

LADIES OF GRACE HANDBOOK

2011

**“God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts.
Manage them well so that God’s generosity can flow through you.”**

(1 Peter 4:10-11)

~ Welcome ~

The Ladies of Grace extends its greetings and blessing to you! We feel so thankful and encouraged to have you with us! The Ladies of Grace was designed with you in mind, in order that you may grow closer to the Lord and your sisters in Christ. Women have always played a vital role in the work of the Lord. In such a time as this we need all women to bond together in the spirit of unity. Come and be a part of this fellowship; it will enrich and strengthen you in the things of God. New members are always welcome and may come to any meeting.

~ Our History ~

Ladies of Grace is a group of women dedicated to fulfilling God’s plan for them in the congregation and the community. The Ladies of Grace have been actively serving the Lord since 1975. Although the ladies have come and gone, the purpose of our group remains the same: to love, to comfort and support one another. We laugh together, cry together, play together, pray together and grow together. We know that we can count on each other. There is a unique bond which binds the Ladies of Grace. Newcomers are met with open arms and once again Christ’s love is extended to another woman—the center of the family.

~ Website ~

Ladies of Grace has a calendar of activities that can be found on our church website at www.graceofspringhill.net. Please take a moment to look at our upcoming events, meeting minutes and pictures.

~ Pastor's Message ~

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Romans in Chapter 12. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.

The Lord has graciously given us all different abilities and responsibilities as we serve him and his Kingdom. May the Lord bless the Ladies of Grace with the ears of Mary, the hands of Martha, the courage of Deborah, the wisdom of Abigail, the faithfulness of Ruth and the gospel love of "Priscilla as you worship and work together to the glory of God.

~ Our Mission ~

Ladies of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church strives to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the use of our individual gifts and talents collectively. We do this to support WELS congregations and missions both locally and world-wide.

~ Our Goals ~

1. To have fun and foster fellowship with each group member.
2. Respect opinions of others and keep an open mind with new ideas.
3. To find ways to minister to, encourage, and pray for our missionaries.
4. To coordinate a variety of activities and plan monthly events.
5. To encourage group members to invite a friend to any activity that is planned.



Members

Beverly Wirt, Maryalyce Rathke, Irene Lott, Laura Plona, Lorraine Scherschel
Lenore Krueger, Regina Olsacher, Carolynne Kreutzer, Julie Zimmerman,
Edie Shannon and Laura Murray.

~ Fellowship and Fun ~

Our **first meeting** of the year is held in September. This is a special time for us to welcome new members and for our seasoned members to catch up after the summer break. In December, we vote for new officers for the upcoming year. *We do not have meetings in June, July and August.* Our **final meeting** of the year is held in May.

~ Monthly Meetings ~

Ladies of Grace meetings are held the first Thursday of each month.

~ Donation Basket ~

Before every meeting each member has the opportunity to make a donation to go towards the Ladies of Grace activities and missions.

~ Meeting Hostess ~

Volunteers can host our fellowship time by bringing in a drink and a snack.

~ Devotion ~

Our meeting begins with prayer followed by a short Bible lesson with Pastor.

~ Mission Reports ~

The Ladies of Grace supports Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) LWMS works to increase awareness and support Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod missions. We have a mission assigned to us every year by LWMS. Then we contact the missionary to find out what their needs are.

~ Ladies of Grace Activities ~

Fundraisers

Support LWMS

Banner Committee

Serve for Funerals

Support Various Missions

Serve Easter Breakfast

Thanksgiving Pie Social

Serve Lenten Soup Suppers

Organize Seasonal Altar Flowers

Visit Shut-Ins and Make Afghans

Provide Care Packages to Our Military

Supply robes and flowers for Confirmands

Supply coffee, cream, juice, plates and cups

~ A Special Thanks ~

A special thank you to all the members of Ladies of Grace for their time and efforts throughout the year! Our group would not be successful without the dedication, creativity and hard work of our ladies!

A special thank you to our Ladies of Grace officers! These ladies keep the group focused on serving the Lord each month.

A special thank you to Regina Olsacher. Regina has donated her time and talent by making the ladies group a beautiful cross stitched piece of artwork. It states our mission and hangs in our church office for everyone to see!
