



# CONNECTIONS

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## What a Wonderful Season of Giving



Members of the Development Committee and staff were overwhelmed with the generosity of our community once again. Our Direct Mail Campaign was a great success, thanks to each of you. Whether you volunteer or make a financial contribution your support is what allows us to help so many.

Our Bear Essentials Program also received many donations over the holidays. Sadly, we saw just as many people in need. In December and January we helped six young families.

We received a heartwarming donation from St. Joseph Catholic Church of clothing, diapers, pack and plays, and blankets. Members of the Parish Council of Catholic women presented an abundance of items to Interfaith.



*Pictured here are Board Members of the PCCW, Heather Diehn, Pam Antonelli, Lori Kitowski, Joan Hanson-Mays, presenting Bear Essential items to Karen Foust, Interfaith Program Director*

## Special Thank You to Our Retiring Board Members and Welcome New



Interfaith welcomed three new board members at our January 18th Board Meeting. Newly elected board members were Ron Danielson, Judy Hansen & Rozanne Ruzic. All of whom are very familiar with community service. Judy Hansen is one of the founding members of Interfaith, Ron Danielson has been Mayor of Black River Falls since 2008, and Rozanne Ruzic has been a volunteer with Interfaith since 2009.

New Officers were elected: President, Pastor John Cowles, Vice President, Pastor Meg Erickson, Secretary, Lyle

Hart and Treasurer, Fred Goettl.

Additional board members are Chris Barnett, Gretchen Handly Pam Johnson, Mary O'Brien, Paul Ripp, Steve Schreiber, Nehomah Thundercloud and Mary Beth White-Jacobs.

Pastor John Cowles, Development Committee Chair presented the results from the direct mail campaign, raising over \$18,000. The community support for the campaign was outstanding. These funds will continue the twenty-six year tradition of care giving in the community.

Lori Chown, Program Assistant reported that in 2015, 235 volunteers provided over 6,000 hours to 270 individuals. The mission to reach out with care and compassion continues through the dedication of Interfaith's volunteers.

## Thank You Just Isn't Enough

Interfaith was sad to see three of our board members go, as their terms have expired.

Dana Olson served two terms, volunteering as Finance Chair, and was always willing to help with special events.

Jim Kaphengst just completed his second term. Jim has served as President, Vice President, along with sitting on many other committees.



Kristi Hanson also served two terms, volunteering as secretary and assisting with many special events. Thank you all for your service. You will be greatly missed.

## Living Well with Chronic Conditions

Living Well is a six-week workshop that provides tools for living a healthy life with chronic health conditions, including diabetes, arthritis, asthma and heart disease. Through weekly sessions, participants get support for continuing normal daily activities and dealing with the emotions that chronic conditions may bring about.

**Classes run Wednesday, March 30th thru Wednesday, May 4th, 1PM-3:30PM at the Black River Falls Public Library.**

**To sign up call Interfaith at 715-284-7058.**

## Board of Directors

Pastor John Cowles  
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## Report from... Karen Foust, Program Director

Dear Friends:

Lori and I have been already thinking about spring and organizing two fun events, the annual volunteer recognition luncheon and the Women in History Program. Please look for further details in this newsletter about these events.

I had an interesting chat with my eight year old grandson telling him how it is our job to be a good role model, showing kindness and thoughtfulness to our friends. He looked at me and said, "Why is that our job, Grandma?" I think my grandson and I need to have chats more often.

To our Interfaith volunteers, it isn't a job to be kind and caring. It is part of who they are and why they want to help people. In 2016, over 6,000 hours were donated by 235 generous, caring volunteers helping 270 individuals. With all the sadness that is happening in our world, a little kindness shared by Interfaith volunteers make Lori and I smile and feel so grateful to be working here.

We welcome new Interfaith board

members Ron Danielson, Judy Hansen and Rozanne Ruzic to the board. Board members accepting a second term are Pastor Meg Erickson, Lyle Hart, Pam Johnson and Paul Ripp. We are so grateful to have their leadership and look forward to working with them in the months ahead. Sincerest thanks also to outgoing board members, Dana Olson, Jim Kaphengst and Kristi Hanson for their time devoted to supporting the programs and services coordinated by Interfaith.

