

Notes from Our Lady of Fatima Social Ministry Projects meeting
which took place on June 15, 2011 in the Gathering Space at St., Catherine's

Those present were: Harveen and Bruce Gluf, Tillie and Bud Clark, Sue Buffington, Sue Linebeck, Virginia Gerken, Bernadine Merrill, Mary Lou Mulligan, Jonathan Fasnacht and Father Tom Jennings. Those excused were Connie Wieneke, Becky Ranschau and Bill Deutsch.

Father Tom said a prayer of Grace Before Meals since our first order of business was a pot luck dinner. We welcomed seminarian, Jonathan Fasnacht, who is spending time this month in our parish. After our delicious meal and fellowship Bud and Bruce left and we had a very short meeting. We talked about the lack of volunteers for selling Fair Trade Coffee. It was suggested to put a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space.

Relay for Life will be June 17/18, which is this weekend. Sue Buffington and Mary Lou Mulligan from our committee will be there.

The Habitat house still has no partner family. The lot is a mess and we do not have anyone who can mow there with so many obstacles present. Father said that he and Mary Lou would come up with a Sunday afternoon date on which a group of volunteers from our church could gather there to clean the property so that it would be safe to mow.

Cropwalk will be September 25, 2011.

Father reported that St. Mary's parish will celebrate their 125th anniversary and their KC chapter will celebrate their 100th anniversary on Sunday, July 10, with a Mass at 2:00 PM. Bill and Jean Deutsch will receive an award from the Bishop that day for their many years of service to the parish. All of us are invited for the Mass and for the lawn party afterwards.

Jonathan offered a closing prayer.

Father and Jonathan excused themselves to take a group of parishioners to Blue Mound State Park to watch the sunset from Eagle Rock and the Strawberry Full Moon rise.

The rest of us discussed the notes taken by Connie Wieneke at the Hunger Free Rock County meeting earlier this month. The Luverne Chamber of Commerce has a supply of Rock County Family Resource guides which have been offered to churches in the county. They have had a very poor response from the churches so far. We received the report on the Backpack Program for the past year. The number of participants increased by 60% from last year which was the second year of the program. June 7 was the kick off of the Hunger Free Minnesota program. The Morning Rec Program has not been well attended. They are looking for suggestions for fund raisers. One mentioned was a Monday night tip night at the Pizza Ranch; no date has been chosen. Another was selling Christmas Wreaths through Luverne Flowers. Most of us had not seen wreaths sold for the last couple of years so we thought it might be a good one.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Lou Mulligan, Coordinator