

Chippewa Falls Mission Coalition Agenda – Monday, April 6, 2026

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

* Introductions and Prayer Requests

* Open Meeting With Prayer – Pastor Ed Williams

* **Guest Speaker:** Sydney Kwallek

Subject: Foster And Kinship Care

What They Do:

There are Three Branches of Care Offered –

1. Foster Care: This is 24-hour care provided by licensed foster parents for children who cannot live with their parents because they are unsafe, have special care or treatment needs, or other circumstances exist that result in their parents or family being unable to care for them.

Foster Parents provide a temporary home for children until they can be safely reunited with their biological family or reach another form of permanency, such as adoption or guardianship. (They currently have 24 Foster Homes.)

2. Respite Care: This is a temporary, short-term service that provides relief to primary caregivers who are responsible for the ongoing care of a loved one with a chronic illness or disability. It allows the caregivers to take a break or attend to other obligations while their loved one receives professional care. (They currently have 9 Respite Homes.)

3. Kinship Care: This is a program designed to help support a child who resides outside of his or her own home, either temporary or long-term with a relative to alleviate family stress or temporary family problems, rather than being placed in a foster home or other type of out-of-home placement. (They are currently supporting 61 Kinship Homes.)

How Can We Help:

Become A Foster Care Parent – There are a number of requirements to be a Foster Parent. Some of which are ... You must be at least 18 years of age ... You have to meet their licensing requirements ... You must pass a background check ... You must be able to support a child ... You must have separate bedroom space ... etc. You can go to the Foster Care website for a complete list of requirements ... <https://www.chippewacountywi.gov/327/Foster-and-Kinship-Care>

Donate To Community Closet Needs – They currently need the following NEW items ... Size 4 & Up Diapers ... Wipes ... Boys 3T Pants and PJs ... Boys 4T Outfits and PJs ... Girls 5T Underwear ... 12 Month Girls Pants ... 18 Month Boys Pants ... Stuffed Animals ... and Duffel Bags/Backpacks.

Donate To Foster Care Appreciation Month -- They have a Foster Care Appreciation Month starting on May 5th. They are accepting gift cards, gift baskets and monetary donations for the program and the providers.

Contact Sydney Kwallek for all closet donations as well as monetary donations to support various Foster Care events for the children and volunteers ... skwallek@chippewacountywi.gov ... or 715-944-3566.

*** Mission Update: “Lather With Love” Soap Mission – April** (Tom Drehmel)

We will once again be collecting laundry detergents and other soap-related items for our “Lather With Love” soap mission for the local pantries.

-- Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, 1300 Mansfield St, Chippewa Falls will be the drop-off point for all soap items you collect at your church/non-profit organization during April.

-- Last Day for donation drop-off is Monday, April 27th between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. If you want to drop-off earlier, the Church Office is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

-- Sorting Day will be Wednesday, April 29th. The Our Saviour’s Youth Group will be sorting during their class time. If you would like to help, contact Our Saviour’s ... 715-723-6048 during business hours.

-- Pantry Pick-Up Day is Thursday, April 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ... or Monday, May 4th between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., if April 30th doesn’t work.

*** Mission Update: Free Community Meal for Easter** (Cathy Greenseth)

-- Meal was held at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church on April 5th with support by a number of CFMC members in addition to the St. Charles volunteers.

-- They served approximately 125 meals to the community guests.

-- HyVee provided the bulk of the groceries and Sokup’s provided sliced ham for the meal.

-- Central Lutheran will be doing the Thanksgiving Community Meal and First Presbyterian will be doing the Christmas Community Meal. Dates to be determined.

(It was noted to contact Paula Gregory about connecting with HyVee and Sokup’s for possible support for those meals.)

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

-- **Indianhead Motel** – Demolition completed, ready for renovation. Electricians and Plumbers will be starting soon. All bathrooms are being redone. Meeting with Contractors every Wednesday for updates. Everything falling within budget, so far.

-- **Tiny Homes/Rentals** – 10 of 11 Tiny Homes filled, will probably fill the 11th home within a week or so. Still have a 3-bedroom apartment available in the six-plex. Both duplexes are rented out. Two more Duplexes and one more Six-Plex will be started as soon as funding is approved.

-- **Cadott High School Building Project** – Still working with Cadott about a project that will fit our needs and their abilities. Possibly another Tiny House. Stay Tuned!

-- **Quarter Auction Report** – Our Feb. 28th Quarter Auction raised \$38,000 for Hope Village. Already planning another Quarter Auction for next year. Possibly at Horizons in Tilden.

-- **2026 Golf Fund Raiser** – Currently in the planning stage with a tentative date of Monday, July 27th. Currently looking for sponsors and donations. Stay Tuned!

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

We have all LYL volunteer slots filled for the next three months. Funds are holding steady, but we always welcome any donations to cover the numerous quarters we go through for the washing/drying machines. We’re also always looking for new volunteers.

Donations can be sent to:

Pam Moran, c/o Central Lutheran Church-Lighten Your Load, 411 N. Bridge St., Suite #101, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.

*** Other Business/Announcements:**

-- **Jam Sessions/Fellowship Opportunity at First Presbyterian Church, 130 W. Central St., Chippewa Falls.** On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month (also 5th Wednesday if there is one) they have various local musicians show-up and each display their special talent with their individual instrument. FREE! It starts at 2:00 pm and ends by 4:00 p.m.

-- **April 9-11, Thrift Sale at Landmark Christian Church, 4140 126th St., Chippewa Falls ... 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** All proceeds from this thrift sale will be to help fund their mission trip to Guatemala at the end of April.

Closed Meeting with Our Father/Lord’s Prayer!

*** Next Meeting – June 1, 2026 at Trinity United Methodist Church**

No May Meeting ... currently meeting every other month (Even Months)

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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