

# Augustana Update



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## Augustana Sponsors Ruby's Pantry

On Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 30 volunteers from Augustana will arrive at the Cumberland Elementary School at 6:00 a.m. to work at the monthly Food Distribution.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Distribution begins at 8:00 a.m.

There are no income requirements.

It is open to all who eat.

\$15.00 donation requested.

Cash only, no checks.

Get up to \$100 worth of food.

Bring your own containers and/or wheeled carts for food.

Typical food includes meat, fresh fruits/veggies, bread, dairy and snacks.

Food and quantities differ each month.

The food distribution is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month.

For more information, contact Cumberland Food Distribution at 822-2830

Or check Cumberland Food Distribution on

Facebook.

Food Distribution **will** be held Saturday, September 4 (Labor Day Weekend)

## 46th Annual Heart of the North Conference Women's Retreat

at Luther Park Bible Camp, Chetek

Monday, August 16 at 3:00 p.m. - Tuesday, August 17 at 3:00 p.m.

Whether you are busy or bored, take just 24 hours

to join the rest of the Women of the ELCA, to rest awhile, to nurture body, mind and spirit.

Registration is \$40 per person (\$45 after Aug. 1st).

Speakers are: Nancy Vrieze, Barbara Solsaa from Lutheran Social Services, and Retreat Pastor/Bible Study Pastor Mary Strom from Long Lake Lutheran Church. Plus a musical "IMAGE" and Christ Skit presented by the Luther Park Bible Camp Staff.

## "Heavenly Harp" Concert at Augustana

Tuesday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m.

Find an hour of peace at the Heavenly harp concert, featuring Joy and Karin Gunderson

with harp solos and duets, harp and vocals,

harp and flute, and inspiring stories.

Karin Gunderson serves as a Harp Practitioner for several hospice units in Phoenix, Arizona. She is fondly known at the "singing therapist."

## 1st Annual Community Walk in Memory of Colleen Knight Lundequam

Colleen did the Susan G. Komen 3-day walk and was looking forward to participating again. This event falls on the one year anniversary of her death. Let's all keep her spirit alive and walk with her and for her.

Please join us in remembering Colleen and supporting Breast Cancer Awareness in her name. A 3-day walk is being planned for August 20-22.

It will begin at 8:00 a.m. Friday, August 20 and end at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, August 22.

The walk is being held at the Cumberland high school track. We will do 20 miles per day. No entrance fee necessary. Shirts will be available in advance and all proceeds will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Length of participation is your choice.

Cumberland baseball association will be selling food throughout the event.

To order a shirt, sign up to walk, or for more information, please contact

Jane Lundequam at [wlundequam@gmail.com](mailto:wlundequam@gmail.com)

Nicole Donatell at [nicdon@centurytel.net](mailto:nicdon@centurytel.net)

or Ashley Malinovsky at [cabehrndt@centurytel.net](mailto:cabehrndt@centurytel.net)

### *Reflections from the deck*

In my devotional times this summer, I have been reading through Paul's epistles. This past month I've been working my way through Ephesians. Many of the epistles (letters) written by Paul and/or his disciples were written to address problems or issues that had arisen in the local congregations, but that is not true for this one. Ephesians is a letter of encouragement—to help the people understand (at least to a small extent) God's purposes... to expand their horizons... to help them grasp the vision that God has for the church in the world.

Have you ever read this letter as a whole, as you would a letter received from a friend or pastor? I encourage you to do so—to see what stands out to you... what catches your attention. The letter begins with a focus on God's blessings and God's vision for the church. Then it moves to "the practical"—How do we make this real? How do we live this out?

In a nutshell, it goes like this: First, God *broke down the walls* that separated us from God... then God *broke down the walls* that separate us from each other. Not only that, God *united us* in one body, the church, with Christ as the head of the body. And to each of us, God *gave gifts*—gifts we can use to minister to each other so we can live into *being* the church that God envisions.

