Women of the Church Minutes — October 4, 2026

Meeting Details

The Women of the Church met in the Church Library following the church service on October 4, 2026.

Attendees were Cheryl Kruschke, Patty Stabbe, JoAnn Winkler, Doddie Jenko, Jeanette Kootaka, Lora Houska, Dora Slang, B.J. Douglass, Nancy Macha, and Kathy Lawrenz.

Call to Order and Devotions

President Cheryl Kruschke called the meeting to order. Lora Houska gave the opening devotion on "mutual uplifting to unity." Jeanette Kootaka will lead the opening prayer at the November 1, 2026 meeting.

Secretary's Report

Patty Stabbe moved to accept the secretary's report as read. B.J. Douglass seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Patty Stabbe moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Lora Houska. Doddie Jenko seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Collections and Outreach

- **Lutheran World Relief:** The project was a success. The Women of the Church assembled 31 quilts and 58 personal care kits. Church members contributed $450 toward transportation costs. The items were taken to St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano, Wisconsin, where they were loaded onto a truck for transport to the Minneapolis distribution outlet. These gifts of love will serve humanitarian needs around the world.
- **Homme Youth & Family Program:** The Homme Youth & Family Program in Wittenberg, Wisconsin, is in need of Christmas gifts for youth and families. Lora Houska moved to donate $200 to the program. Doddie Jenko seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Upcoming Events and Reminders

- **Time & Talent:** Time & Talent sheets are available, and volunteers are needed to help the church function smoothly. Members are encouraged to complete a sheet and assist with Women of the Church events as they are able.
- **13th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk:** The event will be held December 12, 2026, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. B.J. Douglass moved to increase the cookie price to $10 per pound. Doddie Jenko seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- **Women's Thank Offering and Veterans Recognition Sunday:** The observance will be held November 8, 2026. Members are asked to bring a monetary gift for the National Women's Organization of the ELCA Synod and canned goods for the food pantry, with an emphasis on ingredients for holiday pumpkin pies.
- **Fall Retreat:** The retreat will be held Saturday, November 7, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Mount Morris Conference Center in Wautoma, Wisconsin. The theme is "Walking by Faith, Constantly Tripping." Registration is $30. Members should check the kiosk for a list of needed in-kind gifts. Lora Houska moved to give a $50 offering to the Fall Retreat from WECLA. Cheryl Kruschke seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Next Meeting and Closing

- The next meeting will be held November 1, 2026, following the church service in the Church Library. All are welcome to attend.
- Lora Houska moved to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Macha seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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