

## Social Concerns Minutes

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Members in Attendance: Reta Althaus, Sharon Anderson, Patsy Carlson, Paul Carlson, Terri Hannan, Doris Larkins, Patty McClain, Carmen Santi

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### **Social Teaching**

Patsy led the discussion on the topic: Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. We reflected on the relationship between work, sufficient wages, and human dignity. We also discussed our personal shopping choices based on whether workers' rights are valued.

### **Tithe of the Tithe from January and February**

\$2000.00	St. Martin De Porres, our sister parish in Ghana
\$1023.52	Rice Bowl
\$1000.00	Sacred Heart Parish-Pine Ridge Indian reservation
\$2500.00	Habitat for Humanity
\$6523.52	Total

### **Rice Bowl**

Patsy provided weekly Rice Bowl educational announcements in the bulletin during Lent. The final collections were taken during Holy Week and after Easter. Patsy will update us at our next meeting.

### **Breakfast for Salvation Army**

Patsy informed the group about a program sponsored by the Salvation Army which involves taking breakfast casserole to the hunger challenged in Des Moines. The deliveries are made

early in the morning on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The casseroles are served from a bus at the Salvation Army facility in Des Moines. The bus then travels to other areas, making stops along the way. Patsy thought that St. Luke's might become involved with the program by making some of the breakfast casseroles and will discuss the possibility with Fr. Ken and report at the next meeting.

### **Sister Parish Relationship**

Our committee appropriates \$2000 every two months for our sister parish of St. Martin de Porres. Their current project of building a fence around the school is nearly complete. St. Luke's seventh

graders made keychains for the students in Ghana. The main goal of the eight people traveling to Ghana will be to develop personal relationships and assist in water-purification system installations. Reta and Terri will continue to attend the special Sister-Parish meetings.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Paul reported that St. Luke's will be involved in building another Habitat home beginning in June.

Our committee allocated \$2500 as partial payment for the project. Reta reported that the Prime Timer's members plan to provide lunch for the workers twice during the summer.

### **Love Lunch**

The Love Lunch program will run again this summer starting the day after the end of school. Some of the Ankeny churches take a week or two during the summer to volunteer for the complete preparation and serving of the meals. Our committee agreed that we will continue to play a supportive role in Love Lunch by helping the other churches in the preparation and serving of the meals.

### **Oher Topic**

Patsy and Paul Carlson proposed the possibility of hosting a class named Sacred Water, Oceans and Ecosystems with a focus on how to care for the earth's water. These classes are sponsored by the Just Faith Ministry. It would be conducted for 2 hours a week for 8 weeks for at least 8 attendees. Many of the members of Social Concerns showed interest in signing up for the class. Patsy and Paul will check with Fr. Ken.

Catholic Worker House: April 27, May 25

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 7pm.