

St. Aloisius Community Volunteer Program



St. Aloisius
Medical Center
SMP Health System

- September 09 -

Sources of Strength

Wells Co. Mentoring * Faith in Action

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Dear Mentors, Youth, Volunteers and Friends,

Wow, the summer has flown by and here we are back in school again! Please watch out for children who may be excited or in a hurry. Traffic safety may be the last thing on their minds.

Harvest is upon us, along with the amazing colors of fall that we will soon be blessed with. It seems that everywhere we look, we are reminded of God's splendor. Don't miss this opportunity to reflect upon our many blessings and the magnitude of His creations.

Food Pantry

We are doing a paper drive at St. Aloisius from September 20th- 26th for the food pantry. This includes toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, Kleenex, diapers, and any other paper products. You may also include non-food items such as shampoo, deodorant, school supplies, etc. The goal is to obtain items that people cannot purchase with food stamps. Items may be dropped off in the box that will be in the entranceway of the front door to the hospital. We appreciate your participation in this ministry.

Back to School Party

Area teens are invited to the annual back to school party on Friday, September 11th at the Harvey Rodeo grounds, immediately after the football game. There will be music, food and a good time for all. Bring friends! This project is sponsored and supervised by the Harvey Police Department, SADD and Wells Co. Mentoring.

Prayer at the Schools

On August 19th, the Central Dakota Ministerial Association joined parents and others to pray a blessing for our schools and faculty at BM Hansen and HHS. There is also a group of people who pray for each individual student and staff on a weekly basis. (If you are interested in joining this group, contact Tammy.) In addition to this, there is a weekly prayer meeting on Tuesdays from 8:30-9:00a.m., at the St. Aloisius chapel to pray for our schools, churches and community. (Anyone interested may join us.)

Mentoring

Now that school is starting, we want to get mentoring up and going in full swing. Mentoring is fun and easy. It is simply spending time with a young person on a regular basis, doing things that you both enjoy. If you can be an extra caring person for a young person in our community, call Tammy for more information. This is a rewarding way to make a difference!

Teens, mentoring is considered community service, which is a criteria for many scholarships and applications into universities.

Long Term Care

We are always looking for caring people to spend time with residents. Call Denise Martin for additional information.

Healing Garden

We are preparing a hospice healing garden at St. Aloisius. If anyone has any perennials to share when cleaning your gardens this fall, please contact Beth Huseth at 324-4651. We would appreciate your donations and you can be a part of this special project. We also need volunteers to work in the garden, so if you have a green thumb, please consider helping.

Hospice

Volunteers should have identification badges that they wear when working with patients. If anyone does not have a badge, please let Tammy know so we can obtain one from Bismarck.

Senior Companions:

Monthly information sharing meeting – at St. Aloisius on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd at noon.

Faith in Action:

In addition to providing medical transportation, we periodically have people who need help with housework, basic lawn care, etc. If this is something that you may be able to help with, please let us know. You can choose which tasks you would be able to help with.

Congratulations to our
Mentor of the month,
Bob and Joyce Pestal
and our volunteer of the month,
Lewis Weigelt.
You are appreciated!

Mentoring/Community Activities:

- Sept. 4th – Home game and back to school party
- Sept. 14th – Homecoming coronation
- Sept. 18th – Homecoming parade and game
- Sept. 20-26th – Paper drive for food pantry at St. Aloisius

Prevention:

Need help quitting tobacco use? Call the North Dakota Tobacco Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW. The ND Tobacco Quitline is a FREE service available to help N.D. smokers and spit tobacco users quit using tobacco. Beckee Keller is our local tobacco prevention coordinator.

Thought to Ponder:

What we do in life echoes in eternity.

Verse:

There is no greater joy than to know that my children are walking in truth. 3 John 1:4

St. Aloisius Website:

Check out what's going in your community by logging onto the St. Aloisius website at <http://www.stalouisius.com/>.

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Do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it.Your Father knows that you need them. But seek His kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. --Luke 12:29-32, NIV

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### **What Lies Ahead**

One day many years ago, as I was driving home from town with one of our sons, he kept urging me to hurry. "Go faster, Mother!" he insisted. But he was too young to read the road sign that said 45 mph.

And again, "Pass him, Mother." But he was too small to see that there was a double yellow line.

Then I began applying the brake. "Why are you stopping?" he demanded.

"There's a school bus ahead that has stopped," I replied.

I thought to myself, "When God is at the wheel, we may request—but never insist. We are too young to read certain signs, too small to see what lies ahead."

George Macdonald writes, "There is a communion with God that asks for nothing, yet asks for everything. ...He who seeks the Father more than anything He can give, is likely to have what he asks, for he is not likely to ask amiss."

There may be a long interval between these two clauses from John 16:24: "*ask and ye shall receive:* and "*that you joy may be full*" (KJV). But the end of the true prayer is always joy.

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Prayer for the Day

How good it is to know that I can rest in Your provision for me, Lord. When I am anxious and worried about the future, please help me to seek Your face instead.

Taken from "Letters from Ruth's Attic – Insights for Knowing God's Love" by Ruth Bell Graham