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Parish Life

If you have news or announcements for Parish Life, please leave it in the Parish Life tray in the coat room by 5:00 pm on the **third Friday of the month** or e-mail it, if possible, to ddbecker@tds.net (emailing is preferred so we don't need to re-type! =)



Earned Income Credit (EIC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC) are significant tax credits for low-wage workers. Eligible families can receive over \$5,657. Visit www.cbpp.org/eic2010. Or call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.



Time Change on March 14

Remember to set your clocks one hour ahead on Saturday, March 13, before going to bed.



Do you want to help your state and local area? Take the time to complete the **2010 Census** when it arrives the mail. It helps determine the amount of resources and representation we have.



Our Area Social Concerns Committee is conducting a letter writing campaign to advocate for meeting the needs of low-income families in our country through the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit. A sample letter can be seen on our area website: www.ourlivingwater.org

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From Death to New Life...

During Lent we are called to turn away from our sins and toward God and neighbor. Practically, this can mean giving up a favorite food, snack or drink and donating the saved money to those in need. (Catholic Relief Services is a great place to send money—www.crs.org.) Or, we could give up time on the computer or in front of the TV and give that time as volunteer work to

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help others out. Self-sacrifice can become a blessing for others. In these ways we imitate Jesus who gave himself up to death so that we might have everlasting life. To help us on the journey to new life, we have the sacrament of Reconciliation to receive mercy and be renewed in God's great love for us.

Area Lenten Reconciliation/Penance Schedule:
Sunday, March 7, 4:00 pm at Kandiyohi
Sunday, March 7, 5:30 pm at Willmar
Wednesday, March 10, 6:30 pm at Kandiyohi
Wednesday, March 17, 7:15 pm at Spicer
Sunday, March 21, 4:00 pm at Willmar
Sunday, March 21, 7:00 pm at Spicer

Area Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday
5:30 pm Kandiyohi
7:00 pm Spicer
7:30 pm Willmar

Good Friday

12:00 noon Willmar
5:30 pm Willmar
5:30 pm Lake Lillian
7:00 pm Spicer
7:00 pm Willmar (Spanish)

Holy Saturday

Area Easter Vigil at 8:30 pm Spicer

Easter Sunday

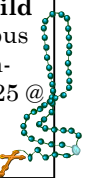
7:00 am Willmar
8:00 am Lake Lillian
8:30 am Willmar
10:00 am Spicer
10:00 am Kandiyohi
10:30 am Willmar
12 noon Willmar (Spanish)

Fridays of Lent

3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross
6:00 pm Lenten Meal

Rosary For the Unborn Child

The OLOL Knights of Columbus will lead a Rosary For The Unborn Child Thursday, March 25 @ 6:20pm. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.



RCIA CANDIDATES

Our candidates are in their final weeks of preparation for the sacraments of initiation (Confirmation and Eucharist). Please pray for Sara Brown, Jeff Gabrielson, Christine Lindsley, Brad Nichols, Jarl Sogge, and Tami Thein.

Suicide Awareness and Prevention— You are invited to attend a suicide awareness and prevention presentation by Jacque Sammons, RN Psychiatric and Mental Health Professional. It will take place on March 15 at 7:30 pm in the Our Lady of the Lakes Gathering Area.



THE LINK UPDATE

New London Office—In partnership with the Willmar Area Food Shelf and the West Central MN United Way, we are offering the following services at our New London location:

“Loads of Help”- Free laundry facilities for those who need it. Call us to set up a time to come in and do your laundry- just bring your own supplies.

“Get Connected”- Free computer access with internet. Do job search, check your email, write a resume, etc.

Gifts In-kind- Free household items. New and gently used- bedding, linens, kids toys, baby supplies, small appliances, etc.

Resource Connection & Referral- Hours: Tuesdays 2-6pm Thursdays 10am-2pm

Volunteer Opportunities

Hospitality Volunteers: Welcome community members, answer phone, supervise laundry and computer areas, assist with shopping in gifts in-kind space.

Space Set-up: Organize and maintain space for donated items, reception area, decorate, etc.

Community Meal Planning Committee: Next Meeting is Thursday, March 4 at 6pm at Faith Lutheran

Computer Support: Help with set up and maintenance of computers, website development and maintenance, etc.

Connections—Remember that one of the goals of The Link is to make meaningful connections among neighbors who want to support one another in various ways. For example, we have a number of people who are willing to share their haircutting skills with people who need it, or people who will help with various household repairs, or provide a ride to someone in need. Are there things you can offer to others? Let us know... We want to make the connection!

