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Count Your Blessings!

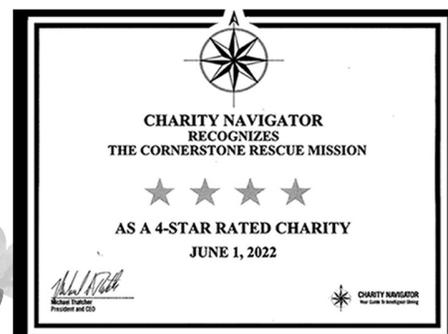
It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and the Rally is just around the corner. I hope that you and your family and friends have gotten together for some fun and sunshine! While summer generally signifies fun and a lot of relaxation, it hasn't been that way for many. The folks who suffered through the flooding in the southeastern part of the state will not remember this as a summer of fun. Neither will those struggling with the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl or the heat dome. Please remember to pray for those affected by these natural disasters; that they would be able to rebuild their homes and their lives as quickly as possible. Also pray for practical matters – insurance claims, clothing, food and clean water. When we have it we don't think about it; when it is gone or contaminated, life surely looks a lot different.

The summer months can also be tough for the homeless in our community. When the temperatures rise, we always open our doors to act as a cooling center. Those in need of escape from the heat can come in and sit in air-conditioned comfort, and we have water and snacks and good

conversation in abundance. We love being able to meet this need – while it may seem like nothing to those in air-conditioned homes or offices, it is such a relief for those in need. Never underestimate the tiniest act of kindness, as it may be what saves someone's life. You are all a part of our agency being able to be open; and you are part of the kind gestures we extend to the community. Your generosity allows us to be able to provide various services, big and small!

Remember to count your blessings and walk in gratitude. Gratitude opens the spirit up and Jesus loves to hear what we are grateful for. He has done so much for all of us, and that makes it easy to give in the smallest of ways. Thanks for loving us and the homeless community we serve. We are truly blessed!

Stay safe during the Rally,
Lysa



Helping People 24/7/365

Maryann Leanna saved a life! Maryann is the Program Manager of the Cornerstone Apartments. While traveling near Chamberlain, Maryann and her husband saw a motorcycle in the ditch. When they turned around to check it out, they saw a man near the motorcycle. They immediately called 911. Maryann had been an EMT in the past, so she had training in life-saving maneuvers. She saw that the man was blue and could not find a pulse. She immediately started CPR but was not having any luck getting him to breathe. After becoming exhausted, she asked the man's girlfriend to take over for a minute.

The pregnant girlfriend had been driving in a car behind her boyfriend. The man was speeding at over 100 miles per hour on his motorcycle and the girlfriend in the car could not catch up with him.

Since the girlfriend did not know CPR, Maryann gave instructions while she took a quick break to recover. Maryann took back over the CPR and soon the man started breathing, much to her relief! Maryann saved a man's life and now he will live to see his unborn child in a couple of months. Congratulations Maryann on a "Good Samaritan job" very well done!



Helping Donations

Nancy and Richard Henning dropped off a wonderful donation of men's t-shirts and underwear. These are such useful items and are always asked for at the Men's Mission. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints gathered these items at their General State Conference. We thank them for their generosity and thinking of the men that stay at Cornerstone!



