

We gather with other women from our conference area on a Saturday in the spring and for a weekend in the fall for a time of study, worship, and inspiration with a guest speaker. The spring event is hosted at one of the conference churches, and the retreat is held at St. Anthony's Center in Three Rivers, California.

What We Do

Christ Lutheran Church Women (CLCW) has a long history of service to our congregation, to our community, and to the world. Each circle collects an offering at each meeting, which goes to World Hunger, General Fund & Outreach Programs.

100% of funds collected for World Hunger are sent for that cause.

Of the general offering collected:

40% goes to the Sierra Pacific Synod's programs, which support women to:

- Be disciples
- Grow in faith
- Affirm gifts
- Support one another
- Engage in action
- Promote wholeness

60% of the general circle offerings is spent on projects such as:

- Supplies for the guilters
- Supplies for the nursery
- Coffee pots, tablecloths, center pieces for Community Connection Center and the Christian Life Center
- Library Books
- Scholarships

Every February, we celebrate Thankoffering Sunday. All of the money given is sent to Women of the ELCA to support the work of that organization.

Prayer Partners

We encourage all to pray. Whether you pray silently during your devotional time, or seek out God in the busy moments of your day, pray. Some of the Bible study circles have adopted prayer partners. One circle makes the prayer partners known to each other. During the year, the recipient of prayer knows who is praying for her. Another circle chooses to keep prayer partners unknown until "the great unveiling" at a tea each spring.

Quilting Circle

Quilts are distributed to those in need throughout Tulare County. All newly baptized receive special quilts, as do many in the hospital.

Meets: 1st Tuesday of the month

Time: 9:00 A.M. - Noon
Where: Christian Life Center

Activities: Members bring items for the church food bank. Small groups provide "goodies" to share as we drink coffee and tie quilts. We gratefully accept donations of fabric, sheets, etc., to convert into quilts of all sizes.

Cut and Sew Groups

Quilt tops are started and finished during the Tuesday Quilting Prayer Circles. Many are distributed to those in need throughout Tulare County. Global cut and sew works on Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits that are sent to those in need throughout the world, as well as baby quilts for our missionaries serving in Africa.

Meets: Cut and Sew - 3rd Wednesday

Global Cut and Sew - 4th Wednesday

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Where: Christian Life Center

The Well Women Circle

Our circle name comes from the Bible story in John 4:5-30, Jesus and the woman at the well.

Meets: 1st & 3rd Friday of the month

Time: 6:30 to 7:30 A.M.
Where: Valhalla Restaurant

Activities: Prayer journal, secret prayer partners, gift donations to organizations in need at Christmas, prayer partner tea party in May

Hosting: Pie social at Thanksgiving Eve,

Mary Martha Circle

Meets: 2nd Wednesday of the month

Time: 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.
Where: Christian Life Center

Activities: Provides support for the Mashiah Foundation & the New Life Band from Africa, maintain a prayer tree and support ChristKids

Preschool

Hosting: Pancake Breakfast, Christmas Baby Shower

Hannah Circle

Our circle's name comes from 1 Samuel 2:1a-10: A Prayerful Mother

Meets: 2nd Thursday of the month

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Where: Elizabeth Jensen's home

Activities: Prayer journals, support CLIPArts

Singing at the Home

This unique group of men, women, boys, and girls visits Delta Convalescent Hospital monthly to bring good old-fashioned music to the residents. Often the residents join right in and the music flows freely! Not only does this loosely structured musical group sing old favorite hymns, but we also sing many "golden oldies". Anyone who is interested in getting out on a Saturday morning and singing the old favorites to and with a most appreciative audience is invited to join us!

Meets: Delta Convalescent Hospital
When: 1st Saturday of the month

Time: 10:00-11:00 A.M.

Sewing with Parenting Network

Margie Piirman leads this group who teaches mothers of young children how to sew as part of the Parenting Network. Please contact Margie for more information.

Meets: Parenting Network at 330 N. Johnson St., Visalia

When: Mondays
Time: 10 to noon