

# INTERFAITH

## SENIOR PROGRAMS

## COMMUNITY & CONGREGATION CONNECTION

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## Corinn on Seniors and Students



The semester is in full swing and Corinn Marich, our new Program Coordinator for the School District of Waukesha, is hard at work connecting retired seniors with students in the community. "The purpose of the program is to help students who may be struggling," says Corinn. It also helps "students in general—the teachers need extra help sometimes to get that one-on-one attention with students."

The Seniors and Students program does wonders for students, but it also benefits seniors. Volunteers can actually "see results in somebody that they're helping," says Corinn. Volunteers are able to develop relationships with students and watch them learn throughout the semester.

*"It's a great way to have that intergenerational connection."*

In the future Corinn hopes to connect with more schools and gain

more volunteers, especially bilingual volunteers. She would like to spread the word that we are always welcoming new volunteers, and would love to have anyone who wants to help students. Even though this program focuses on retired seniors, *anyone* can sign up to volunteer. Our current volunteer needs are:

#### **Banting Elementary:**

- 1 Math Tutor (1<sup>st</sup> Grade): 11:00-11:45 any day of the week
- 1 Reading Tutor (1<sup>st</sup> Grade): One hour in the afternoon
- 1 Art Aide (Kindergarten): Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday 12:40-3:30

#### **Hadfield Elementary:**

- 1 Tutor (2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

#### **Hillcrest Elementary:**

- 3-4 IT Tutors (5<sup>th</sup> Grade): Tuesdays 9:00-10:00
- Volunteers should be good with technology (especially ipads) and should like problem solving

#### **Les Paul (Central) Middle School:**

- 8 Reading Tutors (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade): Tuesdays and/or Thursdays 9:15-10:30

#### **Horning Middle School:**

- Potentially 1-2 volunteers needed

## Fall Yard Clean-Up

It's officially fall and we've got clients who need your help. Fall Yard Clean-Up is a one day event of completing outdoor chores for a senior in your neighborhood. This is great for groups and team-building! Pick a day that works for you between October 18<sup>th</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup>.

If you're interested in any of these opportunities, please contact our

**Volunteer Manager**  
at 262-522-2404

or visit [interfaithwaukesha.org](http://interfaithwaukesha.org) for more information.

## Holiday Giving

Decorate your Christmas tree with generosity!

You can support our Holiday Giving Program by hanging our gift tags from a Christmas tree in your church lobby. Each gift tag is decorated with a client picture, name, and how someone's donation would directly help them.

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# Volunteer Opportunities

## Snow-Shoveling

*Did you know Meals On Wheels is unable to deliver food to homes with unshoveled driveways?*

Snow will soon be upon us... and upon us and upon us. We need your help to get the sidewalks shoveled of 75 clients who can no longer do it themselves.

In addition to yard maintenance and helping in the prevention of falls, a shoveled sidewalk and driveway is critical for clients who depend on Meals On Wheels for food.

Make sure seniors are able to get food delivered this winter despite the snow! You can adopt a home for the winter or sign up your church group or congregation to tag team it!

## Non-Medical Respite Care

One of our clients needs respite care on Sunday mornings from 8:30-11:30am while his wife tends to her duties at St. Williams Catholic in Waukesha. Respite care involves a volunteer looking after the client while his or her primary caregiver is out.



Friendly Visiting

We have 10 clients who need friendly visitors in Menomonee Falls, Dousman, New Berlin, and Waukesha. Client interests are playing cards and visiting about literature and Franz Kafka! Many of our clients just want a friendly person to talk with.



Driving

We have a client needing transportation from Brookfield to Alexian Village in Brown Deer to visit her husband twice per week for two months until she moves there herself. She's very flexible with the times and days she can go.

## Smart Giving

Last year, more than 10,000 organizations in 46 countries came together to celebrate Giving Tuesday. This year, Interfaith Senior Programs will be a part the movement for purposeful giving. Whether it be time or money, your contribution makes a difference. [Visit their website](#) for more information.

A Note From:

*Margaux*

Greetings! I am the new Mobility Manager at Interfaith. I will be working with a wide variety of people and organizations to help improve information, coordination, and options for transportation for seniors and people with disabilities in Waukesha County.

Do you have trouble with transportation or know people who do? We are compiling information about the unmet transportation needs across Waukesha Co., especially for seniors and people with disabilities. Please email or call me if you would like to share your experiences. We may not have all the solutions yet, but identifying the problem is the first step. Thank you!

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## Fish Fry: 5 Ways to Get Involved

Congregations are a big part of the success of Interfaith's special events, and the Fabulous Fish Fry is no exception. For our 24th annual Fish Fry, congregations can help in the following ways:



1. Become a sponsor
2. Host a table of ten
3. Donate an auction item
4. Sell tickets at your church
5. Simply attend and eat fish

We invite you to become a partner in this fundraiser to make it a huge success. All sponsors of \$250 or more receive an exhibit table and other benefits based upon sponsorship level selected. Don't forget, the Fish Fry is November 14th from 4-8pm at the Country Springs Hotel!

## Alternative Christmas Market

Interfaith is getting together with All Saints Lutheran and Bethlehem Lutheran in Wales to bring you an alternative Christmas market. Avoid the excessive commercialization of the holiday shopping experience and purchase a gift that benefits a hungry and hurting world.



Saturday, November 15, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sunday, November 16, 9:00 am - noon

All Saints Lutheran Church

## We're Hiring!

### Program Coordinator—Menomonee Falls and Sussex Areas

This 25-hour per week position has two main areas of focus:

1. Volunteer recruitment and community outreach within the Menomonee Falls and Sussex communities
2. Program Coordination of the Volunteer Education program at Riverside Elementary School in Menomonee Falls.

Interested candidates will be enthusiastic about volunteers, comfortable with public speaking, enjoy technology, and have experience working with seniors and/or within a school environment. The right candidate will enjoy a high level of independence while also maintaining good communication with team members.

Interested applicants should call 262-522-2404.