

Malaria Awareness at First English in Wausau

What's all the buzz about? It's the sound of a malaria-carrying mosquito that never rests. It may be cold here but in Africa there is no killing frost and no way to protect people from this mosquito except by spraying and the use of specially treated mosquito nets when sleeping.

On November 20, 2011, First English Lutheran Church in Wausau had speakers in their Adult Forum speaking on this issue. The Speakers answered our questions and shared lots of information with us. As a congregation, we collected money to purchase treated nets used to cover young children as they sleep. This is a gift of life. A \$10 donation purchases one net. The Sunday School children were also involved in this campaign as it was incorporated into their Sunday School Curriculum.

Members placed their donations in a half globe set up by the malaria display in the back of the church. An envelope was included in the bulletin and extras available by the display. Any amount was welcome, accepted and appreciated. We encouraged people to give whatever they could. People placed a star on the board to indicate they had given to the Malaria Campaign.

We focused on this for 4 weeks and hand-in-hand we raised \$1180 for the malaria campaign. We have brought hope to many children and families through this generous giving to the Malaria Campaign. These dollars will notably help fight against deadly mosquitoes. We have carried out God's mission by helping the sick and poor in Africa who can't afford this protection.

