



PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES

All programming is dependent on availability.

Suggested ages:

all ages

13+

18+



Tour and History of Luther Place and N Street Village

Luther Place Memorial Church has a rich history beginning in 1873 and expanding through many outreach ministries today. See the building and hear the story through video and lecture. Groups may also tour N Street Village, the homeless women's shelter built by Luther Place in 1973. N Street is an outstanding and award-winning model of services to address homelessness.

Homelessness Simulation

One of our most popular activities, the homelessness simulation lasts just over an hour and allows groups to explore the complex causes of homelessness through role play. Each member of the group receives an identity as a low-income person and is challenged to pay the monthly bills and deal with various service agencies while handling personal issues that develop.

** works best with over 10 people

N Street Speakers Panel

Listen to several homeless women from N Street Village as they tell their stories and break down stereotypes. Groups have the opportunity to ask questions in regards to homelessness as well.

Volunteer at N Street Village

There are many opportunities to serve the women of N Street. Groups may volunteer depending on the availability and needs of N St.

Companionship at N St

One service that women at N Street always welcome is companionship. Spend time with the ladies, run an activity, or teach a class. This option is quite flexible depending on what a group might have to offer.

Other Volunteering Opportunities

**many non-profits require volunteers to be 14+

The options for volunteering are endless! Many non-profit organizations and social service agencies in the D.C. area are in need of volunteers. Depending on the size of the group and the availability of the organization, groups could volunteer all together or split up into small groups and spend a morning/afternoon volunteering, returning to share experiences and discuss various issues each group encountered.

** see list of Non-Profit Partners at www.steinbruckcenter.org

Privilege Walk

Led by the Steinbruck Center, this is a simple, yet eye-opening activity that brings to the forefront the varied privileges that each individual carries, often from birth, because of their race, gender, nationality, religion, etc. The activity is followed by a guided conversation on privilege and power – who has it, and how should we use it?



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Stations of the Cross

Take a pilgrimage around Luther Place Church and N Street Village with staff and homeless women to learn about the history of the church, theology of hospitality, and a call to social justice. This activity includes several readings and reflections as a means of worship and contemplation.

African-American Civil War Museum Tour

“The tour entails a 15 to 30 minute lecture highlighting the contributions of African Americans during the Civil War followed by a question and answer period. Upon request we supplement the lecture with our award-winning documentary ‘Fight for Freedom,’ which details the formation of the USCT, and their role in the abolishment of slavery. At the conclusion of the presentation, our visitors are encouraged to view the display at their leisure”

Mary McLeod Bethune Council House Tour

Mary McLeod Bethune grew up a child of former slaves and yet rose to a position of prominence and power here in Washington, DC. She was an educator, presidential advisor, and political activist, and founded the National Council of Negro Women in 1935. Visit the house where she met with this Council and learn about the great strides of one African American woman.

Dollar Dinner

Each member of the group is given one dollar for dinner, left to figure out how to make ends meet. This exercise helps to highlight the importance of community, realizing that one dollar for one person might not buy much, but if you put your money together, your options multiply.

** group must provide \$1 per person

Various Bible Studies

Take a more in depth look at what Jesus says about homelessness through a variety of bible studies to address issues of poverty.

Trips to Capitol Hill

Take a tour of the Capitol or meet with a representative to talk about issues of homelessness and poverty (depending on the availability of your representative).

Visit the ELCA Washington Office

The ELCA Washington Office focuses primarily on advocacy. Find out what the Lutheran Church is doing to prevent hunger and alleviate homelessness.

** be sure to ask about visiting the offices of other denominations/religions!

Meet the Lutheran Volunteer Corps

LVC places around 100 volunteers each year in 13 different cities in the US to work full-time with various non-profit organizations. Though LVC is affiliated with the ELCA, it is open to persons from all faith backgrounds. LVC’s three main tenets are intentional community, social justice, and simplicity/sustainability. Learn about what it takes to spend a year volunteering.



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Meet Washington Interfaith Network

WIN is a non-partisan politically active grassroots organization that focuses on community organizing, specifically in the District of Columbia.

3rd and Eats Meal and Discussion

Enjoy a meal at 3rd and Eats – a small, self-service restaurant that operates as job-training for homeless individuals who are learning employment skills. Lunch is followed by a discussion about ways to alleviate homelessness in your own town.

** 3rd and Eats is a cash-only restaurant. Meals average around \$7.

Worship

There are several opportunities to plan worship services during your stay at the Steinbruck Center. You are always welcomed and encouraged to invite the women from N Street to join you in worship.

Midnight Run

Join people from the National Coalition for the Homeless to hand out food and clothing to homeless people on the street. Groups must provide donations - socks, backpacks, toiletries (soap, lotion, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste), granola bars, crackers, water, banana's/ apples, etc.

Be a Vendor-for-a-Day with Street Sense

Led by the National Coalition for the Homeless, pair up with a currently homeless individual to sell Street Sense – a street newspaper – to those who walk by. Street Sense is written by and about the homeless, and the money made from the paper goes to help the homeless. But being a vendor isn't as easy as you might think!

Homeless Challenge

Run by the National Coalition for the Homeless, this activity puts groups out on the street for anywhere from 12-48 hours to experience homelessness themselves. Participants have little to no provisions and must find food and shelter. Groups are accompanied by former homeless individuals to ensure safety. While this activity does not help anyone fully understand homelessness, it does help to break down stereotypes and offer new insights.

** groups are asked to provide each guide with a cash honorarium

Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau

Similar to the N Street Speaker's Panel, this group of homeless speakers is organized by the National Coalition for the Homeless.

** groups are asked to pay each speaker a \$40 honorarium