

INTENTIONS/ PRAYER

Present: JoAnn Presta, Mary Kral, Judy Dougherty, Mary Kay Lammers, Theresa Miresse, Deb Schneider, Mary LaRock, Kris Kelm, Cindy Beauchamp.

LIVING THE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

Human Concerns Ministries living the Parish Mission Statement this past month through inspirational worship, faithful discipleship and service to others.

Kettle Moraine Food Pantry: Reverse giving collection of nonperishable food items for the Kettle Moraine food pantry.

School Supply Collection: Parishioners donated backpacks and school supplies for youth of the Reformation Lutheran community.

Peru: Sisters from St. Clare school community in Peru were welcomed at St. Paul's during their visit to WI and hosted by parishioners during their stay.

Funeral Luncheons: Food and hospitality provided to families for funerals held this past month at St. Paul's.

Loaves and Fishes: Monthly meal provided for St. Ben's meal program. Groceries purchased for Casa Maria. Non-perishable food items donated, and laundry soap purchased for Kettle Moraine Food Pantry.

Mount Meru Coffee: Coffee purchased to help support fair trade farmers in Tanzania.

Heavenly Babies: Layette bags assembled and donated to new Moms in need.

Health Ministry: Home communion visits to the homebound, those in hospitals, nursing homes, rehab facilities. Rosary prayed each Wed. with residents at Linden Grove Waukesha.

Work and Pray: Volunteers knit/crocheted prayer stoles, baby blankets and made cards for the bereaved/ sick.

Prayer: Committee members pray for each other and those who volunteer in the human concerns ministries.

MINISTRY UPDATES:

Free Clothing Exchange: Jeri Roder chair: The Free Clothing Exchange will be held in October 4,5,6 at St. Paul's. In addition to community members, Jerie invites local non-profit organizations to come in and pick up clothing or items needed for their ministry. This included St. Ben's, Casa Maria and Heavenly baby Layette ministries. Items left at the end of the clothing share will be loaded directly into a St. Vincent DePaul truck and donated to their mission.

Peru: Deb Passino chair: The Saint Frances Sisters who serve the St. Clare school community in Peru will be in WI in the weekend of September 15/16. Deb Passino has planned an itinerary during their stay to include a visit to Holy Hill and dinners hosted by parishioners. Parish families will host the Sisters during their visit to WI. The Sisters will be the guest speakers at the St. Paul's KC breakfast on September 16.

Some water filtration supplies have been purchased in advance of the 2019 summer mission trip to Peru. Deb Passino will arrange for items to be shipped ahead of time with bulk shipment through a church in Oklahoma City.

Kettle Moraine Food Pantry: Vera Switalski chairperson: Parishioners responded generously with the donation of over 1000 non-perishable food items through the reverse giving collection in July.

Reformation Lutheran: Deb Schneider chairperson: There was a generous response by parishioners to the collection of school supplies for Reformation Lutheran in August.

Hope Center: Volunteers will be needed to help serve a meal 10/12/18. In the past, Faith Formation students and their families have served as volunteers. Backups from Human Concerns volunteers will be notified if enough student volunteers are unable to help 10/12. Please let Mark Kral know if you are willing to serve as a back-up for the Hope Center on 10/12/18.

St. Michael's: Feast Day mass held Sept. 9, 2018

FINANCIALS:

Casa Maria groceries, St. Ben's groceries, Peru water filters, freezer for Casa Maria, security gates for Reformation Lutheran, layette items for Heavenly Babies. Fiscal yearend donations made to Michael's, Hope Center, ERAs Senior Network (previously called Interfaith), Capuchin Community Services.

ERA Senior Network: Their name change reflects their desire to be there for seniors in all eras or periods of their life. They provide volunteer opportunities for seniors after they retire to help them find meaningful fulfillment. They provide support for seniors who've lost mobility through volunteer drivers, yard clean up, etc.

