.
- Ten members were present
- Devotion was read from the book: "What I Learned from God While Quilting"
- Minutes were read and Approved
- Treasurers Report was read and approved as presented
- Circle and Committee Reports were given
 - Mission Action is looking forward to getting into the Quilting Room and organized LWR
 - Mission Community added New Members to the workgroups and updated based on the new directory.
 - Mission Growth is working on several program ideas for the Spring Luncheon April 26
 - Helping Hands has had 2 responses for helping make Baptismal Banners.
 - Hospitality reported sending 8 hospital card and 4 sympathy cards out since our last meeting. Our current Coordinator wished to step down June 1. She has served since 2020 and has sent out 428 cards through February. Thank you Vicki!!!
- We talked about the Christmas Brunch. Sixty were in attendance and was deemed to be a success.
- A calendar of upcoming events was shared
- The meeting was adjourned with everyone saying the Lord's Prayer.



Up Coming Events



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: nswo.treasurer@gmail.com

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

Women's Spring Event



Women's Salad 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



Sign up



Bring a salad



**Bring a favorite Quilt to
share with everyone!**



**Come enjoy
the fellowship!!**

Guest Speaker - Sandi Griepenstroh



Sandi started her longarm quilting business Lone Tree Designs Quilting (LTD Quilting) in the fall of 2009 and has quilted well over 2000 quilts using her hand-guided Nolting 24.

She enjoys writing a blog on her website: ltdquilting.com. Sandi manages a Facebook page called Sewing with Sandi with over 1000 followers, and also has a business page LTD Quilting.

She is member of several quilting guilds. She quilts for customers, presents trunk shows, teaches classes.

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.



Information is available by contacting the church office or one of the Women's Board Officers.

Cards are sent to people who are/were hospitalized and sympathy cards to members who have lost loved ones. Those listed in the newsletter regardless of whether their funeral will be at FLC.

Birthday cards are sent when a special birthday is listed in the newsletter (e.g., 90 or 100), or Anniversary cards when a special anniversary is listed in the newsletter (e.g., 50, 60, or 75), or for Congratulations to parents for a Birth when these are reported in the newsletter. Information about who to send cards to in the weekly newsletter. A personalized message is written in each card.

The Church office provides cards, stamps, membership lists with mailing addresses and return address for First Lutheran Church.

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

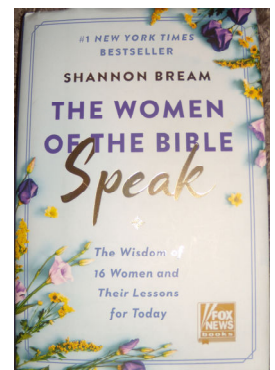
7:00 pm - 4th Thursday

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"



First Lutheran Women's Events Calendar

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.

The Nebraska Women of the ELCA
has Seven Conferences.

1. Central
2. High Plains
3. Metro East
4. Midlands
5. Northeast
6. Southeast
7. Southern Prairie

First Lutheran in Kearney is in the
Southern Prairie Conference

Women of the ELCA Officers of the First Lutheran Congregational Unit of Women of the ELCA

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Circle Groups: Facilitate Bibles Studies and Host Church Women's Programs

Work Groups: Prepare and Serve Funerals and Other Events as needed

Quilting: Makes Quilts for LWR and School bags

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Knitted or Crocheted Shawls for those in need of comfort and prayers

Cards: Sent to Church Members

Fellowship and Outreach: to New Members

We are always looking for Women to participate in our Church Women's Events by: decorating, fixing food, helping to coordinate programs and of course attending events for the fellowship. You do not have to be a circle member to participate in all the activities.

Our Church Women's Events are the Christmas Brunch, Spring Event and the July night out.

Our State Women's Events are the Autumn Renewal, Winter Retreat, Spring Gathering and the NSWO Biennial Convention

National Women's Event is the Triennial Gathering. Coming July 16-19, 2026 in Des Moines, IA