



ALS Support Group of NWWI

A Gathering of Individuals Touched by ALS
Share Joy, Sorrow, Laughter, Tears, and Hope.

Receiving a diagnosis of ALS is challenging and can be very overwhelming. The ALS support group provides a safe place where patients, families, & friends Gather to share information, support, and resources with others who understand.

Our Next Support Group Meeting will be THURSDAY, 9/08/16.

(Second Thursday of each month, 1:00pm – 3:00pm at Chippewa Valley Bible Church,
531 E. South Ave. Chippewa Falls, WI 54729)

~ August 2016 ~
10 individuals gathered

Detailed discussions surrounding moving from your home into a group home were shared. What does this look like? feel like? how much active care is available? meal options, etc... Educational literature was provided to members for the purpose of educating staff to become familiar and aware of the many facets of ALS. Summer travels and many experiences shared by all in attendance, including our favorite cheeses: limburger, cheddar, Colby, and highly recommended German! ☺

Next month brings another new season – Fall is right around the corner and sure to bless us with many beautiful landscapes. I hope you are able to get out for a bit and enjoy some time spent in nature.

Take good care of each-other!

Deb Erickson, LPN

ALS Outreach Assistant
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ALSNWWI Support Group is a non-profit organization that has been operating in the Chippewa Valley since 1992, serving over 9 counties. Services include: Monthly support group meetings; Outreach support service for home visits; local resources & referrals, Educational materials; financial assistance for items not covered under Medicare or private insurance; Community advocacy. Annual Walk & Wheel-A-Thon is held the second Sunday in June (6.11.2017) at the Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds in Chippewa Falls.

Questions, concerns, or input please contact:
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Events:

Charity Car Show, held Aug 20th, benefiting ALS was a success, despite the gloomy weather. Thank you to Bracket Bar, Steve Wallace and crew, in Fall Creek, for generously supporting our ALSNWWI community!

Proceeds from food/cars - \$384.00. Donation bucket - \$ 72.55.
50-50 raffle - \$269.00. Silent auction - \$948.00. **Total \$1,673.55**

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Informative Articles & Info:

The Eric Stone Interview - Today's Caregiver.com August 2016

✓ Why Hospice ✓ In Support of Support Groups ✓ ALS Caregiving

http://www.caregiver.com/magazine/digital/caregiver_july_aug16/#?page=0

ALS From Both Sides

By Diane Huberty

Diane is a Neuro RN and ALS Patient. Diane provides valuable insight and information in caring for an ALS patient. Diane's Personal Story & Thoughts on various topics: Cramping/Spasticity; Choking; Swallowing Problems; Feeding Tubes; Swollen Feet; Blood Clots; Osteoporosis; Toilet Troubles; Respiratory Options; Remodel or Move?; Equipment Needs; & ALS In-service can be found at the following website...

<http://www.alsfrombothsides.org/index.html>

Thank you Diane!

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