

Chippewa Falls Mission Coalition Minutes – Monday, December 1, 2025

PLACE: Christ Episcopal Church, 624 Bay St., Chippewa Falls, WI

TIME: 5:00 pm

- * Introduction and Prayer Requests
- * Opened meeting with prayer by Mike Cohoon

Guest Speaker: Xander Bobolz, Resource Development Coordinator, Chippewa Falls Family Support Center

Subject: Domestic Violence Awareness Project/Family Support Services

What Does Family Support Do?

Family Support serves those who have been impacted by interpersonal violence including Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking.

They have a staff of 19 people that provide one-on-one counseling, as well as providing a 24-7 crisis line to offer help at any time of the day or night.

This past year they met with approximately 550 survivors of violence.

They offer parenting services including education classes and home visiting services. Other services include counseling, legal advocacy, safety planning and emergency shelter.

Who Can Use These Services and What Is The Cost?

Their services are available to anyone who has been affected by domestic or intimate partner violence at any time of their life. This includes women, men, and non-binary people. The cost is FREE to all and completely confidential.

How Can We Help?

ONE - Family Support is having a “Caring Calendars 2026” Calendar Raffle. Calendars will be available for pick up starting on Dec. 22nd at the Family Support Center, 403 N. High St., Chippewa Falls, WI between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Cost of the calendar is \$35. Buy a calendar and you have 24 chances to win prizes throughout 2026. Prizes range from \$50 to over \$2,000. It adds up to more than \$6,000 worth of prizes donated from our neighbors around the Chippewa Valley. GREAT GIFT IDEA!

For more information contact Xander Boblaz ... resourcedev@fscf.org ... 715-723-1138.

Website ... <https://www.familysupportcentercf.org>

TWO - Also, the first \$10,000 donated to Family Support Center before Feb. 1, 2026 will be 100% matched by the doTERRA Helping Hands Foundation. Send donations to: Family Support Center, P.O. Box 143, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. (Donations are tax deductible.)

* **Mission Update:** LLS Reopening of the Former Libertas Center in Chippewa Falls. (Paul Peterson)

Paul was unable to attend, but he submitted this report ...

- The facility is currently under construction and should be open for staff/residents by March/April 2026.
- Paul will provide a more detailed reports at our next CFMC meeting on Feb. 2, 2026.
- If anyone would like more information in the meantime or would like to learn how to support this campaign, please feel free to contact Paul at ... Paul.peterson@lsswis.org or 715-828-9532.

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

-- **Indianhead Motel, Affordable Housing Progress** - We have contracted with Rocket Construction to do the renovation. They are dealing with 30 sub-contractors for the project. We are continuing to deal with the “Buy American – Build America” grant requirement that require all materials used in the building process are American made. This is a laborious process and might delay things by up to 90 days if no American products are available. We are now looking at December 2026, hopefully earlier, to have the units available. They will rent for \$830, including all utilities. (Rent is subject to change if HUD lowers the amounts in 2026.)

-- **Hope Village Affordable Housing Units** – Of the 10 affordable rental units at Hope Village, 9 are currently filled. The one remaining is a 3 bedroom unit. It is what they call a QP unit, which means the tenant needs to be experiencing homelessness – not necessarily living on the street, so couch-surfing counts, fleeing domestic violence counts, etc. They also have to have a current voucher because they personally are limited to pay 30% of their income toward rent.

-- **Hope Village Tiny Homes** – As of today, 7 of the 10 Tiny Homes in Hope Village are filled. Two of them will have new guests moving in this week. Currently we have a waiting list of 40+ families/individuals. We are working on that list to fill the other available Tiny Home.

-- **Hope Village Quarter Auction Fund Raiser – February 28, 2026** – Sold Out! All tickets are sold. However, we currently have a “waiting list” for tickets that may get returned. If you want to be put on the ticket “waiting list” contact Mike Cohoon ... director@hopevillagechippewafalls.org

-- **Hope Village Partnering With Cadott High School** – We are currently connecting with Cadott High School about possible building projects for Hope Village. Stay Tuned!

