PADS (PUBLIC ACTION TO DELIVER SHELTER)
program to shelter the homeless
Bruce Freier, 773-656-0606
Sheryl Hilbert, 847-337-9104
Each Saturday evening to Sunday morning, from October to April, Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church provides critical services for the local homeless community by providing overnight shelter, showers, laundry facilities, a hot dinner, breakfast, and a bag lunch in a warm, safe, nonjudgmental atmosphere with respect and dignity for all.

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church is one of 18 faith-based shelter sites that is managed and staffed entirely by volunteers. With close to 900 shifts to fill each season, we are always in need of new volunteers.

If you are looking for direct interaction with guests during shelter hours, consider serving dinner or breakfast. If you like to see the immediate fruits of your labor, then consider working the clean-up shift. Are you unable to contribute during shelter hours? Consider helping with food donations, or sorting clothing donations. Those who like to provide or prepare food might consider donating lunch ingredients, preparing dinner or breakfast entrees. PADS always needs more 2nd & 3rd shift volunteers!

The requirement for becoming a volunteer is attendance at a PADS training session and an orientation / tour at Our Saviour’s. PADS is a ministry of giving where each volunteer also receives. We serve God by serving others in thankfulness for all that we receive through this ministry! Contact the PADS volunteer director at Os LPCapsvoldirector@gmail.com for details. For additional information, contact either of the PADS site co-directors: Sheryl Hilbert at 847-337-9104 or Bruce Freier at 773-656-0606.

SUMMER SUPPER PROGRAM
program to feed the homeless in the summer months
Kristin Reinger, 708-528-3259 or vroomcart@yahoo.com
Fifteen+ volunteers staff our program on the first Wednesday of each summer month, June thru September from 5:30 to 8:30pm. We supply a hot dinner for the homeless community for 30-60 guests each summer month, featuring the culinary talents of OSLC members. Ranging from BBQs, Italian and Mexican cuisine. Volunteers set up and prepare the meals, interact with guests. We also offer showers, clothing, and supplies to the community. We are part of 25+ churches supplying a hot meal to the homeless in the summer month. No training is necessary. All are welcome!
Contact Os LPCapsvoldirector@gmail.com

MEALS ON WHEELS
The team at Our Saviour’s is responsible for delivering daily meals to elderly and/or disabled residents of Wheeling Township during the month of January each year. Meals are prepared at the Lutheran Home; volunteers are needed to pick up the prepared meals and deliver the meals to grateful residents.

SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAM
Pastor Rhonda Pruitt 847-255-8700 ext. 229
Meets monthly to Make Christ Known by sharing his love and compassion through service to others in need. We challenge people to live lives of Christian service and advocate for peace and justice. In addition to helping to coordinate the many other Social Ministries listed below, we also distribute and collect the Love-in-Action bags each month and oversee the distribution of budgeted funds designated to various charitable organizations we sponsor.

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BETHEL CHRISTMAS STORE
Dave and Kim Lawson  847-394-3158
Bethel New Life works to realize God’s vision of a restored society by empowering individuals, strengthening families, and building neighborhoods through community-driven, solution-oriented, and value-centered programs in the West Garfield Park neighborhood of Chicago. The Bethel Christmas Store assists less fortunate families by providing a Christmas meal and the opportunity to purchase new gift items at drastically reduced prices. The proceeds go right back into the community supporting programs at Al Raby High School. Our Saviour’s brings a family focus to the Christmas Store while achieving Bethel’s goal of instilling “dignity” not “dependency”. This is one program where the whole family can participate.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Craig Swanson  847-398-5215
Habitat for Humanity is founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a decent, safe and affordable place to live. Habitat is a nonprofit, nondenominational Christian housing ministry. Locally OSLC is affiliated with the Spring of Life Partnership. Their motto: Building the American dream… one home at a time with your help!” fits well with OSLC’s motto “God’s Work, Our Hands”. You may be thinking special skills, and a long term commitment, are required. You’d be wrong on both counts! There are work days a couple times a month, typically on Sat from 8-3pm, and open to anyone who wants to volunteer. Come out some weekend and meet the future homeowner, lend a hand on the project of the day or provide lunch for the workers. The best part is the fellowship and joy you bring by helping someone achieve their dream of home ownership!

GLOBAL MISSIONS TEAM
Kathleen Morkert  847-991-4181
Celebrate God’s great global family! The Global Mission Team plans education and advocacy activities that support ELCA’s mission work around the world. This is accomplished through several activities that broaden and deepen our global citizenship: Global Movie Nights, Global Fellowship Events, Fair Trade Holiday Market, advocacy work, support of OSLC’s missionaries, and mission trips. The Global Mission team needs you if you are an international traveler, have lived or worked in another country, or if you are an armchair traveler and want to expand your world. You can help others learn and become more connected to God’s people around the world.

WINGS (Women in Need Growing Stronger)
A program to assist women in need to become independent. Our Saviour’s supports this program financially, but we also need volunteers to help at the Resale Shop, at the Safe House and to mentor women (instruction/training required).

WORLD HUNGER MINISTRY
Pastor Gail Heidtke  847-255-8700  ext. 225
This ministry encourages awareness and support of the root causes of hunger and poverty to neighbors around the corner and around the world through relief, development, education and advocacy. We promote World Hunger activities and fund raising through the Parish Memo and temple talks. We develop and distribute educational resources for the congregation. We partner with Global Mission Team with Fair Trade Holiday Market and have an annual emphasis on World Hunger. Liaison with hunger projects in other ministries (ex: Social Ministries; WELCA; Children, Youth & Family Ministries).