

What We Do

Following Jesus' call to love our neighbors, our local outreach connects with people by supporting specific community organizations, building relationships, and providing opportunities to positively impact those around us.

Community Service Ministry (CSM) committee meets monthly to plan, organize, and mobilize efforts to share the love of Christ through our various service projects.

Funding for CSM comes from the SAKLC Foundation, envelope giving and generous individuals. The spending plan for 2026 is \$32,500.

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"Just as I have
LOVED YOU, YOU
also are TO LOVE
one another."

JOHN 13:34, ESV

Community Service Ministry (CSM)

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Service to Our Community:

Safe Children Coalition

Provides prevention, diversion, protection and care for children and teens who are homeless. The Youth Shelter and School House Link programs are supported by CSM. A hot meal is provided once a month as well as gift cards and cookies at Christmas. Backpacks are packed and blessed in August providing needed supplies for elementary to high school students. **In-kind drives provide opportunities to support these programs.**

Second Chance Last Opportunity

Provides life skills training, counseling, and essential services such as food and clothing for at-risk youth and families in Sarasota and surrounding areas. **In-kind drives provide opportunities to support this organization.**

Second Heart Homes

Provides permanent housing and support services for homeless adults with mental illnesses giving them dignity, stability and a level of independence. **In kind drives provide opportunities to support this organization.** Cookie trays are delivered at Christmas to each house.

Resurrection House

Provides essential services to people who are homeless in Sarasota. Services include meals, showers, laundry, clothing, medical care and more. Preparation of a hot meal once a month is the way that CSM supports this organization. **Volunteers are needed to cook.**

Pines of Sarasota Health Care, Senior Care Facility

Provides skilled nursing, assisted living and rehabilitation services for seniors regardless of their ability to pay. **Special occasion cards, Christmas gift bags, and gifts provide SAKLC the opportunity to share Christ and brighten the day for residents.**

Harvest House

Serves homeless families and adults in need of emergency shelter, food, life skill classes or addiction recovery as they rebuild their lives. **In-kind drives provide opportunities to support the mission of Harvest House.**

Service to Our Congregation:

Heart Warmers

An outreach to members and acquaintances of our church community to provide contact through cards, phone calls and visits to those in need of comfort. **Referrals are welcome.** Contact the church office to request an outreach from our Community Service Team.

Service Projects:

Lutheran World Relief

Provides disaster relief and sustainable development projects to people in all parts of the world. On an annual basis, **SAKLC volunteers pack 1000 Personal Care Kits** containing hygiene items for distribution where needed. SAKLC quilters hand make and ship 150+ quilts to LWR along with the Personal Care Kits. CSM organizes the event each year.

Kids Against Hunger

Strives to reduce the number of hungry children in the US and other countries by packing nutritious packets of food for distribution where needed. **CSM sponsors an annual packing event using volunteers to pack the food.** 20,000+ meals were packed in November 2025 at SAKLC!

Lutheran Services of Florida - Guardianship Program

Aids those who are no longer able to care for themselves due to disability or illness. Each November CSM provides an Angel Tree with gift ideas for clients of the Guardianship Program. **Congregation members buy and wrap personalized gifts for those in the program.**