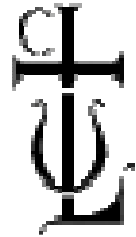


**Vice President of Human Care
Council of Lutheran Women
Report to the General Meeting
September 27, 2021**



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: Willie Marie Henry, St. John, Detroit	(313.418.2159)
Food Banks Coordinator: Ivy Thompson, St. John, Detroit	(313.300.4269)
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: Barbara Hoffmeier, St Paul, Northville	(248 756.3035))

Operation Layette Report

Thank you to everyone who has donated items.

Operation Layette will hold an assembly evening on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Royal Oak. Social distancing and masks will be required. Please contact Pam Stasko (313-418-1152 or pam.stasko@gmail.com) if you would like more information.

We currently are most in need of the following items (gently used and new):

- Cloth diapers
- Receiving blankets
- Sleepers
- Baby wash cloths
- Socks
- Bottles (8-9 ounce and 4 ounce sizes)

...Pam Stasko

Operation Layette
313 418 1152

Food Banks of Metro-Detroit: Ivy Thompson

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 growing.

Peace Lutheran Detroit Food Pantry continues to serve the neighborhood around Peace Church faithfully every Tuesday at 11 o'clock. We are blessed to have you continue to partner with our food ministry over the many years. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated. We serve 45 families each week. We have one gentleman, Tony, who is regularly at the pantry. He stopped in two weeks ago to donate \$10.00 and said he is so thankful that we are here because it is the source of his food for the week. We have received 30 to 40 pizzas each week from Pizza Hut, the last three months. This has been a great addition to our giveaway each week. Continue to remember us in your prayers. We are so thankful for your kindness and generosity.

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

The St. John Food Bank is giving thanks to God for enabling us to continue its efforts of feeding the unemployed, working poor, elderly and physically challenged members of our community. We have monthly distributions of non-perishables, meats, dairy and fresh produce. We also provide personal care items when available.

Thank you for your continued support as we service approximately 50 families each month.

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;; monetary funding.

We both give glory to God for the assistance.



Issues & Action Report

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION: 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.

For questions contact Patti Jacques, 248-933-7472 pjacques@giftsforallgodchildren.org

Report to the CLW General Meeting –September 27, 2021

Human Care Committee

Mission Support Coordinator: Barbara Hoffmeier

We have had eight planning committee meetings for the MISSION FOCUS event on September 27, 2021 over the last two years. I thank the committee members who worked with me: Barb Collins, Sandy Hardies, Willie Marie Henry, Patti Jacques, Candie Sionkowski, and Lucie Witte. *This has been a long process, but we have trusted in God's plan to bring it all together. May HE be glorified in all our work.* The MISSION FOCUS is designed to familiarize our attendees with opportunities to volunteer and support local ministries.

We planned for 200 registrants with 100+ being registered by the deadline the week before the event. The total was ____ (t.b.d.) Registrations were on Eventbrite beginning August 1st. There was no cost for registration. Donations were accepted on Eventbrite for Mission Partners and divided between the ten presenters. Candi S. did an excellent job keeping us informed with registrations.

Two Thrivent Action Cards were used for meals. Donations were accepted for lunch with baskets put out by the Treasurer. Sheri Comeford and her husband catered the event that included a simple snack breakfast bar and a boxed lunch. Judy Shepherd and Laura Thomas provided excellent publicity pieces on various media.

Faith Lutheran Troy provided the facility and coffee bar, the staff was very helpful with setting things up and providing tables, chairs, the sound system, and a technician to operate the PowerPoint program. Kendra Corman volunteered her time and talents with collating the PowerPoints. The Michigan District LCMS provided the programs that we put together and did the printing for us. Five Hostesses were put throughout the building for welcoming and to direct people to the Chapel area. Three men were asked to attend the parking lots in the morning.

Letters were sent via Constant Contact to 10 Presenters and 11 Exhibitors with information for their submissions for the booklet and Power Point presentations. Follow-up phone calls and emails were continuous to get everything within the time frame set. The Presenters were (members of the CLW and considered our "mission partners"): Camp Restore Detroit, Elli's House, Family of God, Gifts For All God's Children, Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Lutheran Special Education Ministries, MOST Ministries, POBLO, The Luke Clinic, and Wellspring Lutheran Services. The Exhibitors were: CLW Activities and Scholarship Program, CLW Food Banks, CLW Operation Layette, Ephaphatha Mission Society, Faith Lutheran Church, Lutheran High School Association, LWML English District, LWML Michigan District, the Michigan District LCMS, and Thrivent Financial. We hope to have the program recorded and available on the CLW website for individual groups to use as their own Mission Focus.

Schedule:

- 7:45 a.m. Exhibitors arrive to set up. Ingathering set up. Food set up. Hostesses arrive.
- 8:45 a.m. Registration, continental breakfast, and exhibits open. (Events Committee.)
- 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Devotion (Pastor Howard and Barbara Hoffmeier.)
- 9:40 a.m. Event begins with 10 Mission Partners giving 10 minute presentations each
#1 9:40; #2 9:50; #3 10:00; #4 10:10; #5 10:20.
- 10:30 a.m. A 30-minute break will be scheduled to visit exhibits / bathroom break.
- 11:00 a.m. Presentations resume.
- #6 11:05; #7 11:15; #8 11:25; #9 11:35; #10 11:45.
- 12 noon Lunch / Exhibits remain open.
- 1:00 p.m. Business meeting held – no reports from inter-congregational organizations.

President Lucie has written thank you notes to the ten presenters. They will each be given a \$100 check the day of the event. All extra donations will be tabulated and dispersed between those ten mission partners as an honorarium for their participation and donation toward their ministries.

I would like to thank former President, Barb Collins, for her expertise with putting the program together with me and organizing all the details. Her talents and support are a valuable resource to our organization.

INGATHERING ITEMS – Fall 2021

FOOD BANKS

Non-perishable food

OPERATION LAYETTE

Cloth diapers, receiving blankets, socks, sleepers, wash cloths, bottles

FAMILY OF GOD, THE LUKE CLINIC, and GIFTS FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Regular and travel-sized hygiene items

CAMP RESTORE

Individually wrapped cookies, snacks, bags of chips

Paper products

Cloth masks

Gas gift cards and Walmart gift cards

ELLI'S HOUSE

See the Amazon Wish List on their website

LSEM

See the Amazon Wish List on their website

MOST

Postage stamps; Legal pads – both large & small; boxes of tissues (Kleenex, Puffs, etc.); Lysol Disinfectant Spray; Clorox Wipes; Paper Towels; Garbage Bags (50 gallon black & 13 gallon white); Liquid hand soap; snack-sized baggies; toilet paper; used eyeglasses / sunglasses.

COUNCIL OF LUTHERAN WOMEN - HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE – MISSION SUPPORT COORDINATOR -