WELCA Meeting Minutes January 19, 2025

Call to Order: Sarah Members Present: Sarah, Sandy, Pam L, Sherri, Carol, Melinda, Lydia, Kären, Bruce C, Clayton J

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

Our Purpose (read together) As a community of members 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

Devotions: Sandy	Volunteer for devotions for February 16Sarah						
Read minutes	Motions to accept:	_Sandy	2nd: KÄREN	If you have an email our			
minutes are sent fro	m <u>sc4332947@gma</u>	ail.com or	hand delivered, or sent				

Treasurer's Report Melinda

Beginning balance for 2025 \$3,663.36. Computer program provided many reports that helps us see all of our account transactions by category and we are able to compare these amounts year to year. Also, the reports show our profit and loss comparisons. These reports are very helpful going forward as we plan our year ahead. Many thank you cards were received from those that received gifts or donations at the end of the year.

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 Colors are white for Christmas and Epiphany
- *Sunshine-Fellowship funds can be donated to purchase stamps Delivered to JOY care center residents for Christmas; next delivery- Valentine's Day and Easter.
- *Synod Updates- no report
- ***If interested in being part of any of the above committees, contact Sarah Campbell
- <u>Old Business</u> *Newsletter deadline for **DID YOU KNOW** article Sandy submitted report for February on the mission of JOYful Hands; Deborah will submit article on JOY Green Team in March
- *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- JOYful Hands Of Joy Lutheran Church was agreed upon as the new name
- *Cookie Walk donations of \$400 were sent to ELCA Good Gifts and quilt raffle funds were used to buy backing for quilts made.
- *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. Deborah and Sarah working on a Time and Talents survey through the Generosity Committee. Help is needed to be trained in as a funeral shift leader for 1½ hours on prep shift, serving shift, or clean-up shift. PLEASE contact Sarah Campbell if you are willing to be trained or can help. Please think about asking others to help with projects when the opportunity arises.

New Business *Pay Synod dues, commit to Memory Days, think about what you can contribute to October's Bazaar, consider joining a new committee/host fellowship/usher/be a reader..

Bruce volunteered to help Kathie with the variety show during Memory Days. He checked with Jeanne Alling and the deadline to let her know is before March 1st. Jeff Larson will be contacted for more information on the Memory Days dinner.

*JOYful Hands serving fellowship occasionally was not discussed

*Approve **Baked Potato Bar for Lenten Supper** 3.12 Carol will contact Megan to let her know we will provide the meal on that date. Karen will get the potatoes for that and the Fish Fry on the first Friday after Ash Wednesday.

*Need bars for Joyce Skog funeral on 1.25- Carol; workers and bars are covered.

*More help is needed for **Altar Guild**- January 2026 and additional months as some people are covering more than one month in a year; also need a liaison between JOYful Hands and Lonnie Worship Committee for clear communication and training/procedures. Sherri will contact Lonnie and will and has agreed to be the liaison.

*Updated JOYful Hands booklet. Sarah will email the 2025 booklet and member database out.

<u>Announcements/Correspondence:</u> 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; ADD TO NARTHEX CART as able

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

JOYful Hands meetings will be held monthly on the 2nd Sunday unless there is a conflict.

Next Meeting date: February 16, 2025 __Closed with a prayer for healing and health by Sarah 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: