

## **Human Concerns Minutes**

### **Nov. 4, 2025**

Attendees: Suzanne Biedenbender, Mary Beth Davis, Marilyn Sabec, Kathryn Sepstead, Leon Jacoby & Penny Wessing

Meeting started at 6:00 with Prayer of St. Francis

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

**Blood Drive for American Red Cross** – our Blood Drive was held on Monday, Oct. 13 from 1:00 – 6:00 in the Parish Center. We collected 42 units of blood.

**Eternal Life Tree for All Souls' Day** – The Eternal Life tree was setup on Wed., Oct. 29 after Mass and will be taken down Wednesday, Nov. 26. Letters were sent to families who lost a loved one during the past year inviting them to the weekend Masses on Nov. 1/2, where the names of the deceased in the cluster were read at the beginning of the weekend Masses. This is now a cluster event. Each church puts up an Eternal Life Tree and a banner listing the parishioners that died during 2025 for the month of November. Also 33 small vigil candles were lite in front of the main altar for All Souls' weekend. On Sunday, Nov. 2, Dacada held a service at 1:00 pm to remember the deceased. Leon Jacoby led All Souls' Day cemetery services on Sunday, Nov. 2 in Random Lake, Adell, Cascade, Holy Cross and 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 will hand out a list of suggested stocking stuffers to parishioners on Nov. 16. We will stuff the stockings in the parish center at our December 1 meeting. 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 30 women and 11 men at Gables and 16 homebound parishioners.

**Advent Giving Tree** - We will again collect items for Mary's Room, DSCS school and the Food Pantry. Suzanne will get a list of classroom items for DSCS.

Mary's Room needs: Winter Coats: Girls 3T, 4T; Boys 2T, 4T  
winter Clothing for newborns - 2T,3T,4T boys and girls,  
newborn diapers & size 4 diapers  
pajamas: Boys 4T & Girls 3  
baby wash and shampoo  
toddler size blankets  
newborn sleepers for boys & girls.

Food Pantry needs: canned mandarin oranges,  
canned pineapple  
boxes of instant oatmeal  
dry cereal not heavily sweetened  
laundry detergent  
dish soap & paper towels  
large rolls of toilet paper  
hand soap (no Irish Spring please)  
toothpaste 6 oz. or larger and single toothbrushes.

The Giving Tree will be setup on Wednesday, Nov. 26 and taken down on Dec.21. All items should be returned to church or the Parish Office back porch by Dec. 21. Our committee will sort the Giving Tree items after the Sunday Masses and deliver them to the appropriate groups.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

**Next meeting:** Monday, Dec. 1, 2025 at 6:00 pm. The date changed to a Monday, because we have the Advent Encounter/Reconciliation service on Tuesday, Dec. 2. We will be stuffing St Nick stockings at the Monday meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Biedenbender