

# **Be the Best Neighbor – A Panel Discussion**



## **BETSY BORNS**

**Betsy is currently the Project RUSH Manager for the Fox Cities Housing Coalition. RUSH stands for Research to Understand and Solve Homelessness and she's been in this role since July of 2016.**

**Betsy led a community effort to open Pillars Resource Center for the homeless population.**



**17** Sites  
**22** Days  
**125** Volunteers  
**600** Interviews  
with active or near  
homeless individuals

all with **one** goal:  
**TO BETTER UNDERSTAND  
& SOLVE HOMELESSNESS**

**Project RUSH**

Research to Understand and Solve Homelessness



## Simulation

- 3 days
- 5 dollars
- Basics (deodorant, toothbrush)
- Cannot use existing relationships

## What I learned

- The only thing that mattered was meeting my basic needs
- Feeling “less than” and how that turned to isolation
- Nowhere to go during the day
- Being homeless is exhausting



- Free coffee and a place to stay warm
- Open Monday-Friday 8-4

## Resources provided

- AODA (alcohol or drug abuse) counselor
- Faith/bible classes and counseling
- Housing Navigator
- Job Training
- Street Outreach Team
- Healthcare services
- Hair cuts





Why is Faith counseling and bible study allowed?

**Because of the gift from St. Matthews Church**

Matthew 25:40 Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.



It's all about opportunities, giving people the opportunity to know God's love.

Love them, just love them and God will give you opportunities to share his word.



# Thank you!





## **MIMI RICHMOND**

**Mimi grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and volunteered with her mother, Bette Sebald, as Jesus Cares got its start in the early 80's. After graduating with a degree in Special Education, she was able to continue as a volunteer and lead Jesus Cares classes and several special Christmas services. She was currently leads the Coulee Region Jesus Cares.**



# Jesus Cares Ministries



# Coulee Region Jesus Cares







Make disciples of  
all nations

-Malawi, Africa-







# Worship at the Cross



SHARING JESUS WITH YOU





# Bible Class

SO THAT YOU CAN SHARE JESUS WITH OTHERS



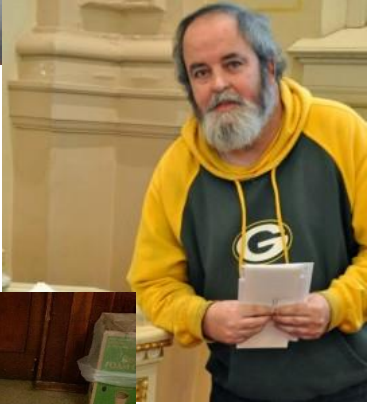
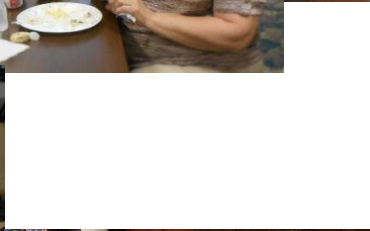
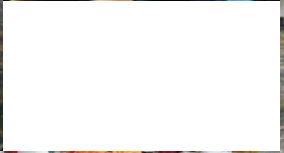
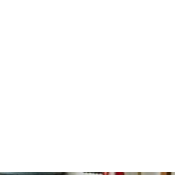
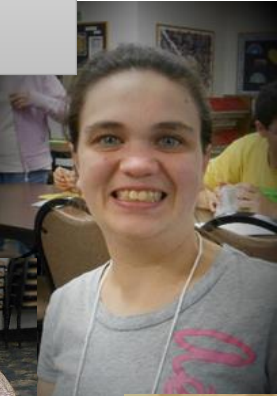
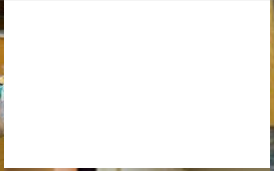




