

Support Lutheran Social Services on November 27

by the Outreach Committee and the Refugee Ministry

After counting your blessings with friends and family on Thanksgiving, please help those less fortunate on Sunday, November 27th with a gift to [Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area](#) (LSSNCA). LSSNCA's mission is "accompanying those in need to foster resiliency, self-sufficiency, and access to opportunities by creating, connecting, and engaging with welcoming communities."

To accomplish this mission, it operates 5 programs:

- Welcome Afghan Allies
- Welcome Ukrainians
- Refugee and Immigrant Services
- Services for New Americans
- Children, Youth, and Families Services

St. John's has a long history of collaborating with LSS to sponsor refugee families. Prior to our recent year-long co-sponsorship of an Afghan family through the LSS Good Neighbor Program, we collaborated with LSS through the same program to sponsor a refugee family of ten from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Throughout these sponsorships, and at times faced with devastating impacts of anti-immigration policies in conjunction with a massive influx of refugees, LSS has provided invaluable assistance in preparing our Refugee Ministry for sponsorship, training and vetting of volunteers, and connecting families with essential benefits and case management in the first months of resettlement. Of recent note, we owe a debt of gratitude to LSS for their financial assistance for legal fees associated with our Afghan family's asylum case.

Please consider giving generously to LSS. Donations go a long way in the resettlement of refugees in our community.

There are three ways to pay:

- [Breeze](#): Select "to Outreach Sunday" in the fund drop-down menu and list "Bishop Walker School" on the comment line on the second page. Please consider covering the processing fee.
- Text "outreach" to (301) 685-7608
- Checks made payable to St. John's Norwood Episcopal Church with "Bishop Walker School" on the memo line