- ***What does God envision for us at Augustana Lutheran Church?***
- ***What are the gifts you can share for the sake of our congregation and the ministry we are called to?***
- ***What new ministries might we engage in together? What ministries are no longer needed?***
- ***What is one area of ministry that catches your interest / your passion?***

Summer is winding down. That means it is time for us to gear up for fall. As you begin the transition from summer mode to fall mode in your own life and/or the life of your family... as you begin to figure out and organize your calendar, please remember to include Augustana's worship opportunities... Bible studies... Sunday School... Confirmation... Choir / Praise Team... Family activities... HEY / YEH... (and the list goes on) in your busy schedule.

**This is my invitation to you:** Explore what is here at Augustana... seek out what interests or intrigues you... choose one area to get involved in / share your time and gifts. And, if you don't find what you are looking for, talk with me, members of the church council, or other members of the staff – we'll be happy to explore ministry possibilities with you.

Grace and peace...

**Pastor Karen**

# Join Us

## At The

Summer Celebration

Luther Point Bible Camp

Grantsburg, Wisconsin

A Fundraiser to Celebrate and  
Support Luther Point's Ministry

**Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Come and Celebrate with us the**

End of the summer camping season

Joy of our ministry

The continuation of our mission

"Forming Faith Pointing to Christ!"

**This year's end of summer celebration will include:**

11:00am: Craft and Quilt Viewing

Pig Roast

Farmer's Market opens

Canteen/Quilt Store opens

Silent Auction begins

1:00pm: Auction begins

4:00pm: Campfire Worship Service

Be a part of the next cool project at Augustana. The Worship Committee is proceeding with the installation of a Video Projection System in the Great Hall. This would be used for power point presentations (worship and otherwise) and movies, slides, etc. The cost is around \$8000.00 and we have about half so far in Memorial Funds and other monies. If you are interested in contributing, contact Pastor Karen or John Westin.

## Church in Society

### **GOD AT WORK IN SENEGAL**

Thank you to Peter and Sarah Grow-Hanson, missionaries to Senegal, for their message to us. Peter spoke on the text of the Good Samaritan, asking us "Who are your neighbors?" They gave us new insight as to who their neighbors are in Senegal. They live and work daily with Muslims as Senegal is 90% Muslim. The ELCA church and others are looking to Senegal to learn how to live in a peaceful way with Muslims.

### **GOD AT WORK IN CUMBERLAND**

On Wednesday, July 14th and Thursday, July 15th, Augustana was host to the Migrant Seasonal Farm Worker Outreach Program. UMOs, United Migrant Occupational Services, and Job Service provided information and vouchers to over 158 summer workers here in Cumberland to process the green beans. The vouchers given out were for housing and food. These vouchers are federally funded. In order for them to receive these they must provide 3 forms of identification---a photo ID, a social security card, and a pay check stub from Seneca. If they are seeking help for their children they must have their birth certificates.

Augustana's Church in Society Committee served small sandwiches and watermelon and bananas while they waited. Thank you to all who provided food or money donations, to those who helped make sandwiches, and to all who helped do the serving.

The outreach specialists are so thankful for the use of our facilities. They have great space to interview these workers and the workers have a great waiting space.

### **GOD AT WORK AT AUGUSTANA**

The Summer Stretch Group learned about quilting and Lutheran World Relief Kits last Monday. They trimmed and counted \$57.00 worth of Milk Moola labels for Sunday School, tied 13 quilts for Lutheran World Relief, and rolled 84 bandages for Global Health Ministries.

### **GOD AT WORK THROUGH AUGUSTANA MEMBERS**

Augustana has just celebrated its 125th anniversary. The following is an excerpt from Pastor Karen's sermon that day.

Today we are celebrating an important milestone in the life of this congregation: 125 years of ministry and service in Christ's name. Today there is much to be joyful about...much to give thanks for. From its very beginning in 1885, Augustana has been a congregation centered and grounded in worship of God...and caring service to the needs of its members...the community of Cumberland...and beyond—stretching across the globe. Many sons and daughters of the congregation have gone on to serve the larger church in different capacities...over the years, several missionaries have been supported (financially/through prayer)...100s of quilts and prayer shawls, health kits and school kits have been given to people in need...youth and adults alike have participated in 1000s of hours of mission/service through organizations like Habitat for Humanity, Mission Builders, and most recently, Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution...and the list goes on and on. You have been "busy"..."faithful" to your call. Your strong missional focus...your focus beyond yourselves...is one of the things that caught my attention/that drew me to you when I was discerning my call.

