

OUTREACH & SUPPORT

WE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM JO PIEHL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MCLEOD ALLIANCE FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. They are in dire need of the following items for their clients: Toilet Paper, Dish soap, Cleaning supplies (All purpose spray cleaners), Paper Towels, Tissues. You can drop items off at the Alliance Office, 101 Main St., Ste. 201 (above Drop 'N Go Shipping) between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, or drop them off at your church and we will see that they are delivered.

Warm Coats for Common Cup Outreach

If you have set aside gently worn winter coats, we will have a collection box at church. Please launder them before bringing them. Children's sizes are especially appreciated! These coats will be distributed Oct. 21-22 and the McLeod Co. Fairgrounds.

Learn About Hunger in McLeod County

McLeod County has a hunger problem. It is not something that is visible to most as community members, but it does exist. It affects children, adults, and senior citizens. It affects the cost of government through social services, our young children and their ability to learn, and our workforce. We are invited to be part of a community meeting regarding this issue. The meeting will be held :

**Thursday, August 26
Hutchinson Event Center
6:00 -7:30 pm**

Representatives from Second Harvest Heartland, McLeod County Social Services, McLeod County Food Shelf, Common Cup Ministries, Glencoe and Hutchinson School Districts and Hutchinson and/or Glencoe Area Healthcare will be there to participate.

The purpose of this meeting is to help our citizens understand the hunger problem that exists in our own communities, share statistics, raise the awareness of what various organizations currently exist to help, and asking for assistance from our community members to lessen the impact of hunger community wide.

Seasons Cycle & So Do Marriages

All marriages experience seasons of Harmony & Joy alternating with times of Frustration & Disillusionment. A Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you new tools to weather the changes using deeper communication and love.

In an intimate retreat setting, away from the rest of the world, four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy couple, give a series of presentations followed by questions you discuss in the privacy of your hotel room. There is no counseling and no group sharing. You'll spend two nights in a comfortable hotel and enjoy five delicious meals beginning Friday at 7:00 pm and concluding Sunday at 5:00 pm.

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are October 22-24 in Duluth; and November 19-21 in Brooklyn Center. Please register a month in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahan at 763-561-1575 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org. Two couple from our church have attended this retreat; if you would like a personal reference, contact the church office (587-2776).

GREEN LIKE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES HOSTING DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

beginning September 12 until December 12. This 13 week video based study teaches participants how to beat debt, build wealth and give using biblical principles. He teaches people how to attach their debt and live on less than they make. This program is to promote a lifestyle change. The cost is \$100 per family unit to cover materials and workbooks that are required for the course. Daycare is provided. Those interested in attending or want more information can contact Stacey Ryan at 320-796-2181 or sryan@gllm.org.

August 15—August 22

