

Holy Ground - God Still Speaks

Fall Gathering 2023 Workshops

1) President/Vice President

Anne Storan / Denise Beumer

Who to call? Where to find the resources you need! Ways to organize! The help you need to lead. One session only.

2) Secretary/Treasurer

Laurie Nelson/Tracy Moffatt

Are you a secretary /treasurer of your Unit or Conference? Do you have questions or concerns? There have been several changes in the forms. Secretaries/Treasurers are strongly encouraged to attend. Join us for an open discussion and find the answers you need to lead! One session only.

3) What is Your Super Power? Learn New Ways to Use WELCA Resources to Supercharge the Women in Your Church

Anne Storan

Explore spiritual gifts and how to use them. Learn how to identify and encourage leaders. Use WELCA resources to discover new ministry opportunities in your church, your community, and in the world. Learn how to reach out and expand participation with innovative programs and activities. Learn to use technology to discover and explore the variety of resources on womenoftheelca.org.

4) Holy Land Pilgrimage

Elaine Heine

Slideshow of Elaine & Don's trip to the Holy Land in April with Bishop Suarez. We visited where Jesus walked. This can be your mini-pilgrimage.

5) Choir

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Music is an important part of worship. Let's join voices to praise our Lord! **Session 1 only.**

6) From Campfires to Burning Bushes – Exploring Fires in the Bible

Tracy Moffatt

In the Old Testament fire represents the presence of God - think burning bush, but in the New Testament Jesus "brings fire to the earth" and then fire comes to represent God as the Holy Spirit - think tongues of fire. Fire is mentioned in the Bible 627 times and this workshop will explore many of them from the Old to New Testament. Come learn about the fourth man in the fire, a man taken to heaven by fire, a courtyard campfire gone wrong and Paul's advice to never let the fire in your heart go out.

7) Hunger – How Your Congregation Can Address It

Steve Beumer

I will be using material from the ELCA World Hunger program and some of the Synod's experience with this issue. We will be looking at concrete objectives and advocacy issues to address the problem of hunger. Our overriding theme will be grounded in Matthew, when did you see me hungry?

8) 4 Truths About Long-Term Care

Deb Beck, CKA®, FIC, RICP® Financial Consultant, Thivent

This workshop shows attendees how developing a long-term care strategy can help them: Preserve independence, protect income and assets and Reassure family about the future

9) Maximize Your Giving

Deb Beck, CKA®, FIC, RICP® Financial Consultant, Thivent

Expressing your generosity
Giving Options

Charitable Funds
Putting it all together

10) 3 Ways to Cultivate Giving for Your Church

Deb Beck, CKA®, FIC, RICP® Financial Consultant, Thivent

Churches need adequate resources to maximize their mission and vision. Learn how to: Engage your congregation to support the financial needs of your church. Including, your short-term, mid-term and long-term priorities.

11) If Good Still Speaks...Then Where, When, How and Who to?

Pastor Joanie Holden

We love the theme of “Holy Ground God Still Speaks”, but do we believe it? Using scripture and shared experiences, our workshop discussion will let us answer this question and explore how it impacts our lives and all the decisions we make when we really do believe that “God Still Speaks!”

12) Ukulele Worship

Piper Spencer

Open to ukulele prayers of ALL levels, as well as those who are curious about this little happy instrument and those who just want to sing with us. We will learn some very easy worship songs. We will share tips on leading worship with a ukulele and on songwriting. If you have a ukulele please bring it. We will have some extra to share.

13) Laughter Yoga

Pastor Trixie Richter

Join Pastor Trixie for deep breathing, loud laughter, and lots of playfulness. No experience necessary – just the desire to have fun. We will end our session with a grounding dance and a free prescription of cure-all laughter cream. Ho, Ho, Ha, HA, HA!

14) Dirt, Dirt & more Dirt

Marilyn Kreitzinger

In a parables Jesus talks about dirt and the New Testament mentions dirt 45 times. Why is dirt important to us?

15) From Rags to Rugs

Laurie Nelson

Easy T-shirt Shag or Braided Rug Project. Make rugs from old t-shirts. Spiral braided or Rag Rug. The process doesn't require any sewing, no loom needed, only braiding or tying. Follow easy to learn video presentations. Tee shirts will be provided. Please bring: Sharp scissors (necessary) Lap board or large clip (to hold braid in place) for braided rug. Rug canvas or rubber grip roll, if you want to do shag rug. (you'll use rug hook, tweezers, or just your fingers.) Some will be available for purchase but better to bring your own.

16) Painted Candles

Nina Jageler

If you are not crafty or do not have experience painting, this is the workshop for you! Beautiful candle painting for your home or anywhere you would like! Candle painting is easy and fun -- even if you do not have a lot of experience painting!

Class size is limited.

Cost: \$2.00

17) Angel Ornament

Karen Weinrich

Join us as we make an angel ornament using a thread spool.

Cost \$2.00

18) Birdfeeder

Lisa Klima

This craft is not only good for the birds, it's also good for those who feel craft challenged! Let's make something together!!

Cost \$2.00

19) Share the Love – Noteworthy

Denise Coller

This will be a session where you can create / write a note to share with family members or people in your live that you have lost contact with.

20) S'More Women – Growing your congregational Unit

Raeann Purcell

Learn some techniques to try to encourage women to be part of your congregation unit.

21) **God's Economics**

Chris Weinrich

While the Bible doesn't come right out and bless capitalism, or communism, there are some clear guidelines for us as we ponder modern-day economics. This workshop will explore economics from a Biblical perspective.

22) **Women's Jail Ministry**

Diane Brown

Learn how Christian non-fiction books are being used at the Lake County Jail to assist women who are meeting God for the first time and others who are being reintroduced to Him. Also, through biographies and autobiographies as well as Christian fiction, women can 'see' normal family interactions and how God works in people's lives. By affecting one woman's life while she is in jail, there is the potential to impact her family for generations to come.

A box for donations will be in the Hospitality Room. A list of acceptable books below.

Christian Books Used for Women's Jail Ministry

If you have any Christian **paperback** books that you are willing to pass along, please bring them to the Fall Gathering (Nov. 10-12) for use at the Lake County Detention Center a/k/a Lake County Jail. The books should be gently-used Christian **paperback** books. They can be fiction or nonfiction, including biographies and autobiographies; humor; poetry; or about addiction, marriage, relationships, or parenting. We cannot use books that are heavily underlined or highlighted, or if it has been written in. If the writing in the book is limited to your name or an inscription when a book is received as a gift, we can blot that out with a permanent marker and still use the book.

Bibles are not needed. The Chaplain has a source for Bibles so the women are all using the same version and can easily turn to a specific page number during Bible studies.

Thank you for considering helping with this ministry.

Diane Brown, Volunteer Jail Librarian at the Lake County Jail

