

**Zion Lutheran Church
Women of the ELCA**

2017 Handbook



1254 S. Union Street, Shawano WI 54166

As participants in Women of the ELCA we have all agreed to come together for a common purpose, found in our constitutions. Here are the words:

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.

From *Gather* magazine, March 2017, "Grace Notes" by Linda Post Bushkofsky, page 41.

About Zion Lutheran Church Women (ZLCW)

The ZLCW is an organization within Zion Lutheran Church and is made up of all confirmed women of Zion.

Anyone interested in being vice president should call Karen Childs or Barbara Ash. The officers and circle chairmen meet the second Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. in Room 101. Those interested are welcome to join the group.

In the past all confirmed women of Zion were divided into circles that met monthly. Because many women returned to the work force, attendance dwindled in some circles to the point no one came. It was decided to put all confirmed women of Zion in one alphabetical list and each woman could attend a circle of their choice:

1. **Evening Bible Study** meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Zion library. They are using the Bible study in the *Gather* magazine. For more information contact Dorothy Eidahl.
2. **Afternoon Circle** meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in Room 101 and also uses the Bible study in the *Gather* magazine. Contact Joy Christianson.
3. **Dorcas Circle** meets the fourth Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at a hostess' home. Contacts are Carna Zimmerman or Sandy Rhode. This group does not meet in June or July
4. **Faith Circle** meets at 12:00 noon on the third Thursday of each month. Chairs are Marion Teckam and Eileen Elertson.

The ZLCW has two annual fund raisers – a Rummage Sale in August and a Salad Supper the end of September. Women are asked to help at each by working the event and/or bringing food for the latter event. The money raised from these fundraisers is used to benefit Zion, Shawano community, Camp Scholarships, and globally.

Each funeral lunch held at Zion is served by a Service Group. Each group has a Chairman and one or two callers. The Chairman determines the amount of food needed and communicates with the caller(s) who call women of the church, as listed in a master list. Whenever a woman brings food and/or works at the funeral lunch, it is recorded and dated how she participated.

All women of Zion are encouraged to be part of the ZLCW – in a leadership role or a volunteer -- at the various events. Thank you to all of you who make the ZLCW a success.

Prayerfully consider how you can be a part of the ZLCW.

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2017 OFFICERS

President	Barbara Ash
Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Dorothy Eidahl
Treasurer	Carna Zimmerman
Sec. of Education	Joy Christianson
Sec. of Stewardship	Yvonne Wolf / Pam Bruecker

Women of the ELCA Board - Officers and Bible Study /Circle
Chairwomen meet on the second Wednesday of the month at
1:00 P.M. in Room 101.

Our Logo identifies us as the women's ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Therefore it can only be used in ways that enhance and carry out our mission and purpose.

WHAT DOES OUR LOGO MEAN?

Our logo—with the cross, water and a white lily—identifies women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as children of God; baptized, forgiven, adopted into God's family, full of grace and hope in eternal life. It is a reminder of the growth, beauty, and vitality that rises out of that life-giving baptismal water. It is also a reminder of the mission of the church to "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

LOGO USE

The combination of the cross and lily image with the words "Women of the ELCA" or "Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America" gives the full picture of who we are. Therefore it is important to use the elements together.

CALENDAR FOR 2017

January 29	Zion Potluck lunch and Annual meeting
March 3	World Day of Prayer
LENTEN SERVICES - Lunch after 11:00 am service	
March 1	Service Group 1 (Ash Wed.)
March 8	Service Group 3
March 15	Service Group 2
March 22	Service Group 4
March 29	Service Group 5
April 5	Service Group 6
April 9	Palm Sunday
April 14	Good Friday
April 16	Easter
April 22	Shawano Conference Spring Event Redeemer Lutheran, Suring
May 16	Last Quilting Day until September
August	Rummage\Bake Sale TBD
September 5	Quilting Resumes
September 10	Soap Sunday
October 4	Salad Supper Fundraiser
October 6	Shipping Date for LWR quilts, kits & soap
October	Clergy Appreciation
December	ZLCW Advent Annual Meeting

2017 ALTAR GUILD

Established 1966

Meetings – 2nd Monday of the following months at 1:00 PM in
Room 101: April, September and November

Co-Directresses
Secretary

Karen Childs/Diane Rugalski
Mila Waukechon

MEMBERS

Barbara Ash
Linda Burrack
Karen Childs
Eileen Ebelt
Dorothy Eidahl
Mitzi Moesch
Diane Rugalski
Joni Shebuski
Mila Waukechon
Yvonne Wolf

New members are always welcome to join this group.



2017 SERVICE GROUPS

<u>Number</u>	<u>Chairwomen</u>	<u>Callers</u>
1	Mila Waukechon	Jan-June Karen Childs July-Dec Linda Burrack
2	Barbara Ash	Donna Davis Pam Bruecker
3	Carna Zimmerman	Dorothy Eidahl
4	Ginny Vraney Carole Kurkiewicz	Joni Shebuski
5	Sharon Erickson Donna Milbauer (Gone J/F/M)	Anita Hartman Diane Rugalski
6	Vacant	
7	Eileen Elertson	Eileen Ebelt

Wedding Receptions – contact Mila Waukechon
– must be catered & small.

