

Mission and Social Action Team 2021

Members of the Mission and Social Action Team **express their gratitude for each other and for the opportunity to work with a group of people who actively and prayerfully make it their mission to ensure our church understands the needs of others in our community, reaching out to provide support where needed.**

We are also grateful for the support of the members of the congregation who committed their time, talent, and gifts to the projects we invite them to participate in. These projects include:

- **Special Offerings:** Donations to our four special offerings were especially generous this year, despite the lack of “reminder” envelopes in the pews.
- **WAFER food drives:** Our most recent “Vanucopia” event yielded 153 pounds of food and \$605 in monetary donations.
- **Preparation and Delivery of Warming Center meals:** This was a challenging year for the Warming Center, but they continued to operate all winter in a variety of locations to accommodate the ever-evolving public health guidelines. Special thanks to Children’s Ministry, Youth Ministry, Music & Worship, Deacons, Session and the Gerzema family for each taking charge of one of the meals.
- **Mobile Meals** (pictured): First Presbyterian Church volunteers delivered 188 days this year to homebound La Crosse residents, typically serving 8-12 people each of those days.

Finally, **we are grateful for the financial resources made available to us by our church to allow us to support a variety of local organizations that work to improve food and housing security in our community.** These organizations include:

- Jail Ministries
- New Horizons
- WAFER
- Hunger Task Force
- Salvation Army
- Place of Grace
- Causeway
- Mobile Meals
- Coulee Cap
- Our Savior’s Lutheran Church’s “Come to Supper” program
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Catholic Charities



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