

A Community of Women



Morning Circles

Mar 6 – 9:15 a.m.

DeborahKathleen Kichline

Afternoon Circle

Mar 5 - 1:30 pm

Hannah.....Paula Crespin

Piecemakers – Tuesday mornings 9-11:30 The Piecemakers continue to work each Tuesday



morning from 9 to 11:30 in PIECEMAKERS Luther Hall. 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! No sewing is required.

Once again the Piecemakers 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.

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 11 10:00 a.m. Sit and Chat Mar 27 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Leaders

Women of United

Monday, March 18 9:30 a.m. STEPHANIE CULP "How to Conquer Clutter"



We are so pleased and excited to have as our speaker this month Stephanie Culp, a national lecturer and seminar leader who specializes in time and paper management. She has written articles that have appeared in a number of publications including *The Los Angeles* Times, Redbook, Family Circle and more.

And now she has settled in Bella Vista, and her neighbor, our new member, Paula

Crespin, discovered her and found that Stephanie was willing to speak to us. (Yes, we know some of you may have already won the battle, but some of us definitely haven't. In any event, you know our meetings are always fun and the food is always good, so you'll want to join us even if there is not one single piece of clutter in your home.) In addition to what promises to be an interesting meeting, Stephanie has promised each of a complimentary copy of her book.

Please join us—Everyone is welcome! Hostess: Piecemakers

Sit and Chat Mar 11 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!



MARCH MARKS THE BEGINNING OF UNITED'S FAMOUS "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 hope to 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
Decatur Schools	100.00
Gravette Schools	100.00
Oaks Indian Center	850.00
Restoration Village	150.00
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 Decatur and Gravette schools and lowered our gift to Restoration Village. 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.





March 10



February 18

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



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

February 25



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

March 17

One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*



March 03

One sturdy comb, remove packaging

March 24 We'll let you know what we still need! We will accept item for 2 weeks after Easter

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 <u>52" X 27" size is the maximum size.</u>

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.