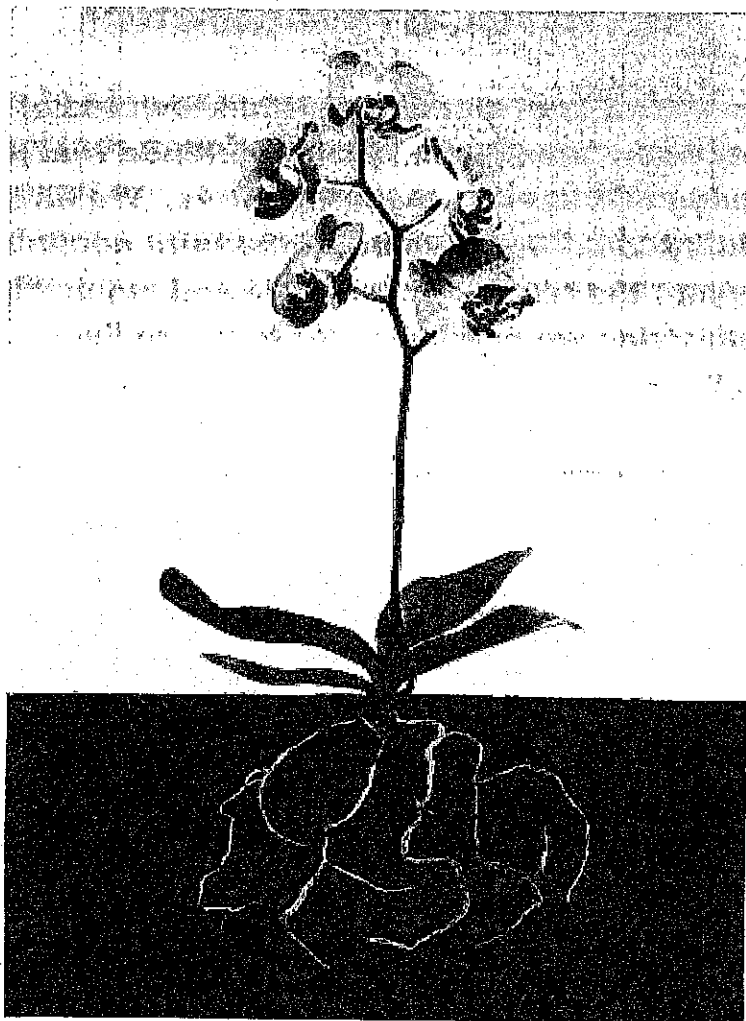


**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN
BLCW**



*"And that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith,
as you are being rooted and grounded in love."
Ephesians 3:17*

2019

**Bethel Lutheran Church
Parkersburg, Iowa**

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

As a community of women, we are stewards of all that we have been given. We experience real joy in our giving and our sharing with others. We have the ability to be God's voice to the faith community, identifying the resources we have and supporting the ministries we need in order for us to live faithfully.

We should continually ask ourselves: What would God have us do? Faithful stewardship is not just a spiritual ideal to strive for, but an organizational principle that we have committed to in our constitution. It affirms that we as a community of women will "acknowledge itself as a steward of the resources entrusted to it. It shall commit itself to the effective use of these resources in its life and work and in the life and work of the church." Are we all living into these principles? Are we living faithfully?

IF ANY CORRECTIONS NEED TO BE MADE PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE 346-2028

WOMEN OF BLCW

All women of Bethel are members of the BLCW (Bethel Lutheran Church Women). Each woman is assigned to a serving group and may be called upon to help serve or provide food for events at Bethel.

We also sponsor fundraising events throughout the year to help pay for devotional books, kitchen supplies and the coffee we enjoy each Sunday morning just to name a few. These events include:

The Bakeless Bake Sale (a bakesale without the work). In October you will find an envelope in your Beacon marked BLCW BAKESALE. You can put as little or as much money as you wish in this envelope and place it in the offering plate during October.

