



The LCMS Northern Illinois District is “SHINING” a spotlight on service from April 12—21, 2024. The district is asking groups to come together to give witness to the love of Jesus through acts of service to their neighbors and communities.

Sharing the Joy Ministry of St. Matthew will “SHINE” with a congregational service project helping the organization “Keeping Families Covered”.

This wonderful organization provides diapers and other basic needs to families in our local communities. Last year, Keeping Families Covered served over 30,000 children and over 25,000 families.

The first part of “SHINE” is a diaper collection. Starting March 11th through April 19th, we are asking the congregation, family and friends to donate diapers (baby (all sizes) & adult). The Angel of Joy located in the Church Narthex will have tags you can take which will provide you with the size diapers that are needed. All donations are to be placed by the Angel of Joy no later than April 19th. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please put envelope in the box on the church office counter.

The second part of “SHINE” is on Saturday, April 20, 2024. This service event will consist of packaging the diapers into bundles for the families that Keeping Families Covered assists.

We will also have other service projects that everyone can help in.

- Cheer Cards
- Animal Shelter Blankets / Toys
- Joy Bracelets
- Rock Garden

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024

Time: 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Place: Luther Hall

A lite dinner will be served

RSVP: No Later than April 15th to STJ@stmattsonline.com

For more information on Keeping Families Covered, go to:
www.keepingfamiliescovered.org



Providing Help and Hope to Families in Crisis

Parenting is challenging, but it becomes more difficult when access to basic necessities like diapers is unobtainable. 1 in 2 families with young children experience diaper need. Help us change that.

Who We Are

Keeping Families Covered is a nonprofit 501c3 organization that provides diapers and other basic needs to families at no cost. **Our mission is to eliminate the barriers that exist to access basic human needs for the most vulnerable residents in the community.**

As a member of the National Diaper Bank Network, we distribute over **1 MILLION** diapers to families every year. We support thousands of our neighbors with the basics they need to thrive and reach their full potential.

Why Diapers Matter



Health & Well-Being

Not having diapers means a longer time between changes, leading to diaper rash, infections, and other health problems that can result in unexpected medical bills.



Early Childhood Education

Without diapers, children cannot participate in early childhood education programs. Even free and subsidized programs require a full day's supply of diapers or a child cannot attend.



Family Income

Without childcare, parents cannot go to work. That makes them ineligible for other programs, adds to financial difficulties, and further entrenches them in cycles of poverty or hardship.

Levels of Support

1 Month of Diapers – \$100

- A healthy child needs 50 diaper changes per week or 2,600 changes per year

3 Months of Diapers – \$250

- Diapers cost \$70 - \$80 per child per month

6 Months of Diapers – \$500

- Safety net programs like food stamps and WIC do not cover diapers

12 Months of Diapers – \$1,000

- No state or Federal assistance is available for families who struggle to afford diapers

Annual Fund – \$2,500

Changing Champion – \$5,000



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