LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

The End-Time Life, Part 2: The Orthodox Life November 26, 2023



Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! *Psalm 95:1–2*

Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am Sunday Bible Study – after Service Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am (313) 565- 9445 5323 Southfield Allen Park, MI 48101

Rev. Paul Pollatz

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Welcome! Members and Guests

We are blessed to have you here today. Please fill out the Guest/Member Attendance Card located in the pew rack in front of you. Guests please include your full address, zip code, and phone number. The cards will be collected by the ushers early in the service. Prayer Requests cards are available in the pew racks and should be handed to the ushers when the attendance cards are collected.

Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament in which Jesus' body and blood are given in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-30). When we receive the Holy Communion at a church, we are making a public statement that we agree with the teachings of that church (1 Corinthians 10:14-18). The Bible cautions us against receiving the body and blood of Christ in a manner that is spiritually harmful (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Supper those who have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print worship guides are available at the ushers' stand.

Listening Devices

Listening devices are available; our ushers will be glad to assist you in signing one out for today's service.

Pew Cushions

Pew cushions are available; our ushers will be glad to get them for you.

Wheelchair Accessible Seating

Wheelchair seating is located in the fifth row from the front of the church on the left and right side of the center aisle.

Church Nursery

Our Nursery is located in the Parlor, which is the first room next to the stained glass doors. The worship service can be heard in this room. The ushers can direct you to this room.

Our Divine Service, & Bible Studies

Our Divine Service is held on Sundays at 09:30 a.m. Bible Study is held on Sundays after Service and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Our Bible studies are held Sep-May.

Our Vision Statement: Revitalize Within—Reach Out!

PRELUDE RINGING OF THE BELLS PREPARATION

Pastor: Preparing for Christ's return means

loving the people around us. Today's Readings reveal that also means living the orthodox life today. *Orthodox* means "right glory," and today we glorify God for sending His Son, David's descendant, to fulfill the promise in Ezekiel and to care so deeply for us that He died for us. In essence His cross was His throne, loving us to death. We dare not wait to share that news, for Christ has already risen, Paul reminds in the Epistle. Right now the end time in which we live has multiple opportunities to share God's love. In the Gospel, Jesus explains that means caring for the "least of these My brothers" (Matthew 25:40) in their hunger, poverty, and even separation from society. Why? Because the Kingdom has already been graciously prepared for us. Today's Readings encourage us to give God "right glory" by sharing His love.

№ PREPARATION

(Please stand)

HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King" LSB 905
Come Thou almighty King
Help us Thy name to sing
Help us to praise
Father all glorious

O'er all victorious Come and reign over us Ancient of Days

Come Thou incarnate Word
Gird on Thy mighty sword
Our prayer attend
Come and Thy people bless
And give Thy Word success
And let Thy righteousness
On us descend

Come holy Comforter
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour
Thou who almighty art
Now rule in ev'ry heart
And ne'er from us depart
Spirit of pow'r

To Thee great One in Three
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see
And to eternity
Love and adore

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the

Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated or kneel, as you are able, for the confession and absolution)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ezekiel 34:11; 1 Corinthians 15:27

- Pastor: Let us confess our unworthiness and ask His grace and mercy. Through Ezekiel, God said that He would "search for My sheep and will seek them out."
- People: We confess that we have wandered away as erring sheep, preferring the pleasures of this world rather than the rich pastures You have provided. Forgive us, O Lord.
- Pastor: Paul wrote that "God has put all things in subjection under [Christ's] feet."
- People: We confess that we have not always been loyal subjects of our Lord, but have made decisions based on our own thoughts and desires. Forgive us, O Lord.
- Pastor: Jesus foretold that He will judge people about how they treated others—the hungry, strangers, and prisoners.
- People: We confess that we have not always sought to share Your love and meet the needs of the people around us. We cannot change without Your grace, mercy, and strength. Forgive us, O Lord.
- Pastor: Rejoice! The One who comes to judge is the same Jesus who is the one who gave His body and shed His blood for you on the cross. He is the first to rise from death, and by His grace we shall follow Him to His eternal kingdom. As a

called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \blacksquare Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

₩ WORD ₩

INTROIT Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV
Pastor: "O LORD, make me know my end and what is
the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting
I am! Behold, you have made my days a few
handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing
before you. Surely all mankind stands as a mere
breath!

