

Women's Ministries Report - 2017

The Women's Ministries have changed as the needs of our ladies have changed. The women of the WMC (Women's Ministry Council) for 2017 were: Michelle Garcia, Margaret Schultz, Lorina Johnson, Sharon Erz, Susan Wiggins, Carol Stanley, Alta McCortney and myself. I am so thankful to the Lord for these ladies who have voluntarily given of their time, energies, talents, and in many instances their own personal finances to minister to the ladies of our fellowship.

Some of the events throughout the year are: Ladies Spring Fellowship; Annual Ice-Cream Social and the annual Ladies Christmas Party. We have fun, fellowship, play games, prize giveaways, have great food, sing songs, study and pray together, and get to know each other better.

The ministries of Neighborhood Assembly of God under the auspice of Women's Ministries are:

Tuesday Morning Prayer: This began as Ladies Prayer but has evolved into a time of prayer open to all and all are encouraged to participate. This is under the direction of Karen Vinje. Prayer time is 9am-10:30am. Prayer requests can be submitted to caringvinje@yahoo.com or through the church office.

Prayers & Squares: This is ladies of our fellowship working together to make lap quilts for those needing a physical touch. Once the quilts are complete, they are made available to the congregation to tie the knots and pray for the person's need. As the recipient covers their body with the quilt, they are in essence covering themselves with the prayers of those who labored over the quilts and tied the knots. Many have given testimony to the peace and comfort these quilts bring. This ministry has an ongoing need for quilting supplies. If you would like to support this wonderful ministry offerings would be welcomed. If you would like to request a prayer quilt for a friend or loved one going through a trial, see Joan Lungren, or get a form from the church office.

Senior Ministries: Headed by Dolores Rigsby, assisted by Barbara Nelson, this ministry holds a monthly potluck and some other fellowship events throughout the year.

Widows Ministry: This ministry is under the direction of Marjorie White. She organizes visitation and outings and hosts a monthly luncheon. Many times she assists with transportation to doctor's appointments and other errands. What a beautiful and selfless commitment Marjorie has made to the widows of our congregation. Marjorie also blesses our congregation with her talent on the piano in playing for our Sunday morning worship services. Thank you Marjorie, you are truly a blessing.

Wedding and Baby Showers: These activities are usually organized by a friend or family member who volunteers to do the shower. The church provides the cake, beverages and venue (if needed). The rest is up to the person who volunteers to put the shower together for the individual. The church's involvement in baby showers is limited to the 1st child born to the family while attending the church. Thank you to all who have participated in organizing showers for those getting married and having babies within the congregation.

Funeral Dinners/Refreshments: While these are not peasant occasions, the dinners or refreshments provided by the ladies of our fellowship are a tremendous comfort to the families of those who have gone on to be with the Lord. Pam Bachmeier is usually in charge of the kitchen and organizing the food. Most of the ladies at our fellowship have at one time or another worked to bless the members of our congregation either by bringing food, setting up, cleaning up, etc. While this ministry largely goes unnoticed it is none the less very labor intensive and there is a lot of work involved in pulling everything together. Thank you to all of you who so faithfully pitch in to help during these times of need.

Food for Sick and Recovering Persons: Ilene Mackin does a great job of contacting people to bring food in to persons who are sick or recovering from surgery or other illness. I would encourage you, when you get the call to help, please be quick to help!

Church Pantry: Our pantry has been a source of blessing to many families who have been hurting and in need. Sometimes families feel humiliated by needing help and our pantry is able reach out a helping hand anonymously so no embarrassment is involved. Margaret Schultz has been so faithful to organize and oversee our church pantry. She rotates the food and keeps the church office apprised of what is needed to keep the pantry stocked. Margaret, thank you so much for your faithful service. (P.S. Rod does a lot of the heavy lifting, so Rod we also thank you!)

Special Recognition: Thank you to Margaret Schultz for the way she keeps things decorated for every season of the year. What a joy it is to see things so beautifully decorated. Thank you to Michelle Garcia for all the little and big extras she does that are not expected of her. Michelle is a tireless worker for God's kingdom! Thank you Michelle.

Something New: Pam Bachmeier has started a monthly 2-Bit Café where all food is 50 cents or less and we have a great time playing games. This is a ministry to the older couples of our church and is great fellowship. Come and have a good time! Watch the bulletin for dates and times.

It was decided to add a weekly Women's Bible Study. This ministry started in January and is under the leading of Teri Stone. We meet in the Board Room on Thursday mornings at 10:30-noon. Join us!

Respectfully Submitted by *Carol McConnell*