

Vol. 19 No. 5 Nov – Dec 2020

## **Upcoming Events**

# We are in need of Volunteer Drivers!

We need volunteers who are willing to be on a call list for when we have a senior that needs a ride to a Doctor appointment, grocery shopping, or just for an errand. You may drive once a month, or once a year, or every week, that decision is up to you.

We're Searching for Volunteers

Please call Helping Hands for more info 320-746-9960



## **Feet First Clinic**

Please note changes. You will need to call 320-746-9960 to make an appointment. We would like for you to also wear a mask during your appointment, if you are running a fever or not feeling well please stay home.

## Holdingford City Hall

1st Tues of the month starting at 9:00 a.m. to Noon,

Call for appointment

## St. Stephen Hall

1st Wednesday of the even months. 1:00-3:00 pm.

Call for appointment

## **Weekly Lunch**

Tuesdays in **Holdingford** at City Hall **pick up or delivery only**. Please call to reserve your meal **by the Friday before.** 320-746-9960

St. Stephen, until we can start our congregate dining/card playing again, our meals will be coming from Holdingford on Tuesdays. These can be picked up in the St. Stephen Church parking lot, or delivered if needed.

Please call to reserve your meal by the Friday before. 320-746-9960

Suggested donation for all meals at both locations is \$5.00, but no one will be denied a meal based on ability to pay.

## Pick up will be at

\*Holdingford City Hall at 12:00
\*St. Stephen church parking lot 12:00

## **Changes for St. Stephen**

Once we are able to have congregate dining and start playing cards again, our regular **weekly** Monday meal will be switched Back to Mondays due to conflict, either at Trobec's Bar, or The Rusty Nail.

The **monthly meal** for St. Stephen that is held at the St. Stephen parish hall will be moved to the **third** 

Thursday of each month.

Suggested donation will be \$5.00 per meal.

#### **OUR IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY**

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Served 537 People			
195 New People		9,405 Hours of Service	
	₹ <u></u>		
Direct Services			
648 Rides 56	8 Hours of Homen	making 2,333 Meals	
150 Volunteers			
40 New Volunteers		3438 Hours of Service	
Since Covid-19			
594 Friendly Phone Calls	245 Care Packages	2 Free Produce Distribution	



**Carol Lundquist** Executive Director

## **UPCOMING ANNUAL APPEAL**

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In cash (no property like old clothing), and Given to a 501 (c) (3) charity.

This is a universal "above-the-line" deduction, taxpayers don't have to file Schedule A (itemize) to claim it.

Again this year, you can have your donation doubled by giving it on Tuesday, December 1<sup>ST</sup> through the website www.Give65.org. Donations of any amount (up to the first \$50,000) will be doubled (so get up early). Go to <a href="www.give65.org">www.give65.org</a>, click on the Donate Tab, type in Helping Hands Outreach and click to our donation site. If you are uncomfortable with donating online, you can send a check to the office and we will apply it for you. Please put Give 65 on the check memo.

Check your mailbox for your Annual Appeal letter. However you choose to support Helping Hands, know that your support is important and appreciated.



#### INDIVIDUALIZED EXERCISE PROGRAMS STARTING

Now that main street in Holdingford is open for traffic, we are starting an individualized exercise program at our office at 531 Main Street.

We will train you to use the NuStep and set up a program just for you! The NuStep provides simultaneous upper and lower body motion to work all the major muscle groups, helping all users to burn calories, build strength, and improve their overall cardiovascular fitness. The Nu Step simulates a natural walking motion while eliminating undesirable joint stress and promoting functional fitness.

Use will be by appointment only, so give us a call at 746-9960 to schedule your training session.

Website: www.holdingfordhelpinghands.org

Facebook: Holdingford Helping Hands

## Save 10% on your car insurance if you are 55 or older and take this class.

## Register at STSE.biz

If you do not have access to a computer, contact Helping Hands at 320-746-9960

#### **Refresher Classes:**

- St Stephen Church Hall Thursday, November 19th 5:30-9:30 \$18
- •The Landing—including a burger basket lunch Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30-2:00 \$25

Both classes will be face to face and require masks. A Zoom class will be set up in January.

#### **Initial Class:**

Anyone who has not taken a class of this type can start the process via Zoom. Go to STSE.biz and register for the initial class and you will be contacted on how to proceed.

Checks should be made out to Helping Hands and can be sent to: Helping Hands PO Box 293













## **Eligible for Medicare?**

As a licensed agent. I can help you learn about

Medicare plans including: Medicare Part D

Medigap/Medicare supplement plans

Medicare Cost plans, Medicare Advantage plans

Call me today!



Ronald Scegura **Scegura Insurance Agency** 39002 County Road 9 Avon, MN 56310 Tel. 320-746-2582

## **Volunteer Highlights**

Thanks to Arnold Stueve for picking up the bread each week that Albany Bakery so kindly donates to our senior meals, and for always picking up the newsletters from the printers for us. We appreciate you!