"And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you. Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

"O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am! Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you. Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

Pastor: Lord, our Maker and Shepherd,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Lord, our King and Savior,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Lord, our Judge and Redeemer, **People: grant us Your peace. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB 790 vs 1 & 5

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation

O my soul praise Him for He is your health and salvation

Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near Joining in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord O let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath come now with praises
before Him
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, move us to reflect Your love for us in all that we say and do,

People: so that Your light shines through us each day until Your Son returns to usher us into Your eternal kingdom;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24 "'For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

"Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend

them and be their shepherd. I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

Pastor: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

People: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Pastor: Blessed are those whose strength is in You, **People: in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. When he has done this, then the Son

himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Revelation 22:13

Pastor: Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the

first and the last,

People: the beginning and the end. Alleluia.

(Please stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,

the twenty-fifth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:31–46

Pastor: [Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you

came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying,

People: 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?'

Pastor: And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, saying,

People: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'

Pastor: Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

PRAYER REQUESTS & ATTENDANCE CARDS

Please pass your prayer requests and yellow attendance cards to the individual sitting nearest the aisle and the usher will collect them during the singing of the hymn of the day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"My Song is Love Unknown" LSB 430 vs 1, 2, 7

My song is love unknown,

My Savior's love to me,

Love to the loveless shown

That they might lovely be.

Oh, who am I

That for my sake

My Lord should take

Frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
My friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

(Please be seated)

++ SERMON ++

(Please stand)

NICENE CREED

People: I believe in one God, the Father

Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I

believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \maltese of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated or kneel, as you are able, for the Prayers of the Church)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for people here and around the world who are destitute, fearful of God's wrath, shunned by society, unjustly accused, or dealing with issues of health.

As You have promised, Lord our God, seek out, we pray, those who, devoid of basic necessities, face today without homes, with few possessions, and an uncertain future.

People: For the sake of our Good Shepherd, lead them to the food, shelter, and security they desperately need.

Pastor: With the Gospel in the hearts and on the lips of Christ's Church, heavenly Father, enable our brothers and sisters to answer the spiritual thirst of people here and around the world.

People: Grant them faith that they may join us in singing praise to You, the rock of our salvation.

Pastor: Many of the people we see each day are lonely strangers, gracious Lord; but their hopes

and fears are known to You.

People: Increase our faith, Lord Jesus, that we may reach out to them with the news of Your resurrection and the Kingdom You so graciously offer to all. Guide the Church wherever people gather around Your Word for nourishment and strength.

Pastor: Shower Your blessings, O Holy Spirit, on all whose vocations work for the common good—those who till the soil and tend flocks; those who prepare and distribute food, clothing, and shelter; those who maintain peace at home and abroad; those who are first to respond in emergencies; and those who treat illnesses of all sorts.

People: Guide them, Lord of all, to use the gifts You have given them, so that praise may resound to You, the Lord, our Maker.

Pastor: Where people are forgotten, unjustly imprisoned, or oppressed in any way, O God, surround them with caring people intent on meeting their physical and spiritual needs.

People: Use us to serve You and love them according to Your gracious plans for us all.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

HYMN

"Beautiful Savior" LSB 537

Beautiful Savior,

King of creation,

Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love Thee,

Truly I'd serve Thee,

Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky

Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

(Please stand)

▼ SACRAMENT

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom we give glory by sharing His love with the people around us.

Therefore we join angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS (sing) LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory
Hosanna Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He Blessed is He
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy and sent Your onlybegotten Son to be our Savior.

