

**Opening Prayer/Intentions**

**Present:** JoAnn Presta, Mary Kral, Judy Dougherty, Sue Biovin, Mary Kay Lammers, Theresa Miresse, Marlene Vlosak, Deb Schneider, Ann Krumrich, Linda Varner, Vickie Schroeder

**BULLETIN EDUCATION AND AWARENESS FOR MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS/YEAR OF MERCY:** (refer to schedule at the end of the notes)

Bulletin cover and articles, website, table in Gathering Space, bulletin boards will focus on October Corporal Work of Mercy. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month Human Concerns people needed at the Mercy Action table. Oct. 8, 6 pm mass (Vickie Schroeder) Oct. 9 8:30 mass JoAnn Presta, Marlene Vlosak.

**October:** (Visit the Sick) Hospital/Home Ministry and Respect Life month in the Archdiocese.

The group discussed making cards in advance of 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month to have available at the Mercy table for parishioners to sign. Card will be distributed to people in nursing homes. Card making materials have been donated to St. Paul's. Card making could be a potential FIAT involving religious education students and/or the St. Paul school children. Also discussed card making to be included at the Monday morning Work and Pray group. The group also knit and crochet prayer shawls for nursing home resident. Parishioners will also be informed/invited to take part in saying the rosary Wednesday mornings at Linden Grove in Waukesha. Parishioners will be reminded of the accessibility of home communion to the sick and homebound.

**Ministry Updates**

- **Free Clothing Share:** Jerie Roder: Friday, Oct. 14 and Sat. Oct 15. Save clothes/household goods to donate. Drop off Oct. 13. Event open to the community.
- **Heavenly Babies:** Ann Krumrich, Heavenly Babies chairperson, was present to give an update on the Heavenly Baby (layette) ministry. Layette collection currently taking place in September at St. Paul's. 35 – 40 layette bags are delivered each month to 7 agencies in Milwaukee county and 4 in Waukesha County. Each month agencies send an e-mail to Ann to let them know their need. These agencies include Life Connections in downtown Waukesha, Meta House, St. Michael's parish, Aurora family services, Mt. Sinai hospital, Women's Care Center, Casa Maria, La Casa, Safe Babies, Parent Place, SAPAR – Waukesha School district. Clothing and other items are donated by parish members and/or rummagers who pick up gently used clothing at rummage sales. Items are sorted, washed, folded and placed in a large shopping bag with a handwritten note. Some of the items packed into each bag include 6 onesies, 4 sleepers and blankets handmade by parishioners. Drivers deliver the bags to the agencies with need. In 2015, the layette ministry provided 306 layette bags to new moms in need. This committee is looking for 1-2 more people to help with putting the layette bags together. This involves picking out the outfits from donated items, washing, folding and putting the items together in a bag. Once assembled, they are dropped off to St. Paul's. This ministry could also use the help of more clothing sorters and drivers to deliver bags to the agencies.
- **Reformation Lutheran:** Day at the Farm Oct. 1, 2016: Deb Schneider has coordinated a Day on the farm for 20 kids and 5 adults from Reformation Lutheran. Bus transportation has been donated by the farm to transport the students from Reformation Lutheran to the organic farm in Elkhorn. The kids will participate in building blue bird houses, take a wagon ride out in the field and have the opportunity to get out of the city for a day. Saint Paul's will provide soup, bread and pumpkin bars. Apple sauce will be provided by the farm. Deb will ask 5 high school students from St. Paul parish to accompany her and help out at this event.  
Reformation Lutheran church update: Currently leasing space, but still searching for a new worship space. At the current location, there is a problem with water leaking down into the leased space area from the apartments above. Reformation Lutheran has the monies saved from the sale of their old church, but is struggling to find a new space. Despite this struggle and the reduction of paid staff to three, they remain positive and continue to hold all their bible studies, youth programs, etc. 22 back packs and tons of school supplies were donated to Reformation Lutheran to distribute to the student in need resulting from donations and the August school supply fundraiser held at St. Paul's.  
Discussed Adventure Day at Reformation Lutheran. This event is tentative. Dependent on holding it in a portion of their worship space that doesn't get wet. Deb will check into the possibility of using St. Paul's for this event.
- **St. Michael's:** Mary Drout: Feast Day mass September 11, 10:30 multicultural mass. Attended by several parish members. The mass was very beautiful, delivered in multiple languages. The church was full and had a very strong sense of community. A delicious potluck was served after mass for all guests and parishioners.
- **Bereavement:** Ruth Palzkill, plans underway for All Souls Mass/reception. There will be a mass and reception held after the 6 pm mass.
- **Hope Center:** Serve meal Wednesday 10/12/16, 3/1/17 and 10/11/17 – need 6-8 volunteers, 10 gallons of milk, dessert for 80-90 people. Arrive by 5, dinner served 5:30, serve, clean up, done by 7pm. Mary Kral has asked for volunteers to help serve and bake desserts through Religious Ed for Oct. 12th. She will contact HC volunteers if additional help needed.
- **Work and Pray:** Meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday mornings of the month. Looking to start an evening group. This group knits and crochets items for the needy including prayer shawls for nursing home residents. Information for interested participants will be posted in the bulletin.

