

Women's Missionary Federation

of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations

2023



Our Commission

The Lord Jesus Christ, our Shepherd and Teacher, used various persons to be His witnesses. Women were also called to serve, as indicated in Mark 15:40, 41. We dedicate ourselves to the great commission of the Lord Jesus Christ when He said, *"Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to all creation"* (Mark 16:15).

Our Purpose

To awaken and deepen interest in and love for the Kingdom of God at home and abroad, thus sharing in the great missionary enterprise of the Christian Church.

To unite all the women of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations into the deeper fellowship of consecrated service for the missions, the charities and the Christian Education program of our Association.

To organize missionary activities and children's missionary groups wherever possible.

Our 2023 Theme:

Rescued and Redeemed

Colossians 1:13-14 NIV

My Name _____

My Congregation's Name _____

2023 WMF Officers

President	Angie Truscinski
Vice President	Arlene Jenson
Secretary	Sharon Christianson
Treasurer	Paulette Nelson
Cradle Roll	Deb Vacura
Missions Coordinator	Anna Mattson
Alter, Flowers and Pictoral Display	Sharon Christianson
Communion	Sharon Christianson

Meetings are the 2nd Wed. of each month at 6:45pm

The Hostess of the WMF meetings is responsible for devotions at the meeting. If you cannot lead or hostess in your designated month, please find a replacement.

Northwestern District meetings, Fall Rallies and Retreats with our sister churches are held each year.

Esther Circle

Co-Chair

Gwen Lorenson.....	782-2433
Shelah Jacobson-----	782-2442
Lori Campbell.....	469-2313
Joan Green	782-3548
Rachel Green	782-2266
Joanne Gunderson.....	436-2148
Gloria Gustafson	782-2608
Molly Jacobson	782-2935
Jessie Jacobson	782-2648
Eileen Kilen.....	782-2839
Corrine Mattson	791-7407
Anna Mattson	782-2310
Kristi Nelson	782-2581
Paulette Nelson	781-2802
Heidi Pulk	242-5210
Loralee Waage	782-2652
Trish Waage	782-2708
Heidi Whitchurch	
Deb Wiskow	781-2195
Kaci Wiskow	781-2081
Joni Wiskow	763-486-9150
Heidi Sorenson	782-2964
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Jillyne Stauffenecker	701-265-2755

Potluck Fellowship Dinner: February, September, December

Group is responsible for hotdishes, setup and cleanup on your months to serve

Martha Circle

Co-Chair

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Lisa Bergsnev	218-689-1872
Monica Byre	689-4752
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Corena Green	782-2255
Miranda Green	526-0433
Muriel Green	782-2272
Jody Kirkeide.....	684-1228
Elvina Shimpa	782-2834
Joyce Shimpa	782-2599
Darlene Waage.....	782-2537
Eileen Waage	689-3498
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Cindy Zarling	686-0709

Potluck Fellowship Dinners – January, May, December

Group is responsible for hotdishes, setup and cleanup on your months to serve.

Sarah Circle

Co-Chair

Sharon Christianson.....782-2706

Deb Vacura782-3188

Gretchen Berg	782-4064
Danielle Berg	612-414-1367
Susan Brown	782-2724
Kay Christianson	782-2766
Kim Christianson.....	782-3866
Florence Dvergsten	782-2347
Mavis Gonshorowski	782-2765
Avis Iverson	242-5146
Arlene Jenson.....	782-2551
Audrey Korbl	782-2289
Nancy Olson	763-355-4721
Alysha Rood	218-689-4635
Lynn Strand	701-640-1941
Shania Waage	684-4264
Lisa Vacura	469-1393
Carol Waage	782-2350
Robyn Waage.....	782-4261

Potluck Fellowship dinners: March, October

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The Bible Study for 2023 is Women of Redemption

Written by Tami Demo and Michele Mobley

“For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” Colossians 1:13-14

Lesson 1

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

EVE – Rescued from Shame - Forgiveness

Bible Study Leader is Sharon Christianson

Hostess is Sharon Christianson

Agenda:

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Monthly project

Lesson 2, Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Hagar – The God who sees me - Known

Bible Study Leader: Angie Truscinski

Hostess: Anna Mattson

Agenda:

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Opportunities:

Ash Wednesday, Wednesday February 22, 2023

Lesson 3 -- NOTE – DATE Change

Monday – March 13, 2023

Leah – This time I will praise the Lord – Steadfast Love

Bible Study Leader: Deb Vacura

Hostess: Mavis Gonshorowski & Deb Vacura

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Opportunities:

