

News from the Women of the ELCA

October and November continue to be busy months for St. John's Women of the ELCA. A very special **THANK YOU** must be extended to all those who helped in any way with any of our activities. The National Lutheran Home Lunch was wonderful as usual, though smaller in number. All the help was great and everyone just pitched in where there was a need. Thank you to the ladies in Glad-Abouts for the beautiful favors and centerpieces. They were a big hit! Thank you to the Orr Family for donating apples for favors as well as a big box for the residents to take back with them. The Orr's also donated many fall items to decorate the stage, which was done by Betty Lou Boynton and helpers. It looks beautiful and is certainly a reminder of all God's goodness to us! The lunch was delicious and again thank you to Betty Lou and her "great kitchen committee" for all their hard work. And a special thank you to Harry Michener, Margaret Boch and Cindy Denton for washing a whole lot of dishes. At least we didn't have to boil water this year. Ken and Tammy McDonald provided a very special musical program, which was enjoyed by all. We were again very glad to see T.A. Jackson (Jean was not able to come). They are former members who now reside at the home.

Right on the heels of the Lutheran Home Lunch came the Apple Harvest Parade Food Sale. It was a great day too! We would have liked a little less wind! We need to especially thank Buddy and Kevin Newman, Ron Weinrich and Pastor Riley for all the work they do to set us up. Putting up the tents, bringing out tables, getting us electricity, which doesn't blow the breakers, laying the tarps is no easy task. We really appreciate all they do!! This year we had to purchase 2 canopies since the new fencing for the Mustard Seed would not allow us to use the funeral home tent. We thank Brown Funeral Home for all the years they did this for us. We again had wonderful people helping us all day long and thank everyone who contributed in any way! Pat Weinrich and Beverly Zavash, who handled the money, said we got many nice compliments on how good the food was and they liked our prices! Money earned from this event will go to our refrigerator fund.

In case you missed last month's newsletter, The Women are working towards purchasing a second commercial refrigerator to go in the hall where the two white ones sit. We are in great need of this extra space for the Soup and Sandwich Sale and other large events. The Premier Jewelry Party we had in early October also goes towards this project. We thank all those who have made personal contributions to this as well. I will have a report from all these activities next month and let you know how we are doing. Donations will still be gladly accepted! **THANK YOU!!**

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SOUP AND SANDWICH SALE ON

NOVEMBER 4 FROM 10AM – 2PM

EAT-IN OR TAKE-OUT SOUP AND SANDWICHES

Volunteer Forms and Pre-Order Forms Have Been In The Bulletin!

Try To Help Wherever You Can!

**WE WILL RECEIVE THRIVENT FUNDING FOR THIS EVENT AND ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

November 2 – Make soup and sandwiches for pre-orders

November 3 – Make soup and sandwiches for Friday – REMEMBER Pre-orders picked up between 10:00AM-7:30PM

November 4 – Soup and Sandwich Sale (10 – 2)

WILL NEED HELP IN THE KITCHEN, IN THE DINING ROOM AS WAITER/ WAITRESSES, CLEAN-UP

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

-Book Club meets at 1:00PM at the Coffinberger's. We will be discussing our member Karen Wainwright's book, **COMING FULL CIRCLE**. She will be joining us! Remember everyone is bringing \$5 to start a fund to help us purchase books.

November 15 – St. John's Circle meets at 1:00PM and Mary/Martha Circle meets at 7:00PM in the Lounge. Watch the Bulletin for more information

November 22 – Mustard Seed Family Thanksgiving Lunch (if you can help see Betty Lou)

December 15 – Mustard Seed Teacher Appreciation Lunch (More information next month)

December 20 – Women's Christmas Lunch at the Coffinberger's (More details next month)

ATTENTION ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS

We will have our annual election of board members for the Panhandle Chapter on one of the Sunday's in November. Please watch the bulletin for more information!

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING Graham Cracker Houses

The season of Advent will soon be upon us and that means its time to decorate for Christmas. This event will take place on Sunday, November 20 at 3:00PM. WE will again NEED HELP FROM THE CONGREGATION!! We have a lot of fun and also enjoy a potluck supper afterward. You just need to bring a covered dish. We always need a few kitchen helpers and if someone would like to come in and help me set up that would be great!

We will again keep the children busy decorating graham cracker houses and Lutheran Women in the Fast Lane will have additional activities to keep them busy. Please let me know (304-263-4402) or call the church office (304-263-9291) if you are coming to decorate and if your children will be participating so we have enough supplies ready. **WE ASK EACH FAMILY TO BRING AT LEAST 2 BAGS OF CANDY OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ITEMS FOR DECORATING THE HOUSES.** (Small items work best.) I will need some parents to stay with me and help the children. COME AND JOIN US!!

Linda Riley, Co-President