

**Call to Order Sarah**

**Share: Our Mission** Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

**Our Purpose (read together)** 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. (Resource: [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org))

**Devotions: Carol** Volunter for devotions for January 12 Sandy

**Read minutes** Motions to accept: \_Carol\_\_\_\_\_2nd: \_Sandy\_\_\_\_\_ If you have an email our minutes are sent from [sc4332947@gmail.com](mailto:sc4332947@gmail.com) or hand delivered, or sent

**Treasurer's Report Melinda** Balance to date \$9,138.93. Thank offering fellowship collected \$70.00 and more funds were collected from the meeting attendees.

**Reports of Officers or Committees**

**\*Quilting- Quilters meet EVERY Wednesday 10-12 am; 3-4/month to pantry Quilters have given out many quilts so far this year. Well over 90 have been distributed.**

**\*Sanctuary** Changing colors to purple for advent then white for Christmas and Epiphany

**\*Sunshine-Fellowship funds can be donated to purchase stamps Delivered to nursing home shut ins at end of Oct. Next will be Christmas delivery**

**\*Synod Updates- Carol/Theresa** Carol gave a report of her meeting attendance in Rice Lake regarding starting a Green Team at JOY. She will provide information in January's DID YOU KNOW newsletter article.

**Old Business** \*Newsletter deadline DID YOU KNOW article

**No submission for November-Sandy will do the December 18 submission to report on the disbursement of our end of year donations**

**\*More JOY representation would be ideal working at Feed My Neighbor Food Pantry PLEASE current needs of baking supplies, cleaning supplies, canned goods, personal hygiene can be placed in tub in narthex**

**\*Proper sanitation** of church dishes - Erin presented information regarding handwashing dishes. She has posted the official information for us to refer to. Use handwashing sink to wash hands please.

**\*Renaming of WELCA group to JOYful Hands Of Joy Lutheran Church was well received; meeting structure, getting all ages and genders involved will be further discussed**

**New Business** \* Cookie Walk – will be December 8 so start planning now, last year's donations were very generous!! Proceeds to ELCA Good Gifts -thank you Carol for the catalog, Sandy and Deborah S. will advertise and work this event before and after church from 9-11:30am. Margot will have a quilt raffle too.

**\*Co-chairs and secretary for 2025** chosen at November meeting; Sandy will take over the Cookie Walk, members should think about taking on a bigger role in the WELCA leadership.

Is this something you would like to pursue? We will discuss at the November meeting.

Sarah and Sandy will remain the co-chairs for 2025. Please consider taking on new responsibilities or chairing some of the events going forward throughout the year to spread out work on the projects for the coming year. Sarah and Deborah will work on a survey to be sent out through the generosity committee.

\* Host a fellowship on Nov 17 and donate the freewill offerings to the synod for our Thankoffering donation toward educational ministry. Collected \$70

\***End of Year WELCA disbursements** (\$5150 in 2023) - consider past and new options, Melinda will disperse: staff, Treasurer Elizabeth Epensperger, Mike and Cheryl Peper, River's Rally, JOY Generosity Fund, Missionary Sponsorship, LWR SWO Project Comfort to cover overseas Shipping (also now shipping stateside to natural disaster areas), Feed My Neighbor Food Pantry, Angels in Waiting disability house in Milltown, local Salvation Army (Clear Lake), Northwoods Homeless Shelter-Amery, Interfaith Caregivers, Luther Point, CRA in Milltown, JOY General Fund, Thankoffering to WELCA

**Disbursements for 2024: Total disbursements are \$6,950.00 to the following: Joy Staff, Joy General Fund, Treasurer Elizabeth Ebensperger, Mike & Cheryl Peper, Choir Director Barb Sparish, Bell Choir Director Sheryl Kieselhorst, Angels in Waiting, CRA, Feed My Neighbor Food Pantry, Interfaith Caregivers, Luther Point, LWR SWO Project Comfort, Missionary Sponsorship, Northwoods Homeless Shelter, Rivers Rally, Salvation Army**

**Announcements/Correspondence:** keep own ThankOffering container at home to be collected in November of 2025 at WELCA fellowship to help expand the ELCA's educational ministry

Serve as worship volunteer; **Volunteer at Community Food Pantry see article in September 2023 about general food bank needs, current local needs are produce, venison, milk quarts, Laundry soap small bottles -find at Dollar Store; CASH DONATIONS sent to Our Lady of the Lakes-memo Food Pantry, Pantry hours M 2-5pm, T 5-7pm, Th 10-2, Sat 9-11am**

**Bible Study meets at 1:30p and 6:00p at church- see newsletter or bulletin for dates;**

**WELCA meetings will be held monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday unless there is a conflict.**

**Next Meeting date: [January 12, 2025](#) [NO MEETING IN DECEMBER](#)**

**Close with the Lord's Prayer**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT SARAH CAMPBELL OR SANDY CHRISTENSEN WITH ANY**

**QUESTIONS, OR INFO TO SHARE AT ANY MEETING** 😊 ph: 715.557.0387 or email: [sc4332947@gmail.com](mailto:sc4332947@gmail.com)

**Women Present: Sarah, Sandy, Margot, Pam, Melinda, Kathie, Nancy G, Sherri, Carol, Deborah, Lonnie, Lydia, Ashley, Kären**