**FINANCIALS:**

Casa Maria groceries, St. Ben's groceries purchased from funds for Loaves and Fishes  
Fiscal year budget will be reviewed prior to October Human Concerns meeting.

### **ONGOING BUSINESS:**

**Blood Pressure Screening** – need a coordinator. Announcement for new coordinator has been posted in the bulletin. If a volunteer coordinator does not come forth, the parish may decide to no longer offer this service as participation has declined and alternative resources are available in the community.

**FIATs (Faith in Action Tasks):** The group brainstormed a list of FIATS for high school students (3 are required for each high schooler).

Reformation Lutheran: Day on the farm: Deb Schneider: October 2016.

Reformation Lutheran: Kids Adventure Day: Deb Schneider: Sat. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 20 kids and Adults (5). There is some concern about space and water problems at the current buildings for Reformation Lutheran. Looking into possibility for the event to take place at St. Paul's.

Reformation Lutheran: Bake Christmas cookies for Adventure Day: this is tentative. Dependent on finding a suitable location for Adventure Day

Heavenly Babies: Ann Krumrich: Student can help make layettes for newborns. Involves collecting baby layette clothing from items donated to St. Paul's. Wash, fold clothing and prepare layette bag at home. Return bag to St. Paul's for distribution to needy.

Ongoing throughout the year. Ann Krumrich will provide guidance to student.

Giving Tree: Sharon Rehnberg: Need help sorting packages after masses on weekends in December that gifts are returned.

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Help serve meal, bake cookies for the Hope Center. October, March

Loaves and Fishes: Tim and Mary Alters: Volunteer to help with monetary and food collection for Loaves and Fishes after mass, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

Easter Meal Baskets: Peter and Deedee Griswold: Help sort food and distribute meal baskets to recipient families. This takes place at St. Paul's in March/April 2017.

Sew for the Needy: Margo Schumacher: Sew fleece hat, scarves and mittens. Patterns provided. Distributed to children at St. Michaels and Reformation Lutheran. Fall 2016

Fall parish clean-up

Help Knights of Columbus at parish breakfast. Sept 25, Jan., April

Saint Michael Parish: Mary Drout submitted by e-mail

1. Attend an all parish Sunday liturgy at 10:30 at St. Michael, then have youth meet with high school youth from St. Michael Parish after the liturgy. This can be coordinated with Shanendra Johnson, youth minister, Saint Michael. At present the dates of youth formation for Saint Michael have not been finalized.

2. Invite speakers from St. Michael Parish to St. Paul Parish on Sunday to share their stories of seeking refuge, and then relocating in the United States. One of the confirmation small groups could serve as hosts for this event at St. Paul Parish.

