Workshops 2026

1. 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.

2. Choir & More **George Algozzina**

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Music is an important part of worship. Even if you don't sing we have a tambourine or maraca for you to play along with the choir. Let's join voices and more to praise our Lord! **Session 1 or 2 - you may attend either one**

3. 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.

4. Crafting the Prayers of the People **Pr. Jen Moore**

Does the Holy Spirit move you to write intercessions? Come learn how to write spirit-filled prayer petitions based on the day's scriptures while following the ELCA prayer pattern. You will be helping to write the prayers to be used during the Communion Service. **Session 2 only**

5. Come Holy Spirit **Tracy Moffatt**

Did you know the word Trinity does not appear in the Bible? Yet the Holy Spirit appears more than 350 times! This workshop will explore how the Holy Spirit comes in Scriptures, in our Lutheran understanding of the Trinity and in the symbols we use to represent it.

6. Be Still **Jean Pishaw - Churchwide Representative**

This workshop will be based on the first part of Psalm 46:10 that says "Be Still and Know that I am God". We will look at the question "How do we do "Be Still" in this breakneck speed world we live in order to better hear the voice of God and the Holy Spirit. Some things that we will explore are prayer styles, scents, music, and stretches. If the phrase "Just Breathe" gives you a sense of peace or draws you, this workshop is for you!

7. Mindfulness Skills to De-stress and Welcome the Holy Spirit **Deb Burdick, LCSW**

Join award-winning, best-selling author and mindfulness expert, Deb Burdick, LCSW to learn about mindfulness and how we can all benefit from it. You will learn and practice seven mindfulness skills you can use to stress less, improve mood, worry less, concentrate better, experience contentment and welcome the Holy Spirit.

8. School of Lay Ministry/Faith Formation **Wilma Shively**

Do you ever wish for a 'little' more than a Bible Study? Or maybe have questions about faith, religion, or being Lutheran? If any of this strikes a chord in you, check out this workshop! The School of Lay Ministry program is a faith formation resource for anyone who wants a more complete, well-rounded faith experience. It is for all levels of faith formations...from knowing little to knowing a lot. Students in the program are committed to serving the church in a variety of ways: teaching, administration, worship, evangelism, action for social justice (to name a few) or personal spiritual growth. The courses offered can help the student grow closer to the image and example of Christ the servant. Come check us out and see what we have to offer!

9. Putting on God Glasses **Pr. Nicole Eastwood**

Looking to see how God has shown up in the past to notice God showing up in the present. Together we will look at stories of the Holy Spirit at work in our scriptures and learn how to put on our God glasses to see the Spirit in our midst! **Sunday only**

10 Lutheran World Relief - Serving Neighbors Near and Far **Mary Tereszkiewicz**

Guided by the theme *"Come Holy Spirit,"* discover how Lutheran World Relief serves vulnerable communities in the United States and around the world. Through our programs we bring warmth, dignity, hope and opportunity to our hardest-to-reach neighbors in need. Learn practical ways your local Women of the ELCA group and your congregation can join this important work and make a meaningful impact.

11. 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. If you have any Christian **paperback** books that you are willing to pass along, please bring them to the Fall Gathering for use at the Lake County Detention Center aka 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.

12. President / Vice President **Raeann Purcell / Donna Person**

Who to call? Where to find the resources you need! Ways to organize! This workshop will answer questions for those who are leading or preparing to lead a WELCA Unit or Conference. **One session only.**

13. Secretary/Treasurer **Wilma Shively / Michele Hilton**
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.**

14. Prayer Jars **Glenda Koelin**
Creating jars to count our blessings and save our prayers. We will be creating beautiful jars so we are able to count our blessings.

15. ~~Holy Spirit Bracelets~~ **Moved to Soul Sister's Night - everyone can do!!** **Raeann Purcell**
~~Make a beaded bracelet with your choice of dove or water lily. All supplies provided. $1 donation per bracelet made.~~

16. ~~Craft Christian Cards~~ CANCELLED **~~Denise Coller~~**
~~Stationary, photos, collag[illegible] provided for your choice to make theme note cards!~~

New Rock painting Workshop added - see the end of the list!

17. Peace Doves **Karen Weinrich**
In this workshop, you will make an adorable peace dove from a paper plate! It will be a fun and easy craft to remind you of the Holy Spirit.

18. Making a Simple Care Kit **Diane Brown**
You will prepare a simple Care Kit for someone who may benefit from a kind gesture and might even enjoy a laugh. You'll also learn how to modify a basic Care Kit to perfectly fit the receiver.

~~19. Nine Gifts to Give Away~~ CANCELLED **~~Brenda Stow~~**
~~A card making workshop on the Fruits of the Spirit~~

~~20. New Creation~~ CANCELLED **~~Brenda Stow~~**
~~A butterfly canvas w[illegible] Cost $1~~

21. Creating a Community Prayer Ground Within Your Sanctuary **Pr. Teresa Steward**
Come learn about Holy Cross Lutheran Church's "Prayer Ground" that has fed children and families as they actively participate in their special place within the congregation in the very front of the sanctuary. This will be an exciting and helpful workshop with great ideas to take back to your own congregations.

22. Prayer Labyrinth experience with the Youth **Rachel Ulrich & the Youth**
The workshop will explore Prayer Labyrinths starting in a classroom and then ending by taking a spirit filled walk through the labyrinth. Come meet our Youth attendees and share this experience with them.

23. Group Nap
Need a little down time?? Come enjoy a special group nap space in the Florida Room during Session 2 to just relax and unwind! **Session 2 only**

24. Do One Thing Different® **Kristi Clark**

Use the tips from this workshop to help you make more informed and intentional decisions about how you use your money.

25. Women, Wealth & Wisdom **Kristi Clark**

Hear stories about women who have figured out a few things about their finances—and enriched their lives in ways beyond their bank accounts.

26. Your Legacy: Family, Church and Charity **Kristi Clark,**

Learn how you can provide for your loved ones, your church and your community's future, according to your legacy plan.

27. Rock Painting **Roxanne Haubrich**

Participants will paint small, smooth rocks with positive messages such as "You are loved", "Be strong", "Be the light", "Stay positive", "This too shall pass", "You are enough", "Spread kindness", or "You've got this". You can keep the rocks or leave them in public spaces for strangers to find. Finders are encouraged to either keep them or re-hide them to continue the cycle of kindness. "*One message at the right moment can change someone's entire day, outlook, and life."*