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Faith in Action of Marathon County, Inc.

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Connecting People in Need with People Who Care!

Faith in Action Upcoming Events

Friday, November 21

Holiday "Care"-oling for
Faith in Action

Concert Fundraiser

7pm Wausau West High School
Auditorium

November 2- 30

Donations for Holiday Care
Packages are being accepted

Saturday, December 6 & 13

Holiday Care Package Assembly
and Delivery 9-11 am
Immanuel Lutheran Church
630 Adams Street

Volunteers are needed to fill and
wrap gift boxes and write cards for
our neighbors in need.

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*Faith in Action of Marathon County
Presents:*

Holiday 'Care'-OLing



Friday November 21st, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Wausau West High School Auditorium

Featuring Music & Talents of:

5 Area Choirs and a Youth String Ensemble

The ecumenical concert is free. Your free-will offering will be appreciated and will support Faith in Action's mission of helping elderly and disabled neighbors maintain independent living through Marathon County.

For More Information Call: (715) 848- 8783

"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference. "

-- Tom Brokaw

Faith in Action **Coalition of Neighbors**

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Letter from the Program Director

As we move into the holiday season, let us remember all of the many blessings that we have.

Here is a short list that I found a few years ago,

I AM THANKFUL FOR...

- ☺The mess to clean up after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.
- ☺The taxes I pay because it means I am employed.
- ☺The clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.
- ☺The lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and the gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.
- ☺My shadow who watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.
- ☺The spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.
- ☺All the complaining about our government because it means we have the freedom of speech.
- ☺My large heating bill because it means I am warm.
- ☺The alarm that goes off early in the morning hours because it means I am alive.
- ☺The piles of laundry and ironing because it means my loved ones are nearby.
- ☺Weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive. *-Author unknown*

We have so many things for which to be thankful. Remember to thank God each day for the many blessings that He has showered on us. Also remember to say thank you to your family and friends for just being there and for the many things you can do together. As a community of God, we can do so much together. Listen when you pray and find out what God has in mind for you.

Happy Holidays!

Colleen Motley

Fellowship Opportunities

YWCA Happenings

Monday Morning Readers

Are you interested in a book club that reads interesting books and meets in a lovely setting? If so, this group of friendly people may be just for you. Please contact the Faith in Action office if you are interested in joining this club.

Monday Morning Readers meets in the YWCA Parlor on Monday mornings, September through May from 9:30am - 11:00am.

A Day at the Theatre

Join us for a day at the Grand Theater and invite a friend to come along. These matinee productions are offered at a very special price. For complete details and descriptions of all five shows, please stop in at the YWCA or call 842-3381 to request a copy of our "Day at the Theatre" flier.

Jitro Czech Girls Choir

Tuesday, November 11 10:00 am

Jitro means "daybreak", and like the dawn for which it is named, this prize-winning girls' choir from the Czech Republic brings both light and life to songs from classical to spiritual, from folk to modern.

Tickets are \$5.50 per person
Please call the YWCA at 842-3381 extension 100 at least one week in advance to reserve your spot. Pre-payment is required.

Senior Luther League Group

Immanuel Lutheran Church 630 Adams Street

At our meetings we often have a craft project, music, entertainment, discussion and a short communion service. This is an ecumenical group and includes members from many church in the Wausau area.

Please join us for fun and fellowship!

**November 5 – Harvest Party (Wednesday)
November 20 (Thursday)**

Questions? Contact Pam Henkel at 842-3644



Community Meals



St. Paul's U.C.C. Neighborhood Meal

**426 Washington St. Wausau
(Use Parking Lot Entrance)**

Everyone is Welcome

Come Share a FREE Meal & Fellowship

**Tuesdays November 25th and
December 30th 4- 7 pm**

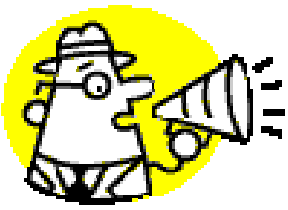
**Questions? Call Dawn @ 551-4166 or
Jane @ 842-8351**

First Presbyterian Church of Wausau

offers a community meal every Sunday evening in the basement of the church located at 406 Grant Street in Wausau.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

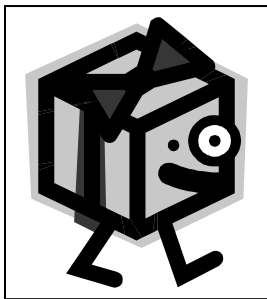
Meals are prepared and served by participating congregations beginning at approximately 5pm. Join us for a meal and fellowship.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

(and those that want to be)

- Consider donating an hour of your time once or twice a month. Take an elderly neighbor who can't drive to the doctor or the store to shop for groceries, or do grocery shopping for a shut-in – and make a difference in the life of a neighbor. Live out your beliefs by sharing compassionate service.
- Do you enjoy cleaning someone else's house more than your own? An elderly neighbor may need someone to vacuum, mop a floor, or change a light bulb – things s/he now finds difficult to do. Several opportunities are available to assist for an hour or so once or twice a month.
- Being a full-time caregiver isn't easy. Do you have an hour or two once or twice a month to sit with a shut-in while the spouse takes a much needed break? It really brightens their outlook on life to be able to get away once in a while.
- Do you enjoy cooking or baking? Why not join our Baking Buddies and make a little extra to share with an elderly or disabled neighbor in need? Someone who would really appreciate good food probably lives in your neighborhood.



IT'S HOLIDAY GIFT BOX TIME!

You are cordially invited to our Holiday Gift Box Building Meetings!
Come to Immanuel Lutheran Church (630 Adams Street) on either Saturday
December 6th and/or 13th from 9 – 11am in the basement fellowship hall.
Deliveries will take place starting on 12/13 beginning at 11 am.

Together we will be building Holiday Gift Boxes for the neighbors-in-need that we serve. We need people to fill boxes, wrap boxes, and write cards. You may bring donations of small items such as wrapped candies, toothbrushes, slipper socks, gloves, hats, scarves, sugarless and sugar-full candies, note pads, pens, shampoo, individual soaps, lotion, chap-stick, puzzle books, cookies, grocery store gift cards in \$5 to \$10 amounts; anything fun and compact. Also, we are in need of shoe boxes or like sized boxes, wrapping paper and holiday cards. Bring what you can – everyone adding a few items is part of the fun!

Donations will be accepted at participating coalition member churches and the Faith in Action office from November 2 – 30th.

Join us for holiday cheer and the best volunteer assignment of all – delivering those full gift boxes! Please contact the Faith in Action office to sign-up and bring a few friends! (848-8783)



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