

**Vice President of Human Care Report
Council of Lutheran Women General Spring Meeting
April 17, 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:

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I. Food Banks of Metro-Detroit: Ivy Thompson

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

Our Food Pantry continues to serve in the neighborhood, around Peace Church. We open at 11 o'clock, every Tuesday. Thank you for your support in helping us to keep food in our much-needed pantry, over the many years, you have blessed us by donating food, money and much more, thanks! Your support is needed and greatly appreciated. The donation of food we received in March came in time for us to pass out the following Tuesday, of food pantry. Each week we serve 45 to 50 people. Please remember us in your daily prayers, we are so thankful for each donation you have given us. Your kindness and generosity is why we're able to continue serving so many in need. Blessings to each of you! He is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah. Birdia Hambright Peace Food Pantry Coordinator

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

- Driven by our core beliefs of sharing God's love, hunger is unacceptable, meals can change lives and no family should be left to face food insecurity, the St. John Food Bank continues its effort of feeding the unemployed, working poor, elderly and challenged members of the St. John community.
- St. John Food Bank serves an average of 50 families per distribution. Our number fluctuates based on the Headstart 's school sessions and weather conditions on the day of distribution.
- We provide recipients with healthy meal choices such as non-perishable goods, meat, fresh vegetables, fruits, breakfast items, and a variety of snacks. Personal hygiene and care items are also provided when available. We provide emergency food for those in need and also for those who are not able to pick up on the pre-scheduled distribution days.
- Our food bank, as a critical needs organization for the state of Michigan, has adopted safety protocols and is working with community partners to prevent the exposure of COVID during our food distributions and all other operations.
- Our next food distribution date is June 22, 2023, from 11:00 am to 1:00pm. However for emergency food referrals, please call the church office at (313)933- 9360.
- Thank you for your continued support. Editha D. Barnes, St John Foo Bank Chairperson

II. Operation Layette Coordinator: Pam Stasko

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Thank you to everyone who has supported Operation Layette with donations and helping to assemble layettes. Please note that the next assembly evening is scheduled for Thursday evening, May 25. 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 7pm nor to stay until the end (+/- 9pm depending on donations and the number of people who come to help). Anyone with questions can email or call Pam Stasko. (numbers listed above)

Regarding donations (gently used and new): we are most in need of blankets, 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.

III. Issues and Action Coordinator: Glory Drum

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The website to check for updates is: <https://www.lcms.org/social-issues>

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.

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)

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. For details about how to easily participate in the diaper shower visit www.lflmi.org

IV. Mission Support Coordinator: Andrea Anderson

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CLW supports 13 local ministries. I contacted most of them to get an itemized list for the Activities and Events program at the Annual Luncheon and to update the website with their requested needs. I worked on the Ingathering with set up on Monday evening and Tuesday morning, assisted with clean up, and did the following tally inventories...

Food Banks: Peace Lutheran (2/3 amount) & St John Lutheran (1/3 amount)

Cereal, Pasta, Crackers, Stuffing, Potatoes, Rice, Jars & Cans of assorted food.

Peace receives clothing.

Camp Restore: 3 toilet paper pkgs, 2 paper plates; 2 napkins; 1 wipes; 4 disinfectants.

2 Gift Cards for Lowe's \$50; 2 Gift Cards for Meijer's \$20; Cash \$25.

Elli's House: 57 toothbrushes; 20 toothpastes; 67 floss; 67 small soap; 11 deodorants; 2 lotions;

2 conditioners; 3 feminine items; 9 boxes of small bags; 2 jars; 4 pastries; 164 individual snacks

Family of God: 7 tissues; 3 napkins; 2 cans; 2 bottles of condiments; 3 boxes stuffing; 100 pieces

silverware; 16 rolls of paper towels; 24 rolls of toilet paper; 1 package plates; 2 packages wipes.

GFAGC: Numerous toys, books, school supplies; new warm clothing (hats, gloves, scarves, jackets) 1 Gift Card for GFS \$25.

The Luke Clinic: 1 nursing pillow; 2 cans of formula; 1 toy; 1 parenting book.

MOST: 168 + glasses and sunglasses.

Wellspring: 1 package diapers; 2 packages wipes

Operation Layette: 15 onesies; 6 socks; 13 washcloths; 5 sleepers; 3 receiving blankets; 1 crib blanket; 11 bottles; numerous miscellaneous items.

Visit our website for “Opportunities for Participation” for our Mission Partners information.

Camp Restore Detroit – www.detroit@camprestore.org

Elli’s House – www.ellishouse313.org

Family of God – www.FOGDetroit.com.

Gifts For All God’s Children – www.giftsforallgodschildren.org

Lutheran Heritage Foundation – www.lhfmissions.org

Lutheran Special Education Ministries – www.luthsped.org

Lutheran Women’s Missionary League –

Michigan District – www.lwmlmichigan.org

English District - www.englishdistrictlwml.weebly.com

Lutheran World Relief – www.lwr.org

MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term) Ministries – www.mostministries.org

POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) – www.poblo.org

St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf – www.smlid.org

The Luke Clinic – www.thelukeclinic.org.

Wellspring Lutheran Services – www.wellspringlutheran.com.

Lutheran Child & Family Services – Members of CLW: Chapters # 2 & # 18

V. Vice President’s Comments – Barbara Hoffmeier

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Worked on the Ingathering at the Annual Luncheon with Andrea and Ivy at Burton Manor. Set up room on Monday night. Confirmed the student helpers from Guardian Lutheran with Pastor Dan Ranthum.. Assistant Principal, Nate Belong (7th Grade Teacher) brought 12 students and 3 adults to Burton Manor at 9:45 a.m. and worked until 11:15. A thank you note with photos was sent. Doris August acquired a Thrivent Action Grant that was given to them for a pizza luncheon. She also delivered t-shirts to the school. Mission Partners picked up the donated items after the luncheon at the designated drop off area behind the building. *Thank you for your generous donations for our Ingathering’s at CLW events.*