

First Lutheran Church
521 North 8th Street
Manitowoc, WI 54220

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Members of the Manitowoc Planning Commission:

Receive this letter as an endorsement to support the planned Manitowoc Warming Shelter to be located at First Presbyterian Church, 501 North 8th Street.

Unfortunately, our community's need for this goes beyond the program-based organizations such as Hope House, The Haven. Another challenge is that money provided during recent years to address some of this societal challenge is no longer available. This loss of funding will leave many people struggling to meet their daily needs for shelter and food. This well thought-out program will seek to fill in some of the gaps for these people as they work to regain their footing in the world. Currently in Manitowoc there are limited resources that address people with these concerns. This is a meaningful step in the right direction to treat people with dignity and humanity.

The First Lutheran Church community is currently brainstorming and developing plans to partner with this program. We have a history of active partnership with many of the other social causes within the city as well as beyond. It is our hope to help with funding and volunteer staffing. As the program begins to learn of more specific needs of the individuals served, First Lutheran will help to meet the challenges of an ever changing social reality.

This program is a step in the right direction to treat people who are the most vulnerable. We encourage you to give it your full support.

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