Today, as we gather as one body (with the support and encouragement of friends and neighbors) to look back and give thanks for all that God has done through us over the 125 years...as we look forward with anticipation to the new ministry opportunities God will open to us in the future...Jesus invites us (as He invited Martha) to "focus"...to move from shallow surface vision to "deep vision"...to focus on the "one thing" that is necessary—Jesus, our friend and guest...and our host and Lord. In the coming years, He invites us to follow Mary's example: to position ourselves at His feet...to commit ourselves to reading scripture together and pondering its meaning for us here and now...to study and mature in a faith that continues to seek deeper understanding...to wrestle (like Jacob) for God's blessing...to get caught up in the joy of being in our Lord's presence.

Will we accept His invitation? By focusing on "this one needed thing"—God will reveal to us...with clarity and depth...the "image" hidden within the full-color present...the future God has planned for us.

Carol Halverson  
Church in Society Committee

## **AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**

July 20, 2010

**Attending:** Joe Brown, Mark Ruppel, Candace Jacobs, Tom Hallgren, Rachael Donatelle Stuntz, Sally Landstrom, Karen Hofstad, Laura Lindquist, Carol Wallin, Diane Carlson, Marty Voshell, Bob Chubb

**Absent:** Craig Friess, Dan Shoemaker

Council President Joe Brown called the meeting to order.

Sally Landstrom led devotions and group prayer.

Sally made a motion to approve the agenda. Tom seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

June Council minutes were amended to include the following: **Loan Balance was corrected from \$322,286.17 to \$315,109.26**

Mark moved to approve the June minutes as amended. Diane seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried.

Carol Wallin gave the Finance report in absence of Dan Shoemaker. June giving was down compared to budgeted amount. Giving statements will be out one more Sunday for pick-up before being mailed. John Westin is looking for funds for the overhead projection system for the Great Hall.

Mark Ruppel discussed considering refinancing the loan to take advantage of the new lower rates that are currently available.

Expense options for what the property committee may encounter when looking into repairing the water problem in the hall with anticipation of a possible repair with the leak.

[Carol Wallin] gave the Finance committee report.

As of June 30, 2010

Balance in Checking	\$11,463.48
Money Market Savings	\$51,125.82
Building Fund Checking	\$9,637.55
Loan Balance	\$305,045.00

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Hofstad thanked everyone for participation in the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

She has been working with the Education Committee on confirmation classes to begin this fall. Others will be needed as volunteers in place of adding more staff hours.

Summer Stretch is happening now on Mondays. Summer stretch includes Bible study, fun, fellowship, and volunteering in the church and in the community. Some of the projects the participants have done include painting the picnic tables and washing the windows. Mark offered positive remarks from the community on Summer Stretch. Job Service of WI met with workers Wednesday and Thursday. Workers and Job Service appreciate the space and the church has fulfilled a great need.

Friday is Mission Trip Send off Service. The service will be at 7:00 p.m. and be led by those participating in the Mission Trip.

VBS will be shared with Pastor Tim next week.

September 19<sup>th</sup>, [David Anderson of] Vibrant Faith Ministries will be preaching and meeting with Council and Hand-in-Hand [Task Force] between services or after.

Chapter 6 of Frogs Without Legs Can't Hear was discussed. Chapter 7 will be discussed at next meeting.

**Council –Committee Action:**

Bob Chubb – **Outreach-** Working on Information Brochure and getting it out to the public. Considering work to be done on signs.

Diane Carlson- **Education-** Planning education in the bigger picture and a new plan. The committee has created an education calendar for the entire year coordinated across age levels. Sunday school begins with a cross generational event. She encourages the council and anyone who is interested to attend. The committee has also been working with and supporting pastor regarding confirmation. Sunday school will stick with the rotation plan, but with more structure. Any interested volunteer teachers are welcome. High School students and Middle School students will be assisting where it suits their strengths.

Diane Carlson - **Church in Society** has been working with Benjamin's House, which is a Shelter for Homeless. Fair Trade coffee is being sold in the church and at the farmers market.

