

News from the Women of the ELCA

I want to thank one last time all those who made cookies for Hospice. I delivered 55 dozen cookies and they were very appreciative!!

THERE IS STILL TIME TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE BLANKET FUND. Extra envelopes can be found on the tables in the Narthexes and check your last month's newsletter.

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

We will be having this on Sunday, March 20th after second service. Sign-up sheets will be in the bulletins on March 6th and 13th. This is always a favorite time of fellowship so come and join us! Any extra money after expenses will go towards our **REFRIGERATOR FUND**. We are hoping to have in place by our next Soup and Sandwich Sale a second commercial refrigerator, which will replace the two white ones.

RELAY FOR LIFE

We are looking for an interested person or two who would like to head up our team and make plans for the event which is held in June. If you can help, let Pastor Riley or Linda know.

Memorial for Jesse Hall

Jesse grew up in our church and passed away suddenly last year. We would like to continue remembering him with scholarships to go to Camp Caroline Furnace. He enjoyed attending events there with our youth group. If you wish to participate make check payable to St. John's - Jesse Hall Memorial on memo line. Thank you!

Prayer Shawls are being collected for the Triennial Gathering in July. Lutheran Women in the Fast Lane have expressed an interest in participating. Let Priscilla Horner or Susie Smith know if you can help.

After discussion at our Planning Meeting it was decided to move collection of our Thank Offerings to our September meeting and Salad Supper. Participation has dropped of the last few years and we hope getting it back to a joint meeting will help.

The Glad-Abouts Arts and Craft Group meets every Tuesday at 10:00PM in the Lounge. New crafters are always welcome! Easter gifts for our shut-ins and Mother-Child Banquet should be coming up. Talk to Betty Lou Boynton or Carroll Neal for more information.

The Wednesday Bible Study Group continues to meet in the Lounge at 1:00PM. We are now reading II Chronicles. During Lent those who wish to attend the Noon Service may bring a lunch and a time will be provided to eat before Bible Study. We may run a little later than 2:00PM. Come and join us!

OTHER MARCH ACTIVITIES

March 6 – Book Club will meet at the home of Evelyn Coffinberger at 1:00PM. We are reading *Raising Rain* by Debbie Fuller Thomas. Those who attend 2nd service may still bring bag lunch and share a time of fellowship before our meeting.

March 9 – Women's Planning Committee meet in the Lounge at 10:00PM.

March 13 – Lutheran Women in the Fast Lane meet at 12:15PM in the Lounge.

March 15 – Circle Meetings

-St. John's Circle will meet in the Lounge at 1:00PM. They will continue their study of Women in the Bible. Watch bulletin for more information.

-Mary/Martha Circle meets at 7:00PM in the Lounge. Please read Lesson 8 – Living Out Your Potential – *Cultivating a Life of Character* by Elizabeth George.

April 9 – Potomac Cluster Meeting at Baker Community Center at 10:00AM. We leave the church parking lot at 8:00AM. Registration forms are on our bulletin board in Luther Hall or please see Linda Riley. Also please let me know if you are going. I have to make sure we have drivers. Come and join us! We have a lot of fun!

Linda Riley, Co-President