Duties of Chairwomen - Plan and prepare meals (including clean-up); order meat, cheese, buns; charge and pick up at Charlie's County Market, plus pick up mayo, mustard, 2% milk, and pickles, as needed; and be sure to fill out worksheets.

Please write a request for janitors for Fellowship Hall seating or Coffee Hour area table set- up in advance.

Duties of Callers – Contact church members for cakes, salads, pickles, and kitchen workers; make a list of things to be brought and by whom. Help with preparation and clean-up, if possible. You may accept monetary donations from members who are unable to bring food.

Bills charged at Charlie's County Market should be signed by chair person and labeled for which funeral they are for. Turn all bills in to the ZLCW treasurer as soon as possible. All bill totals are given to the funeral director, who will reimburse ZLCW. (Families may opt to give more.)

Food and money donations will be requested for both Zion and Jerusalem churches from an alphabetized list of all the members of Zion. The book containing name listings will be kept under the Information Desk in the Commons, making it easier to access for kitchen workers.

FUNERAL MENU

A choice of the following suggested meals will be served buffet style at the request of the family:

1. Luncheon

Family provides for:

Sandwiches (meat, egg, cheese served on bread or rolls).

For 60 people, approximately 8# sliced ham and 3# sliced turkey or roast beef. Buns – 1.5 buns per person or 8 dozen (96). It's better to have extra.

Service Group will furnish:

- Salads (variety) – for 60 people request at least 6 x 10 servings.
- Pickles – 2 quarts for 60 people
- Desserts/Bars – at least six to serve 60 people
- Beverages – Milk – 1.5 gallons for 60 people; coffee – amount at your discretion (100 cups or more).

2. Finger Foods during visitation upstairs.

Family provides plated hors d'oeuvres, cookies and bars. Service Group will serve and maintain cleanliness of area and kitchen as necessary.

Service Group will furnish:

- Beverages – coffee, ice water, juice or punch.
- Paper products – cups, glasses, plates, forks, napkins, ice.

Leftovers may be packaged for the family, donated to SAFPARC and/or Safe Haven, as instructed, kept for another Zion event in the near future, or for kitchen/funeral helpers to take home.

KITCHEN CLEANING

The kitchen will have a thorough cleaning twice a year in the spring and fall. Calls will be made for volunteers to help clean.

Please try to keep it as clean and orderly as possible.

Co-Chair: Mitzi Moesch

Co-Chair: Mila Waukechon



EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Evening Bible Study Group meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the library. They use the Bible study printed in the *Gather* magazine. For information call Dorothy Eidahl.

AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY GROUP

This group meets the 4th Thursday at 1:00 PM at Zion and follows the Bible Study printed in the *Gather* magazine. Contact Joy Christianson.

DORCAS BIBLE STUDY

Dorcas Circle meets the 4th Wednesday at 9:30 A.M. at a hostess' home. Contacts: Carna Zimmerman or Sandy Rhode. This group does not meet in June or July.

FAITH BIBLE STUDY

Faith Circle meets at 12:00 noon on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Chairs are: Marion Teckam and Eileen Elertson.

Take-Along Shopping List

for LWR Kits

Cut out or photocopy this list and keep it in your purse or wallet for easy reference. It's a great way to take advantage of yard sales and back-to-school and other seasonal sales.

Fabric Kits

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

These are used for teaching income-generating sewing and tailoring skills for self support.

Personal Care Kits

- One light- or medium-weight bath size towel (approximately 52" x 27"), dark color recommended.
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping.
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging or a business-size envelope.
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging.
- One metal nail clippers, remove packaging.

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

Special Note: Please do not purchase items with religious symbols or messages, U.S. flags, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage, for use in LWR kits.

School Kits

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide-or college-ruled paper approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose-leaf paper.
- One 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- One pencil sharpener.
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils w/ erasers
- One 2-inch eraser
- Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons.
- One 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. **(Bags are provided by Zion quilters)**

Baby Care Kits

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

Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) can be substituted for new ones. Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins. Sizes up to 24 months may be used. Varying the sizes of the clothing items included will make the kit more useful as the baby grows. Sweaters may be knitted or crocheted from yarn, or made from heavy double knits or fleece. Select a pattern that suits your skill level. Preferred styles have buttons or ties down the front. For pattern recommendations go to lwr.org/beinvolved and click on Baby Care Kits.

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Purpose Statement

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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.*

Mission Statement

*To mobilize women to ACT BODLY
on their faith in Jesus Christ!*

Stewardship is about building relationships, friendships, and partnerships. Living out our purpose and doing ministry together builds community and honors the foundation laid and builds upon it as we lead others to do God's work. The time we spend, the resources we commit, and the money we give are all expressions of generosity anchored in Christ's foundation. As disciples, we understand that stewardship isn't just about money. It is an expression of our faith, and it is a communal experience.

Part of our purpose is to provide assistance to others through our offerings, but also to help others recognize their own power through stewardship. Tell the good news, share what it means to be a part of a community of women, and counsel others about the potential power of their own stewardship.

Let's see what we can do!

