

Serving Him in Everything

SHINE

St. Matthew's Women's Ministry





GROWING AND NURTURING WOMEN IN THEIR CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LIVES OF SERVICE.

GOD TELLS US IN HIS WORD . . .

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we would walk in them."
Ephesians 2:10

"Let your light shine in people's presence, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."
Matthew 5:16



"Dear children, let us love not only with word or with our tongue, but also in action and truth."
1 John 3:18

"Serve one another, each according to the gift he has received, as good stewards of the many forms of God's grace."
1 Peter 4:10

"And everything you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."
Colossians 3:17

Evangelical Heritage Version Bible Translation

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SHINE MINISTRY

St Matthew's Mission Statement

Compelled by the love of Christ, St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School seek to reach out to our families, community and world, using Law and Gospel to make disciples, growing and nurturing them in their Christian faith and life.

SHINE includes all women of our congregation. We, as women, work to support the same mission as that of the congregation: **to grow and nurture disciples in their Christian faith and lives of service**.

This booklet has been compiled to assist women in identifying ways they can use their talents to the glory of God. It is our desire that every woman in the congregation experience the blessings that come from active participation in Bible study and service. There are many opportunities, something for every personality and every situation.

With prayer, please review these pages and find an area of interest that appeals to you. Contact any of the team leaders to volunteer, ask questions, or share your ideas. **Service to God takes place only from the heart — our response to God's great love and mercy.** Our joyous response is possible only by the Holy Spirit working in us, which comes through our spiritual growth in regular study of the Word and participation in the sacraments.

Be in the Word daily and make use of the worship opportunities at church.



SHINE ORGANIZATION

SHINE is organized into 4 ministry teams, each focused on a particular aspect of service. **Each team has two co-leaders** who work with a group of women to organize their activities, and then reach out to many women within the congregation to carry out those activities. It is not necessary to be asked to participate; if you see something that is of interest, please contact one of the co-leaders and let your interests be known.

LEADERSHIP: In addition to the co-leaders, there are three officers: president, vice president and secretary/treasurer. All together, these women make up the SHINE Leadership Team. The Team meets regularly to conduct the business of the organization.

WOMEN'S FORUM: Women members of St. Matthew's have the opportunity to get together at our forum held at least once a year. The purpose of the forum is to exchange ideas and to broaden the awareness of Women's Ministry here at St. Matthew's.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Each spring we host an annual retreat. This event gives us an opportunity to break from our usual routine to develop a greater bond of love, make new friends and grow spiritually in our service and purpose as Christian women.



ACTIVITIES TEAM

Responsible for organizing both SHINE and congregational activities to foster congregational unity and fellowship.

This team includes the following and all other activities aligned with the purpose of the team: Advent and Lent meals, Easter breakfast, funeral meals if requested and special event meals.

Responsibilities:

- Establish and coordinate the *Serving Circles* for the congregational meals (as above) and other meals as requested
- Respond to requests for SHINE assistance with special congregational events and functions including Advent by Candlelight, Live Nativity, Pastors' Conferences, Church Picnic, and others.
- Work with Kitchen Supervisor to facilitate proper care of the kitchen areas and needed supplies and food items.
- Plan and organize other activities for women.

