

Mission Coalition Meeting
September 9, 2024 5:00 p.m.
Christ Episcopal Church

Sixteen people were in attendance. Jan Drehmel called the meeting to order. Introductions and prayer requests were made. Jan opened the meeting with prayer.

Guest Speaker: Carla Berscheit, Dementia Care Specialist with the Aging and Disability Resource Center serving Chippewa and Dunn Counties

Carla's job focuses on support for people with dementia and their caregivers. 5.8 million Americans have some form of dementia. 126,000 people in Wisconsin have diagnosed dementia. Dementia is the umbrella term for 70-100 types of dementia. The ADRC webpage has many resources and monthly newsletters to help answer questions about dementia. Carla will be offering a book study, "High Octane Brain" in October. She also mentioned Age Your Way is an all-day workshop on Friday, October 18 at CVTC. Carla is willing to come to any organization/church to speak on a variety of dementia related topics. Carla's contact information is cberscheit@chippewacountywi.gov 715.716.7777

Mission Update: "Love Chippewa" Touched-Twice, Sept. 28th (Whitney Falkenberg/Jan Drehmel)

Love Chippewa will be Saturday, September 28th 8:00 a.m. – noon at Chippewa Falls High School. Volunteers are needed Friday, September 27 to set up and volunteers also needed for the day of the event. Please contact Whitney Falkenberg to volunteer. 715-563-3353 or website: lovechippewa.org
Prayers are also appreciated.

Mission Update: "Soles4Souls" shoe mission ... Sept. 1 – Oct. 19 (Shirley Froelich)

Shirley Froelich reported that Soles For Souls collection has begun. Shoes in good condition can be given to families at Love Chippewa. Please put Soles For Souls shoes together with rubber bands in boxes. Please mark each box with the number of shoes and bring the boxes to Zion United Methodist Church, 1102 Superior St the week of October 12-19.

*** NOTE from Whitney Falkenberg concerning "Soles4Souls" shoes for "Love Chippewa" event.**

If people want to drop off shoes at Harvestime Church, 341 West Prairie View Rd., C.F., the week of September 23rd for "Love Chippewa" we will put them in our trailer at church. Have them email me ahead of time so I can be sure someone will be there ... office.cf@htcfamily.org

Mission Update: "Neighbor To Neighbor" Hispanic Health Fair ... Oct. 5th (Kari Allen)

Kari Allen explained a new mission program, a Hispanic Health Fair as a part of the "Neighbor to Neighbor" project. The fair will be at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1300 Mansfield St. The purpose is to provide resources for Hispanic families in the area. There will be a food truck and community members are invited to come to have lunch and support the families.

Mission Update: St. Francesca Winter Coat & Clothing Giveaway ... Oct. 18th (Tina Simmons)

Tina Simmons told us about the St. Francesca Winter Coat & Clothing Give Away which will be held on Friday, October 18th. Each person in the family is eligible to receive a coat. Please bring winter wear donations to the St. Francesca Resource Center (Allen and High Street) on Thursday, October 17th between 9:00 a.m. and Noon. Questions, contact Tina ... st.francesca.rc@gmail.com

Mission Update: "SOCKTOBER" sock drive ... Oct. 1st – 27th (Mark Birrittella)

Mark Birrittella requested **new** socks for Holy Ghost's "Socktober" Sock Drive October 1-27. Drop off socks on Monday, October 28th from 9-12 at Goldsmith Café, 22 South Prairie St. The socks will go to Valley Vineyard Pantry and St. Francesca Resource Center. Questions, Contact Mark ...

msbirr@yahoo.com

Mission Update: Hope Village (Mike Cohoon/Jan Drehmel)

* Jan read Mike Cohoon's report stating that Hope Village's Capital Campaign is complete with 192 different contributors for \$2.8 million. It will be several years before all funds are received.

* About 150 people attended the groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the success of the campaign and the start of construction on the duplexes and 6-plex.

* The Chippewa Falls Green Team, consisting of 3 senior girls, were successful in writing a grant to install solar panels at the Hope Village site. This will provide energy to the community center and 10 Tiny Houses for a savings of \$350,000 over the life of the panels.

* There will be a thrift sale at the community center on Thursday-Saturday 9/12-9/14.

* In the last 2 weeks, 3 households successfully moved into permanent housing. Currently 10 children live at the village.

* The Saver's clothing drive earned \$2,764.

* Hope Village is hiring an Assistant to the Director and is presently accepting applications.

* Hope Village has access to a \$1.5 million grant to convert a building into affordable housing. If you know of a building that may be appropriate for this effort please contact Mike ...

director@hopevillagechippewafalls.org

Mission Update: "Lighten Your Load" Mission (Gayle Klitzke)

* Lighten Your Load will be signing up volunteers for the laundry sessions October-December. If you are interested in volunteering contact Gayle ... gayleklitzke@hotmail.com

* A "Lighten Your Load" family received a washer and dryer through Amundson Appliance "Clean Clothes for Children" program. "Yay God!" If you know of other families that might be in need of a washer/dryer, contact Gayle.

Mission Update: Valley Vineyard Backpack/School Supply Giveaway (Trishe Houle/Jan Drehmel)

Valley Vineyard gave away more than 1,000 backpacks on August 11th. Dresses were also available for families. Boy Scouts provided water for the guests. "Yay God!"

Volunteers Needed To Deliver Mobile Meals (Jan Drehmel)

It was reported that Mobile Meals is searching for volunteers to deliver meals. To learn more about the program, whether to donate or to sign up for meals, contact Brick at 715-723-0486. Or, call the ADRC of Eau Claire County at 715-839-4735 to learn more about volunteering.

Queen Size Bed/Mattress Needed (Tina Simmons)

Tina Simmons is looking for a queen size bed and mattress to be given to a woman who comes to St. Francesca. Please contact Tina at St. Francesca Resource Center if you have one available ...

st.francesca.rc@gmail.com

Next CFMC Meeting -- October 7th

The next meeting will be October 7th at 5 p.m. at Zion United Methodist Church.
Sherry Jasper, President of Our Nawakwa, Inc. will be our guest speaker.

The meeting concluded with the Our Father/Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Gayle Klitzke, Acting Secretary

CFMC Mission Statement: "Faithful people joining hearts and hands to be God's Love in action for our neighbors near and far."

CFMC Bible Verse: Psalm 60:12 – "With God's help we will do mighty things."

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