



The BRICK Ministries

Quarterly Newsletter

Volume 10, 2016

From the Director—

Our Board of Directors has been working double time recently. Their work is essential to The BRICK Ministries' ability to serve our community. Here's why –

The Board of Directors is in charge of our organization. *They* have the ultimate responsibility to make sure that our program participants are receiving high quality services from The BRICK. *They* have the ultimate responsibility to our donors that we're using our funds in a responsible manner. *They* have the ultimate responsibility to ensure that our staff – both paid and volunteer - is doing a good job of serving our program participants. That is a heavy load to carry – and our Board is doing a great job!

The Board's most significant action this year has been to adopt the Amended and Restated Bylaws. This was a huge task. For months our Board reviewed each section of our bylaws, and identified which parts were out-of-date or weren't helpful any longer. They prayerfully considered what new language to use to describe where our organization is headed now. They worked with Attorney Mike Hines, who graciously donated all his time and expertise to rewrite our bylaws. THANK YOU, MIKE!

This job sounds pretty dry – but it was a high priority, because that document provides the structure for the whole organization. Without accurate and current bylaws, we can lose perspective and get off course.

If you see a board member at church or the grocery store, please take a moment to thank them for all the work they do to help us “live Christ's message to compassionately love and respect those in need.”

Liz Seefeldt, Executive Director



6/24/16: Volunteer Event

7/12/16: Culver's Fundraising Event, Culver's, Ashland, 4:00-8:00p.m.

7/14/16: Board Meeting, Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 5:15p.m.

7/29/16: Volunteer Event

7/30/2016: Jack O'Brien Memorial Charity Golf Tournament, Chequamegon Bay Golf Club, Ashland, 11:00a.m.

8/22/16: Board Meeting, Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 5:15p.m.

8/26/16: Volunteer Event

Office Manager

Emily Heald

What an exciting few months it has been! From attending conferences, to fundraising grill-outs, to implementing new policies and procedures, there have been no dull moments here at The BRICK! I've greatly enjoyed meeting and getting to know all the volunteers, program participants, and all the community members who work with us to help achieve our mission and vision.

Our biggest change in the volunteer program is the recent implement of a volunteer hour logging protocol. This will be a great tracking device so that we are able to tell our story more effectively, personally recognize volunteers and their hours spent at The BRICK, inform funding sources of volunteer input as a measure of effectiveness, understand exactly how many volunteer hours are required to run The BRICK, and evaluate the success and growth of our volunteer program over time. We also have a new brochure! Stop in any time to grab one.

Also, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated and assisted with our Spring Cleaning Campaign. We were able to raffle off spring cleaning kits to 60 households in need. Each kit contained a bucket, mop, broom, paper towels, sponges, toilet brush, toilet bowl cleaner, floor cleaner, all purpose cleaner, window cleaner, and a packet of information for cleaning checklists and tips. The recipients have been SO grateful! Thank you for helping our program participants give their homes a good spring cleaning!

This summer we are planning for some fun and exciting new volunteer projects, as well. Stay tuned for more information!

7th Annual Jack O'Brien Memorial Charity Golf Tournament

**Saturday, July 30, 2016
Chequamegon Bay Golf Club
Ashland, WI**

**All proceeds go to The BRICK and
Faith In Action**

- **DATE:** Saturday, July 30, 2016
- **TIME:** 11:00 am shotgun start (Sandwiches & Refreshments available on the course)
- **PLACE:** Chequamegon Bay Golf Club, Ashland, Wisconsin
- **EVENT:** 2-Person Team, 18-Hole Scramble With Divisions According to Skill Level
- **DINNER & SOCIAL HOUR:** The Niblick Bar & Grill, Social Hour at 4:30 pm, Dinner at 5:30 pm
- **ENTRY FEES:** \$50 per person (the entry fee includes dinner)
- **ENTRIES:** Received By July 18, 2016 Guarantees a golf cart
- **TO ENTER:** Email address below for entry form, to be mailed in with payment
- **QUESTIONS:** Call (715) 682-8004 or email mlindberg@pga.com



Chance to win \$10,000 or a new automobile!

Volunteers Needed at the Bayfield County Fair!

Have a fun day at the fair to support program participants at The BRICK!

If you volunteer to sell tickets at the Bayfield County Fair this year, the fair donates \$5 to The BRICK for each hour you volunteer!

