

Human Concerns Minutes

Oct. 10, 2023

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

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

PROJECTS & FOLLOW-UP

Blood Drive for Red Cross - The Blood Drive will be held on Monday, Oct. 16 from 1:00 – 6:00 in the Parish Center. We will setup the gym after Sunday's hospitality. Marilyn and Kathryn will work the first shift from 1:00 – 3:30. Betty and Suzanne will work from 3:30 – 6:00 pm. We have 67 slots for giving blood and already have 37 signed up.

Eternal Life Tree for All Souls' Day – This is now a cluster event. Suzanne will setup the OLL tree on Mary's altar on Sunday, Oct. 29 after Mass. Bob Bichler will setup a tree at Holy Cross. We will also have a banner at each church listing the names of the deceased. The tree and banner will stay up throughout November to remember our deceased relatives and friends. Parishioners can add memorial cards to the tree at any time. At the weekend Masses on Nov. 4/5, we will light vigil lights in front of the main altar for all the listed deceased. Suzanne will send a letter to all parishioners in the cluster who have lost someone during 2023 informing them about the tree, banner and vigil lights and inviting them to Mass on Nov. 4/5, when the names of the deceased from 2023 will be read before Mass. A service will also be held in Dacada on Sunday, Oct. 29 after praying the rosary at 1:00 pm and will include reading the cluster names of the deceased. Leon Jacoby will hold memorial cemetery services on Thursday, Nov. 2 in Adell at 10:00 am, in Holy Cross at 11:30, in Cascade at 1:30, in Random Lake at 3:00 and Lake Church at 4:30. Suzanne will handle bulletin & Mass announcements.

Gables Stocking Stuffers – We plan to put together stocking stuffers for St. Nick's on Dec. 6. We will hand out a list of suggested stocking stuffers to parishioners on Nov. 12. All items will need to be returned by Nov 26. The committee will assemble the stockings in the parish center on Wednesday, Nov. 29 after the 8:00 Mass and deliver them to Gables on the Pond to be handed out on Wednesday, Dec. 6 – the feast of St. Nicholas

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, new or gently used packnplays and potty chair. Suzanne will get a list of needs for DSCS. For the Food Pantry, we will collect deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, toilet paper, Kleenex, hand soap and hand cream, pineapple, mandarin oranges, canned fruit and refried beans. The Giving Tree will be setup after Mass on Nov. 26 and taken down on Dec. 17.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Food Pantry - Ideas were shared on promoting and collecting items for the Food Pantry. Starting in January, once a month on the Sunday before hospitality we plan to handout slips of paper listing a needed item for the Food Pantry. On Hospitality Sunday, we will have bins outside the entrances of church to collect the items returned. The committee members will take turns delivering these items to the Food Pantry on the following Tuesday.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Biedenbender