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## Episcopal Church Women *Diocese of Chicago*



**It's time to make plans!**

**Programs and events for the women of the Diocese  
of Chicago are being confirmed.**

**Make plans to attend a retreat, a gathering or  
conference this year.**

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### What are the women in your church doing?

The women of St. Lawrence, Libertyville are holding a Women's Potluck on March 6 .

St. Julian's Guild, Trinity, Wheaton are hosting Deacon Jim Lanning for a program on the lengthy and controversial process involved in the translation of the Bible from Latin to English, the language of the people. Thursday, February 15, 12:30pm.

*Let us know what you're doing and we'll be happy to share the news!*



### Valentine's Day is not just a "Hallmark holiday".

In addition to the United States, Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France and Australia. In Great Britain, Valentine's Day began to be popularly celebrated around the 17th century. By the middle of the 18th, it was common for friends and lovers of all social classes to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes, and by 1900 printed cards began to replace written letters due to improvements in printing technology.

Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced valentines in America. Today, according to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year.



### A survey of the needlepoint art in our worship spaces.

The ECW would like to gather photographs of the needlepoint in the worship spaces across the diocese. We would like to invite churches to photograph their needlework and submit the photos for a future presentation at an altar guild conference. Please forward photos to: [altar@ecwchicago.org](mailto:altar@ecwchicago.org). Be sure to identify your church and send the photos in a JPEG format.