

Women's News

Ladies of Grace,

Our Bible study Circles continue to meet monthly. Consider attending one (or more) of the Bible study Circles. Each group incorporates fellowship and fun into their study and each group chooses their own study. The Circles and meeting dates are:

Reach-Out - 2nd Tuesday, 10:00a.m. at Church

Friendship Circle - 3rd Wednesday, 7:00p.m. at Church

Esther Circle - 3rd Thursday, 1:30p.m. at Church

Monticello - 4th Monday, 7:00p.m. at Members' Homes

We are now all part of the WNALC! At the NALC convocation in August, the Women of the NALC (WNALC) was created, with a governing board similar to the NALC Executive Council. WNALC is for all women and women's groups in all NALC congregations. WNALC encourages its members in their congregations to:

- Love God, develop a deeper relationship with Him, and study His Word;
- Love our neighbors, local, domestic and around the world, lending them assistance with their life and spiritual challenges;
- Spread His Gospel throughout the world supporting His missionaries in prayer and assistance as needed; and
- Foster numerous personal relationships with our Sisters in Christ.

The Muskingum Conference invites us to participate in their retreats and meetings, even though we're no longer a part of the ELCA. Their Spring retreat will again be held near Zanesville at Camp Friendly April 20-21 and the study leader

will be Pastor Beth Bateson. This same weekend is also the time our church will be involved in celebrating our 175th anniversary. The spring gathering will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Coshocton May 5, also led by Pastor Bateson. If you would like more information on either retreats, please contact Dot DeRolph 246-4810.

We received a nice note from Lutheran Social Services that I would like to share with you...

Thank you for your support of our ministry in these tough economic times! With your help, we have accomplished much in the first month of 2012. Our mobile food pantry brought desperately needed food to more than 2,000 people in January alone, an increase of 11.6% over last January. Our food pantries in Lancaster and Caldwell also continue to serve ever increasing numbers of individuals and families. Our Fairfield County housing programs and Outreach Ministries program are also seeing increases in the numbers of clients needing assistance, many of whom have never sought social service support before.

I am truly amazed at the number of volunteers and other support we receive from the community. Thank you for your commitment.

*With Sincerest Thanks,
Rick Davis
Vice President of the Southern Region*