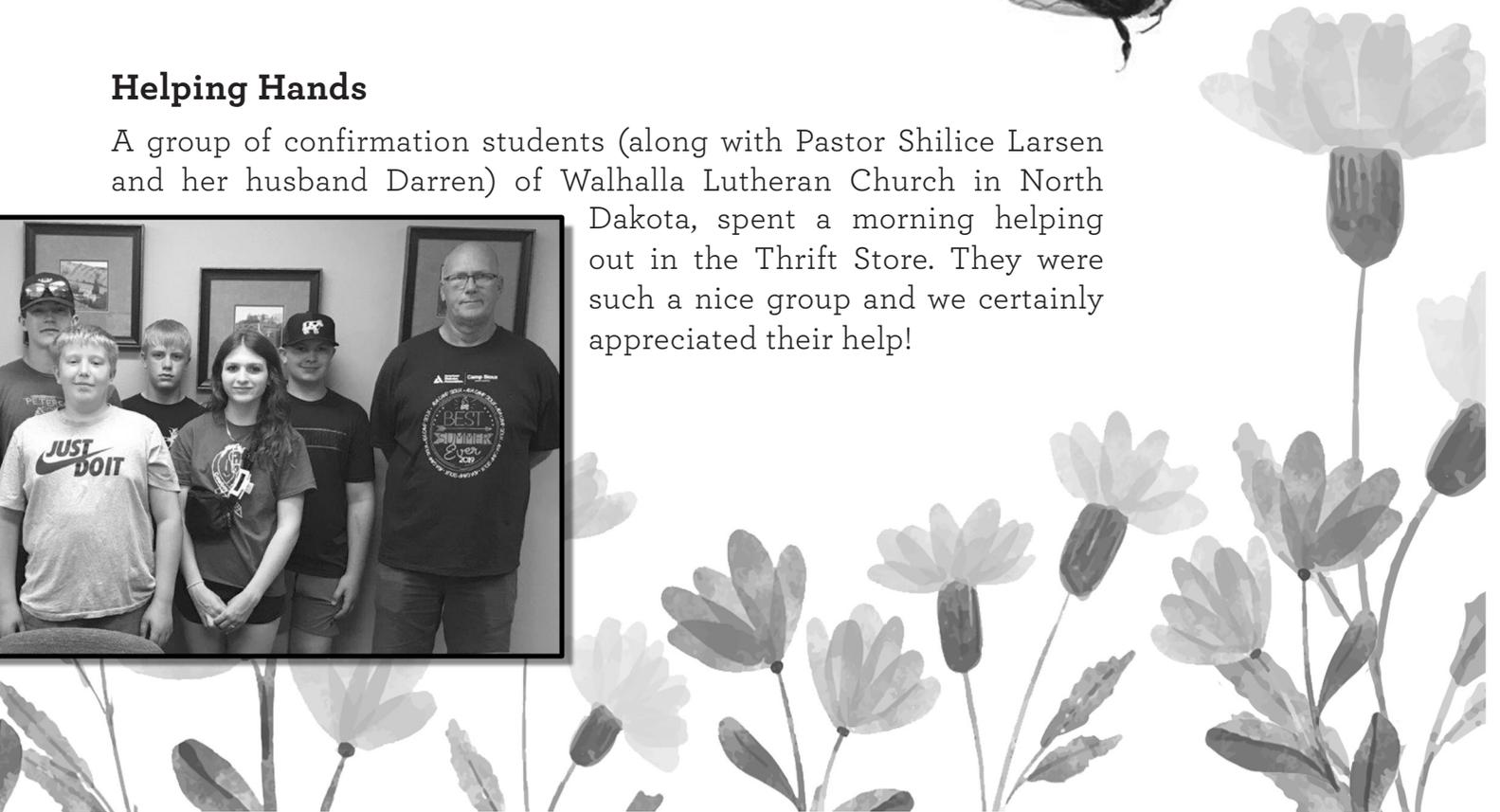
Helping Hearts

Members of Freedom Church held a weeklong Vacation Bible Club for the children of the Cornerstone Apartments. The kids had a great time and we thank this group for providing the kids with such a fun week!



Helping Hands

A group of confirmation students (along with Pastor Shilice Larsen and her husband Darren) of Walhalla Lutheran Church in North Dakota, spent a morning helping out in the Thrift Store. They were such a nice group and we certainly appreciated their help!



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A very sweet lady anonymously dropped off all the supplies to make four flower pots full of blooms. Guests Darcy and Dorle had a great time putting these together and being creative. They did a great job! Thanks to the donor for this beautiful gift!

*...Whoever is kind to the
needy honors God.
Proverbs 14:31*

Dear Lord, Fill my heart with
compassion for those hurting
and in need. I desire to do
your will above all else. Show
me the way, my sweet Savior!

The
Peace
of
Heaven



Needs List:

MEN'S MISSION - 30 Main St.

KITCHEN: Spaghetti sauce,
tomato sauce, canned beans,
salsa, BBQ sauce, salad dressing

MISSION: Foot powder, towels,
twin-sized blankets, twin-sized
sheets, reading glasses, bottled
water for sack lunches, personal
hygiene items for men & women,
backpacks.

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME - 301 Fox Run Drive

Coffee, eggs, milk, cereal,
sandwich bread, butter, sugar,
laundry soap, dish soap,
kleenex, clorox wipes,
personal hygiene items.

CORNERSTONE THRIFT STORE - 401 - 11th Street

Beds, furniture, small appliances,
kitchen items, home décor.

VETERANS - 30 Main St.

Shoes, boots, sugar, creamer,
antiperspirant, lotion,
backpacks, coffee.

APARTMENTS - 1220 East Blvd.

Dish soap, household cleaners,
toilet paper, laundry soap.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CORNERSTONE RESCUE MISSION
(The enclosed envelope is for your convenience. We are serving more people every day. Your help is appreciated!)