#### Did You Know??

 For people of every age, and especially older adults, the more time we spend sitting down, the higher our risk of heart disease, diabetes, certain cancers, dementia, stroke and back pain.



Lorene
DeFord
Health and
Wellness
Coordinator

 For people older than 60, every additional hour per day spent seated is linked to a 50 percent greater risk of increased disability!

Even if you set aside time for an exercise routine every day, prolonged sitting can still be harmful.

- Make a habit of getting up every so often.
- Stand up when you talk on the phone.
- When you get up to get something, take a little stroll around the house.
- Is a friend coming to visit? Chat while you go for a walk, rather than sitting in on the couch. Walk for short errands instead of driving.
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator if you are able.



On that note of becoming more active, we're getting excited that we are getting very close to opening up some of our exercise programs in Holdingford and Saint Stephen!!!

Please contact me at Helping Hands
Outreach if you are interested in attending!

Lorene Office 320-746-9960 Cell 320-250-0585

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## **Gifts of Cheer**

Once again, we will be collecting items for our Senior care packages. Items will be distributed in December to seniors in our area that could use a little Christmas cheer. Feel free to drop items off at Helping Hands Outreach office during business hours, and we will distribute them. If you know of someone who could use a little extra pick me up, please call our office. Below is a list of some ideas, we welcome other items as well.

- Puzzles
- Note pads/Journal/Note cards
- Small dry erase boards
- Postage stamps
- Laundry detergent pods/softener sheets
- Local gift cards (gas/shopping/services/ restaurants
- Large print books/word find/sudoku/adult coloring books/pencils/gel Pens
- 4 pack toilet paper
- 13 gallon garbage bags
- Kleenex
- Trail mix
- Pump hand soaps
- Individual servings of pudding/fruit cups and other food items.
- Meal certificates to Helping Hands
- Throw blankets/neck pillows
- Motion-activated stick anywhere LED lights
- Warm socks
- Large print wall calendar
- Small LED flashlights







Stacie Supan

Program and Service Coordinator



Karen Skaj

St. Stephen Service Coordinator



Are you looking for a way to give back to your community, or for an experience that might change your life? Ever thought about volunteering maybe twice a year or once per month, or even one time per week? Listed below are some of the opportunities available through Helping Hands Outreach. We would love to hear from you!

# **Snow shoveling** steps, sidewalks

**Household chores** 

washing floors, windows, home maintenance

Respite to caregivers giving caregivers a break

#### Give a ride

to a medical appt., groceries, church

#### Friendly visit

check on a neighbor or senior in your area.

## Light housework

dishes, sweeping, laundry.

#### Lawn care

raking leaves, mowing lawn

Are you struggling to pay for food during the COVID 19 crisis? You are not alone, and we are here to help!

Tri-CAP staff provides assistance with SNAP (food support) screening for eligibility, application and recertification assistance in our SNAP Outreach program.

Options are available to complete in a contactless manner so you won't even have to leave your home.

Give us a call today at 320.251.1612 to

# Please let us know how we can help you.

- Rides to appointments/shopping/errands
- Light housekeeping
- Someone to visit with
- Respite for caregivers
- Equipment rental
- Meals
- Grocery shopping
- Lending Library/puzzles
- Info on other senior services available by calling Helping Hands Outreach 320-746-9960





**Drop off your Teals Market receipts!** We continue to accept and benefit from your Teals Market receipts. To date in 2020 we have received more than \$600.00. Please save them and drop them off at our office. Thank you to Teals Market for your donation and to Linda Harren for coordinating this program.

#### **In-Kind Contributions**

Albany Home Bakery Ruby's Pantry Salvation Army Avon Food Shelf

**Ervin Bueckers** 

Brian & Monica Maine

Karen Larsen Dakota Supan

Tom & Jeanette Stodolka

Joe & Joann Christensen

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Linda Harren

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Karen Larsen

Emily Rudnicki

## **Donations in Memory of**

Marlene Scepaniak & Mary Jo Peterson in Memory of Betty Erlander

Jerome & Kathleen Ebnet in memory of Leonard & Josephine Johannes, Alfred & Regina Ebnet, and Wally Ebnet

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## Helping Hands Outreach

"Our mission is to help create a healthy community where older adults and adults with disabilities want to live and be a vital part of the community."



Accepting Donations and Area Historical Articles

Museum Hours by Appointment

Mike Odden 746-2991 \* Herman Ebnet 746-2506 \* Ernie Schmit 746-2603

Web info - HoldingfordAreaHistoricalSociety

We appreciate the support that we receive from the following foundations and agencies





















#### **Annual Appeal**

Every year at the end of November, we send out our annual appeal to our local communities, asking for your donation to support Helping Hands Outreach. This year has been a year like no other! Our support of our local elders has changed from group activities, to delivering meals and care packages to individuals homes. We continue to provide rides, housekeeping and chore services for individuals. We have been fortunate to receive CARES funding for additional food and the costs to deliver it. Thank you to all who supported our Give65 campaign during the summer.

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