

Northwest Intermountain Women of the ELCA

September 2024

BITS AND PIECES

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, **PROMOTE**
healing and wholeness in the
church the society and the world.

Mission Statement:

To mobilize women to act boldly
on their Faith in Jesus Christ

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What's Next???

This is a one-day retreat to gather women together. All women are welcome so bring a friend! There is a \$10 registration fee to pay when you sign in at the church to help with expenses. The lunch is being provided by the Boise churches.

Unfinished Woman/Women

September 28, 2024

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church

2920 Cassia Street, Boise, ID

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CHURCH HOME _____ **CITY** _____

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Questions?

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Please fill out a form for each person so we have a count for lunch. We would love to have lots of women but don't want to run out of food! So, if you have a last minute registration call me so I can let the Luncheon people know.

What to bring with you:

Offering (we always need to say thank you for our many blessings)

Silent Auction items (money going to the Tumaini Girl's Scholarship Fund)

A willingness to discover and share your "unfinished-ness"

Your servant's heart (there will be some projects to work on)

Your singing voice and your **willingness to listen and respond.**

**Phillipines 1:6: God promises to finish
the good work he has begun in us.**

Some say that being unfinished means that God has plans for you, and that he is not forgotten you. They also say that there are things that God is calling you to do. Unknown

I am an Unfinished Woman and know that God has a plan for me and all of the other Unfinished Women surrounding me.

Connie Reid

Maybe I'm not too old!

I have had times in my life that people told me I should become a pastor and I have always said I am too old to go back to school. Even when I was younger, I decided that by the time I finished I would not be able to use the degree. Was I ignoring God telling me what I should be doing?? Possibly, but because I waited, the church, and dare I say God, now offers a lot more options to serving my congregation. I always tell people that service to God never ends just maybe the way you do it. God truly is never finished with you – always a work in progress!

Carole Dinning


What am I supposed to do now?

22 years ago I had to have a total shoulder replacement surgery! That led to having to quit my job as a Hair Stylist, which I loved and had been doing for over 30 years. What am I going to do, I still want to work, to be around people. I heard of a opening in the elementary school, they needed someone 1 day a week in the office. I always talk to God a lot, wondering if I could do it, I prayed, went in for the interview, got the job, worked a year for the secretary and it turned into 3 days a week working in the officeCar. I worked there for 20 years! God gave me the Peace and Courage to step out of my comfort zone and try.

I saw this saying :

"Never lose hope"

Just when you think it is over,

God sends a miracle. 

Vickie Witt

Finished?? Not Yet!!

When I was teaching 2nd grade at a private school, another teacher, who happened to be a good friend of mine, got “let go” from her position. Another teacher and I felt that she had been treated unfairly, so we both “retired” from our positions at the school. At that time, I thought I was done with my teaching career and expected to move on to something else. Shortly after I quit teaching there, another private school started advertising for a music teacher. The position intrigued me, so I applied. The day after my contract ended with the first school, I was interviewed and hired for the position of music teacher at the second school. God was sending me in a new direction and He even supplied the new job to go with it!

Jone K. Stout

Things to do, lessons to learn.....

At 47 years, 9 months old I know that I still have more to offer this world. I still have things to do, lessons to learn, places to explore, knowledge to share, and I KNOW that God is not done with me yet. He and I still have a lot of work to do before I’m finished. But even when that time arrives He will still not be done with me.

Leslie Mason

God is not done with me yet

I’m not sure where to start, I will start with my teen years, specifically 13, I had something horrific happen to me because I should have had a nervous breakdown but didn’t. Instead God was with me all the way through it. So, I know God’s not through with me yet. Then I have always been very compassionate, either that or I have a large L on my forehead. I am always ready to lend an ear. God gave me the most awesome husband and he and his parents were very understanding about the baggage I came with. Mike was not a baptized Christian then he went to a class with me at church and he met some of the men in the church and was later baptized. God is not finished with me yet. The church I am in I am in some awesome communities.

Rosanna Lantz

Isaiah 30 - The Message

¹⁸ But GOD's not finished. He's waiting around to be gracious to you.

He's gathering strength to show mercy to you.

GOD takes the time to do everything right—everything.

Those who wait around for him are the lucky ones.

Romans 8:28 NRSVUE

²⁸ We know that all things work together^[a] for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Philippians 1:6 NRSVUE

⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete^[a] it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Unfinished Woman/Women

Welcome and housekeeping

Bible Study/Presentation – Not finished yet

Service projects and shopping (silent auction)

Lunch – Provided by Boise Churches

Praising God through music

Service project and shopping again

Second Presentation– What's next

Closing

Our Destination

Redeemer Lutheran Church – Boise, Idaho



The history of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Boise, Idaho, goes back to the 1950's when services were held in the upstairs of a local bar. The first confirmand class came out of those people, but thinking it wasn't dignified enough to have confirmation there, they used another church instead. Soon the church moved to Cassia Street where we are still located today! We are still a small but dedicated group of believers! Redeemer also partners with Grace Lutheran Church in Horseshoe Bend, with whom we share our pastor. We have a couple organizations use our fellowship hall and basement. During the week, Lutheran Community Services offers a mental health service and on the week end Bethel Pentecostal Church uses our basement for services and their church related events.

I have been a member of Redeemer for about 40 years and there were many more involved women when we first came. Even though, the women still play an important part of the church. We may be small in numbers, but we work together for Christ's mission as best we can. We have one active women's group at this time, named Esther Circle. We meet monthly for Bible study out of the Gather magazine. We support the Women's Synod, deliver homemade cookies that are packaged and taken to members and friends of Redeemer at Christmas. We also are in charge of hosting meals or refreshments after a funeral service. Other projects are women work on are Altar Guild, quilters, decorating the church for special Sundays, worship and music planning, ministry of the month, WWW which is wash, wipe, and wear program where once a month people arrive to pick up free diapers, laundry detergent, and body wash. While solely not women's projects, women also are important as coffee hostesses, prayer chain, videoing church services, council, property, endowment, bell choir, and our Little Food Pantry which is in our entryway and is open 24 hours a day.

We would love to host the Women's Gathering at Redeemer and look forward to seeing you soon.

Connie Seymou

Linda Post Bushkofsky,



former executive director of Women of the ELCA,
retired in June.

To honor Linda's 22 years of service to Women of the
ELCA, you are invited to make a gift to

2122: Growing Katie's Fund for the next 100 years,
the campaign to raise \$1 million for this endowment.

Katie's Fund supports ministries focused on global
sharing, leadership development, and faith in daily life.
Linda has focused her leadership in these areas, too. So,
a gift to Katie's Fund in honor of Linda's leadership is a
natural way to say "thanks."

Will you consider a gift today to show your gratitude
and support for the future of Women of the ELCA?

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PHILIPPIANS 1:6



**WORK
IN PROGRESS**

He who began a
good work in you
will carry it on to
completion until the
day of Christ Jesus.

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