



**Who We Are & What We Do**

Luther Memorial's Social Ministry Committee oversees the Benevolence Budget, organizes Change for Change, approves requests for the Good Shepherd Fund, and informs the congregation of ways to minister to those in need in our community.

**Stock the Pantries - May**



**Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry**

**Canned Fruit** (in juice, low sugar) makes for a balanced diet.



**Micah's Mini Pantry**



**Individual Fruit Cups, Snack Crackers, & Juice Boxes**  
Great on the go meal.

**Donate!**

You can donate to Change for Change or any Social Ministry charities LMLC supports by scanning one of the codes with your smart phone and designating where you want your money to go.



PayPal Scan Code



Venmo Scan Code

**Change for Change – ReconcilingWorks**



The Change for Change program for May is ReconcilingWorks. Celebrating fifty years of advocacy in the Lutheran church, ReconcilingWorks is a Lutheran organization founded in 1974 to promote the full welcome of lesbian, gay, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual/aromantic persons in all aspects of the life of the church. They sponsor the Reconciling in Christ program, which Luther Memorial and The Well embrace. Donations to Reconciling Works are used for advocacy work, development of inclusive liturgies, production of educational materials, and guidance in building welcoming communities.

**Vision:** To keep expanding the welcome, liberating those who are forced to live in the margins. To keep dismantling barriers and building bridges. To keep working until all of God's beloved have equity.

**Mission:** ReconcilingWorks advocates for the acceptance, full participation, and liberation of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions within the Lutheran Church.

**Values:** We believe that God values and embraces each person as a beloved child, that the Spirit gives a diversity of gifts for the common good, and that Jesus Christ calls us to work for justice.

For more information visit, <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/>

**Quarterly Change for Change Update**

Because the final accounting for Change for Change is not always available the first week of the next month and the Social Ministry Committee wants to get the newsletter out early each month, we will be posting a quarterly update instead of a monthly update.

For the first quarter of 2024

January	Refugee Resettlement	\$606.54
February	Micah's Closet	\$3,512.00
March	Northside Presbyterian Free Meals Program	\$549.28

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