



SERVING MINISTRIES OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

HUNGER AND CLOTHING PROJECTS

BackPack Program - Provide financial and volunteer support to provide a food-filled backpack every Friday for families at three LPS elementary schools. Contact: Kathy Dickey

Food Bank Food Market - Volunteer at Lincoln High's Food Market. Set food out, direct and support students and pack up leftover food at 2:30-4:00 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Contact: Kathy Dickey

Matt Talbot Outreach Kitchen - Donate fruit and dessert items for a monthly meal for Lincoln's homeless and working poor. Come help with advance food preparation and/ or serving the meal. Contact: Steve Lenzen

Meals on Wheels - Deliver meals to home bound seniors or other folks needing this service. First Lutheran has regular Sunday routes or contact Tabitha for a route that works for you. Contact: Sandy Latshaw

CROP Walk - Raise money to support local and international hunger relief programs. This annual city-wide effort is the 2nd Sunday of October. First Lutheran is the host 2018-2020! Contact: Sandy Latshaw

Lutheran Food Pantry - Donate non-perishable food and personal care items to be distributed by the pantry. Place items in the grocery cart near the Welcome Desk. Contact: Steve Lenzen

Bread for the World - Advocate for food assistance by writing letters to your elected state and federal representatives. BFW works to influence legislation on hunger issues. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller

Kicks for Kids - A fall project to provide new shoes and socks for elementary aged children identified by their teachers. Take a tag, which matches a specific child, purchase the needed items and return them to the church for distribution. Contact: Donice Kaspar

Fresh Start - Donate clothing and household items to this transitional shelter for homeless women. Contact: Karen Lenzen

Bridges to Hope - This agency, as part of the Nebraska Synod of the ELCA, assists individuals being released from prison. To donate clothing, furniture or other items, call 402-420-5696.

CARING MINISTRIES

Casserole Caravan - Deliver a meal or treat to those just home from the hospital from illness, surgery or birth and families dealing with a death or family crisis. Contact: Sunni Richardson

Stephen Ministry - Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one Christian caring relationship for anyone who is going through a rough patch, pain, or struggle in life. It's not a ministry of giving answers, rather it's a ministry of listening with care, asking reflective questions and "holding space" for someone else. Training provided. Contact: Faye Doolittle

Prayer Shawls - Combine a love of knitting or crocheting creating prayer shawls for those in need of comfort, as well as in celebration and joy. Not a stitcher? Be a delivery person taking a shawl to someone in need. Yarn available. Contact: Jan Mares to be a stitcher or Sunni Richardson to deliver.

Afghans – Make an afghan for a graduating high school student. Yarn available. Contact: Sharon Hardel

Funeral Lunches - Help provide and/or serve a funeral lunch as we assist families in grief by providing a place to gather and break bread with family and friends. Contact: Cindy Timperley or Robin Westhoff.

Eucharistic Ministry - Take communion to those homebound or recovering from illness or injury and not able to join us for worship. Contact: Harold Sutter

Visitation - Share your time and provide a bright spot in a homebound person's day. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller

GLOBAL MISSION

Immigrant Support – Work with refugee resettlement and other immigrant support programs. Donate furniture and household items, provide transportation, help with school work, provide support navigating systems or be a friend and enjoy building a relationship with a newcomer. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller

AMMPARO / Guardian Angels – AMMPARO (Accompanying Minor Migrants with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) is an initiative of the ELCA grounded in advocacy and supporting migrant children and their families. Learn about and participate in our efforts to respond to the effects of global human migration and how you can be trained to be a juvenile immigration watcher (Guardian Angel). Contact: Pastor Justin Eller

Fair Trade - Help with sales or purchasing fair trade products, which support the farmers who actually produce them. Products are normally available the first Sunday of the month, but are also available any time the church office is open. Contact: Faye Doolittle

Quilts - A quilt brings warmth on a cold night, shelter from the sun, creates a bed or room divider. Quilts assembled throughout the year are shipped to Lutheran World Relief for distribution at home and abroad. Quilters and donations of specific materials are appreciated. Contact: Phyllis Frickel

Tanzania Health Projects - First Lutheran supports two student nurses and has helped with other health projects, such as Houses for Health. Donations appreciated - \$1700 gift covers expenses for the year. Contact: Karen Clementson

PROJECTS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Fellowship Events – Plan and implement fellowship events. Contact: LuAnn Snyder

Maintenance and Property Projects - Painting, yard work, minor repairs, moving furniture around and cleaning projects keep our building safe, welcoming and beautiful. Contact: Steve Lenzen

SPECIAL EVENTS

God's Work Our Hands – Once a year we gather as a congregation, along with thousands of ELCA congregations, and leave the building in mass to serve the community. Help needed on the planning side. Contact: Sunni Richardson

Gifts of Hope Alternative Market - This market, held the first weekend of December, provides alternatives to traditional Christmas gift shopping. Planning help is needed, along with people to be at a giving station during the market. Contact: Sunni Richardson