

**Vice President of Human Care
Council of Lutheran Women
Report to the General Meeting
September 28, 2020**

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:

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| Vice President of Human Care: Barbara Hoffmeier, St Paul, Northville | (248.348.7567) |
| Food Banks Coordinator: Willie Marie Henry, St. John, Detroit | (313.418.2159) |
| Operation Layette Coordinator: Pam Stasko, St. Paul, Royal Oak | (313.418.1152) |
| Issues and Action Coordinator: Patti Jacques- Faith, Troy | (248-933-7472) |
| Mission Support Coordinator: Doris August, Trinity, Warren | (586.293.7777) |

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

Birdia F. Hambright / Peace Food Pantry Coordinator

Peace Lutheran Food Pantry (15700 E. Warren Ave., Detroit 48215)
#313.784.5508 (Hosting on Tuesday's, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

Editha D. Barnes, Chairperson / St. John Food Bank

St. John Lutheran Food Pantry (4950 Oakman Blvd., Detroit – 48204)
#313-933-9360 (Hosting outside on the 4th Thursday's, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Welcoming non-perishable items. Call ahead for office hours to deliver donations.

II. Operation Layette Coordinator: Pam Stasko

Thank you to everyone who has donated items. Thank you for all the beautiful handmade items. The handmade items are always very much appreciated. The recipients are frequently surprised that someone they don't know put such obvious care into creating something for their baby.

Operation Layette is on hold until we can be more confident that meeting to assemble layettes can be done without contributing to the spread of Covid-19.

In the meantime, we are still collecting materials for when the program can resume. If you've been meaning to get back to knitting or crocheting, now is the time. If you've been meaning to learn to knit or crochet, now is the time. There are videos online to teach basic stitches and even step-by-step videos of how to make an entire baby sweater. If knitting or crocheting is not your thing, cute sweaters can be sewn from fleece. Many of you make beautiful baby quilts. If shopping is your thing, we need those items too. Please take steps to keep yourself and others safe if you do go shopping.

We currently are most in need of the following items:

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| Cloth diapers | Onesies in 3-6 month size |
| Sleepers | Baby wash cloths |
| Socks | Bottles (8-9 ounce and 4 ounce sizes) |

If you have supplies and would like to get them to Operation Layette, please contact Pam so you can make arrangements for pick up or drop off. # 313.418.1152

III. Issues and Action Coordinator: Patti Jacques

- 1. PRAY FOR OUR NATION, OUR LEADERS and for the ELECTION:** Issues & Action urges all CLW members and churches to pray. *1 Timothy 2:1-2 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.* Pray for our nation, President and leaders in our government, military, pastors and staff, educators and our churches.
- 2. Register to Vote and encourage others to register** The government rests on God's Shoulders, but He gives us an opportunity and a responsibility to participate in it. "Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote that he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual -- or at least that he ought not so to do; but that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country." (*Samuel Adams, "Father of the American Revolution"*) **Make sure you're registered to vote and encourage others to register.**
- 3. Voter Guides** will be available from **Right to Life**, www.election.rtl.org **Michigan Family Forum** www.michiganfamily.org and **Citizens for Traditional Values (CTV)** on Facebook [ctvmichigan](https://www.facebook.com/ctvmichigan). Voter guides are legal to be distributed in any church. Voters need to be educated and compare the platforms of each party.
- 4.** To learn more about starting an Issues & Action group at your church or to get email announcements of Issues please email: jacques.patti@gmail.com

IV. Mission Support Coordinator: Doris August

The LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF loading for southeast Michigan is planned for Tuesday, October 20th at Lutheran High Westland. 9:00 to 12:00. ??
33300 Cowan Rd, Westland, MI 48185. Call ahead = # 734.422.2090
The east side location is on Monday, October 19, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
Saint John Lutheran Church 16339 East 14 Mile, Fraser, MI 48026.
There are also truck loadings in Grand Rapids and Saginaw the same week.
Questions? Call Doris #586.293.7777.
Note: Monday is a change since it used to be on Tuesdays in Fraser.

Save the date:

Mission Focus – Monday, September 27, 2021 - Faith Lutheran, Troy

Come join our Mission Auxiliaries of the Council of Lutheran Women as they have display tables with lots of handouts and speak about their organizations. A great opportunity to SEE what is available in the metropolitan Detroit area for ways for you to be involved!

Exhibits in the morning followed by lunch and the fall meeting in the afternoon.

However there is a great need to continue to support our affiliated ministries. Perhaps a "Mission Road Rally" where people take their collected and homemade items directly to the mission agencies? Call ahead for office hours please.