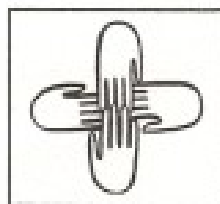
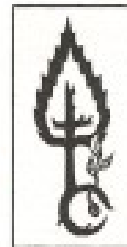


Women's Ministry of St. Paul Lutheran

People Movers: Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we are women who move people!



Come,
Grow in Christ,
Go and Serve



2015

2015 Calendar of Celebration Opportunities*

*** Bold print indicates Women's Events @ St. Paul**

- January 31st** **Women's Ministry Annual Meeting**
12:00 @ St. Paul – Executive Board hosts
Election, Disbursement of Fund Raisers, Year's Events
- February 26th** **Quilting Bee**
Chairpersons: Beth Radtke & Mary Smith
9:00 – ? with lunch provided
- February 22nd** **ELCA Bold Women Sunday:**
Heart Health Awareness Month (February)
- February 18th
& following
Wednesdays** **Lenten Season: 6 PM Soup Suppers and**
7 PM Holden's Evening Worship
- March 14th** **Spiritual Retreat "Living Life on Purpose"**
Speaker: Kenyetta Jeffries
8:15 – 3:00, \$35, (734) 269-2420
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
1920 Lewis Avenue, Ida, Michigan 48140
deadline to register: Mar 4th
- April 18th** **Blue Water Spring Festival**
Speakers: Pastor Rani Abdulmaseh & Pat Ochodnicki
\$10 registration fee, includes Near Eastern Lunch
Time 9:30-1:00 @ St. Paul Lutheran
Port Huron, Michigan
Can you host a table? Contact: Sally Moldwin
- April 30th -
May 2nd** **Via de Cristo**
St. Michael's Lutheran
5790 West Temperance Road
Ottawa Lake, MI 49267
(888) 468-3295
www.gbvdco.org
- August 8th** **WELCA Summer Potluck Picnic**
Susan Wilson's Backyard
12:00

September TBA Flower Market Fund Raiser

10 AM – 12 Noon

**Chairpersons: Sally Moldwin, Joan Fleming,
Candy Weston**

October TBA Apple Pie Making Work Days (depends on apple harvest)

**Chairpersons: Kathy Strauss, Donna Sanderson
Susan Wilson, Diane Merkau**

- Advertising
- Making pie crust dough
- Mixing dry ingredients for filling
- peeling/slicing apples
- rolling pie crusts
- assembling pies
- pick-up

October TBA Apple Pie Pick-Up Day 11:00-noon & 7:00 to 8:00

**October 10th 11:00 Festival Set-up
12:00 Potluck Luncheon
12:45 Worship "run through"**

**October 11th Erntedankfest / Women's Harvest Festival
Love Day Quilts & Heart Works Projects Blessing
First and Second Service
Chairperson: Sally Moldwin**

**Fall TBA Via de Cristo
St. Clair Shores, Michigan
(888) 468-3295
www.gnvdc.org**

**November 28th Advent/Christmas Decorating, Time: TBA
Hot Cocoa and Cookies**

**December 5th Christmas Cookie Walk
10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
Chairpersons: Margaret Hanselman & Carol Middleton**

**December 12th Christmas Tea
Time TBA Hosted by Susan Wilson**

2016 Calendar

**January 30th Women's Ministry Pot Luck & Annual Meeting
12:00 @ St. Paul – Executive Board Hosts**

All women of St. Paul Lutheran Church, members and visitors, are invited to participate in the Women's Ministry.

Women Expressing Love and Caring through Action

The Purpose Statement of the

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

"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, and
- ♥ promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."

Our Mission Areas:

Women of the ELCA carry out its purpose statement in three mission areas:

1. Mission – Community
2. Mission – Growth
3. Mission – Action

These mission areas are intentionally interdependent and overlapping.

Synodical Women of the ELCA Website

Women.ELCA@elca.org

2015 Officers

Chair:	Connie Golubinski	810 364-5448
Secretary:	Susan Wilson	810 984-8518
Treasurer:	Kathy Strauss	810 985-5361





Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month
@ 1:00 PM in the church library.

For additional information, please contact:

Barb Gottschalk
Judy Halamka

810 364-6369
810 984-4493

 2015 Calendar of Meeting Dates 			
January 13 th	February 10 th	March 10 th	April 14 th
May 12 th	June vacation	July vacation	August vacation
September 8 th	October 13 th	November 10 th	December holiday



Adult Bible Study

Meets in the library at 9:15 on Sundays
September through May



Young Adults' Bible Study

Meets as scheduled (see hall calendar)
for more information contact Lisa Schleicher

Thoughts on the Sabbath

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

Exodus 20:8

This is what the Sabbath is for:

reverence,

rest,

renewal,

rejuvenation,

reassuring rituals,

recreation,

rejoicing,

revelation,

remembering how much you have to be grateful for,
and saying "thank you."

*Sarah Ben Breathnach
Simple Abundance*

"Sunday is sort of like a piece of bright golden brocade
lying in a pile of white muslin weekdays."

