

# Fall Newsletter

FAITH IN ACTION

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Greetings Faith in Action Supporters!



**NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:  
ANTHONY LUND**

**Our Mission: To enrich area residents' lives through faith-based volunteer efforts.**

**FIA offers transportation, friendly visiting, and library book pickup/drop offs**

**Welcome to our Two New Board Members:**

Kirsten Fridell and Gordon Hansmeier

## Change.

It's a simple word, yet it stirs up emotions: curiosity, excitement, anxiety, or even fear. Our world is constantly changing. As we grow, so do our voices, relationships, and perspectives. Trends in music, fashion, and culture flow like water, always transforming. Businesses we once thought were permanent—like Blockbuster, K-Mart, or Spartan stores—come and go, and non-profits are no exception. Under the steadfast leadership of Katherine Bonine, our past executive director, Faith in Action embraced growth, reaching new heights and paving the way for the future.

Let's take a moment to celebrate just a few of her many accomplishments:

- Strengthening our ties by connecting Faith in Action with the local Chamber of Commerce
- Securing new, unexplored grants that bolster our mission
- Aligning Faith in Action with the National Volunteer Network
- Modernizing our systems for greater accuracy and user-friendliness
- And much more!

It's not every day that a new Executive Director steps into the role following such an impactful leader. While Katherine's presence will be missed, her dedication and spirit will remain at the heart of this organization. Katherine has moved on to take a role as an ASL and will be back to volunteer over the summer and you'll see her around from time to time. I look forward to stepping into this role- the future is bright!

*-Anthony Lund*

*Exciting News!*

**We met our goal of \$10,000 in matching funds from a generous donor this Fall!**

## A Note from the President

## 2024 Board of Directors

### Legacy Giving

Friends of Faith In Action of Red Wing can make a lasting impact by leaving a charitable gift in their Last Will & Testament. Another possible means of giving is through a Charitable Remainder Trust. Consult with your attorney or estate planning professional to consider such a donation.

Many retirees will direct a portion of their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their IRA, 401(k) or other retirement account to Faith In Action. Check with your tax preparer to understand the possible tax advantages of such giving and thanks to each and every one of you that support this organization.

*-Dave Larson*

Dave Larson-Board President

Sue Guerber-Vice President

Laura Lutjen-Treasurer

Carol Andersen-Secretary

Kirsten Fridell

Gordon Hansmeier

Jim Maybach

Emily Thoms

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## 3 Easy Ways to Give

- **Online:** Give a one-time gift or monthly recurring donation. Just check the “make this a monthly donation” box on our website when giving in the “donations” tab. **[www.Faithinactionredwing.org](http://www.Faithinactionredwing.org)**
- **Check or Cash Gift:** can be mailed or dropped off at FIA office at 320 W avenue Suite B

*Thank you for your support!*

<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b> MON-FRI 8AM-3:30PM	651-327-2400
<a href="http://www.faithinactionredwing.org">www.faithinactionredwing.org</a>	<b>320 West Ave Suite B Red Wing, MN 55066</b>



Can you  
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picture?



**A big thank you to our volunteers and recipients who made this project possible!**

## Interested in Volunteering or Know Someone Who Might Be?

- ✦ Do you enjoy making a difference in the lives of people to help them keep mobility independent? We're currently **looking for more volunteer drivers to join the team!**

**Not up for driving but want to still serve with Faith in Action?** We have a few

- ✦ **Office Volunteer** positions available.

**Do you love meeting new people? Our Friendly Visitor Team would love to**

- ✦ **have you join!** Friendly Visits are a way for people who are isolated to have someone come and chat in their own home. Even as little as 30 minutes a month can make a difference in someone's life.

**Contact Anthony Lund at 651-327-2400 or email at [director@faithinactionredwing.org](mailto:director@faithinactionredwing.org)**

# 2024 Events



## We've been busy!

- Added new assisted ride software & training thanks to the Power of 100 and their impact award
- FIA Volunteers Participated in the River City Days Parade (House Auto Group loaned us a bronco convertible for the parade)
- Two Volunteer Appreciation Dinners and a Meat Raffle (Thanks to American Legion for hosting and to all who attended)
- Potter Ridge Lemonade Stand and Bake Sale Fundraiser for Faith in Action (Thank you Alondra and Staff)
- Jim Maybach spoke at the Power of 100 Event
- Participated in National Volunteer Caregiving Network Conference & Local Chamber Expo

## Notes from Our Staff

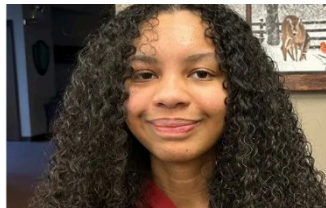


### Elaine Jarmuz

"I am a dispatcher for FIA. I retired at the age of 68 and started the job at FIA at 70. This job is amazing for me as I love helping people. Many of our senior citizens do not have family locally and have no way of getting to appointments. We have so many wonderful volunteer drivers and recipients. It gives us a chance to visit a bit with recipients who are lonely. I love my Job! We enjoy welcoming new volunteer drivers and hearing their stories of lives being changed. It is a rewarding job knowing we can help people. We would love to welcome you to our life-changing team as a volunteer driver too!"