Volunteer assistance to sell tickets is needed in **3 hour shifts** for the following times throughout various locations within the fair:

Choices for shifts are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Thurs. August 11th: 11am-8pm

Fri. August 12th: 7am-9pm

Sat. August 13th: 5:30am-9:30pm

Sun. August 14th: 5:30am-7pm



If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Theresa LaChapelle** for specific shift times during listed time frames:

715-373-6125 x7

TLaChappelle@bayfieldcounty.org

BENEVOLENCE

PJ Hyde

Benevolence Manager

As the new Benevolence Manager, I am quickly learning how much assistance our program participants need with their rent and utilities. May phone calls were well over 200 and I am still trying to get caught up. This winter has been very tough on Ashland and Bayfield County residents.

In addition to speaking and meeting with many individuals, during April and May, I have attended many seminars and the Hunger Summit Conference, which contained very useful information and helpful resources, education and ideas on how to reach, teach and collaborate with other organizations in our counties. Here is a quick overview of just some of these opportunities:

- I visited two of our three outlying food shelves, introduced myself, and educated other volunteers regarding our services through the Benevolence Program, and saw how other sites are setup differently from the site in Ashland. Looking forward to meeting with South Shore volunteers in Cornucopia sometime in June!
- The UW Extension held their Money Management Coaching Instruction Course, which allowed me to gain tools to assist participants with their spending plan.
- Emily and I participated in the Iron River Health and Wellness Fair. This was a wonderful opportunity to expand my knowledge of resources and network with other organizations.
- Feeding Wisconsin's 2016 Hunger & Health Summit offered ideas and best practices for outreach and possible resources for streamlining sustainable community partnerships.
- Emily and I attended the seminar, "Approaching Alzheimer's - Make Your First Response The Right Response," presented by Sharlene Bellefeuille of the Alzheimer's Association, GW Chapter 194. This was a great seminar to educate us about the disease and dementia. We learned about common behaviors, TALK tactics, communication tips and tools that can help with addressing individuals with this disease.

I look forward to upcoming months quieting down, so I can absorb all these great tools and reach out or learn about many more resources in our community. Enjoy your summer!



Irene Piff

Irene is a lifelong resident of the area, and moved to Ashland after getting married. A little over two years ago, she decided to join our volunteer team to give back to the community as a way to fill her days in a good way. Irene enjoys interacting with and talking to all the different people who pass through The BRICK. She is a self-described “people person,” and we agree with her! Irene has been amazed by how many people The BRICK helps, how many people donate to our cause, and that everyone comes to work together here. Her volunteer time has taught her to keep an open mind and be non-judgmental. In her free time, Irene enjoys card-making, crocheting, and stays busy with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Thanks for your time and enthusiasm, Irene!

Donation for The BRICK Ministries, Inc.

The BRICK welcomes your support in fulfilling its vision “To provide services and build relationships to change people’s circumstances and lives through Christ.” The BRICK Ministries, Inc. is 501(c)(3) tax exempt status as determined by the IRS. 100% of your donation is tax deductible.

Enclosed is my gift of (circle one):

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 Other \$ _____

Designate my gift to (circle one):

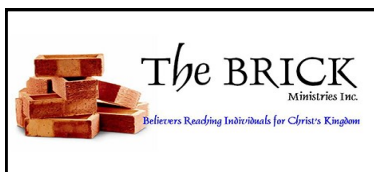
Make a Difference Fund Food Shelf General

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____



Make checks payable to:

The BRICK Ministries

420 Elis Ave.

Ashland, WI 54806



Jim McPhetridge

Food Shelf Manager

Hello from inside the food shelf!

My how time flies – already getting into the summer months (even though some snow flurries not too long ago) and with kids excited to be done with school soon, the time just seems to go by too quick.

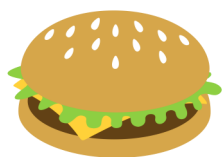
We've been busy here in the food shelf with obtaining and distributing more surplus fresh produce and dairy, local food drives and a barbeque fund raiser. One recent endeavor was the annual "STAMP OUT HUNGER" food drive hosted by the National Association of Letter Carriers. This year they collected over 8,000 pounds of food from local area residents, including Ashland, Washburn, Mellen, Cornucopia, Cable and rural areas in between. This is a huge blessing for us and really makes a difference in helping to fight hunger in Ashland and Bayfield Counties.

Many THANX!!! to all the Letter Carriers for their efforts in collecting all that food and to the residents who donated it! I also want to thank the many volunteers who took the day to sort and organize all that food on our shelves!! This again speaks to the awesome generosity and commitment of our northland community in reaching out to those in need!!