In November we have a Thankoffering Sunday and all women are asked to return their Thankoffering boxes (which can be found in your church mail boxes) to the altar. This money is given to missions.

On the first Sunday in December we have the Cookie and Candy By the Pound Sale after worship. December. Each woman is asked to bring a dozen Christmas cookies or candy and everyone can fill a plate with their favorites for \$5.00 per pound.

During Lent the serving groups are asked to provide a light lunch after worship on Sunday evenings. A free will offering is collected for these lunches to help cover the cost of supplies such as coffee and juice and for missions.

The General Board would like to see more ladies attend the general meetings held after worship throughout the year and are always exploring ways to renew interest in this group. We welcome any suggestions you might have. Watch the bulletin and Beacon for upcoming events.

Diane Buss
BLCW Chairperson

OFFICERS:

Chairperson.....Diane Buss 346-2003/319-415-1583
Secretary.....Janet Mennen
Treasurer.....Beth VanLenger

BLCW 2019 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 5, 2019 Brunch 10:15 A.M.
May 12, 2019 Graduation Reception
Aug.25, 2019 Brunch/General Meeting
October, 2019 Bakeless Bakesale
Nov.24, 2019 Thankoffering Sunday
"Thanksmas"/General Meeting
Dec. 8, 2019 Cookie & Candy by the Pound Sale

2019 BINGO SCHEDULES

REHABILITATION CENTER ALLISON

(We only have to provide a lunch.)

If interested in helping contact Jean Scully 319-346-9947

Monday, February 18, 2019
Monday, April 15, 2019
Monday, June 10, 2019
Monday, August 19, 2019
Monday, October 21, 2019
Monday, December 9, 2019

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHAIRPERSONS & SERVING GROUPS

1. You will be contacted by BLCW Chairperson when it is your Group's turn to serve.
2. The Chairpersons of serving groups will then contact their serving Group members when they are needed to help serve.
3. Serving groups will prepare and serve the lunch or meal, and also Take care of clean-up afterwards.
4. If you have any questions or need help, contact a BLCW Chairperson.

Lenten Service Serving Group Rotation

March 10, 2019 ----- Group 2
March 17, 2019-----Group 3
March 24, 2019 ----- Group 1
March 31, 2019 -----Group 2
April 7, 2019 ----- Group 3

LENTEN SERVICES

Recommended amounts are: 7doz. sandwiches; 7 doz. bars or cookies; 6 qt. juice; and 30 cups Decaf. coffee. Place basket on counter for free will offering.

SERVING GROUP 1

Co-Chairperson: Pam Jacobson 319-240-8222

Co-Chairperson: Irene Senne 319-347-6072

Adrian Bernard	346-2435	Merna Schrage	240-1251
Janelle Gorter	346-9775/240-3358	Darlene Johnson	346-2088
Carol Chapman	319-883-0753	Vada Luhring	346-2574
Angie Ellerman	346-1372/404-1689	Mary Fink	319-347-5551
Rachael Redman	319-269-8498	Kay Frey	346-2045/240-9697
Janice Gerloff	319-269-9389		
*Dee Scheidecker	346-2743	Hope Tomkins	240-2653
Diane Buss	346-2003/415-1583	Norma Dudley	346-1794
*Samantha Wiegmann 240-4446			
Eileen Lupkes	319-404-7943		

SERVING GROUP 2

Co-Chairperson: Bonnie Gerloff 319-231-2443

Co-Chairperson: Sharleen Hubbard 319-415-7409

Kathy Aalfs	404-5838	Shirley Cassidy	346-1098
Barb Brouwer	346-1498/242-1712	Sherry Brouwer	347-6349/231-3804
Peggy Miller	346-2589	Mary Rice	319-939-1734
Darla Drewelow	464-4499	Pam Dohrn	319-347-2362
Jenny Hansmann	346-2445/269-2578	Nancy Hemann	231-6768/231-3608
Ranae Knock	346-2142/319-0225	Carol Warneka	346-1867
Ruth Zacharias	231-2518		
Janet Mennen	346-2846/269-9674	Stacy Palmer	504-2321/346-2774
Michelle Rients	402-490-4947	Sara Mann	239-7618

