

OPENING PRAYER/INTENTIONS

Present: Present: JoAnn Presta, Mary Kral, Judy Dougherty, Marlene Vlosak, Sue Boivin, Chris Lange, Deb Schneider, Sharon Rehnberg, Vickie Schroeder

MINISTRY UPDATES

- **Reformation Lutheran:** Deb Schneider reported that adventure day held December 3rd at Reformation Lutheran went very well. 9 students and 6 adults from St. Paul parish volunteered. 25 children from Reformation participated. Each child had the opportunity to make 5 presents. Both participants and volunteers from St. Paul's were touched by the experience. Cookies made by St. Paul students and parish members were sent home with the children and set out for patrons to Reformation Lutheran's neighborhood store. Despite their setbacks, Reformation Lutheran is alive and well and continue to do God's work.
- H.S. Students baking December 10, thank you to the HC volunteers who made dough! Offered after masses at ST Paul and St. Bruno for homebound/hospitalized, etc. Baking/decorating went very well. Will be done again next year. Was a great cross community effort with HC making dough, school kids and faith formation kids making Christmas cards, high school kids baking!
- **The Giving Tree:** Sharon Rehnberg provided a summary. The response from parish members was very good. All the angel tags, which indicate a gift for a specific child, were filled. There were 70 star tags, which indicate general needs for specific agencies, were left on the trees. Sharon noted that parish members often purchase multiple items per star, so some of those remaining star tags would have been fulfilled. There was discussion about decreasing the number of tags overall next year. Books purchased through the book fair and donated by parish members were dispersed to the agencies. There were plenty of volunteers who helped to sort gifts after masses on the weekends purchased gifts were returned to the parish. Volunteer drivers delivered gifts. Sharon delivered late arriving gifts. All recipients were greatly appreciative.
- **Respect Life:** Mary Kay Lammers: Baby Bottles, January. Mary Kay asked for volunteers to help hand out baby bottles after masses.

FINANCIALS:

Casa Maria groceries, St. Ben's groceries purchased from funds for Loaves and Fishes

Peru: Approximately 20 Spanish books purchased from Book Fair

Giving Tree gift cards purchased for parish families in need

Ministry wish list, be creative, think outside the box, donations or FIATs. Let the HC Committee know if there is a specific need in a ministry that could possibly be addressed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Breakfast: Fr. Tim Kitzke, Archbishop's Vicar for Social Justice:** Attended by several committee members. A summary of his presentation was presented to the committee.
- **Ministry Fair:** potentially weekend of April 1 and 2. Contact other parishes to find out what they do.
- Job descriptions for HC ministry volunteers from ministry chairs. Be precise, exact. Let volunteers know exactly what they will be volunteering for. Submit to Mary Kral.
- **Fund raiser approvals:** Due by early February. If a ministry is doing ANY type of COLLECTION – monetary or items, a fund raiser approval form must be submitted to Human Concerns for Finance Council approval. Brainstorm new ideas! We need to know what our Lenten collection might be – money? Items?
- **St. Paul parish dinner auction basket from Human Concerns committee:** Dinner Auction Feb. 25, 2017. Baby basket theme (unisex): Please bring items or monetary donations to the January HCC meeting. JoAnn Presta will assemble items together in a creative basket display for the auction. Suggested unisex baby items include: onesies, sleepers, baby monitor, diapers, wipes, washcloths, towels, bathtub, bouncy chair.
- **Lenten Collection:** Discussed collection of monetary donations or items to meet specific Human Concerns ministry needs. One suggestion was to ask for donations of gift cards for specific stores such as Kohl's, Target, Pick n Save to be used by agencies to make purchases or distribute to needy families. Topic to be further discussed at the January HCC meeting.

- **2017 Focus for Human Concerns:** Following the Year of Mercy Human Concerns will focus on the premise of the prayer “Christ Has No Body”: Saint Teresa of Avila.
Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

OTHER PARISH THINGS TO SHARE:

Knights of Columbus breakfast January 25, speaker from life’s connections.

Adult Formation Sunday speaker December 18 “One Deity, three faith traditions Judaism, Islam, Christianity”

Parish Auction February 25, 2017

PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE: Vicky Schroeder: Pastoral council members have initiated making calls to new parish members welcoming them to St. Paul’s. There were 55 new families that joined the parish in the last year.

Next Meeting January 10, 7 pm Parish Office

CLOSING PRAYER

Notes taken by: Judy Dougherty, Human Concerns Committee Secretary