



Faith *In Action*

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August Update

This last week-end Ann and I hosted a family reunion at our home and had a wonderful time. Events such as those are so important, because they reconnect us with family, and it makes us look at our roots and our history. Our forefathers were very courageous, hard-working, honest, and were mindful of future needs. They were active in establishing their homes, their communities, churches and schools. They didn't have much, but they gave generously to see to it that their families and future generations would have good schools, strong churches, etc.

As we look at our goals for Faith in Action, in light of our difficult times, we need to acknowledge with gratitude that many of you have seen the need and have come forth with a little extra. You believed, too, that even though we may not be wealthy it is important to give as we are able, because the need out there is very great. We are all most grateful for your generosity.

Our monthly goal for funding our designated projects is \$3800. In July \$3,511 was directed to our Ministry Goals. That is phenomenal!

This month we are emphasizing our Mission Trips goal, both home and abroad. Many of you heard Gladys Mungo speak and you were presented with her needs. We have word that \$10,000 came forth this week from another congregation towards her vehicle needs.

Mark Doll, several other adults, and a large group of teens completed a great week of work in Michigan and for some, maybe most, the experience was life-changing.

Again, we make our monthly plea for all of you to come on board, and we can't thank each of you enough, who are generously participating. We think you will agree, it just feels good!

David and Ann Nelson, Program Leaders



God's Work. Our Hands.

MISSION

To provide a clear vision for the Covenant Lutheran family to help it be purposeful and motivated in our ministries.

James 2:18b

Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.



Mission Trips

In late July, 30 members (23 youth, 7 adults) of Covenant Lutheran Church took a mission trip journey to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. During a week of service, we completely reroofed a house, tore rotten siding off of another house and put up insulation on that house, put up drywall in a run-down living room, and started remodeling a bathroom (including putting down underlayment and vinyl flooring). We also spent time in the community, getting to know the area we were working in.

So what? We could have reroofed a house here in Stoughton, we could have done work on other homes around here – there are plenty in need. But ultimately, mission trips aren't about transforming the work-site; mission trips are about transforming the workers. Thirty people working together, sharing Christ's love through their work in a community is transforming. So is simply living together in a group of 30 for a week, with limited bathroom space, uncomfortable sleeping quarters, and infrequent showers. We had to demonstrate tolerance, acceptance, responsibility and love as we shared space and time. At the end of the week, we knew we had accomplished a lot more than the work we did on those homes; we had finished a powerful week of developing disciples! We are grateful that Covenant enthusiastically supports Mission Trips near and far!



Art & Brat Sale

Team Haiti would like to thank those of you who joined us for food and fellowship July 30-31! The event was a treat for our taste buds and feast for our eyes. We raised \$212 on the brat sale and \$430 on the art sale. The team made a donation of \$642 to Gladys Mungo toward the purchase of a new vehicle. Leftover photographs were donated to Gladys for future art sales. THANKS for making this a successful event! God is good... All the time!

In His Grace,
Team Haiti



Goals



Congregation

Begin a Parish Nurse Program
\$850/month
Fund a paid part-time nursing program to minister to the health needs of our congregation.

Projection Ministry Worship
\$700/month
Purchase and install projection equipment in our sanctuary to enhance worship.

Accelerate Debt Payment
\$1,000/month
Pay down Covenant's mortgage so that we can devote those resources to other program needs.



Community

Transportation Assistance
\$250/month
Provide transportation for those under 55 and coordinate transportation for those over 55 with existing services for appointments and shopping needs.

Youth Center Partnership
\$100/month
Provide people and money resources to enhance Youth Center programming.

Family Mentoring & Parenting Class/ Counseling
\$100/month
Provide and coordinate resources for families who need help coping with the challenges of parenting.



World

Expanded Mission Trip Experiences
\$500/month
One International mission trip every three years and at least one domestic mission trip every year.

Resettle one Refugee Family each Year
\$100/month
Help a family make a new home in Dane County.

Mid-wife/Hospice/Education Kits
\$200/month
Send 500 kits to ELCA per year.