



JANUARY-MARCH 2022

LOVE MERCY. DO JUSTICE.

Salem Covenant Church's LMDJ Ministry Team Newsletter

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

Do you have a heart to help immigrants transition well to a new country? Consider volunteering to teach English one night a week beginning in February. The curriculum and lead teacher is provided, we just need loving volunteers to support learners in a small group or 1:1 setting. If interested in learning more, please contact Salem's Outreach Director, Shelli Streeper.

LMDJ - WHO WE ARE

Similar to the Covenant's LMDJ ministry and goals, Salem's LMDJ ministry team resources and equips Salem's congregation in its call to love, serve, and work together with people at the margins; learning about and responding to issues of the day with compassion and justice.

Ministry Goals:

- Develop Gospel-centered thinking and action that engages in relevant issues of the day.
- Increase cultural intelligence and humility and serve as advocates and allies where possible.
- Collaborate with and support Salem ministries with implementing LMDJ practices and goals.

LMDJ - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- **Tuesdays:** Help alleviate poverty and food insecurity by volunteering at Manna Market food pantry.
- **January 7:** View the environmental film "2040" at 7:00pm at Salem. Discussion will follow at 8:30pm.
- **January 21:** Help those transitioning out of homelessness and poverty by assembling dressers at Bridging in Roseville from 1-4pm. Sign up to serve on Salem's website (Resources tab > Volunteer Sign-Up).

February

- **Tuesdays:** Help alleviate poverty and food insecurity by volunteering at Manna Market food pantry.
- **February 4:** Help alleviate poverty and food insecurity by serving dinner at St. Matthew's Catholic Church (510 Hall Ave). Sign up to serve on Salem's website (Resources tab > Volunteer Sign-Up).
- **February 6:** 7:00pm Zoom book discussion of *How to Fight Racism* by Jemar Tisby. Contact Shelli Streeper for Zoom link or access it through Salem's weekly email.
- **February 26,** 4:30-6:15pm or 7:00-8:45pm: Help end hunger and provide hope through nutritious food by packing meals at Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids. Sign up to serve on Salem's website (Resources tab > Volunteer Sign-Up).

March

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- **March 4:** Help alleviate poverty and food insecurity by serving dinner at St. Matthew's Catholic Church (510 Hall Ave). Sign up to serve on Salem's website (Resources tab > Volunteer Sign-Up).
- **March 6:** 7:00pm Zoom book discussion of *Welcoming the Stranger* by Matthew Soerens and Jenny Young. Contact Shelli Streeper for Zoom link or access it through Salem's weekly email.



LMDJ Areas of Focus



Racial Righteousness

This action team seeks to offer humble, purposeful learning and action that increases justice and human dignity while counteracting racism. Join us for book/film/media discussions and acts of service and advocacy.

More on this topic:

- *Let's Talk: Criminal Justice* at the Penumbra Theatre in St. Paul. Free, virtual event on February 7, 7pm.



Environmental Justice

This action team seeks to: understand how climate change and environment degradation affects God's beloved world and people, understand what God's Word teaches about creation care, and help Salem become more "green" as a way of serving others and obeying God.

More on this topic:

- *Let's Talk: Climate Justice* at the Penumbra Theatre in St. Paul. Free, virtual event on March 7, 7pm.



POVERTY ALLEVIATION

This action team seeks to love our neighbors experiencing poverty by caring for their immediate and long term needs.

More on this topic:

- ESL teaching and volunteering opportunities available
- Service learning opportunities in January and February, see reverse side.



Immigrant and Refugee Support

This action team seeks practical ways to help immigrants and refugees arriving in the Twin Cities. We hope to commit feet, hands, minds, and wills to welcome the stranger.

More on this topic:

- Interested in being a part of a Good Neighbor Team and walking alongside a newly arrived refugee family? Contact Shelli Streeper to learn more.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?

EDUCATE: JOIN ANY OF OUR FILM/BOOK DISCUSSIONS!

SERVE/LEARN: SEE OUR LIST OF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

JOIN THE LMDJ TEAM! CONTACT SHELLI STREEPER

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