

## Social Concerns Minutes

September 25, 2023

Members in Attendance: Reta Althaus, Meghan Bramlage, Carmen Santee, Paul Carlson, Patsy Carlson, Jean McPherson, and Doris Larkins

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### Social Teaching

Patsy led us in Prayer to Care for Our Common Home. We discussed appreciating our earth and all its beauty and doing what we can to preserve it.

### Tithe of the Tithe from July and Tithes (5% of total tithes)

\$2000	Ghana Parish
\$1500	Meals from the Heartland (Approx. ½ of our estimated cost)
\$2543	Split between 5 organizations that provide services to Mothers & Babies: AGAPE, Inner Visions, Ruth Harbor, ALPHA Women's Resource Center, Biking for Babies (NOTE: We have given to 3 other organizations earlier this year)
\$6043	Total

### Meals from the Heartland

Scheduled for November 14 in the gym. Set up in the morning, school kids and some of their parents package the meals in several shifts, two late afternoon shifts for any parish member to volunteer, and cleanup. A Sign-up Genius will be communicated to the parish as we draw closer to the event. We will package 25,000 meals as we did last year with our cost at \$3750.

### Angel Tree

Reta talked to a staff member at Ankeny Service Center and was told that detailed information will be available mid-October. Families who wish to receive donated gifts will be able to sign up after that. Donors will then be able to "adopt" a family or families. Doris asked for volunteers to begin planning later in October. Patty McClain, Meghan Bramlage, and Carmen Santee volunteered to help. We discussed and agreed that we liked purchasing/selling SCRIP cards as gifts.

### St. Luke's School Mission Plan

The school is using a curriculum called Living Like the Saints. We won't be partnering with them as our Tithe of the Tithe process doesn't always line up with theirs. They did work out a process where one weekend a month, the children's collections will be donated specifically to the organization(s) they have scheduled.

#### Sister Parish Relationship

We briefly discussed information about the trip to Ghana which will be in June 2024. Several members of the parish expressed an interest in being part of that visit. The goal of the first visit is primarily to form a relationship with the people in the parish.

#### Coat / Winter Apparel Collection

Doris visited with Ryan Schon of the Knights of Columbus about our committee working with the Knights in a coordinated collection of winter wear. Ryan was in favor and left the dates and other details to our committee. We decided on the weekends of October 21/22 and October 28/29.

#### Future Events

Catholic Worker House meals are scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. Next meal is October 28.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 pm