

**Vice President of Human Care
Council of Lutheran Women
Report to the General Meeting
April 29, 2019**



PURPOSE: The Human Care Committee shall educate and promote opportunities to serve and contribute to the betterment of those in need.

The Committee serving CLW is:

Vice President of Human Care: Barbara Hoffmeier, St Paul, Northville	(248.348.7567)
Food Banks Coordinator: Willie Marie Henry, St. John, Detroit	(313.481.2195)
Operation Layette Coordinator: Pam Stasko, St. Paul, Royal Oak	(248.418.1152)
Issues and Action Coordinator: Patti Jacques- Faith, Troy	(248-933-7472)
Mission Support Coordinator: Doris August, Trinity, Warren	(586.293.7777)

Annual Luncheon, March 19, 2019, INGATHERING REPORT

\$77. was donated to the Food Banks (2/3 for Peace and 1/3 for St John)
Also collected were many boxes of food and paper items for those groups

\$100 was donated to Operation Layette

Also collected for Operation Layette:

88 pair socks	64 onesies/T-shirts	64 hats	28	sleepers/gowns
18 crib blankets	4 receiving blankets	8 bibs	4	wash cloths
3 bottles	2 dozen diapers	3 outfits		

Other donated items went to: Camp Restore, Gifts for All God's Children and M.O.S.T. Ministries.

Special thanks to Lucie Witte and Karen Linsing for providing many empty boxes for transport.

Special thanks to Gina Davidson for making large signs for Ingathering.

Special thanks to Pastor Dan Ranthum and his ten Confirmation students and three Mom's who came from Guardian Lutheran School, Dearborn to help with the collections.

Special thanks to Doris August who applied for the Thrivent Action Grant for the student's lunch
And taking items to Gifts For All God's Children.

Special thanks to Pat Schultz and Nancy Berg who helped with this VP with the work for 6 hours.

Special thanks to Pam Stasko for having an exhibit table and taking the items for Operation Layette.

Special thanks to Willie Marie Henry and Ivy Thompson for having an exhibit table and taking items to the Food Banks.

Special thanks to the Communications Committee for posting Ingathering items so well.

And, a SPECIAL THANKS to all who donated items and money for this Ingathering.

Suggestion for next year:

1. Add 2 to 4 volunteers to help with the Ingathering. They could either be with the Hostess sign ups or from the organizations receiving the donations.
2. More signage outside and inside the building to identify where the Ingathering room is.
3. We'll probably need another source for the empty boxes.

I. Food Banks of Metro-Detroit: Willie Marie Henry

Food banks are a non-profit charitable organization that distributes food to those who have difficulty purchasing enough to avoid hunger. Some food banks operate on the front line model giving out food directly to the hungry. Others operate on the warehouse model, supplying food to intermediaries like food pantries, soup kitchens and other front line organizations.

The world's first food bank was established in the US in 1967 but at Peace Lutheran, it began in the late 1980's and early 1990's. St. John Lutheran food bank began in 2009. At Peace, the outreach grew and is still is growing. They now reach out to the community with a Tuesday morning coffee and bagels treat along with food items to take home. As the need grew, there are suburban churches willing to assist in sending them food and monetary gifts to continue the program. The CLW donates their ingathering at each of their activities, especially at their annual "CLW Luncheon" with non-perishable and monetary gifts.

From the 55th annual luncheon they received so many food items, 8-9 boxes, PLUS from the ingathering, Mrs. Hambrick made a display and took pictures. This was truly, truly a BLESSING. Mrs. Birdie Hambrick and her committee thank each and every one who contributes to the Peace Lutheran Church Food Bank Program.

Birdia F. Hambright Coordinator

Peace Lutheran Food Pantry (15700 E. Warren Ave., Detroit 48215) #313.882.3030

The St. John Food Bank continues to serve the over 150 families each year in the Detroit area. We work with our Human Care Ministries specifically targeting those who are in need of financial assistance due to unemployment or medical issues. We distribute food and other items such as warm coats, blankets, hats, gloves, toiletries, school bags and supplies. We also serve as a referral resource when other human services needs are identified. We are so thankful that we are recipients of the ingathering from the CLW. The 55 th CLW Luncheon provided us with seven (7) large boxes of non-perishable food items and paper products. We both give glory to God for the assistance.

Editha D. Barnes, Chairperson

St. John Lutheran Food Pantry (4950 Oakman Blvd., Detroit – 48204) #313-933-9360

Needs: Non-Perishable Dry & Canned Goods (easy to open); Paper products (Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels); Things for serving food (Styrofoam or paper plates, napkins, cups, plastic ware) Hygiene Items: washcloths & towels; deodorant; toothbrushes & toothpaste; soap & shower gel; women's sanitary supplies; underwear & socks; blankets; monetary funding.

St John will also appreciate warm coats, blankets, hats, gloves, school bags and supplies.

We both give glory to God for the assistance.



