

ANNUAL REPORT
1-1-2024 thru 12-31-2024

Faith In Action In Red Wing is a 501-C-3 not-for-profit public corporation with offices located at 320 West Ave in Red Wing, MN 55066

We provide services within the community of Red Wing, and in adjacent townships to an area approximately 6 miles from city limits.

Mission: To enrich the lives of seniors, and other individuals in distressed circumstances; and to enhance their ability to remain independent, through faith and community based volunteer efforts.

History, Values, Goals: Faith In Action In Red Wing grew out of a community/Goodhue Co Public Health assessment of needs facing the senior population in Red Wing. In 1998 the community was awarded a Robert Wood Johnson grant to establish a Faith In Action project. The main goal was to provide volunteer services which would help the senior population to maintain their independence. Although faith is in our title, we are not a religious organization as such. We have 11 congregations in our community who collaborate in the program with a congregational coordinator who can be a conduit with the program in enlisting volunteers, and assessing members in need of volunteer services. No volunteer or staff member of Faith In Action can proselytize

Our main programs are:

Local transportation assistance. It is provided by Faith In Action volunteers. There is no charge for this service, but services are determined by availability of drivers. Requests should be made at least two working days in advance for medical rides and three working days in advance for all other rides. In 2023 our pool of roughly 90 drivers provided 4,218 hours of service. This 2024 year, our pool of 72 drivers has provided 5,124 rides for 449 individuals.

Our Friendly visiting program and book-house call program was provided by 29 volunteers. Many individuals suffer loneliness which can lead to depression. Our volunteers devote ½ to 1 hour visits weekly or bi-weekly with their matches. In 2024 these visits accounted for 473 hours of volunteer services.

Our Cancer Treatment rides are a part of our transportation program, but unique, as they are the only out-of-town service we provide. This program provides rides for Red Wing residents who require radiation treatments for cancer or any other cancer related appointment. Our office works with the patient, their family and friends, and their faith community to fill the many rides needed to complete their treatments. In 2023 we offered assistance to 7 individuals needing transportation to Rochester. Our volunteers spent around 50 hours of their time providing the transportation. In 2024, we assisted 4 individuals needing transportation to Rochester.

FAITH IN ACTION IN RED WING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Current Board Feb 2023 – Feb 2024

Carol Andersen – Red Wing, MN 55066 (Feb. 2026) *Secretary*

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Staff

Anthony Lund - Executive Director, Director@FaithinActionRedWing.org

Elaine Jarmuz - Transportation Dispatch, staff@faithinactionredwing.org

Amber Nielsen - Admin Assistant office@faithinactionredwing.org

Ha'ani Whitlock - Transportation Dispatch, staff@faithinactionredwing.org

Board members serve 3-year terms and they serve through the year shown behind name. However they do not officially go off till the Feb annual meeting the following year.

Almost every volunteer service tells a story. Here are three examples of how Faith In Action volunteer services have impacted some lives in our community.

A client that I spoke on the phone with was having some life challenges, but felt welcome from our conversation to share her thoughts. She said that she was going through cancer and did not know what she would do without our services. Another client said "I know what vehicle I need to look for, and I do not have to worry that it is the wrong one", when discussing our wonderful assisted rides program that details information about the volunteer. Another client said "I do not know what I would do without Faith in Action, I have no one to help me."

Copy of most recent 990 EZ is always available in our office, and is open to everyone.

Staff Experience

Anthony Lund, Executive Director – 4 months in position

Amber Nielsen, Administrative Assistant – 2 weeks in position

Elaine Jarmuz, Transportation Dispatch – 2 years in position

Ha'ani Whitlock, Transportation Dispatch – 1 year and 11 months in position

Location: St Paul's Lutheran Church at 320 West Avenue, Red Wing, MN 55066
(handicapped accessible)

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