

The Women of the Church
March 1st, 2026 after Church Service
In the Church Library

Those in attendance were: Cheryl Kruschke, Patty Stabbe, Lora Houska, Jeanette Kootaka, Carol Suring, Nancy Schuett, Blanche Brenwall, Dora Slang, Nancy Macha, Kathy Lawrenz, B.J. Douglass, JoAnn Winkler, and Doddie Jenko.

The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Kruschke.

Dora Slang had opening devotions regarding Romans 12:2 "Reflection—to think on something quietly and calmly." Carol Suring will have opening prayer at our April 12th, 2026 meeting.

A motion was made by Patty Stabbe and seconded by Carol Suring to accept the secretary's report as read—motion carried. CORRESPONDANCE: A thank you was received from the Women of the ELCA for the \$100.00 given them to support the up-coming Gathering in Iowa.

A motion was made by Doddie Jenko and seconded by Lora Houska to accept the treasurer's report as read by Blanche Brenwall—motion carried. Our balance as of March 1st, 2026 was reported.

The Shawano Spring Conference is April 18th, 2026 and the planning continues. Our Redeemer's Women are responsible for the registration and planning a light breakfast to include gluten free items. A basket raffle is also needed. Part of the offering will go to purchase ELCA good gifts. A list of in-kind gifts will be posted.

Please attend the March 4th, 2026 Soup and Scripture Lenten event here at Church. This is a weekly event sponsored by the Gillett-Suring Clergy Association. 5 local Churches participate and rotate hosting during the Lenten Season. Soup, Sandwiches and desserts are served with a free will offering.

Consider attending the 99th annual World Day of Prayer at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Stiles WI on County Road I from 10:30 am-12-30 pm. Please register as a lunch will be served.

The 54th annual Danish Festival Abelskiver is scheduled for May 2nd, 2026 from 10 am-2 pm. The Women of the Church are in charge of the Bazaar. Bring baked goods and quality rummage items to sell.

Earl Macha will donate the needed refrigerator for the pantry and also deliver and install it—thanks Earl.

Thanks to Judy Olejniczak for printing our 2026 Women's Hand Book and for putting it together—wonderful job.

A wonderful blessing for our sister Church, Bethel of Green Valley, WI, is the Ordination of one of their own, Keith Sorlie. His Ordination is March 22, 2026 at 2 pm by our Bishop.

Please RSVP if attending. A motion was made by Carol Suring and seconded by B.J. Douglass to give a card and \$50.00 to Keith Sorlie in honor of his Ordination—motion carried.

Our next meeting is April 12th, 2026 after Church Service in the Church Library. All are welcome.

A motion was made by Nancy Macha and seconded by Patty Stabbe to adjourn the meeting—motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Jeanette Kootaka, Secretary

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