On January 18, the Interfaith board discussed revisiting our mission statement. The volume of calls for a variety of services is increasing. We want to remain true to our mission of helping older adults and people with disabilities. The clarification will be shared with county-wide agencies we currently receive referrals from.

If you are looking for something to occupy your time that is meaningful and also make a difference in someone's life, please consider volunteering with Interfaith by calling 715-284-7058.

Look forward to warmer temperatures, longer days and planting your flower and vegetable gardens!

## Support Interfaith While You Shop!

Interfaith is now signed up for Amazon smile. Simply go to Amazon Smile to shop and select Jackson County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers as your charity. Interfaith will receive .5% of your purchase, and you pay the same price!

## *The Best Part of Waking Up Is Volunteering!*

In recognition of Interfaith and Jackson County Aging Unit Volunteers we will celebrate National Volunteer Week, Monday, April 11th at 11am. This years theme is *The Best Part of Waking Up is Volunteering!* Watch for your invitation in the mail.

## Gifts and Memorials

Interfaith Caregivers relies on the generous support of our community to continue our mission of helping the elderly and disabled. Without your support none of this would be possible. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the following people, churches, organizations and businesses for their donations. Every effort is made to include the names of all donors during this period. If your name was omitted, please accept our apologies and let us know so we can promptly correct our records.

### INDIVIDUALS

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 Geri Zlesak

**BEAR ESSENTIALS**

The Eckles Family Christmas  
 Gift  
 Valerie Jacobson  
 Liz Parker  
 Jane Ramey  
 Clara Smetana  
 St. Joseph PCCW & Parishioners

**CHURCHES**

BRF United Methodist Church  
 Community Christian

Deborah Circle of Little  
 Norway  
 Family Worship  
 Hixton UMC  
 Immaculate Conception St  
 Mary's Alter  
 Little Norway Lutheran  
 Little Norway Lutheran  
 WELCA  
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 Merrilann United Methodist  
 Women  
 Northfield ELCW  
 Our Saviors Lutheran Church  
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 Squaw Creek Lutheran  
 WELCA  
 Taylor WELCA  
 Trempealeau Valley WELCA  
 Trout Run United Methodist  
 Women  
 Upper Beaver Creek WELCA  
 Women of New Hope  
 Women of Our Saviors

**ORGANIZATIONS**

Black River Falls Rotary Club  
 Hilltop Group  
 Young Moderns HCE

**FOUNDATIONS**

Alliant Energy (In honor of  
 Jim Kaphengst)  
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 • Lucy Anderson  
 • Karen Foust  
 • Donna Overlien  
Dr. Steve Hegna's Retirement  
 • Dean & Delores Severson  
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 • Alice Rae Evenson

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 • Margaret Peterson  
Margaret Steien's 93rd  
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 • Ruth Huber

**IN MEMORY OF**

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 • Marilyn Ackerson  
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- Barbara Ransom
- Raymond Ransom
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- Ann Rice
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- Shirley Engebretson
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- Margaret Legois
- Shirley Sahr
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- Donald Sampson
- Diane Aldach
- Bette Marshall
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- Russ & Marion Scharlau
- Jim & Lori Scharlau

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- Mike & Cindy Dougherty
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- Mike & Kristi Hanson
- Ruth Jacobson
- Everett and Alice Larkin
- Gene & Judy Ransom
- Virginia Wussow
- Charles Wussow
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- Betty Wyss Family
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- Winston Zeman & Family
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*Women In History*

Join us on March 16th at 2pm, Skyline Golf Course as we celebrate Women's History Month.

Since 1996 the Jackson County Sheriff's Office has been honoring Jackson Counties Women in History. Each year, five area women are honored for making a difference in our community. Join us as we celebrate 21 years of Women in History.

If you would like to receive our newsletter by email instead of postal mail, please email us at [interfaith@centurytel.net](mailto:interfaith@centurytel.net). Thank you!

**JUMP into Volunteering!**

Jackson United Mentor Program is a school based mentor program, coordinated by Interfaith Caregivers. Since 1998 Interfaith has been matching responsible, caring adult volunteers, one on one, with students who need support. We are currently recruiting volunteers for the 2016-2017 school year. If you would like more information, please call Karen at 715-284-7058.

**We welcome our newest volunteers:**

- Mary Ann Johnson
- Pat McGowan
- Bob Perry

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