

The Women of the Church met August 10th, 2025
After Church Service in the Church Library

Those in attendance were: Nancy Macha, B.J. Douglass, Lora Houska, Corinne Roscoe, Kathy Lawrenz, Cheryl Kruschke, Jeanette Kootaka, Karen Zahn, Doddie Jenko, JoAnn Winkler, Jeanne Rabas, Dora Slang, and Blanche Brenwall.

The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Kruschke.

Opening devotion was presented by Cheryl Kruschke regarding Tabitha, devoted faithful women known for her charity work. Jeanette Kootaka will have opening prayer at our October 5th, 2025 meeting.

A motion was made by Corinne Roscoe & seconded by Dora Slang to accept the secretary's report as read—motion carried. CORRESPONDANCE: A thank you card was received from Dale and Erika Schindel for a gift certificate given them in honor of their 25th Wedding Anniversary. A thank you was received from Butch and Lora Houska for a gift certificate given them in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Patty Stabbe's friend Sandra thanks us for the "inspiring & uplifting" Mother and Daughters Banquet of May 10th, 2025. Chase Schindel is very grateful for the Quilt made for him in honor of his High School Graduation. The Family of Marcia Wagner appreciated the luncheon, especially the Kringle served at Marcia's funeral of May 9th, 2025.

A motion was made by Lora Houska and seconded by Doddie Jenko to accept the treasurer's report as given by B.J. Douglass—motion carried. \$10.00 worth of soda top tabs was received and given toward the Ronald McDonald House. Our current balance was reported.

The Shawano Conference for the Women of the Church was attended by Cheryl Kruschke and Corinne Roscoe at Bethel Lutheran Church of Green Valley WI. The guest speaker was from the radio station WRVM of Suring, WI. Fleece blankets were tied by the group. Their 2026 Shawano Spring Conference will be held at our church and co-hosted with First American Lutheran Church of Oconto, WI. Prior to the conference we will get together with the Oconto Church for planning.

Good reviews were had regarding our 82nd Mother Daughter Banquet of May 10th, 2025. If you have any ideas for the 2026 event talk with our President Cheryl Kruschke.

For the month of August we focus on collecting School Supplies for Suring School. Please include gently used winter jackets and boots, and also underwear for the little ones. The items will be delivered to the school after Labor Day.

Part of our Service Ministry is making Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. A display will be set up in the church entrance. Make kits or donate items to make kits. These kits along with our quilts will be taken to Shawano, WI. October 3rd, 2025. All the quilts made during the year will be on display on September 28th, 2025 for the Quilt Blessing. Prior to the shipping of the kits and quilts, envelopes will be given out for donations to help with transportation of these items.

Please keep in mind that July 16-19, 2026 is the WELCA triennial meeting in Des Moines, IA. It is drivable and perhaps the closest it will ever be to our church. Think, about it.

The September Fall Retreat at Imago Dei is soon—no date known yet.

The Strong Bones exercise class will start another 12 week session here at church on Mondays and Fridays. Stay tuned for the date and time.

Karen Zahn, reports our Church Office Secretary, Judy Olejniczak, will go on vacation and then have surgery, so any office work we need to have done, do early and prior to her October and November time line.

Our next meeting is October 5th, 2025 after Church Service in the Church Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A motion was made by Lora Houska and seconded by B.J. Douglass to adjourn the meeting—motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Kootaka,
Secretary, Women of the Church