

UPDATE ON OUR SUPPORT OF FAMILY PROMISE



Since about 2013, our church has been one of 13 area churches participating in Family Promise's service to homeless persons in Ozaukee County. Member churches sign up to provide meals for Family Promise guests throughout a designated week; each church is responsible for meals approximately five times each year. Now that Family Promise has completed the Portlight Shelter in Port Washington, guest individuals and families have private rooms with plenty of natural light and access to a modern kitchen and comfortable dining area. Previously, guests slept on cots in participating churches and had to move to a different church each week. Participating church members who provide meals are encouraged to stay and dine with the guests in the Shelter dining room. The completion of the Shelter now allows Family Promise to house not only women and children, but also single men. Approximately 16 members of our church regularly participate in this church ministry. It's easy to sign up online for meal items in pre-determined menus created by the Family Promise staff. If you're interested in serving in this local mission of our church, or have questions, please contact Jeanne Mantsch at jgm@wi.rr.com or (262) 243-5193. Church members who have participated comment that they receive more than they give.

Submitted by Jeanne Mantsch, Church Liaison to Family Promise

We would like to thank our dedicated Family Promise Volunteers who prepare meals for families experiencing homelessness. Jeanne Mantsch serves as our church liaison to Family Promise and helps the coordination of making meals. Our church works alongside Living Hope Lutheran Church and Parkside UCC in Saukville. Special thanks to our church volunteers for always being ready and willing to make a meal: David Franks and Louise Mollinger, Adele Richert, Dawn Schaefer, Donna Nehrbass, Emma Jacque, Holly Ternes, Jane Spalding, Jodi Cowen, Lynn Barber, Matt and Sarah Riemer, Payton Katzer, Bonnie Jacque and Terry McManus.



Family Promise and their **Portlight Shelter** have a list of their current needs on **Amazon Wishlist**. If you would like to purchase items from the list, please feel free to do so directly. If you would like to donate a certain dollar amount, please drop off a monetary donation to the church in an envelope labeled "Family Promise - Amazon List" and we will purchase Amazon cards through our church's RaiseRight program and deliver to Family Promise. Thank you!