

WE ARE WELCA

Our organization includes Lutheran women who gather in **over 7,000 locations** in the U.S. and the Caribbean, for **service, study, advocacy**, fellowship and more! WELCA embraces all kinds of ministries that support our mission of mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

There is a place for you in **Women of the ELCA.**

St. James WELCA touches many lives as they carry out the mission of St. James to proclaim and practice Christ's love.

This is done within our church:

- ~~~~circle bible studies, altar guild & prayer partners
- ~~~~supporting our friends at Good Shepherd
- ~~~~reaching out to families by serving lunch following funerals
- ~~~~Do Days making quilts
- ~~~~Craft group creating crafts for the annual bazaar
- ~~~~through knitting prayer shawls to comfort others
- ~~~~sponsoring kids so they can attend camp
- ~~~~women coming together to rejoice in happy times and supporting one another in difficult times.

The Spring Salad Luncheon and the Fall Bazaar are annual fundraising events sponsored by WELCA. The proceeds support projects in the church such as, new carpet & flooring, paint, kitchen appliances, custodial, kitchen and office equipment. The proceeds are also used to support missions in our community, state and world.

LSI/LSS	MC Community Kitchen
Hospice of North Iowa	KJCY/KCMR Radio
Opportunity Village	Harmony Ranch
Homeless shelter	Crisis Intervention Center
Youth for Christ	Caring Pregnancy Center
Trinity House of Hope	Francis Lauer Youth Services

Through donations from our congregation we are able to support Lutheran World Relief.

FYI over the last 10 years St. James has shipped.....

- Over 500 school kits
- 200 health kits
- 200 sewing kits
- over 2000 quilts
- +200 lap robes for veterans hospitals