

"Wise Women Also Came" by Jan Richardson

## Wise Women Also Came - A Women's Christmas Retreat

Saturday, January 10, 2026 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Holladay, UT

Dear Utah Conference Churches,

My name is DanaLee Simon and I am a Pastor in the UT Conference of ELCA Churches. I am excited to lead our second annual Women's Christmas Retreat on Saturday, January 10, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will gather at Our Savior's Lutheran (2500 E 3900 S, Holladay, UT 84124) and I would love for you to come.

Our theme this year, *Wise Women Also Came*, will once again be based on a resource by pastor, poet and author, Jan Richardson. I love her explanation of what a Women's Christmas celebration is all about. "There is a custom, rooted in Ireland, of celebrating Epiphany (January 6, which brings the Christ-mas season to a close) as Women's Christmas. (It) originated as a day when the women, who often carried the domestic responsibilities all year, took Epiphany as an occasion to celebrate together at the end of the holidays. . . , Whether your domestic commitments are many or few, Women's Christmas offers an opportunity to pause and step back from whatever has kept you busy and hurried in the past weeks or months. As the Christmas season ends, this is an occasion both to celebrate with friends and also to spend time in reflection before diving into what this new year will hold."

It is in this spirit that we will come together. We will begin by sharing brunch, and then dive more deeply into our theme, together, through art, poetry, music, prayer, and connective conversation. I look forward to seeing you and connecting us all together in this fun and meaningful gathering.

The registration fee for this retreat is \$30. Scholarships are available. Please let Pastor DanaLee know if you are in need of one. Please register and reserve your spot by e-mailing DanaLee and letting her know you will be attending. Include your name, phone number and congregation. Her e-mail address is <a href="mailto:sagehillwisdom@gmail.com">sagehillwisdom@gmail.com</a>.

Questions? Do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor DanaLee at the e-mail address above. Or, reach out to your congregational contact for this event.