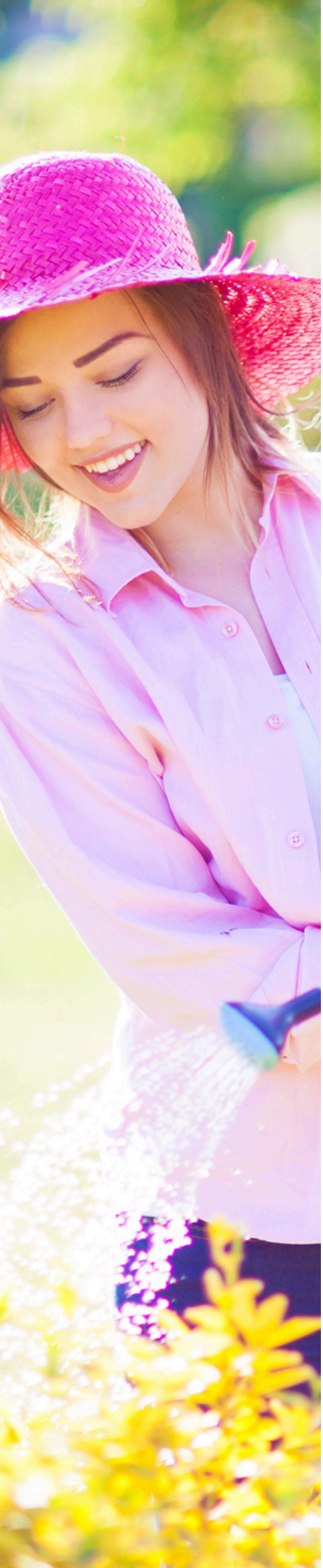
SERVING CIRCLES

Serving Circles offer various levels of involvement to fit different abilities, availability, and interests of members. Serving Circles facilitate inter-generational friendships and increase awareness of all available opportunities for service.

Serving Circles are organized by St. Matthew's women to help facilitate many events. The Circles rotate serving. Each Circle, named after a woman in the Bible, has a designated leader who will notify each member when their Circle is responsible for an upcoming event. Four Circles with 20-25 women will be established with additional Circles to be added as needed.

We want all women to experience *joy in serving* our Savior as we work with each other as sisters in Christ, privileged to be a part of God's family.





PRESERVATION TEAM

Responsible for services related to the maintenance and beautification of the church property and various services that women can provide for the congregation.

This team includes the following committees:

- **Flower Committee**: coordinating the placement of flowers for every church service.
- **Candelabra Care:** maintenance of candelabras.
- **Landscape Maintenance:** responsible for maintenance of all plantings on church and school properties.
- **Seasonal decorating and annual cleaning of the church property:** decorate the church for Christmas, Easter, and other festivals, and coordinate the annual cleaning of church property with additional cleaning as needed.
- Other activities aligned with the purpose of this team.



LWMS TEAM

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (LWMS) is a group of women dedicated to serving Jesus by increasing awareness, interest, and support of WELS missions. **Responsibilities:** *Educate* women and our congregation in a variety of ways to increase knowledge and awareness of home and world missions and missionaries. *Encourage* women to support the work of missionaries through prayers, notes, and offerings.

All St. Matthew's women will collectively maintain membership in the **Rock River Circuit (RCC)** and national LWMS. Offerings are collected twice a year and sent in advance of the Circuit Rallies. Our church is assigned one world and two home missionaries every two years. We support and pray for the three missionaries and their families in light of their needs and our abilities. This program is called Befriend a Mission (BAM).The RRC is led by circuit officers. Women from St. Matthew's are welcome to serve as an officer. Three LWMS events take place each year:

- **Spring Circuit Rally** with our local circuit.
- **National Convention** the last full weekend in June and hosted in the US.
- **Fall Circuit Rally** with our local circuit.

Stay connected on Facebook:
@LWMS.WELS or @lwmsrockrivercircuit



SPIRITUAL TEAM

Responsible for the support of the spiritual committees of SHINE with the goal of enhancing and strengthening the spiritual health of St. Matthew's women.

This team includes the following committees:

- **Women's Retreat Committee**
- **Women's Bible Studies Committee**
- **Altar Committee**
- **Advent by Candlelight Committee**

Responsibilities:

- Provide support, as needed, to the committees listed above.
- Other activities aligned with the purpose of this team.



OPPORTUNITIES

Listed below are a few of the opportunities we offer.

Please continue to check smls.org, Facebook, Instagram, the Messenger and the information table at church for current events.

- Women's Retreat
- Lenten Meals
- Women's Bible Studies
- Easter Breakfast
- LWMS Spring & Fall Rally
- LWMS National Convention
- WELS Women's Ministry Conf.
- Advent Meals
- Christmas Decorating
- Advent by Candlelight
- Speaker Events
- **Many More & New Opportunities!**

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www.smls.org/ministries

WELS Women's Ministry:
https://wels.net
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