

Chippewa Falls Mission Coalition Agenda – Monday, October 7, 2024

PLACE: Zion United Methodist Church, 1102 Superior St., Chippewa Falls, WI

-- Introductions and prayer requests.

-- Opening Prayer by Pastor Paolo Vasquez

Guest Speaker: Tim Easker, Chippewa County Human Services Director

Subject: “Day In The Life Of A Consumer” Event, October 29

This is an opportunity for decision makers and community partners to experience firsthand what our consumers experience when working with the various divisions within the Chippewa County Department of Human Services.

It’s an opportunity to learn more about the various services provide by the Chippewa County, and in some cases even “shadow” workers making a call on consumers and/or consumer families.

Various agencies you would be able to learn more about include ... Aging & Disabilities ... Recovery & Wellness ... Economic Support ... Children, Youth & Families – Children with Differing Abilities ... Children, Youth & Families – Youth Justice ... Children, Youth & Families – Child Protective Services ... Children, Youth & Families – Birth to Three.

All sessions are offered in both the morning and afternoon. So you can pick two to attend, one in the morning, one in the afternoon. There is no charge for attending.

This event will be held on October 29th at the Chippewa County Court House. Deadline for signing up is October 18th. For more information, contact Pauline Spiegel ...

PSpiegel@chippewacountywi.gov ... 715-726-7816.

Guest Speaker: Sherry Jasper, “Our Nawakwa” Board President

Subject: Camp Nawakwa, Supporting our Youth and Community By Fostering Continuing Appreciation For The Outdoors

Camp Nawakwa is a historic 75-acre camp that includes a 26-acre lake settled amongst hilly glacial topography located off of County Road E near Cornell, Wisconsin. Originally established in 1936. They offer 3 winterized lodges, a seasonal dining hall, 12 seasonal and rustic sleeping units, a historic lodge from the original Boy Scout camp, a waterfront, an archery range and plenty of space for a variety of outdoor activities. They also have access to the Ice Age Trail.

Camp Nawakwa offers affordable rentals for youth groups, teams, clubs, troops, packs, classes ... or any organization that is youth focused. If space is available, adult groups can rent as well for a retreat. Camp Nawakwa will have a Staff person available to help you coordinate your visit/event.

If you are interested in learning more about Camp Nawakwa, check out their website ...

ournawakwa.org

“Love Chippewa” Touched Twice Mission Event – Final Tally (Whitney Falkenberg/Tom)

Love Chippewa was held on Sept. 29th at the Chippewa Falls Senior High School.

- Served 65 families ... a total of approximately 175 people
- There were 56 volunteers from the various CFMC churches/non-profit agencies serving our Love Chippewa guests.
- 4 volunteers assisted guests on Sunday for oil changes at Markquart’s Lube and Wash at 321 W. Prairie View Rd in Chippewa. They did 23 oil changes between 1-4pm. Thank You to Markquart for letting us use their space and the 2 Mechanics who donated their time to do the oil changes.
- Haircuts are still the most popular and requested service, along with Chiropractic adjustments and vision checks. Other services offered included dental check-ups, medical check-ups, family photos, bags of food, clothing, and a meal. We also had a number of information tables set up to provide information about the various community services available to our guests.
- What a great event to show the Love of God in Action! “Yay God!”

Soles4Souls Shoe Mission -- Update (Ken and Shirley Froelich)

By the time you receive these Minutes all the Soles4Souls shoes collected by the CFMC are on their way to the Twin Cities. All shoes were delivered to Zion United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 12th. They will be distributed to those in need both in our country as well as countries around the world. We will have a final tally of the shoes collected before our next meeting. “Yay God!”

Winter Clothing Drive – Oct. 18th: (Tina Simmons/Tom)

St. Francesca Resource Center will again be collecting and distributing Winter clothing. They ask that you bring your winter wear to St. Francesca, 117 Allen St., Chippewa Falls on October 17th between 9:00 a.m. and Noon. They will be distributing the winter wear on Friday, Oct. 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

“Socktober” Sock Mission – Oct. 28th: (Mark Birrittella/Tom)

Holy Ghost Church along with the CFMC is collecting socks in October for the Valley Vineyard Pantry and St. Francesca Resource Center. They are looking for warm socks for those in need during the upcoming cold winter months. Bring your socks to the Goldsmith Café, 22 South Prairie St., C.F. on October 28th between 9:00 a.m. and Noon. (Next to the St. Francesca Resource Center.)

Hope Village Update: (Mike Cohoon)

-- Hope Village is currently in the process of installing a new metal roof on our Community Center, soon to be followed by the installation of the Solar Panels from the funds we received from a grant written by the Chi High Green Team.

-- Would any of your church youth groups be interested in doing a play night with the kids of Hope Village? Games? Reading? Cookout? Smores? Maybe you have an adult group that would be interested in helping out as well. Contact Mike Cohoon if you are interested ...

director@hopevillagechippewafalls.org

-- On August 26th we broke ground for our new affordable housing units. If you have time, take a drive by Hope Village and see the progress being made on those buildings.

-- Hope Village is close to hiring an Assistant Director of Hope Village, possibly by Nov. 1st. Stay Tuned!

“Lighten Your Load” Family Laundry Mission: (Gayle Klitzke/Tom)

Lighten Your Load had an information table set up at the “Love Chippewa” event on Sept. 29th and a number of families were interested and took LYL calendars with the dates LYL is available.

There are still a couple of volunteer spots available in our October-December schedule. Contact Gayle for more information ... gayleklitzke@hotmail.com

“Lather With Love” Soap Mission Coming Again in February! (Tom)

We discussed returning our annual soap gathering mission to the month of February. We tried doing it in April last year, but it got too close to Easter and it was hard getting youth groups involved as some youth programs ended in mid-April. After discussion all were in favor of returning it to February for 2025. Be sure to add it to your 2025 calendars.

Carelink “Gas Card” Mission Update (Tom)

Funds for Carelink cards are dwindling as we approach the end of the year. In this past quarter (July-Sept.) we gave out 129 cards to people that needed to get to doctor appointments, job interviews, grocery shopping, kids to school or just day-to-day living at a cost of \$3,225. If you would like to contribute to Carelink, send your check to Pam Moran – Carelink, c/o Central Lutheran Church, 411 N. Bridge St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. Make the check out to Central Lutheran, put “Carelink” in the memo line.

Neighbor To Neighbor “Hispanic Health Fair” Update (Brenda Clauson)

Brenda was at the Hispanic Health Fair on Oct. 5th representing the Salvation Army. It was held at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls. Brenda said it was a great success with about 20 Hispanic families in attendance.

The purpose was to provide various health resources for Hispanic families in the area. There was also a food truck and they invited community members to have lunch with the families for support and fellowship.

English Lutheran Church of Bateman – Ongoing Cold Weather Items Needed (Karen Rokser)

Karen said they have an ongoing need for cold weather items such as sleeping bags, long johns, wool socks, etc. These items will be going to Chippewa Valley Street Ministry. For more information, contact Karen Rokser ... rokser@charter.net

Zion United Methodist – Meatball Supper, Oct. 23rd (Ken & Shirley Froelich)

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Next Meeting – September 9, 2024 ... Christ Episcopal Church, 624 Bay St., C. F.
Guest Speaker: Carla Berscheit, Dementia Care Specialist, ADRC
Subject: Dementia Resources

* Closed with Lord's Prayer/Our Father.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Drehmel

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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