

The Women of the Church met December 1st, 2024
After Church Service in the Church Library

Those in attendance were: Erika Schindel, Jeanne Rabas, Doddie Jenko, Carol Suring, Jeanette Kootaka, B.J. Douglass, Cheryl Kruschke, Lora Houska, Kathy Lawrenz, JoAnn Winker and Judy Strnad.

The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Kruschke.

Opening devotion was given by Jeanette Kootaka regarding being a "child of God". Cheryl Kruschke will have opening prayer at our January 5th, 2024 meeting.

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

A motion was made by Lora Houska and seconded by Erika Schindel to accept the treasurer's report as given by B.J. Douglass. Our checking account balance given as of December 1st, 2024.

Our Thank Offering of November 10th, 2024 generated \$438.44 for the support of the National WELCA Organization. Thanks to all who contributed to the Gillett Care Share Food Pantry. It was very much appreciated.

December 8th, 2024 is the Church Christmas Party with after Church Service. Please stay to help trim the tree. The Secret Pal gifts can be opened and new secret Pal names selected for 2025. A pot luck finger food luncheon will be served.

December 13th, 2024 is the Kringle Bake. Bring your rolling pin at 8 am to roll, fill, and bake the dough. Come around noon come to frost, bag, and label the Kringle.

December 14th, 2024 is our Christmas Cookie Walk and Kringle Sale from 9-11 am. Please bring your cookies to the church by 8 am on Saturday. Cookies are \$8.00 a pound and Kringle are \$8.00 each. Kathy Lawrenz will be there to open the doors and make coffee. Everyone is asked to please pass out flyers.

December 15th, 2024 (7) Cheer Boxes will be assembled. Erika Schindel will supply the boxes and Jeanne Rabas will wrap the boxes.

A motion was made by Lora Houska and seconded by Kathy Lawrenz to give Pastor Beth Macha \$50.00 and a card for Christmas—motion carried.

A motion was made by Carol Suring and seconded by Erika Schindel to give \$125.00 for a Microloan for Women—motion carried. This gift is through the ELCA Good Gift catalog. As the women repay the loans, the funds are reinvested in a cooperative so the cycle of giving will continue and impact growth.

As new members, Doddie Jenko, Nancy Schuette, and Sue Klipstein will receive the Women's "Gather" magazine.

Our next meeting is January 5th, 2025 after Church Service in the Church Library. All are welcome to attend.

A motion was made by Erika Schindel and seconded by Lora Houska to adjourn the meeting—motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Jeanette Kootaka

Secretary, Women of the Church