

## **St. Matthew Lutheran Women in Mission**

### **2023 Plan of Work**

**Proclaiming Christ** – *“Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all peoples!”* Psalm 96:3

- Provide training for women on how to share Christ in everyday settings. (Create an elevator speech.)
- Create or identify printed or other visual materials to share the Good News (brochures, flyers, water bottle labels, etc.) to use in outreach such as a ‘left lane ministry’.
- Consider shadowing Jackie Turner’s ministry in downtown Sacramento.
- Consider funding Jackie Turners Street Ministry

**Supporting Missions** – *“And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”* Mark 16:15

- Enhance and promote Mites congregation-wide – including monthly collections, with children’s church, website, flyers, church communications, etc. Create new slides to describe mites and their results.
- Provide additional funding to mission efforts locally, nationally, and internationally. (Determine if we will do Makers Marketplace or another fundraising effort.)
- Invite missionaries to speak at meetings.
- Study mission projects being funded by National and District mites.

**Equipping Women** – *“Now may the God of peace...equip you with everything good that you may do His will.”* Hebrews 13:20-21

- Have a speaker at each of our meetings – Acres of Hope, Feed My Starving Children, Shower Ministry, Gathering Inn, Salt Mine, Meals on Wheels, etc.
- Include a brunch/lunch meal with some of our meetings and have a speaker.
- Host churchwide luncheons with educational or mission focus.
- Host Christian women’s leadership training on topics such as discipleship and outreach.
- Host a Spiritual Gifts workshop.
- Enhance our website presence.
- Post on our website Christian women’s learning opportunities and resources.

**Serving Others** – *“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another.”* 1 Peter 4:10a

Serve in our communities and beyond:

- Feed the Hungry at First Methodist Church – prepare and serve meals – more LWM participating.
- Everyone Matters Ministry – Clean the Brew House and ask about other ways to volunteer.
- Acres of Hope – Identify ways we can do other volunteer service, in addition to our crafting workshops and house-warming welcome gifts for graduates.
- Feed My Starving Children – volunteer as a group.
- Make and distribute cooling scarves to those in need.
- Others as need arises

Serve in our church:

- Visit homebound, hospitalized, and caregivers and make small gifts like flowers or Bible message crafts.
- Volunteer to host a Soup Supper during Lent or Advent.
- Revitalize and publicize the Handyman Ministry for Caregivers and Shut-ins.
- Revitalize our greeting card ministry.
- Organize craft classes or groups – such as knitting, needle arts, quilting, etc. to create women’s fellowship.
- Volunteer to serve as a group at other church events – VBS, Eggstravaganza, etc.