

## ULC Women of the ELCA AUGUST 2015 News and Events

The farm girl in me loves the month of August because of the sunflowers in the area fields. I have always been intrigued by the flowers with their faces to the sun, soaking in the warmth and nourishment the sunshine gives them; and how they follow the sun as it moves across the sky. It reminds me of Jesus offering us the warmth of his love, nourishment for our bodies in the food he provides, as well as his presence in Holy Communion. All he asks of us is to follow him.



### WOMEN OF THE ELCA Purpose Statement



As a community of women  
created in the image of God,  
called to discipleship in Jesus Christ,  
and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
  
We commit ourselves to  
grow in faith, affirm our gifts,  
support one another in our callings,  
engage in ministry and action,  
and promote healing and wholeness  
in the Church, the society, and the world.

### QUILTING

Tuesday evening quilters will continue to meet at 6:30pm during the summer. Thursday quilters will also meet over the summer assembling quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief. Join either group as your schedule allows for fun and fellowship as we are often "in stitches".

### LIST OF NEEDS

Lutheran World Relief is a non-profit organization that works with local partners to provide lasting solutions to poverty, injustice and human suffering. Our WELCA group works with Lutheran World Relief throughout the year to provide mission quilts, personal care kits, school kits and baby care kits to those in need across the globe. We will be sending supplies to LWR in October and we could use your help in collecting some of the items to put kits together. Your participation and generosity are greatly appreciated. Items may be dropped off in the church office.

Lutheran World Relief is currently in great need of school kits.

So as the stores prepare for fall keep an eye out for the following items:

70 sheet notebooks (wide or college-ruled)	12 inch/30 cm ruler
Pencil sharpener	Blunt end scissors
#2 pencils with erasers	Black or blue ball point pens
16 or 24 count crayons	2 ½ inch block eraser

Other items we are in need of are:	Soap (bath size bars)	Fingernail clippers
	Combs	Toothbrushes
	Receiving blankets	Hand towels



### Add these dates to your calendar:

September 14 - WELCA Board Meeting, 6:00pm  
 September 22 - Secret Sister Reveal Event, 6:30pm  
 September 26 - Eastern ND WELCA Gathering in New Rockford  
 November 14 - Fall Festival (Luncheon, Bake Sale and Quilt/Craft Sale) 11am-1pm  
 December 5 - Christmas Brunch, 9:30am

Have a blessed summer,  
Seanne Voracek, Vice President



### WELCA Bible Study

"No Catchy Slogans"  
Friday, August 14  
10:00 a.m. in the



A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE LOSS OF A CHILD will be held on the Altru Hospital grounds Tuesday evening, August 11, 2015. Informational booths with resources for families will be set up for viewing at 6:00pm. The program will begin at 7:00pm. Balloons will be provided and released at the end of the service. The event is sponsored by Altru's Wings of Hope, Infant and Child Bereavement program. For further information please call 780-5257 or 780-5250.