### Ha'ani Whitlock

"I love my work as a dispatcher because it gives me opportunities to help and connect with people in the community. By coordinating rides, I'm able to help individuals get to where they need to go--whether it's to the doctor's, to the grocery store, or elsewhere. Even through brief calls, I get to communicate with and meet many people, both drivers and recipients. Every time I leave the office, I step out feeling more connected to these people and to the community at large. Outside of work, I enjoy reading, writing short stories, and sketching animals."



### Anthony Lund

**Here's a little bit about me:** I am happily married to my wife, Jennie, and we have a beautiful 5-year-old daughter who just started kindergarten. We own a treehouse rental in Pepin, Wisconsin, and share a passion for non-profit work, including our time with Love INC. I recently earned a bachelor's degree in organizational leadership with a focus on Christian ministries from Bethel University and have several years of leadership experience.

My goal is to strengthen connections in the Red Wing community and expand our care network to meet needs with the best resources available. Thank you for your continued support and for being the hands and hearts behind our mission. As we embrace this new chapter, we are filled with gratitude for your generosity and dedication. Here's to a bright future together!

### Office Hours:

**Monday-Friday 8AM-3:30PM**

### Volunteers Needed!

**Interested in volunteering?**

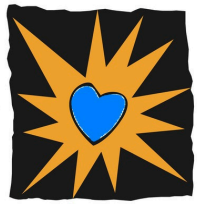
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**Want Anthony to Speak to Your Group or Church?**

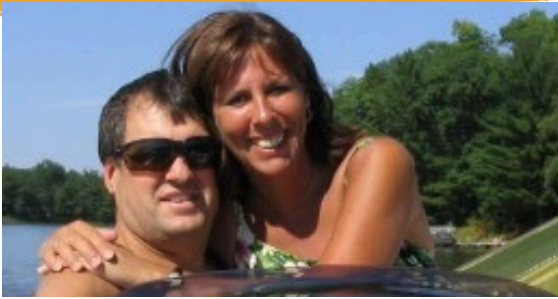
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# Volunteer Highlights

Over 2,600 Round Trip Rides  
Given in the Last 12 Months to Over  
500 Different Individuals



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Nancy Prah

"Tom Cashman helped get me into Faith in Action as a volunteer driver. Since retiring, I have had extra time on my hands and I get a lot of joy giving rides. My mother had to rely on family when she got older to get around, but not everyone has family. Faith in Action fills that need."



Nancy Rosener

"I love volunteering with Faith In Action! I initially volunteered because FIA had given many rides to my Dad when he needed them. Now I get so much out of it. It gives me purpose and I get to meet lots of awesome Red Wing residents."



## Stories of Impact

**"Drivers are very friendly and helpful. It is a blessing to me because I do not feel like I need to bother my kids all of the time. The office staff is really friendly too!"**

-Beverly Lein- Ride Recipient

**"Faith in Action is a Godsend to senior citizens. The drivers are wonderful and the staff is very kind. I have no complaints- only gratitude!"**

-Pauline Payzant- Recipient

**"(Faith in Action)... is a wonderful opportunity! No one else does what Faith in Action does. Without it, I could not get to my medical appointments."**

-Susan Kolberg- Recipient

We could not have done this without your support and our wonderful volunteers. We look forward to growing the volunteer team as our ride requests continue to increase.

## Gwen Krehbiel



"I am grateful to share that I have transitioned from my role at Faith in Action to focus on my business, Krehbiel Natural Health (KNH), following my personal healing journey from breast cancer through natural health practices and faith. This experience inspired me to pursue certifications in various natural health disciplines and open KNH in December 2022, where I provide personalized, in-person, and online wellness support in downtown Hastings. My mission is to guide clients toward vibrant health through comprehensive and compassionate care. To celebrate this new chapter, I'm offering a special Season of Wellness Package, available until December 31, 2024, featuring an Initial Health Consultation and two complimentary follow-up sessions. For those looking to begin their health journey, my 6-Month SHAPE ReClained Package offers targeted support for regaining hormonal balance, immune boosting, detoxification, and sustainable weight loss. To learn more, contact me at [info@krehbielnaturalhealth.com](mailto:info@krehbielnaturalhealth.com) or 651-269- 6219. Thank you, Faith in Action, for the shared experiences and community connections. I look forward to continuing to serve and support you in new and impactful ways."

## Thanks to our 2024 Memorial Donations Honoring:

Barb Hanson  
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Gordon Bonine  
Don and Margaret  
Guerber  
Catherine Pederson

## Event News

Keep up with all the latest Faith In Action upcoming events, updates, and more by **following our Facebook page** "Faith In Action in Red Wing"



## New Conference Room/ Volunteer Social Room in Progress

We're sprucing up the third room in our office and creating a coffee room and conference space for volunteer trainings, board meetings, and a place for volunteers to connect and get to know each other. Stop in after the holiday season to grab a cup of coffee and say hi!



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