BUSINESS:

- **Youth service projects needed for next year:** Faith Formation students will need to complete service hours. Contact Bill Snyder, director of youth ministry, at B.Snyder@wi.rr.com (cc Mary Kral) with service projects parish youth could be helping with.
- **Human Concerns bulletin boards:** JoAnn Presta updated the Human Concerns bulletin boards. Check them out! Thank you, JoAnn!
- **Ministry Fair:** Chairpersons are asked to follow-up with new interested volunteers again this fall. Please make sure all new volunteers have been contacted and informed of available volunteer needs within your ministry. Items for future ministry fair improvements were discussed. It has been noted that several Human Concerns ministries could use extra space for their displays (whole table vs. ½ a table if table space available). Noted were Heavenly Babies and Peru.
- **2018/2019 Human Concerns Theme:** "Be a Blessing and Receive Blessings". The committee discussed project ideas committee members and parishioners can do next year to support current St. Paul Human Concerns ministries. Ministry chairs should let the committee know of any ideas/needs.
- **Looking for Human Concerns Ministry pictures:** Human Concerns ministry pictures sought for the parish stewardship video. Please submit pictures of your Human Concerns ministry at work to Mary Kral.

OTHER PARISH THINGS TO SHARE:

Rich Curran Speaker: Will address the Parish the evening of Wed. Nov. 7th. Topic: Is Today's Church Relevant? All parish members 6th grade and older are invited to attend.

Refrigerators: St. Paul's has two refrigerators that are no longer in use and need a new home. If you have a need, please contact the parish office.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Kris Kelm, Cindy Beauchamp: The Pastoral Council recently attended a retreat focused on steering your parish to live a stewardship lifestyle. Recommended the book Everyday Stewardship- How are you acting in your Life?

NEXT MEETING: Oct. 10, 7:00 PM in the parish office. Human Concerns Ministry focus for Oct: Respect Life and Bereavement. **Please note the Oct. 10, 2018 meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held Nov. 14, 7 pm in the parish office.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Notes taken by: Judy Dougherty, Human Concerns Committee Secretary

****PARISH HUMAN CONCERNS MINISTRY SCHEDULE BY MONTH**

Event month	MINISTRY FOCUS	AGENDA TOPIC
ongoing	Peru collection canes, glasses, toothbrushes	*reminders?
ongoing	Reformation Lutheran Neighborhood Store collection	*reminders?
January - December	Loaves and Fishes	December*
January	Respect Life/ Baby Bottles for Life	December*
February-March	Lenten Collection St. Clare Community, Paita, Peru	January – March*
February-March	Lenten Collection Easter Meal Baskets/ Food Drive	February/March*
February	Parish Dinner Auction Basket	December/January
March	Hope Center	March/ October
April	Free Clothing Share/coats St Ben's	March/ October*
March	Bereavement sends Easter cards	March
April	Ministry Fair	March, April
May	Heavenly Babies Layette	April
May	Elizabeth Ministry	April
June	Casa Maria	June
June	Hospital/ Home	June
July	Kettle Moraine Food Pantry Reverse Giving	June*
August	Reformation Lutheran School Supplies Drive	July*
August	Peru/ St. Clare School Community	June
August	St. Michael's Catholic Church Feast Day Mass September	June
September	Sew for the Needy	August
October	Free Clothing Share/coats St. Ben's	August*
October	Respect Life/ Prolife ad signatures	October*
October	Respect Life Chicago MARCH FOR LIFE?	October
October	Hope Center	September
Nov	Bereavement All Souls Liturgy/Reception	September
November	Giving Tree	October-November*
November/December	Bereavement Support Group	October
December	Bereavement sends Christmas cards	November
Ongoing	Mt. Meru Coffee	November*
January - December	St. Ben's	November
January 2019	Respect Life March for Life bus to Chicago?	October

*Fundraiser Approvals Submitted in February 2018