

**CHIPPEWA FALLS MISSION COALITION MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025**

**PLACE:** First Presbyterian Church, 130 West Central St., Chippewa Falls, WI

**TIME:** 5:00 pm

\* Kari Allen called the meeting to order with 20 people attending. We each introduced ourselves and mentioned one thing that brings us joy. Several people asked for prayers for people with health concerns. Lay Pastor Ed Williams offered a prayer for these people and for our meeting.

**Guest Speaker:** Ed Williams, Lay Pastor at First Presbyterian Church

**Subject:** Mission Trip to North Carolina

**-- Background For Mission Trip --** Ed told us about his mission trip to North Carolina through the Fuller Center for Housing. The Fuller Center rebuilds homes after a national disaster. Ed joined 18 other churches from the Presbytery for this trip.

**-- What Was Involved With This Mission? --** Volunteers arrived at the site on a Sunday, stayed at a YMCA camp and started each morning with devotions. The Fuller staff instructed the volunteers how to make house repairs prior to heading out to the construction site. Wednesday was a half day of work allowing volunteers to explore and support local businesses, restaurants, and shops. The volunteers' work was completed on Friday afternoon. Anyone can volunteer with no construction experience necessary. Youth can also volunteer if accompanied by an adult. The volunteers are the "Hands and Feet" of Jesus. Any denomination of church or organization can become volunteers.

**-- More Information To Plan A Similar Mission Trip?** If you would like to get involved with a Fuller Center mission trip, check out their website ... <https://fullercenter.org>

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**Mission Update: Hope Village/Tiny Houses (Mike Cohoon)**

-- Mike reported on March 31st Hope Village purchased the Indianhead Motel. They are looking for state funding to help with renovating each room. Northwestern Bank will provide a loan if additional money is necessary. Chippewa County Housing Authority will be putting out bids for contractors with work starting in the fall/winter of 2025.

-- Excel Energy plans to install electricity and gas into the Hope Village apartments and duplexes beginning June 6th and 16th. Applications to rent apartments have been given to Tiny House guests and then will be given to partner agencies. Seven of the 10 units must be a part of the homeless qualifying population.

-- Currently 8 of the 11 Tiny Houses are occupied. We can always use more Mentors for our Hope Village/Tiny House Guests. For more info ...

<https://www.hopevillagechippewafalls.org/mentor/>

-- There will be a Hope Village Golf Scramble Fund-Raiser on July 28th at Whispering Pines Golf Club. People can register on the Hope Village website ...

<https://www.hopevillagechippewafalls.org>

-- Hope Village is also looking for volunteers to mow the lawns at both Hope Village and the Indianhead Motel. All the equipment is furnished. For more info ...

<https://landing.mailerlite.com/webforms/landing/t9q1i8>

-- Mike also asked that if anyone knows of anyone who is homeless to please contact him at 715-210-5405. This information is a part of the monthly count conducted by the Hunger and Homeless committee.

**Mission Update:** "Lighten Your Load" Laundry Mission (Gayle Klitzke)

-- Gayle reported all volunteer spots through June are filled. She thanked those who have donated either financially or provided detergent.

-- People are coming with larger amounts of laundry and using the larger capacity washing machines. It is expected there will be an increase of participants. Donations for LYL can be sent to Pam Moran-LYL c/o Central Lutheran Church, 411 N. Bridge St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. Make check out to Central Lutheran, put "Lighten Your Load" in the memo line.

**Mission Update:** Easter Community Meal, April 20th

-- Joyce stated that the Easter dinner at St. Charles Community Center was a success. The tables were decorated and looked very festive. One hundred twenty meals were served and approximately 12 take outs were provided. Both the guests and the CFMC volunteers enjoyed the afternoon.

**Other Business/Announcements**

- Central Lutheran will be hosting a viewing of the first season of "The Chosen" and Jan Drehmel will facilitate a discussion beginning June 11th at 6:15 p.m. This will run for 8 weeks. All are welcome. Flyers to follow.
- Shirley Froelich mentioned the LE Phillips CDC Outreach Office, 21 E. Grand Ave., C.F. needs small (7 or 30 oz) containers for detergent and dish soap. Also, please look for sleeping bags and tents at thrift sales since many homeless will be sleeping in the outdoors this summer.
- Agnes' Table will be having a Brat Stand at the former Lake Wissota Family Fare grocery store on May 31st and June 1st. Please come for lunch! Agnes' Table serves approximately 313 families at their food pantry and provide 1,000 hot meals each month. Costs are increasing and monetary and food donations are appreciated. Donations can be sent directly to Feed My People, 2610 Alpine Rd., Eau Claire, WI 54703. Be sure to put "Agnes' Table" in the Memo line.
- Mike asked for prayers for an 18 year old girl who is living at Hope Village and will graduate this spring. She is unsure of her future plans. She needed a Magic Bullet to make smoothies before going to school and a generous donor provided one for her.

- Mike mentioned Landmark Church will be going on a mission trip to Acuna, Mexico to build a small house for a single mom. A Mission Team of 22 adults and youth will be involved with this mission trip. This not only provides a safe place for the family to live, but also an opportunity to bring them the Gospel. Please keep the Landmark Mission Team in your prayers.
- Barb Shorrel invited all to a pot luck dinner at First Presbyterian Church on June 11th at 5 p.m. to listen to a presentation about Puentes/Bridges. Ruth Rosenow will discuss her trip to Mexico meeting families of migrant workers. Come hear about the work Puentes/Bridges does with local farmers and migrant workers. Here is their website for more info ... <https://www.puentesbridges.org>
- Kari Allen announced that Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is having a carnival on Wednesday, May 7 beginning at 4 p.m. There will be inflatables, games, popcorn, balloons, food, etc. The community is invited. **NOTE:** This event happened before these Minutes were sent out. Hopefully everyone passed the word after our May 5<sup>th</sup> CFMC meeting.
- Kari also mentioned Our Saviour's is having a Community Vacation Bible School on Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Here is the registration info ... <https://www.oslccf.org/2025-vbs-registration>
- Rose Ruthy extended an invitation for all to come to Christ Episcopal Church on Wednesday, May 21 from 5-6 p.m. for a pot luck and Bible Study.

**Next Meeting -- June 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1300 Mansfield, C.F.**

**Guest Speaker:** Rev Breanna Illene, Director of Ecumenical Innovation and Justice Initiative, Wisconsin Council of churches.

**Subject:** Digital Equity ... Equipping Congregations To Adopt New Technologies

**\* Closed meeting with Lord's Prayer/Our Father**

**CFMC Mission Statement:** "Faithful people joining hearts and hands to be God's Love in action for our neighbors near and far."

**CFMC Bible Verse:** Psalm 60:12 – "With God's Help We Will Do Mighty Things."

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