

**Congregational Life Shared Ministry Meeting**  
**Wednesday, Sept 7, 2022**  
**10:30am**

In attendance: Erika, Jodi, Lisa, Luke, Melissa, Robin

**Next Meeting Dates:**

**Wednesday, November 9th, 2022 @ 3:00pm**

**Wednesday, January 25th, 2023 @ 1:30pm**

**Wednesday, April 26th, 2023 @ 1:30pm**

**Shared Ministry Update: Luke**

- Welcome to the new team!  
Robin Taylor, Lisa Talcott, Jodi Edmondson
- Shared Ministry Team Update
  - Jodi will represent our team on September 25th at the Shared Ministry Meeting

**Membership: Melissa**

- As of 8/31, 2022, 370 Members
- September 18th, 2022, New Member Sunday, 9+ members joining
- September 18th, 2022, New Member Fellowship Luncheon
  - Rev. Luke, Kim Reid, Vikki Wolff

**Chalice Circles/ Small Group Ministry: Melissa**

- 7 Chalice Circle Facilitators
- Registration for Chalice Circles is open through September
- New Circles October-May/June
  - Chalice Circle Sampler for interested parties held on Oct 2nd, 12:30pm

**Walden Hill Wednesdays: Melissa**

- 4 Cook Teams,  
Leaders:  
Heather Hanson, Jack Weber, Lucy Bahn, Pam Millen
- Resumes Wednesday, September 14th , 5:30pm Choir Dinner, 6pm-7pm, Public,  
REGISTRATION suggested (**Adjusted time, 5:30pm Dinner, 6:30pm Fireside Forum, occasionally 7pm larger Forum**)
- Forum 7-7:30pm
- Childcare available for time of Forum

**Fellowship: Robin**

- Sunday, September 11th, 12:30pm, Kutzky Park, WELCOME BACK Fellowship Picnic hosted by Deb & Mark Mowry
- Saturday, October 8th, 10 am, Donuts in the Park (Cook Park), hosted by Pat Wimmer
- Friday, October 21, 7pm, Armchair Travelers in the Commons, hosted by Robin
- Friday, November 11, 7pm, AT, "Singing Our Way Through Ireland" with Barbara Anderson (on her travels with the MN Boychoir)
- Creative Arts Series, Started in May, 2022 booked through Jan

- UU Friendsgiving Feast, November 24
- Uu Women's Retreat, Nov 17-19, 2023

**Hospitality: Melissa/Robin**

- NEW! Getting Involved Booklet/Pamphlet, Luke focusing on getting involved at the church
  - Add "Online Coffee Hour Interest"
  - 160 copies of booklet/form
- NEW! Hospitality Circle Leaders/Teams
- Features several Circle Team Leaders, simplified leader and morning hospitality roles, fellowship and fun!
- Stand alone Hospitality tab/dropdown on website
  - Erika will add when she revamps the website

**Additional:**

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**\*Melissa gone\***

**September 25th, 2022**

**October 16th, 2022**

**November 13th, 2022**

**December 4th, 2022**

**\*Robin gone 9/15-10/11 and 11/14-12/15 (approx.)**

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**Chalice Lighting for “Businessy” Meetings**

**Li Kynvi**

**Amidst the paperwork and preparation—  
Amidst the emails and emotions—  
Amidst the getting it done and the pressure of time—**

**Can we find a little space for lifting our heads in wonder—  
that we’re still here  
still striving  
still trying  
together**

**Can we find—hearts accepting all the complexity—  
space for falling a little bit in love with this faith  
again  
—with its tenacity  
its capacity**

even its audacity  
space to hold what we still believe is possible  
without hiding it behind disclaimers  
that attempt to shield our hope from cynical critique

Can we enter this workspace  
with a felt sense of our deepest values  
and the ways we can liberate them to humanize  
the processes and forms  
of our decisions and actions,  
our structures and governance?

We light our chalice in hope that we center love and relationship,  
creativity and community as we meet  
In hope that we can invite into our own hearts  
and into this space between us  
so much obvious respect and spacious grace that

—no matter what happens here—  
we emerge connected.