

Morning Circles

Mar 1 – 9:15 a.m.

Deborah Sara Frerichs

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Sarah..... at Church

Afternoon Circle

Mar 7 – 1:30 pm

Hannah Louise Wobig

Piecemakers – Tuesday mornings 9-11:30



The Piecemakers continue to work each Tuesday morning from 9 to 11:30 in Luther Hall.

Right now we are completing red quilts to hang in Fellowship hall for Pentecost. In addition, we are spearheading a drive for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Check the list elsewhere in this issue of the Voice for the dates and items wanted. Bring your items and place them in the wicker basket on the counter in the Narthex.

Look for an article about us in the *Vista* early in March. Again, we invite anyone interested in creating quilts for Lutheran World Relief or local agencies to join us any Tuesday. We would love to have you!



It's time again for our Bake-less Bake Sale.

Every spring we ask for donations to help meet our commitments to local charities. This is the only fundraising we do, and it takes the place of bake sales and rummage sales and other fund raisers that other groups do. We just ask you to make one donation that will help fund the 9 or 10 organizations that we support. We have budgeted \$2000 for these charities, and we need your help to meet that goal. With this special fund drive and our regular circle and W-ELCA offerings, we hope to meet our commitments. In addition, if you have an organization you would like us to support, please let us know.

You will find details about the bake sale and the charities on the next page. Thank you for your generous support!

Mar 12



Deborah Circle

Mar 13 10:00 a.m. Sit and Chat

Mar 22 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Leaders

Women of United

Monday, March 20 9:30 a.m. Marlo Hamilton - Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter

Marlo joined the Shelter as the Community Engagement Manager in May 2022, and she has "loved every single day of this job!" Her role is to share the mission of the Shelter with the community and raise awareness about the Shelter and get people involved. Marlo says, "We serve the entire state of Arkansas as the only emergency shelter in the state. We are 24/7 365, and will take in kids at any time of the day or night. This year of 2023 marks our 30th year in operation, serving the youth of Arkansas that have suffered from trauma, abuse or neglect." We know you will love Marlo and her message, and we encourage you to come and learn about this amazing agency.

For many years, Joan Dahl collected suitcases and duffel bags for the Shelter. If you have some stored away in a closet, this is a great time to bring them. We'll put a basket in the corner of Fellowship Hall for them. For more information about the Children's Shelter and their needs, see their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/nwachildrensshelter> or their website at <https://nwacs.org/>

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Hostess: Sarah Circle

Sit and Chat

Mar 13 at 10 a.m. in the narthex

Join us on the second Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. as we discuss articles of importance to our faith and to our world. The articles are available at the activities counter in the narthex and online on our website: Unitedlutheranbv.org. We'd love to have you join us!



It is possible that United might be the only Lutheran Church in America where the men do more cooking in the kitchen than the women do. AND WE WANT TO KEEP IT THAT WAY!

That's why we're continuing in our tradition of having a ***“Bake-less” bake sale.***

Other churches have bake sales and rummage sales and craft sales. Women spend time and money cooking and crafting, and then they spend more money buying the things that other women have cooked and crafted in order to raise money to support programs. Well, at United we bypass all that stuff in the middle. Instead of all that fuss and bother, we just have you drop your money directly (and prayerfully and generously) into the “Cake” in the narthex. No fuss, no bother, no calories and no guilt!!

It's just one of the amazing things the Women of United do!

Every year through our bake-less bake sale and our offerings, we raise enough money to support our local missions. *We are so grateful to all of you who give so generously. Even though our membership gets smaller every year, with your help we are still reaching out to help those in need.*

Thank you to all of you for your gifts from the heart.

This year we hope to support these worthy programs*

Benton County Women's Shelter	200.00
Micah's House NWA	50.00
Oaks Indian Center	850.00
Restoration Village	300.00
Saving Grace NWA	200.00
Share and Care	200.00
Single Parent Scholarship	200.00



In addition we send half of our offerings to the Synodical Women's Organization who in turn send half of that on to the Churchwide Organization. (And that doesn't even count your additional support of the November Thankoffering that goes directly to Churchwide.)

It is through your generous support that we truly can make a difference in the lives of people here in Benton County and throughout the world. ***You can get your envelope from your circle leader, or you can pick it up next to the “Cake” in the narthex.***

Please make your checks payable to United Lutheran Church Women and write Bake Sale on the memo line.

Please place your contribution in the Cake in the narthex or leave it in the Church Office.

Thank you for your generosity.

**** Each year we evaluate this list and add or remove charities according to the wishes of the group. This year we added Micah's House and increased our gift to Restoration Village in place of Helping Hands and postage money for the Phobes (which are no longer meeting). If you have a charity you would like us to consider, please contact our coordinator, Robin Nelson, or our Treasurer, Carole Walford.***

Personal Care Kits Each Sunday in Lent

Lutheran World Relief needs our help to build Personal Care Kits. Whether we make a few kits or hundreds, every kit we make will be cherished by the person who receives it in their time of need. The Piecemakers are happy to once again collect items for Personal Care Kits for distribution by LWR. We are asking for help from the congregation for these personal care items on the Sundays during Lent. Look for the basket in the Narthex.



Thank you for bringing soap on Feb 26. If you forgot, we'll still take it!



Two or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel-size bars

March 5



One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"×40" & 52"×27"), dark color recommended

March 12



One sturdy comb, remove packaging

March 19



One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

March 26



One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*

April 2

We'll let you know what we still need!

Some important guidelines to remember:

Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.

Bath towels vary in size. The 52" X 27" size listed in the guidelines is the maximum size. 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size.

Please give new items only.

Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.

Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

Do not add other items.

All items should be new and in good condition.