

Sister Circle

Sister Circle is an Ecumenical Women’s Spirituality Group

Women of all faiths are welcome. It is a welcoming place to share our faiths, support each other and explore the friendship of women. Our connections to each other is our faith and our journey as we grow in our faith. We will do this when we gather as sisters in a welcoming circle, that is our Sister Circle.

~ The 2024 -2025 Schedule ~

We will hold our monthly meetings at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Port Washington. We meet the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. We do *not* meet in December. In April we will meet on the fourth Thursday due to Holy Week. Our May meeting is a work in progress, stay tuned for the final plan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of these ladies: Pat Buechler (262-853-2365), Robin Honish (262-352-4351) or Mary Wagner (414-828-4675).

~The Meeting Topics~

Sept. 19	Introduction & Chapter 1 Not Counting Women and Children
Oct. 17	Chapter 2 The Women of Exodus
Nov. 21	Chapters 3 Unless You Become Like a Little Child Chapter 4 Women in the Genealogy of Jesus
Jan. 16	Chapter 5 The Canaanite Woman Chapter 6 The Widow of Naim
Feb. 20	Bear Ministry Night No reading assigned for tonight
March 20	Chapter 7 Sarah and Hagar: Who Is Our Mother in Faith? Chapter 8 Abigail, Teacher of Peace
April 24	Chapter 9 Jerusalem Afterword
May 15	This final night we will discuss possible books for the 2025-2026 Sister Circle. Bring your book ideas. Meet at a restaurant and enjoy a meal out together—TBD

Not Counting Women and Children, Neglected Stories from the Bible by Megan McKenna

An acclaimed story-teller turns to the overlooked and often unnamed people whose stories in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures reveal the depths of God’s love, especially the poor. The Gospel of Matthew recounts the feeding of the crowd of five thousand, “not counting women and children.” McKenna muses that there could have been as many as five or six women and children for every man—an enormous number to go uncounted! Who were they? And what of the leftovers—who gathered them? Who brought the twelve baskets that were filled? Who took them home? When ordinary people studying the Bible begin to discuss questions such these, the results can be stunning.

This is how Sister Circle works:

The book we will study...

We will begin our year reading the book, Not Counting Women and Children, Neglected Stories from the Bible by Megan McKenna. Each month we will read the chapter or chapters assigned ahead of time following the chart on the first page of this newsletter.

Our meeting time will be spent focusing on the assigned reading for that month. As you are reading you can note what you may have found a connection with, what made you stop and reflect more deeply, or thoughts you may want to share with the group.

Please note, that if you do not finish the assigned reading, we still want you to join us. The book discussions often lead to other discussions and sharing that is beneficial to everyone. At our meetings, we also take time to pray for those who need our prayers. Please bring your prayer requests to the group.

The fellowship...

You will come to gather with your sisters in faith and enjoy conversation and light refreshments each month. It becomes a time to enjoy, learn and become closer to God and our sisters in Christ. The time together becomes a special time, one that you will look forward to and be glad that you put into your life.

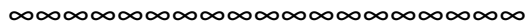
The ministry...

Please join our February gathering and help Robin create her special 'Memory Bears'. 'Memory Bears' is a ministry of love and compassion that has been passed on to Robin from her cousin, who passed away too early in life. Robin makes the bears from clothing of people who have passed away. The bears are made for those loved ones left behind to forever cherish and as a memory keepsake.

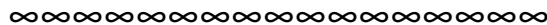
You can help Robin with completion of her bears if you would like in February and possibly at other meetings during the year.

The food pantry sharing...

Bring non-perishables each month if you would like to help those less fortunate. Your donations can be placed in the collection box that is at Christ the King Church. Thank you in advance for sharing with others who need our care and help.



We hope you will join us—your smiling face may be the one that someone needs to see.



Lastly, if you....

- ~need more information or have a question
- ~know someone would like to receive the Sister Circle newsletter
- ~wish to be removed from our email list

...feel free to contact Mary Wagner at 414-828-4675 or mariwags@gmail.com for assistance