

**Chippewa Falls Mission Coalition Agenda – Monday, June 3, 2024**

**PLACE: English Lutheran Church of Bateman, 20588 Co. Hwy. X, Chippewa Falls**

**WEBSITE: [cfmissioncoalition.org](http://cfmissioncoalition.org)**

**FACEBOOK: [facebook.com/cfmissioncoalition](https://facebook.com/cfmissioncoalition)**

**Guest Speaker:** Julie Mitchell, English Lutheran Church of Bateman

**Subject:** Establishing a Parish Nurse program for the Chippewa Faith Community

- Contact Julie for questions and interest - cell: 715-214-8089 or email: [nurse@elcbateman.org](mailto:nurse@elcbateman.org)

**Julie is a Congregational Health Ministries Coordinator**

- Grounded in Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38
- Goal: present a concept that churches can offer as a focused area ministering to health
- Medical professionals within your congregations may be trusted in unofficial capacities as parish nurses already
- “Remember you are called to serve. Remember the one who called you.”
  - Image of Jesus laying a hand over a nurse taking care of a child.

**This is not a nurse coming to change bandages, etc. in response to the closing of local hospitals. More so, it is someone being a resource provider and offering presence.**

**Faith Community Nursing and Congregational Health Ministries**

- Partnership to provide Christian caregiving with a medical approach. A network.
  - Many congregations are offering things on their websites that others would likely collaborate with, but we don't always know what others are doing
- Online program for certification
  - Self-paced, online program for Registered Nurses.
  - The boss of a parish nurse is the minister of the congregation.
  - Helps the leadership of the church to help a minister keep track of all members, plus the concerns of each member's family.
    - Advises when members need someone to talk to or talk through medical concerns - even grief, Power Of Attorney questions, etc.
  - Mind, body, and spirit focus.
- Trained medical ministry to support our churches.
  - Sometimes a paid position
  - Julie proposes that this is just a part of ministry, like any other committee
- What if there aren't enough volunteers to fulfill this need?
  - Open door clinic is interested in this; would like to partner with the YMCA.
- What about costs?
  - Cost for the course: \$462.
    - Search “Faith Parish Nursing” under Concordia University Wisconsin’s Continuing Education options to learn more.

- Still in the beginning stages. Likely will be a program cost for some basic supplies/paper. But there's a lot of support that can be offered at no cost. Giving recommendations.
- It's a work in progress :) Contact Julie. She also has \$500 for one more nurse if your congregation cannot afford to sponsor getting the certification.
- Julie serves her church, but she would love to network with all of the churches that have this program. If she's running a caregiver support event, she wants to let everyone know so that if your congregation also needs this but isn't offering something, we can cooperate. **Julie wants to communicate with a community team, but she is not another congregation's nurse. Any licensed RN at your congregation will run their own program/ministry.**
  - Suggests a monthly meeting of nurses in congregations - network, talk about what they're offering this month.
  - Must be a CURRENT, LICENSED Registered Nurse.
    - Can't have dropped their nursing license.

#### **Mission Update: Hope Village/Tiny Houses**

- Capital Campaign/Construction Update (Mike Cohoon)
  - Only need \$410 to reach goal of \$2.7 million, which is being raised for permanent affordable housing!
  - No date for groundbreaking. Waiting for a grant to be awarded. Working on revising some things for the grant, doing the environmental review, etc.
  - Solar: 3 high school girls wrote a grant to purchase solar power for Hope Village. They were the winning entry and Hope Village will be receiving a total of \$180,000 for this project - funds have been cleared.
- July 29<sup>th</sup> Golf Outing Fundraiser Update (Jack Rokser)
  - Would like every organization/congregation to bring a few teams - goal of having 100 golfers. Starts at 10am at Whispering Pines Golf Course in Cadott.
  - Biggest need: Teams of 4. It's a scramble. \$95 per person.
  - Looking for help moving chairs, putting up tents, etc. the Sunday before. Call Hope Village office to volunteer

#### **Mission Update: "Lighten Your Load" Family Laundry Mission.** (Gayle Klitzke)

- LYL Sign Up Genius will be going out the first week of June to sign up for LYL sessions July-September.

#### **CFMC July Community Service Missions: Agnes' Table Meal Service – July 16<sup>th</sup>**

##### **... Barnabas Table Meal Service – July 22<sup>nd</sup>.** (Tom Drehmel)

-- No CFMC meeting in July, so we have scheduled two CFMC community service missions to serve meals at Agnes' Table on July 16<sup>th</sup> and at Barnabas Table on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

-- For Agnes' Table we need 4 people from 3:00 to 5:15pm to prepare the meal and 4 people from 4:45 to 7:00 pm to serve the meal and clean-up. We have filled all the volunteer slots for Barnabas Table, still need a few volunteers for the 4:45 to 7:00pm slot at Agnes' Table.

Agnes' Table cost of \$150 and Barnabas Table cost of \$50 have both been covered by donors.

-- You can sign up by emailing Tom Drehmel ([tdrehmel@me.com](mailto:tdrehmel@me.com)) or phone 715-723-5626.

**CFMC Website and Facebook Update:** (Mark Birrittella)

CFMC webpage: [cfmissioncoalition.org](http://cfmissioncoalition.org)

CFMC Facebook: [facebook.com/cfmissioncoalition](https://www.facebook.com/cfmissioncoalition) -- Check them out. Suggestions?

**Other Business/Announcements**

-- What mission projects/community events are happening at your church/non-profit? How can we help? Include on Website and/or Facebook?

- Agnes Table has started a sack lunch program. Making 30 per day. Born out of having extra bread and lunch meat.
- 1st Presbyterian - luncheon about mental health this Wednesday at 11:30am - fighting fear and anxiety in a world that feeds it.
  - Soul Shepherding teams in congregations. Check it out ...  
<https://www.soulshepherding.org>

**Next Meeting – August 5, 2024 ... St. Francesca Pantry (NO MEETING IN JULY)**

**Guest Speaker:** Karen Herbison, Owner/Director of Visiting Angels

**Subject:** Visiting Angels, Living Assistance Services

\* Closed with Lord's Prayer/Our Father.

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Allen

**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."**