

# *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

## *Fall Gathering 2024 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) Choir**

Lynn Steger

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.**

### **4) Leave it in the Lord's Hands**

Tracy Moffatt

1 Peter 5:6 tells us to: "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time." The hands of God are mentioned in the Bible over 100 times. God's Hands demonstrate many things from power and punishment to passion and protection. This workshop will explore the hands of God in the Bible with a focus on how we can find strength and reassurance in their incredible power.

## 5) **Gun Violence**

Steve Beumer

This workshop will focus on the epidemic of gun violence in our society. We have experienced the horrors of gun violence through one massacre after another. Schools, shopping centers, entertainment venues, not the least of which was the Pulse NightClub here in Orlando. We will look at the statistics and impact on our society on gun violence that our national church is considering.

## 6) **Taxes and the “Widow’s Penalty”**

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

The phrase “widow’s penalty” describes the circumstance when someone pays more in taxes after their spouse dies. It happens when a widow or widower making the same or slightly less income is required to pay more income taxes. The so-called penalty is surprisingly common and can also affect Social Security benefits and Medicare premiums. This workshop offers practical planning tools to help minimize or eliminate the penalty.

## 7) **Savvy Tax Strategies**

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

The Savvy Tax Strategies helps provide answers to critical tax questions many retirees face. The workshop offers the Guide to Taxes and Your Retirement as a resource for attendees to consider for their own situation and encourages further conversations with a financial advisor.

## 8) **Generosity and Grandchildren**

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

In this workshop, attendees will learn gift-giving strategies that combine life experiences and reflection with financial generosity and support for loved ones. See the scope of grandparent generosity today. Different ways to express your generosity. Share inspiring, memorable words or advice.

**9) Where Have All Our Young Folks Gone**

Pastor Joanie Holden

A guided informed discussion - where did they go and why? God has the whole world in his hands- why are they avoiding it and how can we meet them where they are?

**10) 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.

**11) 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!

**12) Prayer Labyrinth**

Pastor Trixie Richter

Join us as we learn about the Prayer Labyrinth. We will be learning so of the history behind this as well as some techniques to use the Prayer Labyrinth on your own.

**13) Praise Report Journals**

Diane Brown

Learn about Praise Reports and how writing them in a journal can add another aspect to your spiritual life and be a blessing to your future self. Also, learn why a Praise Report Journal is not the same as a gratitude journal.

**14) Advent Wreaths (cost \$2.00)**

Kathy Drach

Put together your own Advent Wreath! Flameless tea candles, styrofoam base, and greenery provided. Class size is limited.

**15) Paint Pouring (cost \$2.00)**

Kelley Penrod

Join us as we do paint pouring.

**16) Cooking For Self (cost \$2.00)**

Lisa Klima

Do you love to cook but hate cooking for just you? Do you hate to cook but you know you need to eat something, and you don't want the same thing over and over again? Learn some tips and tricks to make cooking for yourself fun! Take home some recipes and maybe a treat or two.

**17) 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 life that you have lost contact with.

**18) Called to a Global Perspective: Passport to Your Heart**

Raeann Purcell

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

**19) 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

**20) He's Got the Little Bitty Babies in His Hands (cost \$2.00)**

Linda Greilick

Stitch Taggies for babies - one to take home and one for GraceWay Village. Taggies are toys with soft, satin loops that provide stimulation and calming for babies. Must have the ability to stitch straight seams on a sewing machine. Sewing machines and all supplies will be provided.

**21) Unlock All the Treasures of Churchwide WELCA**

Jennifer Armstrong-Schaefer & Anne Storan

Learn how to enrich the experience of WELCA participation using resources, tools, information, and opportunities available through the Churchwide expression of WELCA. Your community of women can grow in numbers and in effectiveness. Come and learn how to be effective in this time of uncertainty.

Learn to shape the future by submitting your nomination form next year to be a Voting member at the 2026 Triennial in Des Moines, Iowa.

**22) My Faith, My Vote**

Stacia Carter

This will be based on the Welca resource "Called to be political". This will be an open discussion on how our faith as Christians and our ELCA affiliation affect our politics? What does the Bible say about faith and politics?

**23) Graceway Poverty Simulation**

Chrystal Netherton

The goal is to better understand who GraceWay Village serves each week and our passion for the future completion of the Village

