

News from the Women of the ELCA (December 2010)

WOMEN OF THE ELCA FALL CLUSTER

The Potomac Cluster met on October 23 in Baker, West Virginia on a beautiful, sunny day. Six women from St. John's attended: Dora Ware, Grace Hill, Lucille Hasselman, Linda Riley, Beverly Zavash and Andrea Prytz. Twenty-eight women enjoyed a day of worship, fellowship, fun and food. The theme was "Are You Ready?" The Bible verse was Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Potomac Cluster Chair Andrea Prytz welcomed everyone, and Beverly McDonald led us in sharing our Joys and Sorrows. Ruth Craig offered devotions. Dolly Nilsen brought greetings from the Board of Directors. She encouraged women to attend the Triennial Gathering in Spokane, Washington in July 2011.

Kelly Knitter had a Getting to Know You program and gave the Bible Study. After a delicious potluck luncheon, Kelly had everyone do a fun fall craft. Andrea Prytz gave a lesson on Emergency Preparedness. Tammy Combs was elected to the Planning Committee, serving with Ruth Craig and Kelly Knitter. Grace Lutheran Church in Petersburg won the food drawing. The women voted to have a drawing at the Spring Cluster for a scholarship for a woman to attend the 2011 Synodical Women's Convention in Huttonsville. Women will send in the entry form with the spring registration.

Please plan to attend the Spring Cluster on April 9, 2011 in Baker. It is always a special day of seeing old friends, making new friends, and helping to charge our spiritual batteries

Andrea Prytz, Women of the ELCA Co-President

From Women in the Fast Lane

December 4 at 10:00AM – Christmas movie day – w/pizza. Bring your own drink and a snack to share. Bring any Christmas movies you may have and we can choose.

Tuesday, December 7 – 6:00PM Meet at Heatherfield's in the Holiday Inn for our Christmas evening out. We will be talking about Christmas stories and books that we have read.

Thank you again to everyone who helped in anyway with our Fall activities!! We will have \$2961.44 to disburse. Thank you to Thrivent for \$800 from Care in Communities.

December Activities

December 1- Planning Committee Meeting in the Lounge at 10:00AM

December 9 – Mustard Seed Teacher Appreciation Lunch at 1:00PM. Betty Lou will accept donations toward the meal – need helpers to stay with the children for about an hour – it is naptime!

December 14 – Christmas Lunch at the Holiday Inn at 11:45AM (**NOTE DATE CHANGE**). We will let you know in December 5 and 12 bulletin about special donation.

Book Club Christmas Lunch will be on January 16, 2011 at the Coffinberger's at 1:00PM. We will read "what difference do it make?" by Ron Hall, Denver Moore and Lynn Vincent. This is a follow-up to what we read last time. If you read a good Christmas book also bring it along.

WE HOPE YOUR HOLIDAYS ARE HAPPY AND WE THANK YOU ALL FOR ALL THE HELP AND SUPPORT YOU GIVE TO US DURING THE YEAR!!

Linda Riley, Co-President