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## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Interfaith sends out a huge thank you to everyone who signed up to volunteer for this year's Fall Yard Clean-Up program. The clean-up is now in progress and many seniors are benefiting from the hard work of our volunteers. Some clients even call our office just to express their gratitude.



After months of planning, preparation, and anticipation, our annual Fabulous Fish Fry is almost here. We would love to have more church presences. Now's the time to get involved!

Churches big and small can benefit from this event. If your church is small, it's a great way to get your church name out there and meet people in the community you would otherwise never see or have the opportunity to talk with. Simply by attending, you will be able to raise community awareness of your congregation.

Congregations can sponsor the Fish Fry for an opportunity to get your message to 800 or more attendees.

The Fish Fry is also an opportunity to catch up with the community and

see what's happening with other churches and organizations. And you'll be able to benefit Interfaith! All the while being a part of the Wisconsin tradition of Friday Fish.

Our 24<sup>th</sup> annual Fabulous Fish Fry features all-you-can-eat baked and fried fish with sides of potatoes and coleslaw, and homemade pie available for purchase.

Come join the fun. There will be an art exhibit, silent auction, Culver's custard, and entertainment from local schools.

You can purchase tickets online with PayPal or a credit or debit card. Visit [fabulousfishfry.org](http://fabulousfishfry.org) to learn more, or contact Shel DeLisle at 262-522-2409 or [shel-lyd@interfaithwaukesha.org](mailto:shel-lyd@interfaithwaukesha.org).



## GREAT GIVING

Mark your calendars for December 2<sup>nd</sup> to join the movement! Make Giving Tuesday part of your giving season this year. This special day is dedicated to smart, meaningful giving as a way to better your community. You can contribute to Interfaith on this day to support our mission of helping seniors and adults with disabilities in Waukesha County.

## HOLIDAY GIVING



It's not too late to make a difference in a senior's life this Christmas. Our Holiday Elves are still eagerly awaiting your donations! They need you to collect these items:

- \$10 Pick n Save or Walgreens Gift Cards
- Decks of playing cards
- Pens and pencils
- Puzzle books
- Books of 20 Forever stamps
- Band Aids and Combs
- Gripper socks

Donations should be in by December 8<sup>th</sup> so our elves will have time to put together the gifts!

## Alternative Christmas Market



Kris, Jean, and Mary (left to right)

### The Heart of Christmas in Wales

The congregations of All Saints Lutheran and Bethlehem Lutheran in Wales, and Interfaith Senior Programs of Waukesha County are working together to bring a unique shopping experience to Waukesha County.

This alternative Christmas market not only provides shoppers with the opportunity to donate to nonprofit organizations and purchase gifts for those in need, it allows them to do so in someone else's honor. This year you can give your loved ones the gift of contributing to a better community—give them the knowledge that they made a difference in someone else's life.

### How Does It Work?

You will receive a personalized card to give to a loved one saying that you have purchased the item in their honor. "Your gift to the person you're buying for is a Christmas card saying that something has been purchased in your honor, someone's been

helped out," says a coordinator of the event, Mary Konavaluk from Bethlehem Lutheran.

### Participating Organizations:

- The Hope Center
- The Women's Center
- K-9 Comfort Dogs
- Third World Handcrafts Shoppe
- Mt. Meru Coffee
- Kettle Moraine Food Pantry

Jean Nelson from All Saints Lutheran helped explain how it works. "Each organization will have a display table and someone there to talk about the mission and what they do, what their needs are." There will be activities for kids, like decorating holiday cards with Interfaith Senior Programs to be given to isolated seniors in the community.

"Not only can you go shopping for people in your family," says Kris Lombardi from Interfaith Senior Programs, "you can bring your entire family along and they can volunteer right there to make a difference in someone else's life."

The market will be held at All Saints Lutheran on November 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm and November 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am-noon. Instead of focusing on what this Christmas, let's focus on the needs of the community and put our Christmas gifts to good use.

## EVENTS

### Celebrate National Caregivers Month with the ADRC

On November 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm, the Aging and Disability Resource Center will have specialists on hand to provide tips, advice, information, and referrals for caregivers. Resources include:

- Stress management and relief
- Internet resources
- The connection between music and memory
- Caregiver training
- Caregiver nutrition

Memory screenings and soothing hand massages will be available! For more information or to register for this event, please call the ADRC at 262-548-7848.

### Family Caregiver Seminar with 101 Mobility

Join this seminar with guest speaker Annalee Kruger and her presentation on the problems faced by family caregivers, and how the community has resources to help.

There will be demonstrations of new in-home products for improving both the lives of caregivers and care receivers. Enjoy food and beverages as you connect with caregivers and learn from community resources.

The seminar is November 12<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm. RSVP to Susi Paikowski at 262-409-4542 or [spaikowski@101mobility.com](mailto:spaikowski@101mobility.com)

## Volunteer



### SHOVELING SNOW

We're looking to our wonderful volunteers to fill our client need for snow removal this winter.

Individuals who sign up to shovel for clients will:

1. Help the client continue as a homeowner
2. Make it possible for them to receive vital in-home services like Meals on Wheels

Last year we were able to match 38 volunteers with clients, but there were still 44 people left who were not able to receive help because there were not enough volunteers.

This year our goal is to match every client with a volunteer. We're looking for individuals who can commit to an on-going assignment throughout the winter. Volunteers can work out dates and times with clients when there is a snow fall.



### HELPING IN SCHOOLS

We are thankful for our volunteers working in Waukesha County schools and helping students learn and grow. Our program in the schools has been such a success that we are in need of even more volunteers!

Les Paul Middle School (Previously known as Central) needs:

- 6 or 7 reading tutors
- for 6th and 7th grade students
- Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 9:15 – 10:30

Horning Middle School needs:

- reading tutors for 7th grade students
- any day of the week 9:22 – 10:31 and/or 11:09 – 12:14

Opportunities in schools are great for retired seniors who have time on their hands and would like to get more involved in the community.

Interested in volunteering? Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 262-522-2404 or [HeatherS@InterfaithWaukesha.org](mailto:HeatherS@InterfaithWaukesha.org)