

Bethlehem Circle of Hope Minutes

Date: 1/6/11	Present: Peter Bierer, Pam Sandland, Craig Hinkle, Joan Hertel, Liliana Quiroz-Rios, Marsha Qualset, Kathy Sallstrom, Mary Bliesmer, Sue Larsen, Amber Statz, Drew Campbell
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Work for Us to Do!
Opening Devotion/Prayer – Sue		
Contata, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, December 19 th .	Peter reported that the church was full for the Cantata and that there have been many compliments about the performance. The free-will offering raised more awareness about the Drop-in Center.	
Donation	Bethlehem Lutheran Church women donated \$500 to the Drop-in Center from the November Nordic Bazaar.	LSS will send thank you note to Bethlehem women.
Erna Stock House – Transitional Living Program, for up to 10 people, 18-24 years old	The City of Mankato has reroofed, carpeted, demolded and painted the interior of this house and rented to Partners for Affordable Housing. LSS staff will be giving referrals to PFAH and will be helping with case management of the young people living there. PFAH needs help to clean and furnish this four bedroom house.	Amber will update the wish list and e-mail to Circle of Hope members. Pam offered to “Adopt a Room” and furnish the kitchen through Grace Lutheran members. She also has coat racks, cork boards and a filing cabinet from Grace Lutheran. Peter will check on availability of lockers from St. John the Baptist Catholic School building. Amber and PFAH will set a date

		to clean the house and e-mail Circle of Hope members for help.
LSS Drop-in Center	We toured the Center and were excited to see the progress being made on walls, ceilings and floors. The space seems ideal for this purpose. LSS will begin renting February 1, 2011. We discussed ways to promote and name the Center. Amber and Craig suggested operating hours, activities and staffing plans.	Amber will e-mail a wish list for the Drop-in Center to Circle of Hope members.
Undie Sunday, February 13, 12-4, St. John's Episcopal Church		Donate new underwear to be distributed to various agencies.
Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, tentative date, March 13, Christ the King Lutheran	There may be a trailer in the parking lot for donated items for LSS Drop-in Center and Erna Stock House Transitional Living Program for Young Adults.	
Next Bethlehem Circle of Hope meeting, Thursday, February 3, 4:00, Grounds for Joy lounge		HOPE to see you there!