-- **ARP (American Rescue Plan) Grant** – Just submitted another ARP grant. If we get the grant we plan to build two more Six-Plexes and two more Duplexes in 2026.

-- **H.V. Navigator - Vicky** – Just a quick note about our new Hope Village Navigator, Vicky. She is doing a great job working with our Mentors and our Tiny Home guests. Thank You!

* **Mission Update:** “Lighten Your Load” Family Laundry Mission (Gayle Klitzke)

-- All volunteer slots are filled thru December 2025. The January thru March 2026 volunteer sign-up schedule will be coming out shortly. Grant request have been submitted, waiting to hear about funds from those requests. If you’re interested in volunteering for LYL, contact Gayle ... gayleklitzke@hotmail.com ... 715-723-5053.

The number of people coming to LYL continues to go up. We had one LYL session where 25 individuals/families showed up. That's a lot of quarters going into the washing machines and dryers. Donations for LYL can be sent to Pam Moran, c/o Central Lutheran Church, 411 N. Bridge St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. Make check out to: "Central Lutheran Church – Lighten Your Load."

* **Mission Update:** CFMC Serving Meals at Barnabas Table, Nov. 5th and Agnes' Table, Nov. 25th. (Tom Drehmel)

At Barnabas Table we served approximately 40 meals including dine-in and carry-outs. At Agnes' Table we served approximately 160 meals including dine-in and carry-outs. Thank you to all that volunteered to serve those meals, as well as for the prayers provided for this mission outreach.

* **Mission Update:** St. Francesca October Warm Winter Wear/Coat Giveaway. (Tina Simmons) Tiny was unable to attend the meeting, but she submitted this report ...

"We saw 61 families with a total of 273 family members. We gave away 244 coats along with 46 pairs of boots and 458 other warm winter wear items."

Tina indicated they are planning to do this Winter Wear Giveaway again in 2026.

* **Other Business/Announcements:**

-- Agnes' Table will be moving to St. Charles on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. Doors will open at 3:30, meals served at 5:00.

-- Bell Ringers still needed for Salvation Army. Register online at ... registertoring.com or contact Amanda Radle at Amanda.Radle@usc.salvationarmy.org ... 715-834-1224 ext. 3.

-- Discussed about possibly offering our CFMC meetings via ZOOM for those unable to attend. It was mentioned it didn't work so well in a large setting. Hope Village has something called a Spider System that might work, but it would require a lot of set up if it got moved around from venue to venue. Idea tabled for the time being.

-- FREE Christmas Dinner at First Presbyterian Church on December 25th ... 2:00 to 4:00 pm. They are located in downtown Chippewa Falls ... 130 W. Central St.

-- Holcombe Madrigal Court Singers Concert, Saturday, Dec. 13th at 7:00 pm ... Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1300 Mansfield St., Chippewa Falls. Free will offering will be donated to local outreach programs.

-- Holcombe Madrigal Court Singers Concert, Sunday, Dec. 21st at 2:00 pm ... Trinity United Methodist Church, 201 W. Central St., Chippewa Falls.

-- Christmas Worship Night, Friday, Dec. 5th at 6:30 p.m. ... Central Lutheran Church, 28 E. Columbia St., Chippewa Falls. Featuring familiar carols with a fresh, worship-driven, feel-creating space to sing, reflect and be present. Featuring Jesse Hamble, Michael Sandvig, Shari Sheehan, Brittany Cynor, Matt Zacharias, Becky Piper and Mark Ehlers. Open to the Community.

Next Meeting – Monday, Feb. 2, 2026 ... 5:00pm ... Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1300
Mansfield St., Chippewa Falls.

NOTE: We are currently meeting every other month (even months)

* 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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