Speaking Up ...

for our Pregnancy Care Centers in Flint and Saginaw, informing and urging members of WELS and ELS congregations in the area to continue to support this ministry with their prayers, their participation, and their financial gifts. Our Centers are affiliated with Christian Life Resources (CLR), a parasynodical organization of the WELS.



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An Opportunity to Serve

As we gave thanks to God for the Lutheran Reformation this month, we rejoice in the fact that God has blessed us with knowing the good news of Jesus. Through the working of his Spirit in Word and Sacrament, he has created faith in our hearts and made us heirs of eternal life. Praise the Lord!

What a blessing the Lord has given us! It compels us to tell the good news to others too, especially when we consider how many throughout the world (and in our own neighborhoods) don't know the truth that leads to eternal life.

Our pregnancy care centers are one way we can tell others that good news. What an opportunity they provide not only to show Christian love to those in need but to tell them of the one who loved them and gave his life for them.

Ladies, if you might be willing to serve the Savior through this ministry (especially as a mentor), please be in touch.

Flexible Service

Serving at our one of our centers is flexible. You need not be available at set times or for an entire day. We can work the schedule around your availability. Even if you are available only for part of the day, don't let that stop you from inquiring about service. If we have more mentors, we can schedule more appointments with clients and have more opportunities to share the good news.

Giving Tree Project

A giving tree is a special way to support our pregnancy care centers during the Christmas season. To participate, congregations can set up a tree display with ornaments that list a needed item at our center. Members can select an ornament and purchase the item, which can then be taken to the center. For more information, visit <u>http://saginawpcc.org/index.php/downloads</u>. The wish list is also posted at the web link. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars

Our Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 28 at St. John Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth (ELS). The opening service begins at 3:00 p.m. The offering given will be used for debt reduction. In lieu of, or in addition to a monetary gift, attendees may bring newborn outfits, newborn pj's, newborn onesies, bibs, or baby wipes. The business meeting will follow the service. After our business meeting, the members of St. John are graciously hosting a dinner. Please join us for this special event.

Financial Update

At the end of September, our mortgage for the Flint Center is down to \$30,340.62. The loan balance was \$49,877.61 a year ago! We have \$8,088.83 cash on hand. We are especially thankful for \$5000 gift from LACE we received in August.