



JOY is a ministry of West Prairie Free Lutheran Church dedicated to providing opportunities for spiritual growth, service and connection to women of all ages and seasons of life.

2024 HANDBOOK

THE JOY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meets quarterly (or as needed) to discuss the needs of the women of the church, organize service opportunities and plan special events geared toward the women of our church and surrounding area.

Melissa Lynnes (Chair) – Heidi Larsen (Vice Chair & Altar Com.)
Sarah Sannes (Secretary) – Sarah Klockmann (Treasurer)
Brenna Berge (Special Events) – Tammy Jones
Laura Murphy (Facility Supply Manager) – Allison Solseth
Debby Strand – Paula Woodbury – Kaylie Young
Jennifer Ness – Stephanie Patenaude

JOY SUB-COMMITTEES

Altar Committee

Facilitates all altar duties prior to church each week.

Heidi Larsen (Chair) – Emma Guiles – Tammy Jones
Shawnette Kommer - Melissa Lynnes – Sarah Sannes

Care Committee

Identifies and organizes ways to show care for church members

Stephanie Patenaude (Chair) – Viola Schrader – Paula Woodbury

Decorating Committee

Decorates the church for a welcoming environment

Jen Ness (Co-Chair) & Kaylie Young (Co-Chair)

Special Events

Organizes and promotes events for women throughout the year.

Brenna Berge (Chair)

Supply Manager

Purchase and organizes cleaning supplies and paper goods.

Laura Murphy

If you are a woman of any age or season, and you would like to attend meetings or serve in any capacity within JOY, we would LOVE to have you! Please contact any member of the Planning Committee to join in or to see what areas have a particular need.

BIBLE STUDY

This year, we will be doing the study, *Exuberant Joy*, a study in Philippians, written by Angie Lombardo.

From the author: "In this study, we will follow Paul, the prisoner of Christ, in his journey of genuine joy, love, grace, peace, and self-revelation. We will discover his ultimate goal in life. What was that goal? Paul desired to know Christ, to really know Him better and better, to experience the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings. This may seem to be a lofty goal, but amazingly, this goal is available to us as well. That's a heady thought! It is my prayer that we, like Paul, will experience a deep desire to know Jesus Christ better.

Come with me as we embark on a journey of Exuberant Joy!"

Morning Bible Study

9:00 am – 2nd Thursday of the month

Debby Strand, facilitator

Evening Bible Study

7:00 pm – 3rd Monday of every month

Melissa Lynnes, facilitator

ALL women are welcome! Study books are provided. This is the type of study where you can join in once or come every month. Each lesson stands alone yet is knit beautifully together with the other 11 lessons.

POT BLESSING SERVICE GROUPS

Group One

(Set up and serve Pot Blessing meal every **ODD** month.)

Laura Murphy (Co-Chair) - (701) 200-5554

Debby Strand (Co-Chair) - (701) 219-4381

Emma Guiles - (218) 790-7898

Pam Guiles - (218) 790-2581

Grace Holt - (701) 430-7443

Melissa Lynnes - (701) 361-8739

Stephanie Patenaude - (614) 359-7445

Nina Richardson - (701) 541-8791

Sarah Sannes - (701) 520-3452

Allison Solseth - (701) 645-9071

Paula Woodbury - (701) 640-8798

Group Two

(Set up and serve Pot Blessing meal every **EVEN** month.)

Brenna Berge (Co-Chair) - (701) 370-3306

Heidi Larsen (Co-Chair) - (701) 729-5599

Connie Andvik - (701) 580-2831

Sarah Klockmann - (701) 730-4894

Sue Klockmann - (701) 820-0251

Jill Klose - (701) 793-6654

Shawnette Kommer - (701) 238-1042

Pam Scherer - (701) 526-3325

Viola Schrader - (701) 238-1237

Malena Twedt - (701) 809-8712

Marie Woodbury - (701) 840-7513

Rebecca Woodbury - (701) 640-8955

If you would like to be added to a service group, please talk with a member of the JOY Planning Committee.

Pot Blessings are typically held the first Sunday of the month, once a month, though some months the week changes. Watch the bulletin or email for those changes.

The women of the church are also responsible for providing food for funerals. Group Chairwomen will contact those who have volunteered to help with food at funerals as the need arises.