Laura Lindquist - **Worship and Music** has continued to work on improving the bulletin. Piano needed for church because the current piano is broken.

Marty Voshell- **Stewardship** has been working on the fall Stewardship Drive.

Sally Landstrom – **Communications** put up the display for the anniversary celebration with extra effort by Carol Rohl.

Rachael Stuntz- **Youth** - Carole is doing a wonderful job. Pictures were passed of recent events. Saint Paul Saints game was well attended. Youth Committee has been preparing for the Mission Trip.

Tom Hallgren- **Personal Committee** - Working on employee handbook and job descriptions.

Candace Jacobs –**Congregational Care**- Pot Luck, More Structure, Blood Pressure Checks, and Grief Counseling Session to be scheduled for fall.

Mark Ruppel- **Property Committee** provided a quote from Rice Lake Glass and Door quote to replace fogged windows.

Joe discussed the importance of having meetings. Post the meetings and establish a regular meeting date. Tell somebody if there is not going to be a meeting. Build structure and support within the committees and be intentional.

**New Business:**

August Church Council Meeting will be on August 10<sup>th</sup> instead of the usual meeting time.

Mark Ruppel made a motion to adjourn.

Bob Chubb seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Candace Jacobs

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Christian Education report**

July, 2010

The Christian Education committee is busy planning for fall educational activities, with Sunday School, adult education and Milestone Ministries working together to prepare a calendar of opportunities.

**Mark your calendars for these special events:**

September 12: First day of Sunday School; cross generational event

October 17: Cross generational event; outdoor activities and camp

October 31: Confirmation Sunday

November 14: First Communion

December 19: Christmas program at the 10:30 church service

January 2: Cross generational event; indoor activities and camp

March 6: Cross generational event; preparation for Lent

May 15: Cross generational event; service project

**Everyone (of all ages!)** are encouraged to attend the cross generational events.

In between these cross generational events, Sunday School students will use SPARK curriculum to learn about Mary and Martha, the Last Supper and to prepare for the annual Christmas program. Watch for more details next month about what rotational curriculum is and how we will be using the materials to teach and grow.

In addition to Sunday morning adult Bible Study, adult education is working on planning Sunday morning discussions focusing on social concerns and current events. Watch for further information about topics and dates. If you have a special interest in a topic, please share your idea with Elaine Olson, or any member of the Christian Education committee.

Watch for more information about Confirmation classes this fall.

A big thank you goes out to the team of people who make up the Christian Education committee: Rachael Stuntz, Todd Sandman (Sunday School), Connie Lussier, Denise Reidy (Milestone Ministry and SPLASH), Janice Ahneman (Confirmation), Diana Ostness, Evelyn Brown (Library), Elaine Olson (Adult education), Mary Jean Jergenson, Val Anderson (Camp). We are especially grateful for Pastor Karen's guidance as we look forward to another year of learning, sharing and growing together in Christ's love for all of us.

Diane Carlson,  
Chairperson, Christian Education committee

### **Finance**

July 19, 2010

Finance Committee met at 6:00 p.m. at JAK offices. Members present: Brenda Kupferschmidt, Carol Wallin, John Westin, Tom Hallgren, and Bruce Jungerberg.

Budget Performance (YTD thru June 30, 2010)

Offerings:	+\$4442
Expenses:	-\$1930
Net Income:	+\$6372

- All giving Statements for Second Quarter 2010 have been either picked up or mailed.
- John Westin is seeking donations for a video projection system for the Great Hall. He has some funds donated from Memorial money but will need additional donations.

Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 9 at 6:00 p.m. as the council meeting will be on Tuesday, August 10.

### **Communications Committee**

July 15, 20210

Members Present: Carol Rohl, Sally Landstrom, Corrine Thoe, Fran Chubb, Donna Olson, Jene Morey and Pastor Karen.

The meeting was very informal with the majority of time spent on putting out the display of archive material. Carol reported on the progress of the display of Pastors pictures. Discussion took place on where to hang them and our recommendation is the middles section of the long wall in Great Hall. They should be up before the end of summer. These are being done in memory of Irene Dahl by her family.

Good comments have been reported about the bulletins and their content.