II. Operation Layette Coordinator: Pam Stasko

Thank you to everyone who donated at the luncheon. ITEMS COLLECTED:

88 pair socks, 64 onesies/T-shirts, 64 hats, 28 sleepers/gowns, 18 crib blankets, 8 bibs, 4 receiving blankets, 4 wash cloths, 3 bottles, 3 outfits, 2 dozen diapers

Currently, supplies are low on:

Crib blankets Cloth diapers Wash cloths Bottles (8 ounce and 4 ounce)

The next assembly is scheduled for May 9, beginning at 7:00 pm at
St. Paul Lutheran Church– 202 East 5th Street, Royal Oak 48067

Contact Pam Stasko for more information #313.418.1152

III. Issues and Action Coordinator: Patti Jacques

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION: The annual **National Day of Prayer** is **THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019.**

www.nationaldayofprayer.org The theme is **Love One Another** taken from John 13:34. Issues & Action urges all CLW churches to set up regular prayer times, Sunday mornings after church each week or monthly or biweekly. Timothy 2:1-3 says to pray for all those who are in authority over us. Pray for our nation, President, local government, military, pastors and staff, educators and our churches.

Celebrate Life: hold a baby bottle drive, a diaper drive or baby shower for a Crisis Pregnancy Center in your area. Baby bottles can be distributed on Mother's Day weekend and collected on Father's Day weekend services. Parishioners fill the bottles with cash or checks which support this very worthy ministry, saving the lives of many babies. Lutherans for Life of Michigan is also sponsoring a statewide Diaper Shower from Mother's Day to Father's Day. www.lflmi.org

Student Statesmanship Institute Summer Camps in Howell for teens- *"Empowering Teens to Change their World"*- Go to www.ssionline.org "The LEAD Summer Program is a life-transforming week featuring authentic leadership simulations in the legislative, media, judicial, campaign and business fields under the direction of Christian professionals. During this real-world experience high school students learn valuable life skills such as teamwork, critical thinking, strategic planning and effective communication. While engaged in high-level leadership roles, they are also inspired to apply Biblical and moral principles in their own life and the world around them. Students from all over the United States have attended LEAD, as well as teens from Canada, Mexico, England & Israel.

To sign up for the I & A email chain or for questions contact Patti Jacques, 248-933-7472
pjacques@giftsforallgodschildren.org

IV. Mission Support Coordinator: Doris August

IN-GATHERING AT CLW EVENTS:

Non-perishable food, eyeglasses, office supplies, paper products, blankets, towels, men's & women's underwear and socks, personal care items, gift cards and infant layette items are requested for CLW Operation Layette, supported food banks and affiliated auxiliaries. For a detailed collection list see our website at www.clwmichigan.com

Tab: "Opportunities for Participation"

HUMAN CARE ORGANIZATIONS AND MISSION OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE C.L.W.

1. **Camp Restore Detroit - Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church - 17100 Chalmers Detroit, MI 48205**
Contact Person: Susan Riske riskese@comcast.net Church Office: #313.527.3366
Requested donations are listed on their website. Gift cards for purchases are appreciated.
2. **Family of God – 7354 Whitaker Detroit, MI 48209** jshill4548@sbcglobal.net
Donations mailed to: Family of God Mission P.O. Box 801 Mt Clemens, MI 48046
<https://www.facebook.com/FamilyofGodinChristMinistry/#>
3. **Gifts For All God's Children** www.giftsforallgodschildren.org
Collecting: Easter Baskets, New Coats & Warm Clothing, Socks, Underwear, Shoes, Boots, Books, Games, School Supplies. Serving children in Detroit, Flint & Pontiac. Contact Patti Jacques, Executive Director pjacques@giftsforallgodschildren.org Christmas in July – Tuesday, July 16th 6:00 p.m. at Villa Penna in Sterling Heights. See the website to register.
4. **Lutheran Heritage Foundation** www.lhfmissions.org
51474 Romeo Plank Macomb, MI 48042 Phone: 800.554.0723
5. **Lutheran Special Education Ministries** www.luthspel.org
National Office: 30415 W. 13 Mile Road Farmington, MI 48334 Phone: 888.488.5736
6. **Lutheran Women's Missionary League – Michigan District** www.lwmlmichigan.org
Collecting: MITES for mission grants. See website for current list of events.
National Convention: June 20 – 23, 2019 Mobile, Alabama
7. **Lutheran World Relief** www.lwr.org
Collecting: Quilts, New Soap, Fabric Kits, Baby Care Kits, Personal Care Kits, School Kits g quilts; Boxcar Loading of S.E. Michigan in October; Contac Pat #517.552.7218.
8. **MOST Ministries** www.mostministries.org
Ways to be involved: Collecting eyeglasses and office equipment; volunteer projects; be a "goer" and join a mission team; be a "sender" by donating to the ministry and be a prayer partner; contribute Thrivent Choice dollars.
9. **POBLO** www.poblo.org Contact Cynthia Khan #586.477.1530
Requesting gas gift cards for use by their missionaries and volunteers. Also gift cards for Jo-Ann Fabrics and Walmart for supplies for their sewing centers.
10. **Wellspring Lutheran Services** www.wellspringlutheran.com
See website for volunteer opportunities.
Lutheran Child & Family Services: Auxiliaries #2 (Detroit) and #18 (Rochester)
Project Compassion www.projectcompassion.net