

ST. CLARE HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE JANUARY 2024 UPDATE

The purpose of the Human Concerns Committee is to discern the needs of the people in the parish and wider community -especially the poor- and identify resources to meet those needs while enlisting the active support and participation of the parish members. **Our next meetings will be on 12/12/23 and 1/9/24 at 12:00 in Holy Family Hall.** Please consider joining us.

1. LOVE INC. MEALS IN BURLINGTON

Our next Love Inc Meals will be on Wednesday, **December 27, 2023.** The sign-up book will be in the narthex. Thank you to everyone that helped make the October meal a success! Please consider making a food donation, helping us prepare the meal or to serve the meal. If you have any question, please contact Debbie Klamert at 262-895-7524.

2. NORWAY HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY

We will continue to collect food weekly for the Norway Helping Hands Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone that is donating food. A monetary donation is also appreciated. There is a donation box under the Norway Helping Hands Food sign. Checks should be made out to Norway Lutheran Church and Food Pantry written in the memo. Some of top items that are always needed are: Pancake Mix, Bisquick, Cake and cookie mixes, Spaghetti Sauce, Hamburger Helper, Canned or boxed potatoes and Kleenex. The highlighted food and non-food items for the upcoming months are:

- December Canned chicken, beef stew, hash / Toilet Paper
- January Mac n cheese / Paper Towels

3. HOUSE OF PEACE HOLIDAY FOOD BOX DRIVE

We would like to thank everyone for their generosity in helping to provide food for the poor served by the House of Peace during the holidays. We collected a total of \$4,429.95. Thank you all for your donations.

4. THE GIVING TREE

We collected a total of forty \$25.00 Walmart Gift Cards for the families at the Norway Helping Hands Food Pantry. We also collected toys for several of the children. Thank you to everyone that help make this a wonderful Christmas for these families.

5. BABY SHOWER FOR LIFE CHOICES IN BURLINGTON

This January, help Mom's choose life! The Human Concerns Committee will be hosting a baby shower supporting the work of Life Choices. A cradle will be set-up in the narthex the weekend of January 6th & 7th for baby items, such as clothing, blankets, diapers, wipes, etc. All items should be turned in by January 28, 2024. Renee Meinholz will be available to talk to after he Masses on January 6th & 7th.

6. ELIZABETH MINISTRY THROUGH LIFE'S CONNECTION IN MUKWONAGO

Please check out the Rosebud Program "Blessing Bouquet" display in the back of Church by the Reconciliation Room. This is a beautiful way to show respect for the dignity and worth of all life. This program helps a Church identify, pray for, and support those who are pregnant, celebrating birth or adoption, grieving miscarriage, stillbirth, infant or child death, wanting to become pregnant or adopt. If you know of anyone needing prayers or counseling, please fill out tag for a rose and place it in the vase.

- Yellow Rosebud – Wanting a child
- Pink Rosebud – Pregnancy
- Red Rosebud – Birth or adoption
- White Rosebud – Loss

We are richer as a Church for the willingness of those who spend their valuable time on us in order for us to find ways to Love One Another.

Please contact Debbie Klamert at 262-895-7524 with any questions or comments you may have.