Easter, April 9th

Lesson 4

Monday, April 10th (note date change)

Tamar – She is more righteous than I - Righteousness

Bible Study Leader: Lynn Strand

Hostess: Paulette Nelson

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Opportunities:

Lesson 5

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Rahab – The kindness of God - Kindness

Bible Study Leader: Corrine Mattson

Hostess: Jody Kirkeide

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Opportunities:

Baccalaureate—May 21, 2023

Lesson 6 - NOTE Date change

Wednesday, June 7th

Deborah – Godly leadership brings rest - Leadership

Bible Study Leader: Sharla Kilen

Hostess: Miranda Green

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Opportunities

Bible Camp Prep mtg at United on June 19th- supper provided

Bible Camp – Preteen – June 25-29th

Teen – June 20-25th

AFLC Annual Meeting, with WMF day June 13-17th

Lesson 7 - (Note date change due to Family Camp)

Monday, July 10th.

Naomi – Where you go, I go - Relationships

Bible Study Leader: Lynn Strand

Hostess: Arlene Jenson

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Opportunities:

Family Camp – July 12-16th

WMF Retreat at Galilee July 28-29th

Lesson 8

Wednesday, August 9th

Ruth (part 1) – Determined Faithfulness – God's Favor

Bible Study Leader: Deb Vacura

Hostess: Deb Vacura/Mavis Gonshorowski

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Opportunities:

Lesson 9

Wednesday, September 13th

Ruth (part 2) Determined Faithfulness – God's Rest

Bible Study Leader: Sharon Christianson

Hostess: Kim Christianson

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Opportunities:

Lesson 10

Wed, October 11th

Hannah – In her deep anguish she prayed - Humility

Bible Study Leader: Dawn Baumgartner

Hostess: Paulette Nelson

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Opportunities:

Lesson 11 (note date change)

Wednesday, November 15th

Abigail – Abigail acted quickly - Discernment

Bible Study Leader: Corrine Mattson

Hostess: Anna Mattson

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Opportunities:

November 23rd Thanksgiving – Dinner

Tentative – Dec 10th SS Christmas program and Potluck Dinner (Martha & Esther Circle serving) Shut in baskets with Sarah

