

Christ-Centered Help for Those in Need

FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER



NEW FACILITY ON TRACK TO SEI

In just nine years, a simple outreach to the homeless population in Wausau has grown to multiple properties and programs ... and hundreds of lives transformed through the grace of God.

Now, as Bridge Street Mission looks toward our tenth anniversary in 2026, we have relocated to a new facility that will help more people in crisis overcome addiction and homelessness.

Executive Director Craig Vincent tells us, "We're going to be able to improve our men's recovery and reentry services, because we're moving into a purpose-built facility that's going to be able to accommodate our programming and create more of a sense of community. It will really help us to do a better job with the men we are already serving."

The big news is that the new facility, located at 325 North First Avenue in Wausau, will also be able to serve women, with a separate wing that will be fully operational by the end of 2025.

Staff and residents alike are very excited about the changes on the horizon. So are the volunteers who have given so generously of their time over years, including Holly Trembath.

Holly, a retired nurse, had a great deal of experience with patients suffering from alcoholism



Holly (center) enjoys helping Mary and Mary with breakfast at Bridge Street Mission.

and drug addiction. On her way to work every day, she would drive by the Mission and the "Celebrate Recovery" sign. "I felt drawn to it," she says. "I think the Lord was speaking to my heart."

Holly answered the Lord when a friend at Bible study asked her to help with breakfast at the Mission. "Pretty soon, I was doing it more and more.



Our new facility offers expanded space to serve both the men <u>and</u> women of our community.



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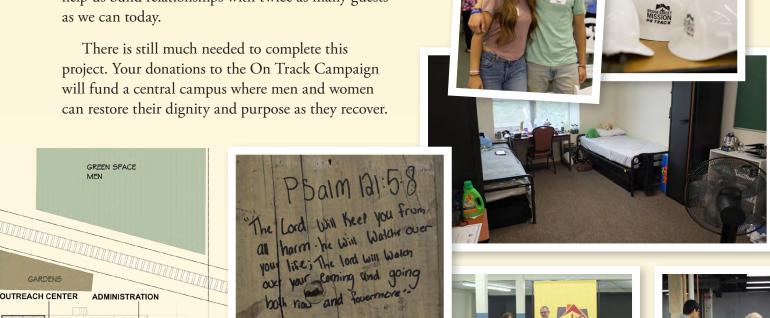
I stopped in at Outreach and asked for a tour, and now, here I am!"

That was over three years ago. Since then, Holly has been a steady presence in our kitchen, serving encouragement as well as food. "I let them know that the Lord loves them and that Jesus is the way. That's how you stay sober, by putting your faith in Jesus Christ," she says.

Holly looks forward to volunteering in the new building, as it will feature a commercial-grade kitchen and a state-of-the-art dining room that will help us build relationships with twice as many guests as we can today. If you would like more information or to make a donation, please visit our website at

ontrack.bridgestreetmission.org. Or simply scan this code and go directly to our On Track page. Thank you!





With your help today, our doors will always be open to neighbors in their time of crisis.

HELP TODAY WITH A GIFT ONLINE: BridgeStreetMission.org



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GREEN SPACE

Bridge Street Mission may use generic names and photos to protect the privacy and safety of our residents. Please also understand that our clients' journeys to recovery are often filled with both victories and challenges. Excess funds of any specific appeal will be used where most needed in the ministry of Bridge Street Mission.

MAKING ROOM FOR MORE

The holidays are almost here! It's a joyful time for most of us, but it can also be stressful, with extra expenses that keep getting tougher to meet. At Bridge Street Mission, we know how that feels.

This year, we expect to again serve over 30,000 meals and shelter more than 300 men — and now we have plans to expand! Sometimes we wonder where we will find the means to do that. But God always provides, and He uses you to help fill all those plates and beds.

God also uses you to help fill hearts with hope for a better year ahead.

Many come to the Mission feeling weighed down by problems: unemployment, poverty, addiction, abuse, homelessness. There seems to be little room left for hope. But something as simple as a warm greeting, a hot meal, and some compassion can make a big difference. As hope enters someone's heart, it expands ... and pretty soon, there's little room for despair.

There's still plenty of room, however, for the peace and joy that come from walking with Christ. You make that possible for the men and women at Bridge Street Mission, and they are deeply thankful for you. So am I!



Craig a Vincent

Craig VincentExecutive Director

CHARITY GOLF OUTING

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who sponsored, participated in, or attended our annual Golf Outing on Friday, August 23. We hosted 35 teams and 136 golfers, all of whom enjoyed a beautiful day on the Pine Valley Golf Course. **The event raised a grand total of \$27,732**, all of which will benefit clients and residents of Bridge Street Mission.

2024 Champions: Immanuel Baptist Church

Top Trades Team: J&D Tube Benders
Top Real Estate Team: Brenda Schumacher

RE/MAX Excel

Top Banking Team: Spectrum Insurance

Top Church Team: Immanuel Baptist Church

Top Friends Team: Confluent Health
Longest Drive Men: Michael Deedon

(St. Mark's Lutheran 2)

Longest Putt: Mike Martin (ABC Supply)

Closest to Pin: Josh Koehler

(Village Church)

Closest to Pond Men: Nick Bancuck (Marathon

Technical Services)

Closest to Pond Women: Tracy Engman (Abby Bank)

... and a special thanks to our title sponsor Intercity State Bank

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR WINTER GALA

"This Is My Song" Thursday, February 20, 2025

Learn more by visiting

bridgestreetmisssion.org/wintergala

MEET MARK JOHNSON

We are pleased to welcome Mark Johnson to our Board of Directors. A plumber skilled in home renovation, Mark began volunteering with Bridge Street Mission over three years ago and is currently teaching our Jobs for Life class.



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