



CIRCLE and WELCA

What is CIRCLE? You have maybe read about a Circle meeting in the Clarion or heard it announced at church or been invited by a friend or neighbor. But WHAT is CIRCLE?

CIRCLE is part of WELCA – Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the auxiliary of the local congregation.

CIRCLE is WOMEN – women of all ages, sizes, shapes, talents, professions and abilities. Together, we CIRCLE our church with love, prayers, and service.

CIRCLE is a monthly gathering of women to share a short Bible Study, a short meeting to plan for upcoming events in the church, and to share fellowship and friendship with one another. There is usually food!

WELCA is an opportunity for service. Each year the WELCA executive board, in conjunction with the Circles, sponsors a Spring Luncheon (usually in April), a Spring Give Away in May (like a rummage sale, but all is free) and the big Fall Rummage Sale and Lunch in September. These are fund raising events, with the money going to parish projects and a variety of charities. In addition, a number of ministries in the wider church are supported through the local donations. Women will be called on from time to time to provide food or work to serve the fund raising events, funerals and the monthly potlucks. We understand that you may not be able to help at times. Together we can do so much more than any one of us can individually.

HOPE CIRCLE is the group that meets at 5 PM on the Second Monday of each month, September through May, at the Horizons Assisted Living facility, attached to the Good Shepherd Home. Current Chairman is Val Swensrud and you can reach her at 701-770-4820 for any questions you may have.

PEACE CIRCLE is the group that meets at 1:30 PM on the Second Wednesday of each month, September through May, at the church. (Sometimes Peace meets at 2 PM at the Horizons instead) Current Chairman is Frances Olson and you can reach her at 701-770-8502.

SUMMER CIRCLE is all the women who gather for a morning of Bible Study on a summer day that may include lunch. Watch the Clarion and bulletin for the day and time.

Do you feel that you don't know enough to participate in a Bible Study? Neither do the rest of us!!! That's why we meet **TOGETHER**, to study together and help each other gain understanding of the role God has for us in this world; to gain an assurance of His extravagant love for us in Christ; to learn that we do not have to be Good Enough for God, only believe and accept the gift of His Grace in Christ's Cross.

Parish Secretary Karen Broderson, Pastor Rob and Pastor Mark are available at the church office for any additional questions or concerns. The number is 701-8-444-3244, extension 1 for Karen, extension 3 for Pastor Rob and extension 2 for Pastor Mark.

We invite you to join us as we continue on our adventure of coming to know God, His purpose for us, His Love and Grace, and as we spread that love and grace to the community around us with our various projects.

COME JOIN THE FUN!!!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

WELCA Logo: 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).