

Dear Wilmot Lutheran Church family,

We write this letter with sadness and HOPE. Due to declining participation and health issues the ELCW circles can no longer shoulder the service work they have so capably handled in the past. The ELCW circles will however, combine to continue the monthly Bible study, missions, Altar Guild, Prayer Chain and remembering our assigned person at the Wilmot Care Center.

So after two years of consideration, discussion and research (into how other congregation address this challenge), we have tried to identify the services we all have enjoyed as well as those that are a necessary function of our caring community.

With help from every man, woman and child in our congregation, we will strive to live Christ's commandment, to first love God with all our hearts, soul and mind and second to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Our entire congregation (men, women and children) will be divided into three serving groups. We want to include everyone. Some may not be able to physically help, but will lend prayer support. And we encourage group members to pray for and visit those who can no longer attend worship. If you know of someone who was accidentally left off the enclosed lists please let us know. Each group will be responsible for four alternating months during the year. We pray that everyone will commit to making service a priority in those months. We will change yearly to an alternate four month period, so no group will have the same months every year. Each group will be provided with a guide book.

Groups will be responsible in the assigned months for the following:

Flowers for Sunday Worship.

Readers.

Communion Assistants.

Wilmot Care Center visit for the month.

Welcome before Sunday Worship.

Serving coffee fellowships that come up during the month.

Plan and set up for potluck meals.

Serving funerals or other meals for the month.

Since this is new to all of us, changes may need to be made as we all make adjustments this year. We welcome suggestions, solutions and concerns. Please keep in mind that we (as a volunteer organizing committee) do not have the answers, but working together we can find our way in being servants of our Lord and of each other.

Change is always stressful. We pray for patience and grace as we walk through this transition.

We ask if after prayerful consideration, you are unwilling to help in some way to meet these service needs please call one of the committee members and your name will be withdrawn from the service group list.

Thank you for your consideration.

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