

The Women of the Church
Met March 10th, 2024
After Church Service in the Church Library

Those in attendance were: B.J. Douglass, Patty Stabbe, Carol Suring, Nancy Macha, Erika Schindel, Dora Slang, Cheryl Kruschke, JoAnn Winkler, Jeanette Kootaka, Kathy Lawrenz, Lora Houska, and guest Cheryl Smoot.

The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Kruschke.

Opening prayer was given by Cheryl Kruschke regarding "Let all you do be done in love". Jeanette Kootaka will have opening prayer at our April 7th, 2024 meeting.

A motion was made by Carol Suring and seconded by Patty Stabbe to accept the secretary's report as read—motion carried.

The treasure's report was given by B.J. Douglass. The checking account as of March 10, 2024 is \$2204.07. A motion was made by Carol Suring and seconded by Erika Schindel to renew our CDs at the going rate for 1 year—motion carried.

The World Day of Prayer for 2024 was a success. We thank Carol Suring for her direction and coordination of this event. There were 44 people attended; 12 Churches were represented, and 22 people assisted in helping in various areas. A Thrivent grant was used to help fund this program. The music and photo/music CD was \$21.50. Pianist Wayne Strei, was paid \$100.00 for his services. The menu consisted of chicken salad, old world breads, citrus salad, and spinach salads. Cookies and bars were served for dessert, and coffee per Dora Slang. Much advertising was done. \$509.00 was collected for the World Day of Prayer International Committee and sent.

The Kringle Bake & Bread Bake was discussed with nothing definite decided.

A thing to keep in mind, Our Redeemer's is to host the Memorial Day Service at Hickory Cemetery this year.

Our Mother and Daughter Banquet is May 11th, 2024, at 6 P.M. Lorna Marquardt is our guest speaker and she has a collection of Raggedy Ann Dolls. We will need a sign-up sheet for a head count.

A motion was made by Lora Houska and seconded by Erika Schindel to give a \$100.00 donation to the County Handicap Citizens for their Bingo Party and Prom in April.

B.J. Douglass gave a talk regarding the Lutheran World Relief and their international quilting program. Many international countries have benefitted and we are a part of that mission.

Our next meeting is April 7th, 2024 after Church Services in the Church Library. All are welcome to attend.

A motion was made by Erika Schindel and seconded by Dora Slang to adjourn the meeting.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Jeanette Kootaka

The Women of the Church Secretary

Summary of the World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer was the 1st of March at 10:30 am. There were 22 people that helped put the event on. They were readers, greeters, ushers, people who help set up and clean up and helped serve. There were 44 in attendance and 12 churches were represented. They were from St John, Morgan, Tabor UMC, Gillett, St Anthony, Oconto Falls, Bethel, Green Valley, Mt Olive, Suring, St Mathew, Suring, Suring United Methodist, Hickory United Methodist, Christ Community church and Ascension Lutheran, Green Bay. We asked for and received a grant from Thrivent to help with funding the event. We mailed out 19 flyers and contacted Rep Mursau to put the event on his calendar. We left messages and texts on the 2 radio stations in the area and the Times Herald, and the Messenger. I was too late for the OEC magazine. I had asked people to take flyers to their churches and asked people who knew people from other churches to take flyers to their churches.

Jeanette took over the decorating of the fellowship hall and the narthex. A menu was decided on of chicken salad, breads, citrus salad, and spinach salad. Members of the church were asked to bring deserts. Dora made coffee. We aimed for 75-100 people to attend. The leftover food was eaten on the next Sunday and given out to people who could use it. Thrivent was thanked and a report was submitted to them.

The cost of the service was \$121.50. The cost of the music and photo CD was 21.50 and \$100 for the pianist.

Carol Suring