



# A Community of Women



## Morning Circles

**Jan 8—9:15 a.m.**

Deborah.....Katy Sojka

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Mary.....Karen Rasmussen

Naomi .....

Rachel/Sara at Church



## Afternoon Circles

**Jan 7—1:00 p.m.**

Hannah.....Louise Wobig

**Jan 14—1:00 p.m.**

Martha.....Nancy Krumrey (At Church)

## Evening Circle

**Jan 6—6:30 p.m.**

Priscilla .....Beth Pautsch (At Church)

**Piecemakers** – The Piecemakers will be back at work on **Thursday, January 9** making quilts for Lutheran World Relief and for local needs. Everyone is invited to join us at 9:00 every Thursday. If you'd like to be part of this wonderful fellowship, join us any time.

**Jan 12**



**Deborah Circle**

**Jan 13 9:30 a.m.**

Sit and Chat

**Jan 15 9:00 a.m.**

Altar Guild

**Jan 15 9:15 a.m.**

Visiting Phoebes

**Jan 22 10:00 a.m.**

Bible Study Leaders

## A Community of Women: Monday, Jan 20, Noon Lunch

*Article 5 of our Purpose Statement: We commit ourselves to promote healing and wholeness.*

**DAYS FOR GIRLS** In schools all around the world, girls drop out when they reach menstrual age because there is no infrastructure to help them deal with the taboos and stigma of menstruation. They literally sacrifice their access to education because society tells them that they are not worthy. Come and learn about an organization that is helping to make a difference in the lives of girls everywhere.

**Naomi Circle will provide the dessert and chips. Everyone is asked to bring their own sandwich.**

### *Thank You to Mary Circle for Serving the Christmas Tea*

Along with wonderful sandwiches and Christmas cookies, we were blessed with a special Christmas Star program from Cathy Sue and Paul Anderson. As we always do, we paused to remember those women from our congregation who passed away in 2019. A gift of \$5 was given to the Memorial Fund in honor of each woman: LaVerne Eisert, Dorothy Fritz, Judy Mellicker and JoAnn Shaver. Thanks to all of you and to Thrivent for the tree full of mittens and hats! It was a display of amazing generosity. Along with mittens and hats, we received quilts from the Piecemakers and Thrivent also assisted with the coat drive spearheaded by Joyce Jebsen and Social Ministry. We'll distribute these gifts to Decatur and Gravette schools.



### Shopping With Single Parents

Thank you to everyone who supported this project with their dollars and their time. Because of you, we were able to provide shoppers and funds to help 12 families have a happier holiday. Thank you to all our volunteers and to Debbie Olson for the great job she does in coordinating the project. Thank you to our shoppers: Kristi Tostenrud, Mary Boicourt, Debby Horn, Binh Hoang, Pastor Karen, Theda Hall, Glenda Heist, Verna Steckel, Beth Pautsch, Lisa Wiedner, Beverly Rick and Carrol Hildre.

**Sit and Chat is at 10:00 on January 13. It's always fun to come early to share a meal with the Breakfast Club and then join with friends in discussing a special article.**

**January brings a new Bible Study: "We Are Called."** This four-part Bible study will explore stories from both the Old and New Testament. As we reflect on how our biblical forebears heard and responded to God's call, we will gain insight into how God is calling us—and how God may be calling others through us. *Remember that the January issue of Gather contains both January and February lessons.*