



**Women of the ELCA**  
**(WELCA)**  
**Yearbook**  
**2016**

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Dear Women of All Saints Lutheran Church

As we begin our 2016 year we would like to thank God for all of blessings and all of the people who worked last year to keep Welca organized and our programs going.

We have a great year planned so please take the time to check over our calendar of events and consider attending at least one of our ministries. Come whenever the time is right for you. All women at All Saints are members of WELCA and we invite you to become an active part of WELCA in whatever capacity that works best for you. We hope to create an atmosphere where all women can continue to grow and learn in God's grace. Establish relationships, be supportive of everyone, and be together in His name. Our programs and activities are open to all.

The following information is included to familiarize you with our organization.

**WELCA**  
(Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

**Committee Structure:** Officers consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Funeral luncheon coordinator. These women make up the Executive Board.

The officers are elected for two year terms. Officers can only hold office for a total of four years.

All women of the Church are invited to attend the WELCA meetings

**Meeting Schedule:** Most meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Many of our members go out to lunch after the meeting.

**Purpose of the group:** WELCA exists to encourage fellowship and camaraderie for all the women of our Church. Meetings consist of biblical devotions, refreshments, activity-planning, fund raisers and FUN!!!

**Responsibilities:** Our responsibilities are to our Church and its ministries. We plan and host fundraisers, bake sales, funeral luncheons, Christmas Cookie sales. Special luncheons and outings. The proceeds from our activities go towards goods and services for our Church including confirmation Bibles for our youth.

**Examples of other typical ministries accomplished are:** The church summer fund, Youth Group, All Saints General Fund, Ponca House ministries, and Helping Hands Food Pantry

We have adopted a group of adults at Pioneer Center Group Homes in McHenry, Ponca House. We currently host 3-4 luncheons for this group that includes games and prizes. The fun and shared fellowship from these events are really enjoyed by everyone. WELCA has received the Wizard Award from the Pioneer Center. A testimonial like the Tin Man...*we don't need to give you a heart, we thank you for giving us one.*

Please use this yearbook to assist you in planning and participation in this year's events. If there isn't something that suits your needs and you have an idea or suggestion for a Bible study, or an event, please feel free to call on any the officers. We are always looking for more women to help with our programs.

If you feel God is telling you to get involved, please call!

In His Name

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### **Women of the ELCA Purpose Statement**

As a community of women  
Created in the image of God  
Called to discipleship in Jesus Christ,  
Empowered by the Holy Spirit.

We commit ourselves to  
Grow in faith,  
Affirm our gifts,  
Support one another in our callings.

Engage in ministry and action.  
Promote healing and wholeness in the Church,  
the society, and the world.

## WELCA CALENDAR FOR 2016

Jan. 13 Wed. Meeting at Church 9:30/lunch  
Feb. 10 Wed. Meeting at Church 9:30/lunch  
Feb. 24 WELCA serving soup for Lenten supper  
March 9 Wed. Meeting at Church 9:30/lunch  
March 27 Easter  
April 9 Ponca House Spring Brunch  
April 13 Wed. Meeting at Church 9:30/lunch  
May 8 Supply Mothers Day Cakes for coffee  
Service after both services  
May 11 Wed. Meeting at Church 9:30/lunch  
June 8 Wed. Meeting at Church 9:30/lunch  
June 19 Sunday Father's day cakes for coffee  
service after services  
July 13 Wed. Meeting at Church 9:30/lunch

Aug 10 Wed. Meeting at Church 9:30/lunch  
Aug 13 Ponca House Picnic  
Sept. 14 Wed. Meeting at Church 9:30/lunch  
Sept 17/18 Welca rummage sale  
Oct. 12 Wed. Meeting and lunch at  
Royal Oak Farms  
Nov 9 Wed. Meeting at Church 9:30/lunch  
Nov 13 Sunday Thank Offering  
Dec. 3 Saturday Ponca Christmas Party  
Dec. 14 WELCA meeting , Christmas party,  
And lunch at Maravellas  
Dec. 16/17 Drop off and pack cookies  
Dec. 18 Cookie Sale  
Dec. 25 Merry Christmas