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WHAT'S NEW --

the other side

by Jennifer Thoreson

Like all things in our lives God has a perfect plan and perfect timing. I have been part of CLF for around 9 years now, and from day one I longed to be part of the Women's Ministry. I first became involved with CLF through the Silent Prayer Retreat and after that first experience I knew I wanted to hang out with these women and I desperately wanted to become a part. To connect on a deeper level with these amazing, spirit filled women. To develop sisterhood relationships, not just casual church acquaintances or surface friendships.

To be honest, I spent a lot of years sitting on the outskirts, leaving more than one women's event in tears because I wasn't "part of". I don't feel like that was the fault of anyone in leadership or that the women around me were purposely keeping me out. I think God has been working in me this whole time to stretch me, to grow me, and to change me to eventually get me to this point of being willing to share myself with others, to be open and vulnerable. Until I was able to do those things I could never access the relationships I craved.

Today I am on the other side of all those fears and insecurities I had about my relationships with the women around me and

I have a whole tribe of amazing women I can now call my sisters, that I can call on any time, for laughter, for tears, for prayers, for praise. And I am passionate about helping other women navigate the development of meaningful relationships with other women, especially relationships that help us grow in our knowledge and understanding of God. Relationships that help us to grow our faith and help us step up to the next level of putting our faith into action.

Ephesians 4: 14-16

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined, and held together by every supporting ligament, grows, and builds itself up in love, each part does its work.

Meet Your H2H Team

CLF Heart to Heart Women's Ministry Team members are excited for what God is doing in the women of our community!



(Lead-Amber Schraufnagel
Committee-Andrea Buggs, Kathy Tangeman,
Kate Sliper, Theresa Ganiere, Jennifer Thoreson,
Deb Twardokus, Cathering Wilson, Jessie Tighe
Not Pictured-Amy Rodriguez)

Check Out Our New Logo

When you see this logo, you'll know that there's something special coming up for our sisterhood! Keep an eye out for it, you won't want to miss what God is doing in this ministry!

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embrace unity

by Amber Schraufnagel

After multiple conversations with Catherine, my beautiful sister-in-Christ, regarding our hearts for sisterhood and ministry, the only conclusion I could make is that God was moving and leading. He has moved in the hearts of women at CLF for longer than I've been around (hard to believe it's been 21 years since I moved here). I've been so blessed to be mentored and guided by many of the wiser women in our church and have seen first-hand, God's heart in these women. The older women I speak of, may not realize it, but us young ladies look up to you and strive to lead, serve, worship, love and care like you do. And recently, many of us have felt God's prompting and leading to step into ministry roles to allow Him to work in us and through us. We have seen the sisterhood that has been created throughout the years in many women of CLF and the H2H team desires to continue to build, grow and deepen those relationships. The CLF Heart to Heart Women's Ministry's mission is to Unify, Outreach, Connect. Our goal is to develop sisterhood, grow spiritually, and reach out to our friends and community. We hope and pray that this ministry will not only allow each lady in our congregation the opportunity to grow in their spiritual journey, but also to reach out to ladies in our community that do not have a place to

call home or a sisterhood to be a part of. Our prayer and hope is that you will find a unified body of Christ here.

A recent Bible Study I was a part of, Cultivating Unity, brought such inspiration to me and truly changed my heart and my relationships. I'd like to share a little from this study, as unity is so important in women's ministry and for the body of Christ.

"The beginning of Ephesians 4 has struck me with its power to change relationships... Four words can do this, through the power of Christ...and if embraced and lived out, can foster intimacy and ignite unity at all levels of your life. Humility, gentleness, patience, and love are the keys to unity and will aid you in all areas of your life if embraced."

EPHESIANS 4 1-3 (NIV)

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

#hashtag

what's with the #hashtag?

As a close friend of mine says, "Document life as it happens". In the Social Media world, hash tags (#) are where it is at and a way to document your life! When you post about our event or a post you like on our page be sure to #clfH2H!

What is also great about utilizing social media, is that we can reach people that we otherwise couldn't. We all know different people, so would you help us get the word out that we're here and

ready to serve the women in our community? Please Like and Follow us on Facebook, if you haven't already. Invite your lady friends to our page and invite them to our events! When attending events, please "check in" to the event and remember to #hashtag any photos or posts about the event! What is our hashtag, again, you ask?

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What's to Come in 2018



Welcome Breakfast –
Speaker: Amanda Lewandowski
Saturday, January 13th, 2018
9:00am at CLF Café

Always a Bride – Never a Bridesmaid
Speaker: Jennifer Thoreson
Friday, February 2nd, 2018
6:00pm at CLF Sanctuary



Marriage Conference
Friday, February 9th-Saturday, February 10th

A Moment Away Worship Night
Friday, March 9th, 2018
7pm at CLF Sanctuary



Beth Moore Conference
Friday, April 13th-Saturday, April 14th

Annual Daughters of the King Breakfast
Saturday, May 12th, 2018
9:00am at CLF Café

Ladies Connect – An Evening Out
Speaker: Kate Sliper
Friday, July 13th, 2018
6:00pm at CLF Parking Lot

A Moment Away Worship Night
Sunday, August 12th, 2018
6:30pm at CLF Sanctuary

Silent Prayer Retreat
Friday, September 14-Sunday, September 16

Annual Soup & Chili Cook Off
Sunday, November 11, 2018
1:00pm at CLF Café

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