*Indicates inactive members. They can be called to help. If they decline ask if they would like their name taken off the calling list and give that information to Diane Buss so the book can be updated next year. Thanks

SERVING GROUP 3

Co-Chairperson: JoAnn Schwarz 319-347-2922/939-5130

Co-Chairperson: Marilyn Ingalls 346-1698,319-269-8392

Candy Krohn	319-290-6075	Connie Luhring	269-0100/346-1925
Jenny Buss	404-9022	Julia Dudley	231-0985
Karol Ellerman	346-1721	*Natalie Spree	319-939-4131
Jean Scully	346-9947/269-7877	*Karla Beckmnan	215-2500
Cindy Simon	346-2150	Leah Knock	346-2407/269-8362
Penny Neisen	240-5091	Jackie Hager	346-2387/230-1629
Brooke Paulson	983-9027/464-0003	Kim Marlette	493-2936/346-8083
Deb Walters	346-1545/319-830-5348	Dorlene Renken	319-215-7236
Diane Johnson	346-2507/319-231-7880	Beth VanLengen	269-4285
Sandra Shepard	31-243-5455	Nina Sweeny	319-504-6932
Lindy Buss Hedrick	641-220-7399		

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HONORARY SERVING GROUP

Connie Rule
Shirley Bergman
Pat Van Hauen
Fay Tuitjer
Sharon Knudson

**HONORARY MEMBERS who can be called to make food.
Someone from the designated serving group will need to
Pick up these items.**

Leona Wallbaum 346-2112

OUT OF THE AREA MEMBERS

Melissa Aalfs	Kim Bergman	Sara Dieke
Julee Fox	Aneika Kafka	Sara Eisenberg
Brenda Everts	Lisa Luhning	Stacy Miller
Tessa Matherly	Tara McGrath	Joan Schuck
Risa Lowe	Shelly Olssen	Sandy Hofmeister
Jolene Rider	Cindy Henning	Dawn Lopez
Dara Dietz	Sara Stewart	Michelle Stearns
April Kressley	Jan Stearns	
Carla Wiegmann	Angela Capper	Christina Edwards

ALTAR COMMITTEE – Takes care of altar linens, communion preparation and flowers

Chairpersons: Bonnie Gerloff – 319-231-2443
JoAnne Schwarz – 319-347-2922/939-5130

Jan.....	Bonnie Gerloff
Feb	Sharleen Hubbard & Janet Mennen
Mar	Rachael Redman
Apr	Carol Chapman & Bonnie Gerloff
May	Carol Warneka & Shirley Cassady
June	Marilyn Ingalls
July	
Aug	
Sept.....	Darla Drewelow & Candy Krohn
Oct	Beth Van Lengen & Pam Jacobson
Nov	
Dec.....	JoAnne Schwarz

CARD COMMITTEE - Irene Senne

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LOANING COMMITTEE: JoAnne Schwarz 319-347-2922/939-5130
Diane Buss 319-346-2003/319-415-1583
Church Office 319-346-2028

Items **NOT** to be loaned: Dishes, Silverware, New Tablecloths, Large Silver Service, Trays, Blue Insulated Drink Coolers, ALL Coffee Makers and ALL Electric Roasters and New White Tables and Chairs.

All kitchen items, tables & chairs to be borrowed for use outside of the church **MUST** be checked out through one of the BLCW Loaning Committee members listed above or by calling the church office. Only the old brown tables and folding chairs can be borrowed.

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 word.**

MISSION STATEMENT

**To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in
Jesus Christ.**

THE TABLE PRAYER

**Be present at our table 'Lord,
Be here and everywhere adored,
These mercies bless and grant that we,
May strengthen for Thy service be.
Amen.**