Social Concerns Meeting Minutes May 24, 2022

Committee Members: Reta Althaus, Patsy Carlson, Paul Carlson, Doris Larkins, Jean McPherson, Eva Moritz and Christine Yoder

Members in Attendance: Reta Althaus, Paul Carlson, Doris Larkins, and Jean McPherson

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Opening Prayer

Reta led us in prayer.

Love Lunches

Doris reported that St. Luke's has taken responsibility to make and serve the lunches at Sunset Park the weeks of July 5 and July 11. Lunches are not served on Fridays. Specifically those dates will be 7/5, 7/6, 7/7 and 7/11, 7/12, 7/13 and 7/14. A Sign-Up Genius has been created and communicated via the bulletin and weekly Happenings email. Volunteers do not have to be exclusively from St. Luke's during these two weeks. Volunteers may sign up for any date that Love Lunches operates throughout Summer.

Habitat for Humanity

Paul told us the next build dates will be Wednesdays and Saturdays in August and September. He will be lining up volunteers through the Knights and other parishioners. This committee will coordinate and provide lunches for at least some of the dates of the build.

<u>Catholic Worker House</u> – 4th Saturdays of each month Meal will be prepped and served 5/28/2022 and 6/25/2022.

Family Promise

Volunteers from St. Luke's are providing a meal and overnight hosts for families on 5/30/2022, and our next scheduled date is 8/8/2022.

Tithe of the Tithe

Committee members discussed and agreed that the amount allocated for Tithe of the Tithe (from March and April) should be distributed as follows:

Just Faith Center for Social Ministry	\$2,020.00
Des Moines Area Religious Council	\$2,020.00
St. Agnes Church, Pine Ridge, SD	\$2,025.84
	\$6,065.84

Mary's Helping Hands

Father Ken has been contacted by a person at Sacred Heart Church in West Des Moines about a community service they provide called Mary's Helping Hands (MHH). MHH receives and distributes donations of new or gently used maternity clothes, baby clothes and other items. Jean has two tentative dates – June 1 or 3 - set to meet with a person there for a tour of their operation in WDM and to learn more about them, bringing information back to this committee. Doris and Jean agreed to meet with Robin Fulton and report back to the committee.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, 2022 (7:00 PM)