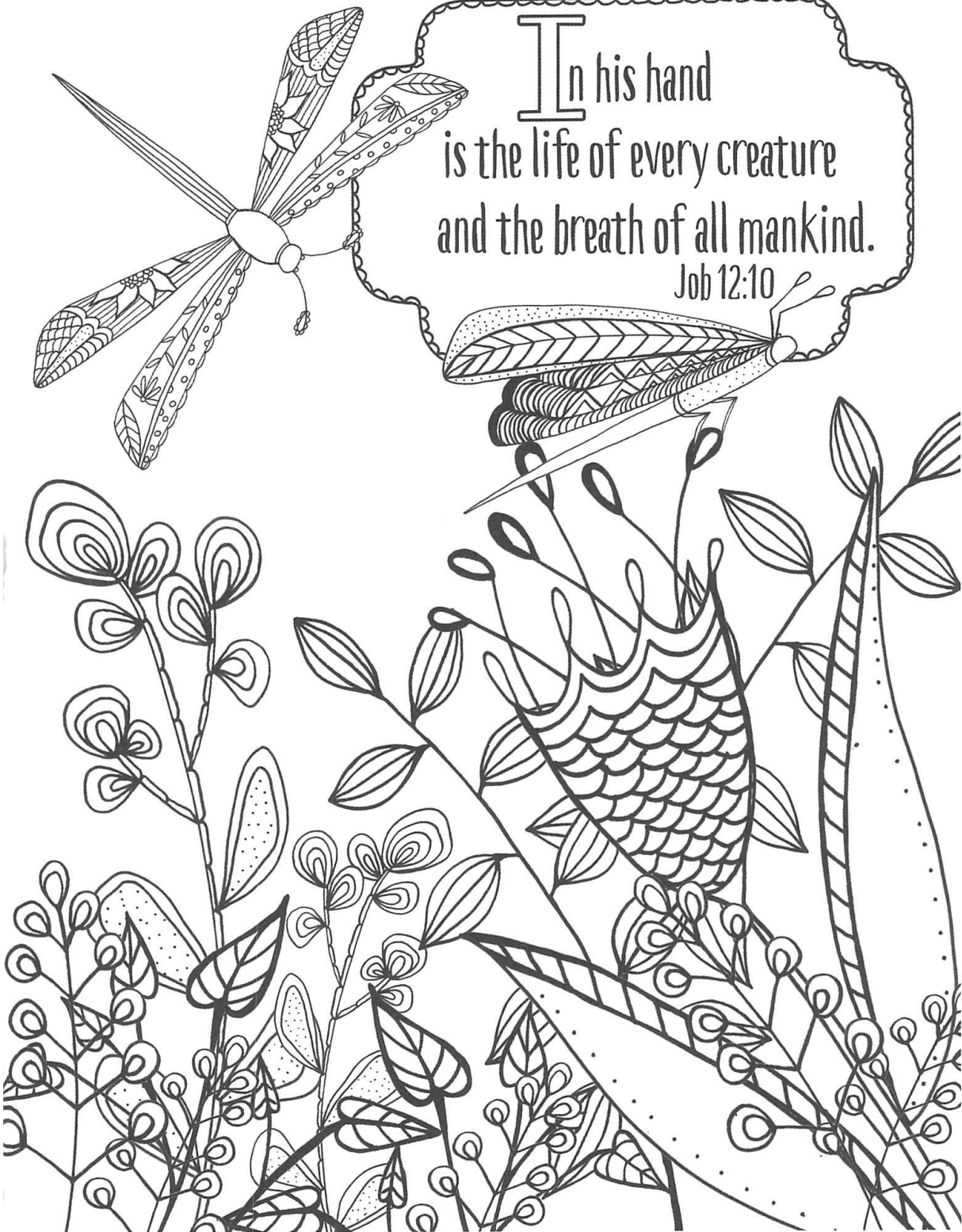


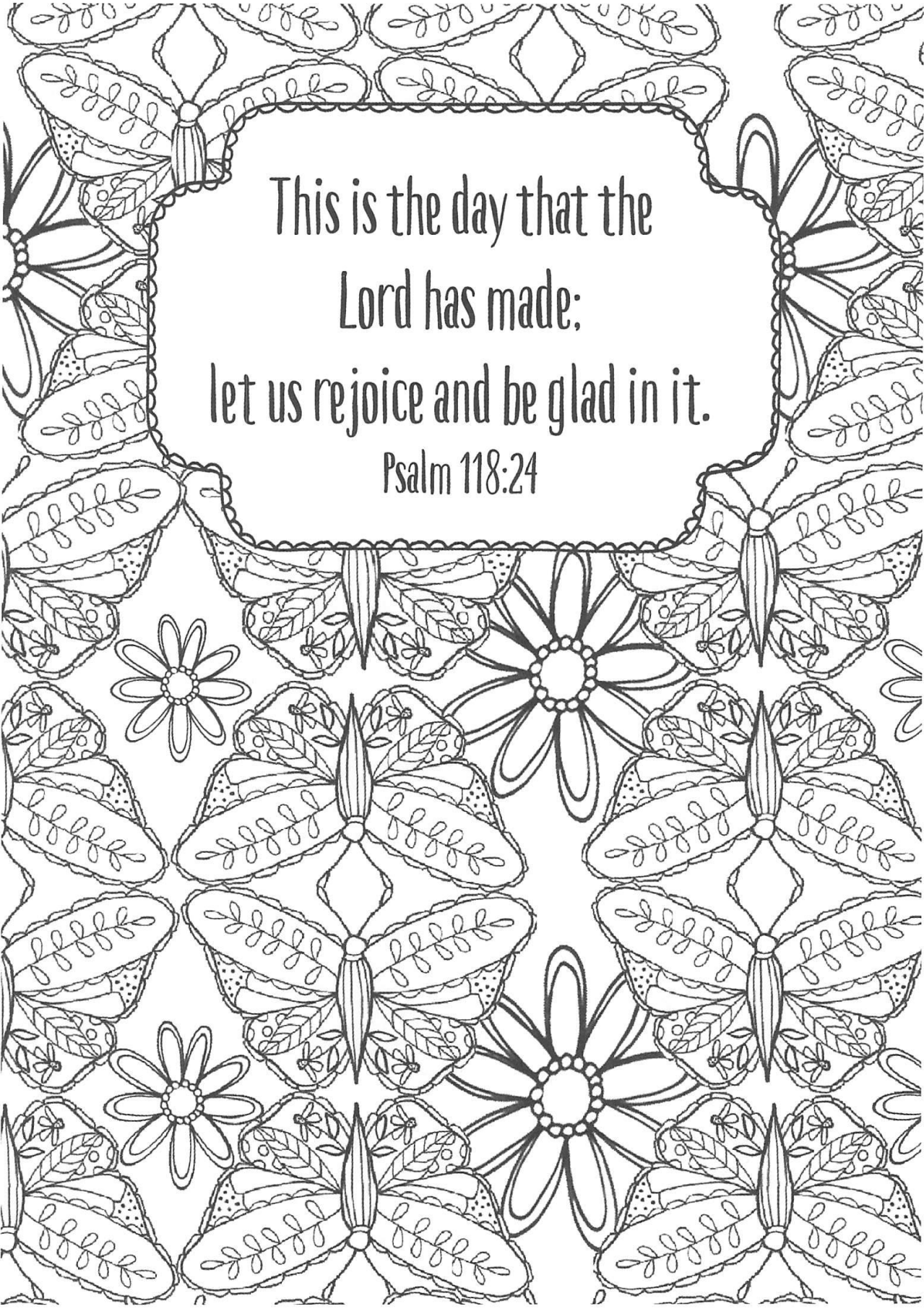
The heavens declare the
glory of God

the skies proclaim the work
of his hands.

Psalm 19:1

In his hand
is the life of every creature
and the breath of all mankind.
Job 12:10

