

SERVICE PROJECTS and RELATIONSHIP BUILDING ACTIVITIES



You can participate in service projects and workshops during the times listed below by registering on Friday morning at the tables near the front entrance to the arena. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Information about transportation and where to meet will be available then.

SERVICE PROJECTS – 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

American Red Cross – 256 N. Sherman Street, Wilkes-Barre. A maximum of 24 volunteers are needed to help prepare emergency preparedness packets.

CEO Food Warehouse – 185 Research Drive, Pittston. A maximum of 48 volunteers will be packing food packages to be distributed to needy families.

SPCA of Luzerne County – 534 E. Main Street, Wilkes-Barre. A maximum of 12 volunteers will be interacting with cats and dogs after a brief period of training and completion of a waiver. Volunteers will walk dogs and play with cats, do light cleaning, plant around the facility grounds, and do maintenance along the dog-walking path.

Bear Creek Camp – A maximum of 40 volunteers will be spreading mulch around the ropes courses and walking the trails with pruners.

Walk for World Hunger – We invite you to get sponsors and walk the camp road at Bear Creek (8/10 of a mile). Enjoy the great outdoors while supporting World Hunger.

Kirby House – Volunteers will be assembling kits for school-age children in the Mohegan Sun Arena. Backpacks and school supplies are being provided through a grant from the NEPS Witness and Service Team, Women of the ELCA, Thrivent, and congregations in the Wilkes-Barre Mission District.

Lutheran Disaster Relief and Orphan Grain Train – Volunteers will be assembling health kits in the Mohegan Sun Arena. Assembly participants are asked to bring bath towels and washcloths, bars of soap, combs, toothbrushes, and nail clippers.

Weinberg Food Pantry of the Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) – Please bring jars of peanut butter and jelly and drop them off at the truck in the parking lot of the arena on Friday morning to help support the summer children's food program in the Wilkes-Barre area.

WORKSHOPS – 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Pastoral Care Providers – Hear a description of this Pocono Mission District pilot program. The goal of the program is to partner a lay member who shows interest and aptitude for pastoral ministry with a near-by congregation and their called pastor in order to provide trained, accountable, pastoral care and leadership within their smaller congregation. This program is intended for congregations where there is committed leadership and programmatic vitality. There will be time for questions and answers. Moderator: Pr. Niels Nielsen, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at Dingmans Ferry and Associate of the Bishop.

Faith Facing Racism and Religious Prejudice: Sharing Hopes and Strategies – Will deal with long-term and present issues and experiences with situations of bias within individuals, religious communities, and society. The speakers will share their faith-based and personal suggestions and procedures for moving from suspicion and animosity to dialogue and cooperation. The workshop will be open to candid and respectful discussion by participants. Presenters: Ms. Rubina Tareen, Chaplain to Muslim Students at Alvernia University; Pr. Nelson Quinones, St. John Lutheran Church in Fogelsville and San Martin de Porres Lutheran Church in Allentown. Moderator: Pr. Walter Wagner, Faculty at Respect Graduate School in Bethlehem.

ELCA Inter-religious Commitments -- Review and Response – The draft statement on inter-religious relations which will be revised for consideration at the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will be presented for discussion and response, led by the IJCU of Muhlenberg College.

SERVICE PROJECTS – 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Keystone Mission – Coal Street, Wilkes-Barre. A maximum of 6 volunteers will prepare dinner.

Health Kits for Lutheran Disaster Relief

Mother Teresa Haven Ministry – Ignatius Church, Kingston. A maximum of 6 volunteers will serve dinner to the men currently staying at the shelter.

Incredible Creations Kids' Club – Ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 190 S. Main Street, Wilkes-Barre. A maximum of 6 volunteers will join neighborhood children to paint a mural at the church.

Meadows Nursing Home – Newberry Drive, Dallas and **Timber Ridge Nursing Home** – 1555 East End Boulevard, Wilkes-Barre. A maximum of 12 volunteers at each facility will interact with the residents and share their faith through scripture and song.

Keep America Beautiful – St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 474 Yalick Road, Dallas. A maximum of 12 volunteers will help with a highway cleanup project and learn how their congregations can become involved in this statewide project. Please note: participants should wear long pants. Highway berms are not always the most hospitable places for walkers. Tick spray will be provided for everyone.

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