God's Peace and Grace to all!



Support The BRICK at



Tuesday, July 12, 4-8pm

Culver's in Ashland, 2101 Lake Shore Dr.

10% of the evening sales will be donated to The BRICK to help support program participants receive food and assistance with emergency financial needs.

Join us for good food and good company!

Satellite Spotlight



Cable Area Food Shelf: Cable, WI

Spring is a busy time at the Cable Area Food Shelf, as it is at all the other BRICK locations. In April we hosted our fifth annual Empty Bowl Event at the Cable Community Center. With all food, entertainment, and silent auction items donated, and the hard work of our volunteers to decorate, serve, and clean up, the event was a great success in raising funds to support the services we provide to those in need in our area.

This is also our first year participating in the Spring Cleaning Kit project of The BRICK. Thanks to the Ashland office staff for including the satellites locations in this drawing for cleaning kits! We hope to give the kits to our winners this week.

Of course, we participated in the postal service food drive and sorted and shelved over 700 pounds of food! We appreciate the postal workers, those who so generously donate, and the volunteers who helped with the sorting.

Summer means an opportunity to continue our relationship with the Cable Community Farm and the "Growing Together Garden." This garden is planted, weeded, and harvested by volunteers; and food is available to Cable Area Food Shelf participants, as well as the Farm's Free Food Monday program. Information about the Community Farm is available at the food shelf, as well as nutritious locally grown food samples and recipes to help us promote gardening as well as healthy eating. The coordinators and other volunteers of all four churches in Cable are grateful to be able to serve those in need in our community with the tremendous help of The BRICK staff. Thanks and blessings to all!

Teri Hanson

Food Shelf Locations and Hours



Ashland, 420 Ellis Ave., Mondays-Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Cable Area Food Shelf, 13380 Spruce St., 4th Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.



South Shore Food Shelf, Cornucopia, Bell Community Ctr., 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Helping Hands Food Shelf, Mellen, Mellen City Hall, 102 Bennett St, Mellen, 3rd Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

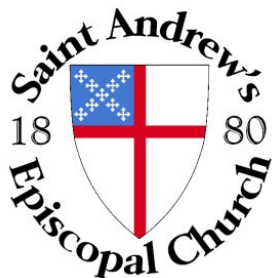
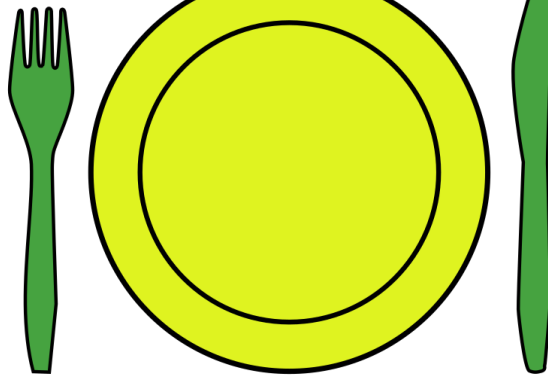
Community Meals

at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

620 3rd St. West, Ashland WI

at the corner of Chapple Ave.

(Enter church hall around the back)



Free meals for anyone in the Ashland area

All are welcome!

Join friends and neighbors for some good home cooking!

Friday Dinners 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday Soup 5:00 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Meals are provided by area churches, organizations, and individuals.

From the Board Room

Welcome, Jim Matzinger!



Jim Matzinger is a new Board Member as of June and a food shelf volunteer since October 2014. Jim grew up in Madison and graduated with a Finance degree from UW-Eau Claire and an MBA from Edgewood College. After a 32 year finance career at Oscar Mayer, Kraft Foods and Mondelez International, there was an opportunity to retire in 2014 and move from the Chicago area to Ashland. Jim's background in financial budgeting, planning, and analysis will assist The BRICK Ministries in many ways. Jim enjoys volunteering and is also involved with Faith In Action, the VITA free tax site, and the Salvation Army bell ringers. He attends worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and the Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

As early retirees, Jim and his wife Betsy enjoy the northland area beauty. They frequent many of the nature, music, art and other cultural or educational activities offered in Ashland and the Bayfield peninsula. You'll often see them walking the town shopping or enjoying the lake shore, parks, and corridor. It is truly a blessing to live in a region with a million acres of forest and the most beautiful great lake. Jim was also glad to return to his Wisconsin roots being a lifelong Badger and Packer fan.

Open to everyone!