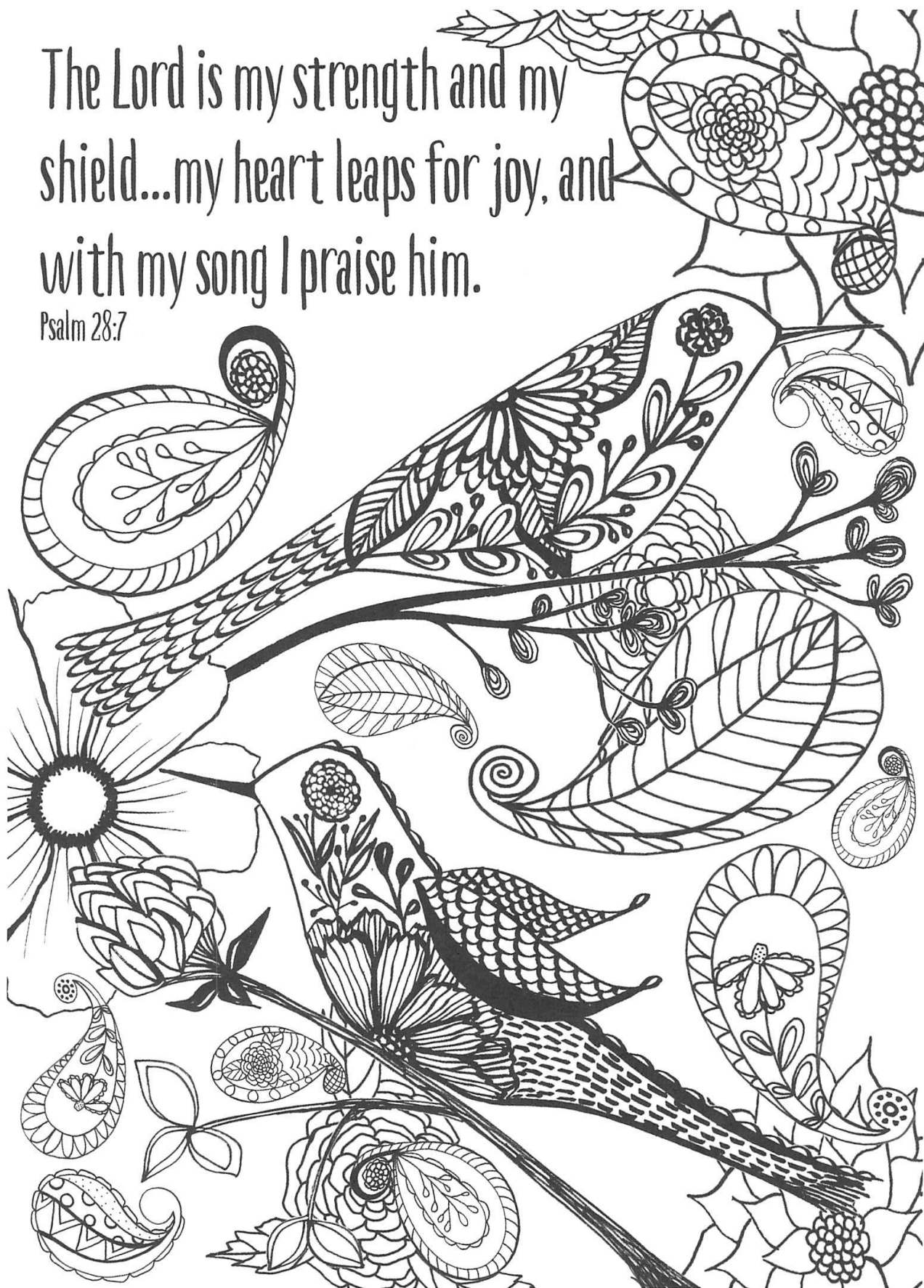


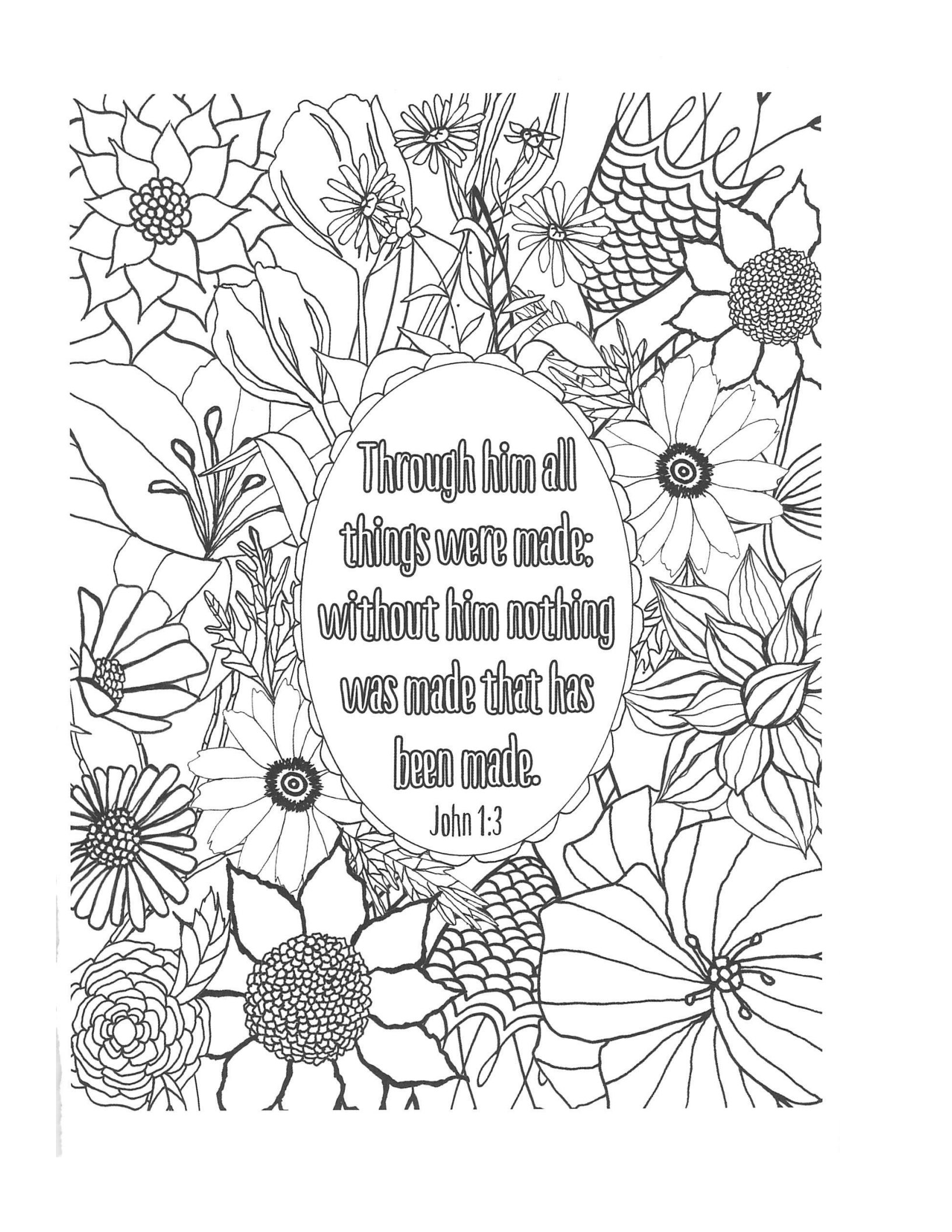


This is the day that the
Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24

The Lord is my strength and my
shield...my heart leaps for joy, and
with my song I praise him.

