



### How do I get involved?

Watch the church bulletin, the monthly Messenger, or the Women of the ELCA bulletin board for upcoming events. Also, members of our executive board or church office staff may have the information you are looking for. We hope you'll join us!

### MOUNT OLIVE 2013-2014 WOMEN OF THE ELCA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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# 2013-2014 Program Year

**OCTOBER 6, 2013, 11:30 AM**

**Fall Congregational Event.** This year's event will be an Oktoberfest celebration.

**DECEMBER 2, 2013, 6:30 PM**

**Women's Christmas Gathering.** Kick off your holiday season by spending an evening with the women of Mount Olive.

**DECEMBER 15, 2013**

**St. Lucia Celebration.** We hosts coffee after the Sunday services and serves a special treat.

**JANUARY 26, 2014**

**Congregational Annual Meeting.** As one of our major fundraisers, the women serve the meal at Mount Olive's Annual Meeting.

**MAY 5, 2014, 6:30 PM**

**Spring Congregational Event.** This is an event for all members of Mount Olive.

**MAY 10 - 11, 2014**

**Thankoffering and Quilt Blessing.** Thankofferings are collected and quilts are blessed before they are sent to Lutheran World Relief.

**JUNE 1, 2014**

**Graduate Recognition Sunday.** We serve a reception for high school and college graduates.

**JULY 12 - 13, 2014**

**Project Comfort.** Proceeds from Project Comfort go to Lutheran World Relief to defray shipping costs.

# WOMEN OF THE ELCA

2013-2014



### WHO WE ARE

Simply stated, we are the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. That includes all women in our church! You don't have to be part of a circle or need to sign up to be part of it! The mission of the Women of the ELCA is "to mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ." At Mount Olive, we have service, fellowship and educational opportunities, often combining all three into one event!





# Women of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

## MISSION STATEMENT

*To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ*

## PURPOSE STATEMENT

*As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and 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, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.*



# Women of the ELCA Circles

## What are "Circles"?

Circles are groups of women that gather monthly for Bible study, discussion, and spiritual care. Circle meetings are a great time for fellowship and forming life-long friendships. Spending time together in Bible study is a wonderful way to learn about the Bible in a comfortable setting. Circles also serve at one of our major events.

The **Bible Study Leaders Meetings** are held on the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm. At the meeting, study leaders are supplied with background information that will be helpful in leading circle discussions.

The Bible study this year will be *In Good Company: Stories of Biblical Women* from Gather Magazine. Subscriptions can be obtained either on-line at [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org) or they are available by calling 1-800-328-4648.

Most Mount Olive circles take December and the summer months off. Some meeting dates may vary, depending on the school or church calendar. If the Rochester Public Schools close due to weather, the church building also closes, and circle or other events are cancelled.

To join a circle, just come to one of the circle meetings, or contact the church office or our local president for more information.

## MONTHLY CIRCLE MEETINGS

ANNA	3RD WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM, AT CHURCH
LYDIA	2ND MONDAY	6:30 PM, AT CHURCH
MARY	4TH FRIDAY	9:30 AM, IN HOMES
NAOMI	4TH TUESDAY	1:00 PM, AT CHURCH
RACHEL	4TH THURSDAY	7:00 PM, AT CHURCH
RUTH	4TH TUESDAY	9:00 AM, AT CHURCH