SPECIAL SERVICE GROUP

The Special Service Group will serve at funerals, Christmas programs, and other special events. If your name is not included in the list, and you are willing to serve, please feel free to participate in serving.

Allison Solseth
Melissa Lynnes
Heidi Larsen
Nina Richardson
Sarah Klockmann
Debby Strand
Stacy Ness
Viola Schrader
Rebecca Woodbury
Paula Woodbury
Marie Woodbury

Funeral Serving:

Winter: Hotdish, sandwiches and bars

Afternoon: salad, sandwiches and bars

Summer: salad, sandwiches and bars

2024 MONTHLY CLEANING

January: Ness, Ness, and Young

February: Murphy

March: Sannes

April: Michael & Sarah Klockmann

May: Todd & Rebecca Woodbury and Tim & Marie Woodbury

June: Malena Twedt and Emma Guiles

July: Berge

August: Strand

September: Dennis & Tammy Jones & Paula Woodbury

October: Ness, Ness, and Young

November: Lucas & Amanda Vangsness and DuBord

December: Murphy

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to serve our congregation by cleaning the church their assigned month. If you have any questions regarding what needs to be done or where to find the supplies (or if we are out of supplies), please contact Laura Murphy, Facility Supply Manager – (701) 200-5554 or Melissa Lynnes (701) 361-8739.

WEEKLY CLEANING CHECKLIST

(This list can also be found on the downstairs kitchen refrigerator.)

Clean Bathrooms

- wipe down sinks
- clean mirrors
- clean toilets
- remove trash and replace liners
- sweep/vacuum floor
- replenish paper products: t.p., towels, tissues, soap

Clean Kitchen/Basement & East Fellowship Hall/Pastor's Office

- wipe counters/tables
- wash & put away cups
- check refrigerator and discard expired items
- sweep/vacuum floors – especially entry rugs as needed
- spot mop spills
- remove trash and replace liners
- replenish paper towels and hand soap

Lobby and Narthex

- vacuum as needed
- pick up nursery room
- remove trash and replace liners

Sanctuary and Balcony

- remove trash from pews and hymnal racks
- straighten hymnals in the racks and bibles on pews
- dust window sills
- vacuum as needed

➔ **Spring Cleaning:** Saturday, April 20th at 8AM

➔ **Fall Cleaning:** Saturday, October 5th at 8AM

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Monthly tasks for the assigned person will be to:

1. **Fill Candles** before church each Sunday (other special services).
2. **Change Altar Cloth** to the appropriate color, as needed.
3. **Prepare Communion** on the first Sunday of the month (and other special services). Clean up Communion after church.

If you are unable to complete your tasks, please reach out to the Chair or another Committee Member.

Month	Assigned	Altar Cloth Color
January	Heidi Larsen 701-729-5599	7 - White 14 - Green 21 - Green 28 - Green
February Lenten services	Melissa Lynnes 701-361-8739	4 - Green 11 - White Ash Wed - Purple 18 - Purple 25 - Purple
March Lenten Services Order Palm Branches for SS Order Easter Lilies	Tammy Jones 701-429-7155	3 - Purple 10 - Purple 17 - Purple 24 - Purple Palm Sun Good Friday - Bare 31 - White (Easter)
April	Shawnette Kommer 701-238-1042	7 - White 14 - White 21 - White 28 - White
May Order Conf. Flowers	Sarah Sannes 701-520-3452	5 - White 12 - White 19 - Red (Pentecost)

		26 - White
June	Tammy Jones	2 - Green 9- Green 16- Green 23- Green 30- Green
July	Emma Guiles 218-790-7898	7- Green 14- Green 21- Green 28- Green
August	Shawnette Kommer	4- Green 11- Green 18- Green 25- Green
September	Melissa Lynnes	1- Green 8- Green 15- Green 22- Green 29- Green
October	Sarah Sannes	6- Green 13- Green 20- Green 27 - Red
November	Emma Guiles	3 - White 10 - Green 17 - Green 24 - White
December Set up Advent Wreath Fill candles for Christmas Eve	Heidi Larsen	1 - Blue 8 - Blue 15 - Blue 22 – Blue 29 - White

If it is an 'Emergency' and none of the ladies listed here are available to prepare communion, please reach out to Debby Strand (701-219-4381) or Jan Vangsness (701-367-3028). If all else fails, contact Pastor Ryan to let him know.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I say it again—rejoice! Philippians 4:4