

**Council of Lutheran Women
General Fall Meeting
Human Care Committee Report
September 25, 2023**

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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	248.756.3035
Food Bank 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: Glory Drum, Huntington Woods Lutheran	248.763.7495
Mission Support Coordinator: Andrea Anderson, St Paul, St Claire Shores	619.708.9018

I. Mission Support Coordinator: Andrea Anderson

She has worked with the VP of HC on the procedures for ingathering's and the duties of this position for the CLW Leader's Guide. Attended Board meeting on August 21, 2023.

She has been in contact with most of the ministries that the CLW supports to get updates with needed donations to their missions. *Visit our website for "Opportunities for Participation" for their websites with requested needs.* These are the current donations requested for the fall of 2023.

Camp Restore – Paper products for serving meals to volunteers.

Elli's House – Travel size hygiene items

Family of God – Take out boxes and plastic cutlery for serving meals.

Gifts for All God's Children – New socks and underwear for all sizes of boys and girls

The Luke Clinic – Socks, Pajamas, and Light weight jackets for ages newborn to 3 months.
Please see the CLW website for more requested items.

St Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf – See CLW website for Amazon Wish Lists for classroom needs. *Note: there are currently less than 10 students at the school. We encourage local groups to sponsor a child or classroom. Contact them for information www.smlid.org or #313.241.6383.*

→ **THE LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF ANNUAL COLLECTION will be held in southeast Michigan:**

St John Lutheran Church - 16339 E. 14 Mile Road, Fraser, MI 48026

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 - 9 am to 5 pm.

For more information contact Doris August #586.295.5818

Lutheran High School Westland – 33300 Cowan Road, Westland MI 48185

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 - 9 am to noon.

For more information contact: Hannah M. MacAfee, Administrative Assistant -
Congregation Ministries - Michigan District, LCMS - Toll Free: 888.225.2111 ext. 235.

Regarding the packing of Lutheran World Relief Boxes:

Please note that they will not be using a tracking app this year. They would like to have all boxed items have a sheet inside identifying your Church name/ address, and the number of items in the box. For example: MI District 3773 Geddes Rd, Ann Arbor MI 48105 – QUILTS = 8

II. Food Banks of Metro-Detroit: Ivy Thompson

Peace Lutheran Detroit Food Pantry

15700 E. Warren Ave., Detroit 48215 #313.882.3030

Good morning, Council of Lutheran Women: Peace Lutheran Church has been blessed to have you support us over the years. Your loving kindness, sharing, and sincere care for people has shown so bright, for people who are in need. We have young and not so young people, single moms, single dads, couples, people who are homeless, working families, the need is great and has no prospective person, the need is the same. Peace Church is truly blessed to have you stand with us as sponsors and supporters in this ministry. Please know that you continue to help change the lives of many. Young people, teenagers, their families, (and strangers.) Our food pantry is small. We now serve over fifty people; we are blessed to have food for all who come and are in need. You have supported us, not only with food, but you also give toiletries, towels, hygiene items, money and more. Thanks, CLW, may the grace and peace of our Lord be with each of you and your families...

*Peace Lutheran Church,
Food Pantry Coordinator
Birdia F. Hambright*

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Food Bank

Editha D. Barnes, Chairperson

St. John Lutheran Food Pantry - 4950 Oakman Blvd., Detroit, MI 48204

III. Operation Layette Coordinator: Pam Stasko

We assembled layettes on May 25 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Royal Oak. There were a total of 20 layettes donated to Image Clear Ultrasound and Luke Clinic in Detroit.

The next assembly will be Thursday, October 5, 2023. Everyone is welcome to attend. We meet at 7:00 pm. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Royal Oak (202 E. 5th Street). There is no need to be there right at 7 pm nor stay to the end (+/- 9 pm, depending on donations and the number of people who come to help).

Regarding donations (gently used and new); we are most in need of receiving blankets, cloth diapers, bottles (4 ounce & 8 ounce), and infant socks. Gender-neutral items offer more flexibility than items that are specifically girlish or boyish. For items like onesies and sleepers, sizes 3 months through 9 months are most helpful. Anyone with questions can email Pam Stasko at pam.stasko@gmail.com or call me at 313-418-1152.

IV. Issues and Action Coordinator: Glory Drum

LCMS SOCIAL ISSUES: The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod provides a website dedicated to the social issues that affect our Christian views and values. There are resources regarding child abuse, immigration, marriage and many more topics. An excellent way for member churches and pastors to counsel people.

<https://www.lcms.org/social-issues>

THE LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY (LCRL): Gregory Seltz, Executive Director, presents Champions for Religious Liberty Events. Go to <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org> to receive the LCRL "Word from the Center". Like the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty on Facebook. LCRL provides input, education, advice, advocacy, and resources in the areas of life, marriage and religious liberty and seeks to engage in discussions in Washington D.C., to establish partnerships and resources for the sake of our churches, schools, universities, and seminaries.

- They are in D.C. to be an ENCOURAGING support to those who are already working very hard on the Hill to protect our religious Liberty, to protect and promote the sanctity of life, to guard the basic protections for traditional marriage, to promote the value of private and parochial education.
- They are in D.C. to be an EDUCATIONAL resource for our Churches, Schools, Universities, pastors, and laypeople – Why? Because Christians more and more need to be prepared to engage public issues for the sake of the community and the Gospel
- They are in D.C. to be an ADVOCATE for our Churches, Schools, and Universities.... Why? Because the government is encroaching more and more into the arena of the Church and its work, and Gods people have a role not only in sharing the Gospel, but in helping society/culture in being humane, civil, and temporally just. (Jeremiah 29:11ff)

2024 ELECTIONS: Although major elections are still a way off, it is not too early to obtain information pertinent to your views. Voter guides provided by traditional values organizations such as Michigan Family Forum (michiganfamily.org), Citizens for Traditional Values (ctvmichigan.org) and various Right-to-Life organizations are helpful in educating your congregation.

PRAY REGULARLY: 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 or for Lutherans for Life of Michigan. Baby Bottles can be distributed on one Sunday and collected on a Sunday about a month later. Parishioners fill the bottles with cash or checks which support these worthy ministries, saving the lives of many babies. The website to check for updates is: www.lflmi.org

V. Vice President's Comments – Barbara Hoffmeier

I have submitted a draft to Barb Collins for the CLW Leader's Guide for the Human Care Committee.

I have contacted the Committee Coordinators to prepare for reports at the meetings 8.7,8.21, 8.25.23.

I have represented the Committee at Executive and Board meetings. I'm sorry to miss the General Meeting in September as I will be in Italy with a pre-arranged vacation with my family.

I have notified the Communication Committee regarding updates to the website and newsletters.

I have assisted the President with her requests.