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Ashland Community
First Saturday



Food Distribution

\$30

Bretting Community Center

400 - 4th Ave W., Ashland

Starting at 10 a.m.

Question/Volunteer? Call Bruce Hoekstra

715-209-1246

Covenant Churches

Ashland Seventh Day Adventist Church

622 10th St. W – Ashland WI 54806

715/682-5877

Cable Congregational United Church of Christ

13445 County Trunk M – Cable WI 54821

715/798-3066

Chequamegon Community Church of Assembly of God

1451 County Hwy. C – Washburn, WI 54891

715/373-2939

Congregational United Church of Christ

117 West Street – Mellen, WI 54546-0019

715/274-2203

First Assembly of God

315 10th Street West- Ashland WI 54806

715/274-2203

First Covenant Church

600 MacArthur Ave – Ashland WI 54806

715/292-5193

First Lutheran Church

83105 Washington Ave – Port Wing WI 54865

715/774-3576

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

311 13th St. West – Ashland WI 54806

715/682-4510

Grace Bible Fellowship

73605 State Hwy 13—Washburn WI 54891

715/373-1175

Grand View United Methodist Church

22180 US Hwy 63—Grand View WI 54839

715/763-3340

Immanuel Lutheran Church

22555 Elm St.—Cornucopia WI 54827

715/742-3440

Messiah Lutheran Church

231 West 5th Street—Washburn WI 54891

715/373-5378

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

106 North 2nd Ave. E—Ashland WI 54806

715/682-7620

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Odanah WI 54861

715/682-7620

Salem Baptist Church

1616 Beaser Avenue—Ashland WI 54806

715/682-3934

Sanborn United Methodist Church

42745 County Hwy E—Ashland WI 54806

715/278-3955

Saron Lutheran Church

517 9th W—Ashland WI 54806

715/682-2376

United Presbyterian and First Congregational Church

214 Vaughn Ave—Ashland WI 54806

715/682-3093

Washburn United Methodist Church

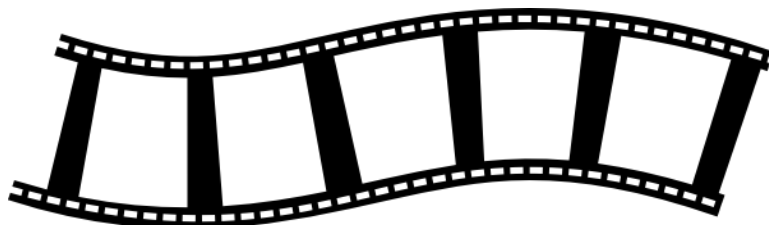
326 Washington Ave—Washburn WI 54891

715/373-2696

Zion Lutheran Church

1111 11th Ave W—Ashland WI 54806

715/682-6075



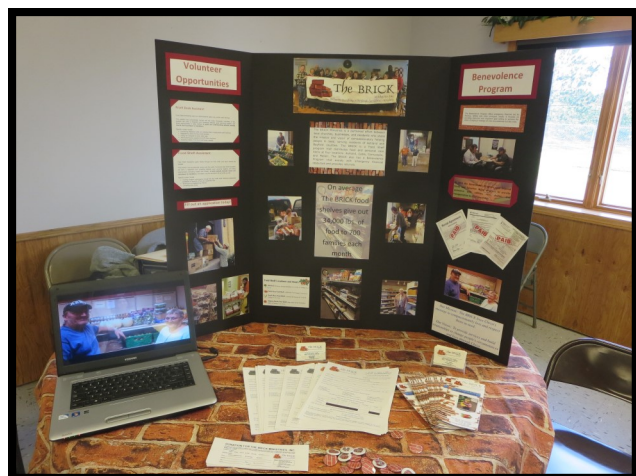
Photos



PJ grilin' up lunch at the NCCU grill-out. All proceeds went to The BRICK!



Great volunteer crew for the Post Office Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive



PJ and Emily represented The BRICK at the Lion's Club Health and Wellness Fair in Iron River this April. Check out their booth!



Our spring cleaning kits all ready to be picked up by the raffle winners!



Board member, Jim (left) and volunteer, Max (right) hard at work unloading donated food



Rachel, currently serving in the United States Marine Corps, and her mom, Angela, working together in the food shelf. Thanks for serving, Rachel!

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Believers Reaching Individuals for Christ's Kingdom

Our Mission: The BRICK lives Christ's message to compassionately love and respect those in need.

Our Vision: To provide services and build relationships to change people's circumstances and lives through Christ.

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