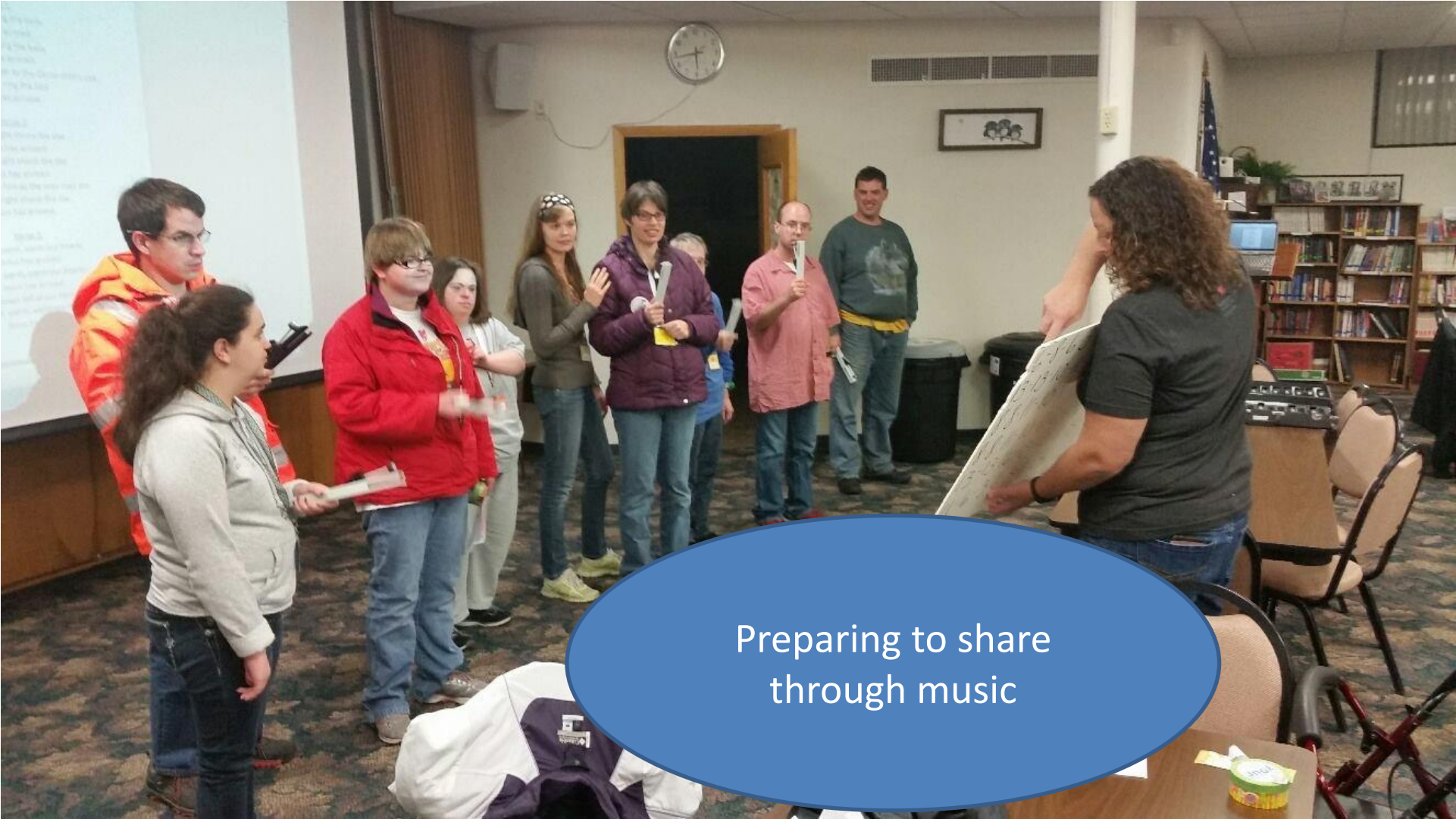
**Mark 12: 30-31**

**30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”**

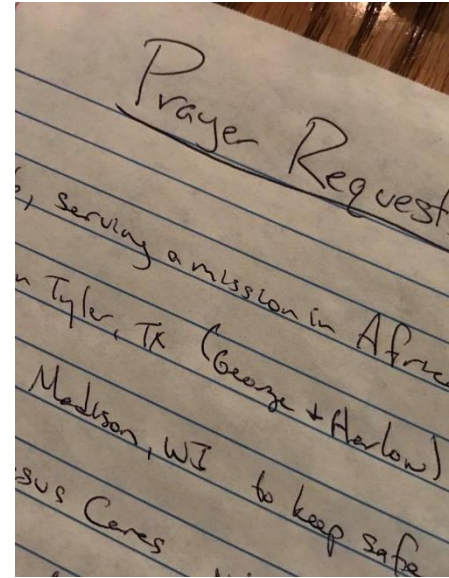
# Our Neighbors – Our Community







Preparing to share  
through music



Praying for our family and our community





Sharing with our community



Active in our community





Working in our community







Sharing at Camp



## Valuable Links

Find more information about Jesus Cares Ministries and exciting resources  
at [www.tlha.org/jesus-cares-ministries](http://www.tlha.org/jesus-cares-ministries)

## JCM camps

Camp Phillip – Wautoma, WI - [www.campphillip.com](http://www.campphillip.com)  
Joy in Jesus - Camp Green Lake & Camp Omega  
Camp Basic - [www.campbasic.com](http://www.campbasic.com).

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## **PASTOR DON SUTTON**

**Pastor Sutton presently serves part-time as ministry coordinator at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Ulm, MN, part-time leader of Grace in Action, and serves on the coordinating team of Minnesota River Valley Mentoring – a ministry to released citizens coming out of jails and prison as well as to needy people in the community.**

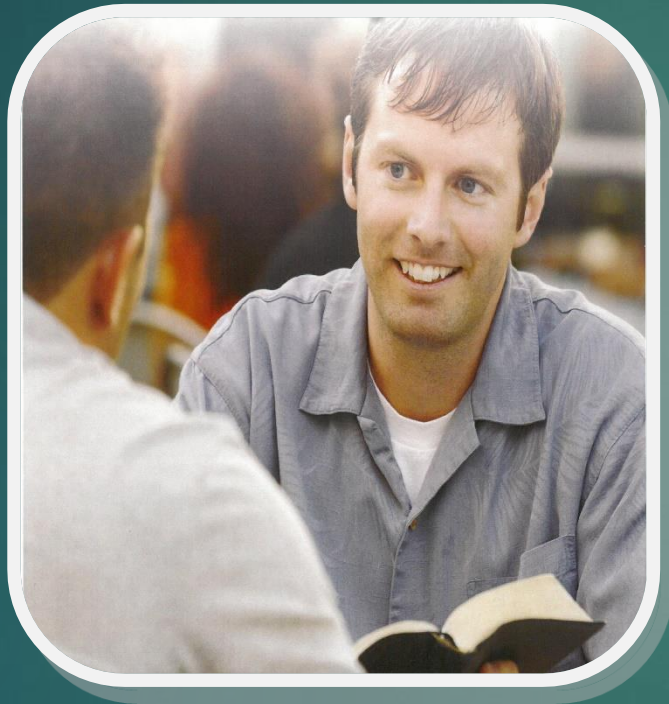


# MRVM

MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY MENTORING

[HTTP://WWW.MENTORINGNEWULM.COM/](http://www.mentoringnewulm.com/)

PASTOR DON SUTTON – ST. PAUL'S – NEW ULM, MN



# Released Citizens





# People of New Ulm Area with Legitimate Needs




# Members of St. Paul's with Legitimate Needs



# Purpose

We share Jesus with released citizens as well as with needy people in our community and help them toward godly and productive lives.



# Core Values

- ❖ God's power in Word & Sacraments
- ❖ God's undeserved love and forgiveness for all
- ❖ The value of each and every person
- ❖ The passion of God's people to help the hurting
- ❖ Helping people to be godly & productive
- ❖ Training, support, & safety for volunteer mentors





# VISION

Every person in our area — those released from jail or prison and others in need — who want to be involved, are in a Bible-based, Christ-centered growth program and are supported by at least one well-trained mentor.



