

Outreach Team
June 18, 2018

Chairperson Kathy Gruett opened the meeting with prayer. Others in attendance were Pr. Pat, Marlene Graap, Carla and Bryan Weisenfeld and Marie Rein.

Breaking Bread Meal evaluation: All went well. Approximately 160 were served. Congregation donations and Ruth Nelson-Lau's Thrivent Grant of \$250 covered the cost; bills for food totaled \$270. A discussion was held regarding beverage serving; some fine-tuning will make it more efficient. Four beverage servers rather than three will help.

Christ in Our Home devotionals: Two people have been added to our deliveries: Lois Ullmann (Jenny Towers) and Fred Pester (Pine Crest). Deliveries were divided up.

Free Summer Lunch for Kids: The program has been running for two Mondays. Serving numbers: 68 and 55. Through a grant, we received a beverage server and a cooler on wheels. An OSLC banner is forthcoming.

Fill the Gazebo Food Drive: Set for August 4, plans are progressing. Our missionaries, the Sacks, will be here that weekend and plan to stop by the gazebo.

Homelessness Task Force: Interior repairs are continuing on the building on West Main St. The downstairs will be used by people needing a one-night stay. Upstairs apartment will be for transitional living—those who have a job, but not enough saved to rent a place their own. The Task Force has sent letters to all Merrill churches requesting help in purchasing twin beds for the Center. Metal beds, including mattress and cover will total \$400. The Council has suggested that a fish bowl collection be taken. If over \$400 is received, that money will be given to the Warming Center. Kathy and Marie will make this announcement during worship this weekend, June 23 and 24.

God's Work. Our Hands weekend: Dates are September 8 and 9. Saturday the 8th starting at 9 and Sunday the 9th starting at 11:00. Our church will participate by helping individual members and others as requested—house, yard, garden, etc.) A signup sheet will be posted. Volunteers will be matched to those needing help.

Publicity will begin in early August. Marie will write an explanatory article.

Worship in Ott's Park: Sunday, August 26 at 9 a.m. Arnie Lange will provide sound system; Steve Strasman will provide music.

New Member Reception: On Sunday, September 30 new members will be recognized during the 9:00 worship service; we will provide light refreshments in the lounge following worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Rein, in Dona's absence