Fundraising—The Link is forming a fundraising committee to plan for sustainable funding sources- this will include looking at grant opportunities and planning a signature fundraising event on an annual basis. If this is something you are interested in, please let us know!

A Note About Donations... If you have something you think others could benefit from, please contact us to share. Due to limited storage space, we are not always able to accept all donations- please get your donation approved before delivery. If we cannot accept it, we will try to steer you in another direction to share the resource.

Wanted: Shelving for donated items, gift cards for WalMart/Target or grocery stores, toiletries and household items for the Care Pantry at Hope Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact Michelle Peterson by phone at (320) 796-2522 or (320) 894-1681 or by email flc_michelle@tds.net

SAVE THE DATE!

Jesus Our Living Water Vision and Values Meeting

*The Area Pastoral Council invites everyone to **join us on April 18, 2010 from 6:30-8:00 at St. Patrick's in Kandiyohi** to discuss our shared values as an Area Faith Community and our hope for the future (vision). Shared vision and values form the foundation for ministry and decision-making about the use of the gifts, talents, resources, and charisms of the four parishes as we come together in Jesus Our Living Water Area Faith Community.*

The Area Pastoral Council and staff members met on January 30, 2010 and participated in a facilitated process to develop a DRAFT version of shared vision and values. Watch the bulletin for more detailed information. Be part of the foundation of the house we are building on the rock of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER SHAWLS



Our ministry is growing and we are in need of more prayer shawls. We have received a donation to purchase yarn— anyone that would be interested in shopping for the yarn should please contact the office or Nancy Caven at 220-1843.

CCW CORNER

Please join us for our March CCW meeting on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Area. We are meeting 30 minutes earlier this month due to the fact that there will be a speaker in the church at 8:00 pm.

Also, coming soon! Watch for information on a CCW Mystery Tour!...



March is Minnesota Food Share Month

March is Minnesota Food Share Month. The Willmar Area Food Shelf serves all of Kandiyohi County from their facility in Willmar, and they recently opened a satellite office in New London. In 2009 the food shelf distributed 634,457 pounds of food, providing 6,947 family food visits. Over the past 2 years, the Willmar Area Food Shelf has seen a 40% increase in usage of their services.

On Sunday, March 7 the CCW will serve coffee and bars after Mass and all of the proceeds will go to the Willmar Area Food shelf. In addition, during the month of March, there will be a basket in the sanctuary for you to drop off your non-perishable food donations. Monetary donations for the Food Shelf can also be placed in the collection baskets during Mass – please place in separate envelope marked for the food shelf. Remember—a \$5.00 donation will help feed a family of 5 for 3 days. Through Second Harvest Food Bank, the food shelf can buy food at just 4 to 16 cents per pound. Join other Minnesotans in fighting hunger. Together we make a difference!

Women of Our Lady of the Lakes

You are Invited to World Day of Prayer 2010

Hope Presbyterian Church, 7730 North Shore Drive, Spicer

Friday, March 5, 2010 at 1:00 pm

This is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday of March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service.

For 2010, the women of Cameroon developed the theme; *Let everything that has breath praise God*. The worship service emphasizes the importance that the people of Cameroon place on music and celebration in their praise to God.

Women of Our Lady of the Lakes—please plan on coming to join the women of our community and Cameroon in prayer and song. An offering will be taken to help meet the needs of families who are victims of poverty, violence and human trafficking. If you would like to car pool, call Diane Pyka at 796-5968. For more information on World Day of Prayer, visit www.wdpusa.org.

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Sat March 13 4:30-7:00 P.M.

Sun. March 14 10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.



Serving chili, chilibogs, and all the trimmings. Take-outs available. Donations benefit the Protection of the Unborn Child.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

The Lenten devotions for The Divine Mercy times have changed this year. The Chaplet and Rosary will be said Fridays during the holy hour at 3:30 PM followed by corporal works of mercy. Easter cards will be made and sent to parish shut-ins, servicemen and women and persons suffering from health problems. If you have a person you wish to have a card sent to please send or bring the names and addresses to Chris Hoffman at Our Lady of Lakes Church. Ways to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet: Go to and watch EWTN TV channel 2:00 PM daily, Relevant Radio 1180 AM at 3 PM Monday - Friday. To learn more about the prayers of the Divine Mercy go to (www.thedivinemercy.org) or (www.marian.org). Prayer requests can be called into (877) 380-0727.