**HISTORY**

Police  
Chief  
Borchert

Pastor  
Scharf

Cynthia  
Stein

Jeff  
Boyce

## Coordinators

Brad  
Price

Pastor  
Sutton

Mark  
Santelma  
n

Prof. Jon  
Schaefer  
MLC



# A mentor?



# Character

Caring

Mature

Good  
Listener

Committed

Capable

Knowledgeable

Spiritual



# Roles





# A mentee?



# Mentees

**Open to  
Gospel**

**Work with  
Agencies**

**Communicate  
Well**

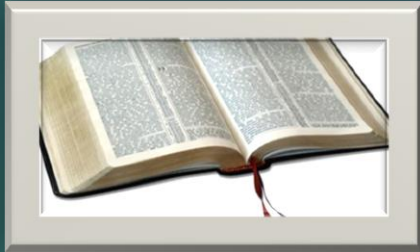


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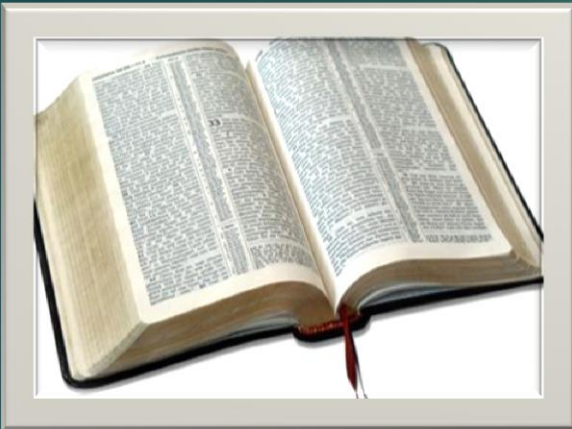
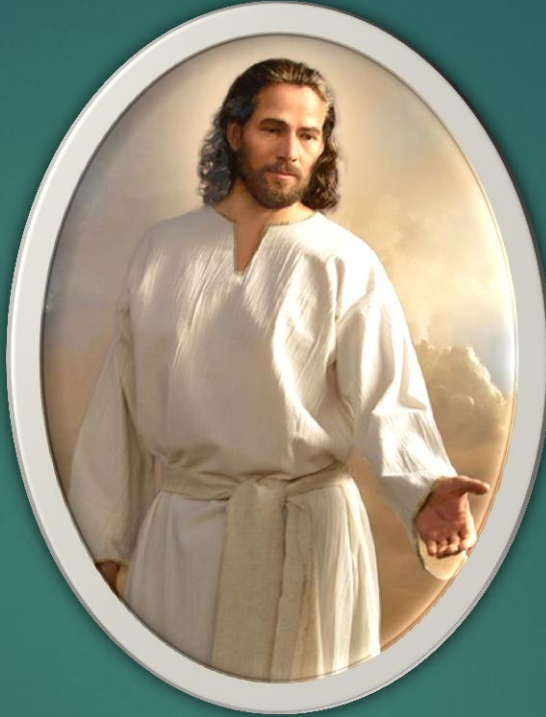
**Cooperate  
with Mentor**

**No Threatening  
Behavior**

# Mentoring







**Christ**



Probation



Drug Court



County Jail

**Community**



County Human Services



New Ulm Police



Job Services



Share  
Program  
with



**Community**



Other  
Area  
Churches





# MVRM Process

- ▶ The power of God +
- ▶ a well-organized program +
- ▶ good leadership +
- ▶ good materials +
- ▶ engaged & equipped congregations +
- ▶ well-trained mentors +
- ▶ motivated clients

**= godly, productive citizens.**



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Brainstorming

The image shows the word "Brainstorming" written in a playful, multi-colored font. Each letter is held up by a hand of a different skin tone, symbolizing diversity and collaboration. The letters are: B (red), r (green), a (blue), i (purple), n (yellow), s (green), t (red), o (yellow), r (blue), m (red), i (purple), n (green), g (green). The hands are positioned below the letters, with fingers gripping the bottom edges. The background is plain white.