*Yoshiko Uchida
A Jar of Dreams*

"Anybody can observe the Sabbath
but making it holy surely takes the rest of the week."

Alice Walker

Volunteer Opportunities for Bold Women

- ♥ **Love Day:** Quilters meet at 9:00 on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month to create quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The quilts are delivered each fall following the blessing at the Erntedankfest Worship. If you are unable to work on Thursdays, you can create quilt tops 60" X 80", donate fabric, twin size sheets (for the back), or batting. See Beth Radtke for more information.
- ♥ **Heart Works / Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Knit/Crochet and meet monthly on the 1st Tuesday to create items for those in need and also enjoy fellowship. For more information, contact Kathy Strauss. The current projects include:
 - Prayer Shawls, approximately 5 feet in length to be given to people experiencing challenge (you may knit/crochet or submit names of people in need),
 - Magic Hug Squares, 12 inch squares to wrap around Beanie Babies for children undergoing hospitalization, homelessness, etc.
 - Dresses for children in Haiti and other centers of need. Sew with us or donate supplies (7/8 yard of fabric, 3 yards of bias tape, and 1/2 yard of 1/2" elastic makes one dress). Have any unused fabric to recycle?
 - Scarves, hats, & mittens to provide warmth for those in need during the winter months.
 - Fabric kits for LWR: a 3-yard piece of fabric and a spool of matching thread.
- ♥ **Altar Guild:** Prepare the sanctuary for worship & communion. Learn the symbolism and colors of the paraments. Select banners to enhance worship. Learn how to set up for communion and care for the vessels used.
- ♥ **Prayer Chain Ministry:** Join in praying for people with current needs and challenges. To become part of this ministry, contact Judy Halamka.
- ♥ **Food Truck Ministry:** Help sponsor the cost of the truck by donating \$ and/or work at the distribution. Lift hearts and fill hungry souls with your compassion. Talk to MaryAnn Meyers, for more information.

- ♥ **Office Help:** Assemble the newsletter for mailing. To volunteer, contact Diane Biskner.
- ♥ **Sunday Morning Coffee Hour:** Prepare coffee and treats, then clean up, load the dishwasher, and push the button. To add your name to the list of volunteers, call Kay Schnur.
- ♥ **Worship Volunteers:** Greet (come), read (grow), usher (serve), or assist with communion (nourish)). Contact Kay Schnur to volunteer.
- ♥ **Sunday School:** Teach, substitute, or help out. You can support this education financially, as well. For more information, call Nancy Thurston.
- ♥ **Vacation Bible School:** Dedicate a week to working with children, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, and end up growing in faith. Contact Megan Hargrave.
- ♥ **Church Nursery:** Supervise infants during worship (10:30). To volunteer, contact Kay Schnur.
- ♥ **Music:** Sing in worship, sing in the choir, play your instrument, or ring bells. Practice Wednesday evenings. Contact Del Hudson.
- ♥ **Workshops:** Watch for workshops throughout the year: quilting bees, sewing events, etc. Watch the newsletter & bulletin boards for special events, dates, & times.
- ♥ **Retreats:** Do you have an idea for a retreat? Talk to our executive board (listed on page 1), share your idea, enthusiasm, and talents. Help us grow as Christians and servants of the Lord.
- ♥ **Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate:** Purchase items to help struggling countries gain economic growth.
- ♥ **Creative uses of your God-given talents:** Share your photography, smiles, hugs, cards, notes, cleaning, make pies, bake cookies, andthe opportunities are endless.

Financial Report – 1/1/14 through 12/31/14

Income	Beginning Balance	\$5,012.21
	Circle Offerings	\$ 264.00
	Annual Meeting	100.00
	Fund Raiser: Flower Market	420.00
	Fund Raiser: Apple Pies	1,177.00
	Fund Raiser: Cookie Walk	1,019.00
	Fund Raiser: Fair Trade Coffee	60.00
	Thank Offering	557.78
	Donations to quilting	100.00
	Interest	7.60
	Spring Tea Offering	.00
	Income Deposited in 2014	\$3,429.30
	Total Income	\$8,747.59
Disbursements		
Inreach	Sunday School Ministry	\$200.00
	Heart Works	196.78
	VBS	.00
	Celebrations	103.64
	Speakers	70.00
Outreach	LSSM	220.00
	Mid City Nutrition	100.00
	Hunter House	100.00
	Food Depot (Circle Offerings)	104.00
	Thank Offering ELCA	262.93
	LWR Quilting	300.00
	LWR Quilt Shipping	135.00
	Safe Haven 4 Kids	100.00
	Pathways	200.00
	Food Truck	150.00
General Expenses	Women of the ELCA (Circle Offerings)	105.00
	General Operating Expenses	9.80
	Flower Market Mums	187.00
	Apple Pie Supplies	244.57
	Dues	30.00
	Quilting Luncheon	45.28
	Kitchen Supplies	100.00
	Cookie Walk Expenses	.00
	CWU Soup Luncheon	
	Spring Tea	77.00
	Acolyte Stand (Memorial)	175.00
	Total Disbursements	\$3,216.00
	Ending Balance as of 12/31/2014	\$5,531.59