3 Tom Heinen, executive director for Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, and also a member of St. Michael Parish.

Suggested participation in the Interfaith CROP Hunger Walk, which occurs this year October 9. There is no charge for participating, though walkers are asked to bring nonperishable food items. I have emailed him for further information about this event. This is the 31<sup>st</sup> year of this event. St. Paul Human Concerns will donate

4. Tim Heinen also suggested a youth exchange dinner could be hosted in someone's house. We could invite some youth from St. Michael Parish to meet with some youth from St. Paul Parish. They have found having up to 20 or so youth work well, provided that the hosts have that type of room in their homes! The interfaith conference provides discussion facilitators, and youth would be given the opportunity to discuss in small groups of about 7 or 8 youth per table.

### **Other Ongoing Business:**

Participation with Knights of Columbus in Human Concerns ministry events. Invited John Lammers from the Knights of Columbus to October meeting to further discuss possibilities.

Pictures of Jubilee Year of Mercy events/actions needed by November. Submit Human Concern Ministry pictures to Mary Kral.

Goals for next year 2016-2017. Discussed keeping the Mercy Action Table after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday masses in months when Human Concerns has an active activity/ fundraiser going on.

The Human Concerns Committee needs more members. A notice will be placed in the bulletin welcoming new members to join.

### **Agenda items tabled to the October HCC meeting:**

Highlight a parish ministry at each Family Program session, brief talk, meet the chair to put a name with a face  
 Job descriptions for ministries-be thinking about this for future, could they be done by 12/15?  
 Annual Report- which highlights should we mention?

**PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE:** Linda Varner, Vicky Schroeder

Pastoral Council members attended a retreat last weekend. Council has talked about updating the parish mission statement.

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 11. 7PM PARISH OFFICE.**

Notes taken by Judy Dougherty, Human Concerns Committee Secretary

**2016 YEAR OF MERCY HUMAN CONCERNS ACTION SCHEDULE:**

| <b>Featured Month</b> | <b>Work of Mercy</b>                                    | <b>Human Concerns Ministry</b>   | <b>Mercy Table</b> |
|-----------------------|---|--|--------------------|
| January               | Shelter the homeless                                    | Casa Maria<br>St. Michael's<br>Hope Center   | January 23/24      |
| February              | Feed the Hungry   | Loaves and Fishes<br>-Kettle Moraine Food Pantry<br>-St. Bens<br>-Easter Meal Baskets            | February 13/14     |
| March                 | Visit the Imprisoned                                    | Prayers  | March 12/13        |
| April                 | Comfort the Afflicted                                   | Hospital/Home Ministry<br>Nursing Home- Rosary Wed.<br>Peru<br>Home Communion<br>Mt. Meru Coffee | April 9/10         |
| May                   | Bury the Dead   | Bereavement  | May 14/15          |
| June                  | Forgive offenses willingly<br>and bear wrongs patiently | Emphasis on Reconciliation   | June 11/12         |
| July                  | Give Drink to the Thirsty                               | Kettle Moraine Food Pantry<br>Ref. Lutheran (SALT program)                                       | July 9/10          |
| August                | Counsel the Doubtful                                    | Respect Life<br>Elizabeth Ministry   | August 13/14       |
| September             | Clothe the Naked  | Free clothing Exchange<br>Sew for the Needy<br>Heavenly Babies<br>Giving Tree                    | September 10/11    |
| October               | Visit the Sick  | Hospital/Home Ministry   | October 8/9        |
| November              | Pray for the Living<br>and the Dead                     | Bereavement  | November 12/13     |

Notes:            "\* Giving Tree: Multiple Mercy Actions

First Sunday of each month: Bulletin cover, Pastor's Pen, petition at mass specific to one of our parish ministries.

Second Sunday of each month: Mercy table in Gathering Space, bulletin articles about the ministries