Gathered in His name we ask You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant that our Lord's body and blood strengthen our faith so that we reflect His love for all people and give Him all the glory. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy

Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25
Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He
was betrayed, took bread, and when He had
given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the
disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My

body,
which is given for you. This do in remembrance
of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ♣ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Sung) LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world have mercy upon us

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" LSB 709 vs 1, 2, 6

The King of love my shepherd is Whose goodness faileth never I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever

Where steams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

(Please stand)

THE POST-DISTRIBUTION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

People: Keep us firm in the true faith so that we daily show forth His love and mercy until that day when we see Him face to face to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end:

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ♣ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN

"Savior Again to Thy Dear Name We Rise"

LSB 917 vs 1 & 4

Savior again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease
Then lowly bending wait Thy word of peace

Grant us Thy peace Lord through the coming night
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light
From harm and danger keep Thy children free
For dark and light are both alike to Thee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor
Marie Brown, Organist
Frank Pignanelli, Elder
Laurie Pignanelli, Reader
Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TOTS

Now until December 12th
Accepting new, unwrapped toys & games for all ages.
Please place them in box under the coat rack.

ADVENT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday December 3rd
11am - Potluck
Mt. Hope Preschool will be singing
Sign up sheet in Narthex.
Please write what you will be bringing

Ladies Christmas Goodies

The lades group is again accepting gently used or new items for the gift table in the narthex. There are many new items this year. Please browse & find that extra Christmas gift. One table has a suggested \$3-\$5 and the rest of the items are free will offering.

Large Quilts - \$45, Small Quilts - \$25.

The proceeds are used to replenish battings for the quilts. Some of the proceeds go to LWML Mite Box and also to Mt. Hope Lutheran.

Any questions, please speak to Bev or Ruth, or Sally. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the ladies of Mt. Hope and all goes for the Glory of God.

BINGO!

December 6th & 20th

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday November 19th

9:30 am 34

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact Nancy Dajos at 313-254-2437. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary Birthdays For the Shut-Ins

Judy Ohannasian, at home
Dorothy MacTavish, at home
Camell Faulk, at home
Phyllis Witte, at rehab
Melvin Kimbrough, at home
Lynn Mayfield, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Phyllis Witte, COVID

Melvin Kimbrough, hospitalized but transferred to Vibra for rehab, improving

Kevin, Tonya, Mick, Carson & Alex, peace, & health while traveling.

The Family of Troy Assemany, called to glory **Denis Glueck,** recovering from surgery

Delores Kucharczyk, friend of Pam Benford, healing from hip replacement

A.C Roche, Glenn Cairns Co-worker, recovering from Treatments

Friend of The Pignanelli's, Pancreatic cancer **Amanda Mardigean**, friend of Pignanelli's, back surgery

John Maceroni, Nephew of Frank & Laurie, Heart Attack

Important Dates

December 2nd – Decorating the Church at 9am
December 3rd – Advent Christmas Party with Mt.
Hope Preschool luncheon after Service

December 24th- Sunday Service 9:30am

Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm

December 25th – No Service on Christmas Day January 7th – (Epiphany Sunday) Church Un-decorating after church or possibly after Sunday morning bible study.

Bible Studies:

Wednesday Morning

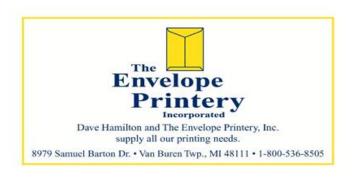
No Classes -Dec. 20, Dec. 27

Sunday Morning

No Classes Nov. 26 & Dec. 3

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday November 26	9:30am – Worship w/HC No Bible Study
Wednesday November 29	10am Bible Study
Thursday	Office Closed
November 30	No Quilting
Friday December 1	Office Closed
Saturday December 2	5:00pm Church Service
Sunday	9:30am – Worship w/HC
December 3	11am Advent Christmas Party





Dates:

October 16 to December 15, 2023

Contact:

Lori @ 734-326-4979 OR lew@wowway.com Donna @ 313-739-3616 OR sidgridyoung@yahoo.com Help us raise funds just by donating gently worn, used and new shoes! Be sure to ask, friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

Collected shoes not only help support us, but they will be reused and given a second life by those in need through #microenterprise. It's a WIN-WIN!

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