

**Mount Cross Lutheran Church - Service and Missions Committee
Minutes from August 12, 2024 Meeting Via Zoom**

Mission Statement: Rooted in God's grace to joyfully witness and serve.

Core Values: Intimacy with God - Inspiring Worship - Intentional Faith Development -
Compassionate Outreach - Caring Community

SAM Mission: *Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.*

Call to Order - Gordon - Devotion and Prayer - Bob

Approve June 3, 2024 Minutes - approved

Attended: Gordon & Melissa Henry, Bill Stoll, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Becky Riley

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

- Harbor House Sandwich Making - open ended.
- Many Meals - Mondays August 12 and September 9 - grocery gift cards are available, but no one has asked for any. It may not be the \$ that keep people from volunteering, but the actual cooking. Also, perhaps we buy other household items to support, like TP or dishsoap.
- Harbor House Fundraiser - Same day as Make Bake Celebrate, so only asking for donations for the silent auction.
- Collection for LWR School Kits - collection is ongoing, almost time to string backpacks. Also ready to pivot to Personal Care Kits in September. Still waiting on date for the truck, as per the usual, but guessing October 17 based on past years.
- Laundry Collection for Harbor House - in the narthex, going well, as whatever we collect will be a help.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

LSS Barrel (Melissa needs to “convert” it to Harbor House, collecting razors and deodorant), St Columba's Food Pantry (VBS collected 1075 items! Yay!), Sewing LWR school kit backpacks (VBS class started rope stringing!)

Newsletter Deadlines: Thursdays - August 15, September 19?

SAM Budget review:

Account	Balance	Notes
Many Meals	\$2,784	
LWR Shipping	\$600	+ \$600 from endowment
Fair Trade	\$1,865	-\$60 for sandwich making
ELCA Disaster	\$ 65	
SAM other	\$2,210	-\$100 for gas cards
Peace & Justice	\$ 616	

Reviewing Events:

- Harbor House Sandwich Making - ongoing
- Many Meals - other needs, discussed above
- Many Mansions Grand Opening of Central Terrace - Melissa and Gordon attended. Beautiful building, well thought out. Got lots of info to share in next newsletter and on the kiosk, regarding new projects and ways we might be able to help.

- Vitalant Blood Drive - August 4. 24 slots, 23 registered, 18 successful donations. VBS is happy with 15, so we did well!

Setting new Goals (future event planning)

Movie and a Pot Luck - Environmental/ Social Justice ..

Habitat for Humanity may be starting new construction in Camarillo in July

Total Garbage by Edward Humes - possible "All Church Reads" for 2024?

Future Agenda - Next Meeting: October 7, 6:00pm zoom Devotions Mary

Evaluate the Meeting: Delayed start w/ lots of laughter **Adjourn with prayer:** Gordon led

Also - Melissa included a link in the September newsletter to invite MC members to join the Coastal Cleanup Day on September 21. Forgot to include it in discussion at the meeting!