

## **Human Concerns Minutes**

### **Sept. 12, 2023**

Attendees: Suzanne Biedenbender, Pat Davis, Leon Jacoby, Betty Mayer, Kathryn Sepstead, Penny Wessing & Marilyn Sabec .

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

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

**Blood Drive for the American Red Cross** – our next drive is on Monday, Oct. 16 from 1:00 – 6:00. Setup will begin around noon. We will follow past procedures and advertise in The Sounder, the cluster newsletter, website and the October calendar. Marilyn and Kathryn will work the first shift from 1:00 – 3:30 and Betty and Suzanne will work from 3:30 – 6:00 pm. Penny will be on standby.

**Eternal Life Tree** – Suzanne will setup the tree on Mary's altar on Sunday, Oct. 29 after Mass. It will stay up throughout November to remember our deceased relatives and friends. Parishioners can add memorial cards to the tree at any time. The committee will send a letter to parishioners who have lost someone during 2023 informing them about the Tree 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 in Adell at 10:00 am, in Cascade at 1:30, in Random Lake at 3:00 and Lake Church at 4:30 on Thursday, Nov. 2.

**Gables gift bags** – We will put together Christmas stockings for the feast of St. Nicholas on Dec. 6. A list of suggested items will be handed out after Mass on Sunday, Nov. 12. Items need to be returned by Sunday, Nov. 26. We will assemble the stockings on Wednesday, Nov. 29 after Mass and then deliver them to Gables by the weekend for distribution on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

**Advent Giving Tree** – In the past we collected articles for Mary's Room in Sheboygan, the food pantry and for Divine Savior school. The Giving Tree will be setup on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

**Xmas cards to the homebound** – Margaret Bemis will handle the Christmas cards.

**"40 Days for Life"** in Sheboygan will run from Sept. 27 thru Nov. 5 from 7 am to 7 pm. The event includes people walking along Taylor Drive near Planned Parenthood praying for an end to abortion. There is a Kick-Off rally on Sunday, Sept. 24 at Sheboygan Lutheran High School Performing Arts Center featuring a free showing of the movie, *October Baby*. Movie begins at 2 pm.

#### **New Business**

**Food Pantry** – There was some discussion on ways to promote the Food Pantry and how to get more donations throughout the year. Our only current promotion is thru the bulletin. We will pursue more ideas at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Suzanne Biedenbender

Next meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023 at 6:30 pm.