

## **Human Concerns Minutes**

### **Nov. 8, 2023**

Attendees: Suzanne Biedenbender, Pat Davis, Ana Rysavy, Marilyn Sabec, Kathryn Sepstead & Penny Wessing

Meeting started at 6:30 with Prayer of St. Francis

#### **PROJECTS & FOLLOW-UP**

**Blood Drive for Red Cross** - Blood Drive was held on Monday, Oct. 16 from 1:00 – 6:00 in the Parish Center. We collected 49 units of blood from 39 donors. Our next blood drive will be in spring probably in April, since Easter is on March 31.

**Eternal Life Tree for All Souls' Day** – The Eternal Life tree was setup on Sunday, Oct. 29 after Mass and will be taken down Wednesday, Nov. 29. Letters were sent to 22 cluster families who lost a loved one during the year inviting them to the weekend Masses on Nov. 4/5, where the names of the deceased in the cluster were read at the beginning of the weekend Masses. On Sunday, Oct. 29 Dacada held a service at 1:00 pm to remember the deceased. On Thursday, Leon Jacoby led All Souls Day services in the cemeteries at 10:00 in Adell, 11:30 in Holy Cross, 1:30 in Cascade, 3:00 in Random Lake and at 4:00 in Lake Church.

**Gables Stocking Stuffers** -This year we are again making Christmas stockings to be given out on St. Nicholas Day. Deb Hamm has made the stockings. The committee handed out a list of suggested stocking stuffers to parishioners on Nov. 12. We will stuff the stockings in the parish center after the Wednesday Mass on Nov. 29. The stockings will be dropped off at Gables to be distributed on Dec. 6 – the feast of St. Nicholas and also to our homebound parishioners. Currently there are 18 residents in the North building and 22 residents in the South building of Gables and 9 homebound parishioners. The committee voted to give Deb Hamm a token of appreciation for making the stockings and Susan Risch for making handmade Christmas cards to include in the stockings.

**Advent Giving Tree** - We will again collect items for Mary's Room, DSCS school and the Food Pantry. For Mary's Room we will collect diapers for newborns & size 4, 5 & 6, newborn onesies, newborn sleepers, baby wash, children's socks & underwear, new receiving blankets, new bath towels/wash cloths, clothes (3T & 3T), winter jackets (2T, 3T & 4T) and fleece blankets and new or gently used pack-n-plays. Suzanne will get a list of needs for DSCS. For the Food Pantry, we will collect deodorant, toothpaste, single toothbrushes, shampoo, toilet paper, Kleenex, hand soap and hand cream, pineapple, mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail, canned pears, canned carrots, peas, potatoes, beets, cream style corn and refried beans. The Giving Tree will be setup after Sunday Mass on Nov. 26 and taken down on Dec. 17. Our committee will sort the Giving Tree items after Sunday Mass on Dec. 10 & 17 and deliver them to the appropriate groups.

**Christmas Cards to shut-ins** – Margaret Bemis will write out the Christmas cards.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Food Pantry** – had discussion on ways to promote and collect items for the Food Pantry. Looked at different types of containers with wheels to use outside of church to collect items once a month on Hospitality Sunday. Still researching containers and how to proceed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne Biedenbender