Psalm 28:7





Through him all
things were made:
without him nothing
was made that has
been made.

John 1:3

2023 WMF Projects

The WMF is a unique arm of the AFLC in that 3/4 of our projects are in support of other departments. The projects are **Christian Education** (Parish Ed, FLBC, FLS), **Home Missions**, **World Missions** and **WMF General Fund**. All funding that comes in for the Christian Education, Home Missions and World Missions projects is sent to these projects. The WMF General Fund is our working fund and is the only budgeted fund. Prayerfully consider how you might support these projects of the WMF. Mail your contributions to the National WMF Treasurer, Margie Lee, PO Box 118, Beulah ND 58523 and make checks payable to the **WMF of AFLC**.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - (April, August, and December) (includes Parish Ed, and AFLC schools)

PARISH ED – Support received will go towards the Heritage Series Vol. 6 written by Pastor Robert Lee This book is a history of the AFLC. Funding received that goes beyond this project will be directed to publication projects as the Parish Board desires. For more information, <https://www.ambassadorpublications.org/> or order <https://www.ambassadorpublications.org/store>.

FREE LUTHERAN BIBLE COLLEGE – Support will continue to go towards the dorm improvements to finish up supplying all the rooms with new furnishings. Keep the FLBC students, faculty, and staff in prayer. For more information <https://flbc.edu/about-flbc/>.

FREE LUTHERAN SEMINARY – Support continues for each full-time seminarian with \$100 per semester for books and a Lutheran Ambassador subscription and the rest towards special projects. Pray for the seminarians, their wives and families, the faculty and staff, and the school's Board of Trustees. For more information <https://flbc.edu/about-fls/>.

HOME MISSIONS - (March, July, and November)

Support received will go towards developing church planting resources to help churches plant churches. Please keep in prayer the Home Mission congregations, pastors, wives and families, church planting assistants and the Alaska mission with its pastors, wives and families and the Home Missions Board. Information about Home Missions and the Alaska mission work can be found on their website <https://www.aflchomemissions.org/>.

WORLD MISSIONS - (February, June, and October)

The support will be distributed to the AFLC missionaries as the World Missions Board deems necessary. Please keep aware of the missionaries that are on the field and those who are no longer serving on the mission field, so that funding sent to World Missions can be used appropriately. Keep our missionaries and families in prayer. A list of all AFLC missionaries, those serving AFLC fields and those on loan to other missionary organizations, with addresses and birthdays, as well as suggested mailing procedures and ideas can be found in the WMF Resource Manual. We also have under this project: **1) Mission Scholarship** program which is available to seminarians who are approved as missionary candidates for AFLC World Missions, Missionary Assistant, and Missionary and Seminary wives who desire to continue their spiritual education. **2) Missionary Assistants Fund:** for individuals approved by the AFLC Missions Board to help serve our missionaries on the field. Visit the World Missions website to learn more and see our missionaries and their work at <https://www.aflcworldmissions.org/>.

CONFERENCE OFFERINGS

Conference offerings that are mailed in are divided equally between the 4 projects. Any designated money is always given to the designated project. WMF Day offering is divided evenly between Christian Ed and WMF General and the Mission Festival offering is divided evenly between Home Missions and World Missions.

WMF GENERAL FUND - (January, May, and September)
Budget \$61,150

Support received for the WMF General Fund will be used to cover necessary expenses. The National Board prepares, prints, and distributes the WMF Bible studies, Helping Hand newsletter, fall WMF Resource Manual updates and welcome packets to new congregations. Support also covers the administrative costs, salary for the Executive Secretary and stipends for the President and Treasurer and other expenses such as convention expenses, travel of officers, office equipment and supplies, communications between District and National officers. Some of our officers are willing to come and share information about the WMF and the work that we are involved in. Join us for encouragement, resources, and WMF details on our website (www.aflc.org/women), Facebook page (www.facebook.com/WomensMissionaryFederation/) and Instagram www.instagram.com/wmfaflc/. Be sure to like, follow and share.

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