An announcement will be made that pictures should not be left at church without the following; event, date and names if possible. We have many pictures with no idea what they are and in many cases who they are. We have been trying to organize what we can but it has been difficult.

Next meeting will be in September.

### **Check out the Youth and Family Resource and Gift Center**

items that are on display and for purchase in the Great Hall.

## Youth and Family News...

**Summer Stretch** is off and running or should I say off working and then having fun. I look out into the group and I see high school kids that have been through the program and are back to help as counselors. Wow ... they are really awesome. Thanks to Luke Bangsberg, Zoe Hopkins- Hile, Livia Barker and Libby De Jardin. I also want to thank the adults involved in summer stretch: Carol Wallin (the head cook), Kristin Olson, Heather Friess, Bob and Fran Chubb, and Bus Driver Tim De Jardin.

So far we have counted \$57.00 worth of milk caps, Tied 13 quilts, rolled 85 bandages. We have 2 more service days to complete yet. Learning to balance work and play is a life-long lesson but we are playing after our work. We have golfed 18 holes of mini golf, went go-carting and water sliding at Wild Mountain. We will tell you more next month.

Watch for the article in newspaper article next week.

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By the time you read this the Mission Trip group should be well on their way to Montana. We have a total of 16 going. We will be working for the Gallatin Valley Habitat for Humanity chapter, dry walling, building a deck and doing some finishing work on a house there. Keep the team in your prayers. The team will send e-mails and pictures to the church office as they go.

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Watch for a Family Day to be announced for the end of August. It will be a camp fire and fellowship and volleyball game.

## Augustana Prayer Chain



If you have a friend or family member that you would like to be prayed for, please contact the Prayer Chain by calling Corrine Thoe at 822-2119 or the church office at 822-2890



### Happy Birthday in August to:

- 1 Emma Kupferschmidt
- 2 Tom Bents
- 3 Brooke Broker, Kim Henck
- 4 Isaac Lundquist, Julie Neurer
- 6 Diane Craine, Kim Gosda
- 7 Shawna Blomsness-Willis
- 9 Jasen Molls, Tom Mullen, Corrine Thoe
- 10 Roger Anderson, Jim Schweiger
- 11 Linnea Hallgren, Roger Wistrill
- 12 Jackie Berg
- 13 Erik Sandman
- 14 Michael Moravitz
- 15 Tim Hines, Dorothy Osborn
- 16 Jackie Alich, Jeff Bergstrom, Taylor Olsen
- 18 Brenna Hall

- 19 Kay Theese
- 20 Gary Bergmann, Shawn Warwick
- 21 Brittany DeNucci
- 23 Chase Boucher, Richard Neurer, Dana Warwick
- 24 Shirley Anne Evenson, Jayden Garling
- 25 Andy Hecht, Joe Miller, Josh Turner
- 26 Andy Bangsberg, Trevor Johnson
- 27 Robert Barker, Jr., Laura Lindquist,  
Christy Moravitz, Michelle Stevens, Eric Westin
- 28 Danny O'Brien
- 29 Jackie Annis
- 30 Ken Farley, Joe Wistrill
- 31 Denise Reidy

Wedding Anniversary wishes to:

- 5 Diwaine and Nancy Larson
- 6 Chad and Kristin Olson
- 7 Bruce and Susan Jungerberg  
Gary and Judy Lundquist  
Dan and Julie Neurer
- 8 Joel and Kathy Kreger
- 9 Tom and Laura Lindquist
- 10 Jeff and Tricia Pedersen
- 12 Gene and DeDe Graf  
Andy and Laura Hecht
- 14 Ben and Edna Hines  
Chris and Barb Landstrom  
Kip and Vicki Wiita
- 15 Alan and Diane Carlson
- 16 Curt and Robin Kriedeman  
Jeff and DeAnn Walters
- 17 Scott and Brenda Kupferschmidt
- 18 Claire and Marge Johnson  
Isaac and Amanda Lundquist
- 21 Jim and Pam Baker
- 24 Bob and Sarah Lundquist

**AUGUSTANA WOMEN**

For over 20 years Women of the ELCA have made a difference in our communities and the world. With your pc, laptop, blackberry, even your I phone, you can get connected to the world of Lutheran women. Check out these websites:

- Browse the home page of WELCA at [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org)
- Visit the WELCA blog
- Become a fan on the WELCA Facebook page
- Subscribe to the free monthly on-line newsletter, "bold Connections"
- Explore the latest issues of Cafe, the award winning magazine for young women,
- [www.boldcafe.org](http://www.boldcafe.org) stirring the spirit within!

## Thank you to those serving in August

If you cannot serve on your scheduled Sunday, please find a substitute or call Jan Schweiger at 822-8079.

### **AUGUST 1**

Elevator Operator  
Greeters  
Ushers

### **8:00 a.m.**

Susan Jungerberg  
Keith & Bev Anderson  
Pete Bergmann/Gary Lundquist

### **9:30 a.m.**

Carol Halverson  
Elaine Olson  
Tim & Mary Jean Jergenson  
Jan Schweiger  
Cathy Koser  
James Koser

Worship Assistant  
Reader  
Coffee Server

Val Sutherland  
Val Sutherland  
Fran and Bob Chubb

### **AUGUST 8**

Elevator Operator  
Greeters  
Ushers  
Worship Assistant  
Reader  
Coffee Server

Bill Olsen  
Donnis Mullen  
Pete Bergmann/Gary Lundquist  
Craig Bucher  
Craig Bucher  
Carol and Jim Wallin

Denise Westin  
Kirsten Sandman  
Joel & Kathy Kreger  
Dave Evenson  
Shirley Anne Evenson

### **AUGUST 15**

Elevator Operator  
Greeters  
Ushers  
Worship Assistant  
Reader  
Coffee Server

Chris Landstrom  
Eve Rineck  
Pete Bergmann/Gary Lundquist  
Alan Carlson  
Alan Carlson

Scott Kupferschmidt  
Tom & Becky Bents  
Jim and Carol Wallin  
Janice Ahneman  
Janice Ahneman

### **AUGUST 22**

Elevator Operator  
Greeters  
Ushers  
Worship Assistant  
Reader  
Coffee Server

Vicki Robertson  
Julie Donatelle  
Pete Bergmann/Gary Lundquist  
Vonnie Schell  
Vonnie Schell

Alex Duncan  
Carol Leopold  
Denise Westin & Barb Agen  
Terri Brown  
Terri Brown

### **AUGUST 29**

Elevator Operator  
Greeters  
Ushers  
Worship Assistant  
Reader  
Coffee Server

Steve Komarek  
Dan & Ruth Shoemaker  
Pete Bergmann/Gary Lundquist  
Charlotte Melby  
Charlotte Melby

Bill Olsen  
Doris Rydberg  
Karyn Hullinger & Mervin Olson  
James Koser  
Cathy Koser

### **ALTAR CARE\_**

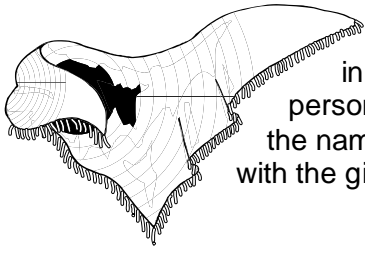
Corrine Thoe, Lilly Jergenson, Denise Reidy

### **OFFERING RESPONSIBILITY**

Candace Jacobs and Sally Landstrom

### **GREETING CARD MINISTRY**

Elaine Olson



**Prayer Shawls are available** in the church library. If you know of someone who is in need of comfort and prayer, you may pick out a prayer shawl and give it to that person. To prevent duplicate gifts, a signup sheet is located on the top shelf. Please fill in the name of the shawl recipient and the date. Also on the top shelf is a card to be included with the gift of the shawl.

## **MISSION PROJECTS**

### **Health Kits, Sewing Kits, and Quilts for Lutheran World Relief**

### **Hospice/AIDS Kits for Global Health Ministries**

At the top of the stairway in the church entry is a basket containing plastic bags to be filled with items for the Health, Sewing, and Hospice/AIDS Kits. Inside each bag is a list of items needed for each kit. Blankets, Fabric, and Bed Sheets in good condition are needed to make Quilts. Information can also be found on the WELCA bulletin board downstairs in the hallway by the library entrance.

**Also, when you are at garage sales look for items for layettes.**