



## The Clothes Line, Vol. 2, 2023

### IN THIS ISSUE:

- Our Pick-Up Partners
- Delivery Drivers
- Sweatshirts, Socks, Shoes & More
- Host a Clothing Drive!
- Got Clothes?
- National Foster Care Month

**SHOE, SHOP & EAT**

Saturday

**August 26**

**9am - 2pm**

BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT

### OUR PICK-UP PARTNERS

Getting clothes to kiddos quickly is part of our mission. Many times a week, clothing requests are packed by our volunteers and delivered to one of our seven pick-up sites throughout Dane County. Our partnerships with these churches and offices are incredibly valuable. They are the face of Luke's Closet and we are immensely grateful for the welcoming smiles and kindness with which they greet families on our behalf.

*"At every bag hand off I feel the importance of this ministry through the appreciation shown by both the volunteers and the recipients. Every smile and thank you reminds me that I'm part of something good!...I'll never forget the day a little girl came along with her caregiver to pick up a bag - the way her eyes lit up when*

*she saw it was filled with items in her favorite color!" - Deana Hipke, Office Administrator, Trinity Lutheran Church (Madison East)*

*"It is wonderful to see a child's face when they receive a bag of clothes just for them!" - Dawn Douglas-Mellom, Out of Home Care Program Specialist, Dane County Department of Human Services (Madison North)*

*"Many families have articulated a sense of relief when they pick up their bags. Knowing that we have played a small part in providing that relief is a joy and privilege. We hope families always feel loved and cared for when they pick up their items at our church." - Pastor Jeremy Scott, Lead Pastor Memorial Baptist Church (Verona)*

*"The families are so appreciative of the clothing they receive...some people come in with tears in their eyes and with a sigh of relief to get some help with the clothes. It is extra special when the kids come along to pick up the bags, because they are so excited...Luke's Closet is a godsend and brings joy to everyone involved in the process from donations coming in to the pillowcases and clothes going out the door." - Julie Murray, St. Luke's Lutheran Church (Middleton). Julie is in the unique position of accepting clothing donations while also assisting families picking up clothes.*

### **Our Partner Pick Up Sites:**

- **Madison East - Trinity Lutheran Church**
- **Madison North - Dane County Human Services**
- **Madison South - Dane County Human Services**
  - **Middleton - St. Luke's Lutheran Church**
- **Mt. Horeb - Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mt. Horeb**
  - **Sun Prairie - Our Savior Lutheran Church**
  - **Verona - Memorial Baptist Church**




---

## DELIVERY DRIVERS

As the requests for clothing have increased so has the frequency of clothing deliveries. To meet this increased need, we asked our St. Luke's community for help and they answered the call. Many thanks to our growing and enthusiastic team of delivery drivers who work closely with our fulfillment volunteers to get clothes to kiddos quickly!




---

## SWEATSHIRTS, SOCKS, SHOES & MORE!

Luke's Closet was recently awarded a \$1,500 grant from the **Willy Street Co-op Community Reinvestment Fund**, which allowed each child attending the May Shop & Eat event to receive a new sweatshirt. These cozy sweatshirts are just right for Wisconsin's cool summer mornings or evenings.



After receiving a generous grant from **100+ Women Who Care Madison**, Luke's Closet was able to provide new shoes for 75 kiddos who attended our March Shop & Eat Event and continues to partner with Dane County social workers to provide shoes to children who need it most. We look forward to offering shoes at our Back-to-School Shop & Eat event in August.



**Journeys**, a teen-oriented shoe and clothing store located in West Towne Mall, donated several pairs of socks - a highly requested item at Luke's Closet. Having stylish socks to provide to teenagers has been a great addition this spring!

**The Attic Angel Association Fund and The Theodora H. Kubly Fund as component funds at Madison Community Foundation** awarded Luke's Closet grants in the amounts of \$1,500 and \$750, respectively. These funds are being used in 2023 to ensure that our Closet is stocked with high-need items in a wide range of sizes at our Shop & Eat events.

If you are part of a grant-giving organization, please consider [contacting Kirsten Pedersen](#), Luke's Closet Fundraising Coordinator, or donate directly using the link below.

[Donate](#)

---

## HOST A CLOTHING DRIVE!

We are excited to start partnering with other clubs and organizations to offer clothing drives throughout the year. We can cater the clothing drive to your preferences and it helps us meet our seasonal clothing needs. Please [contact us](#) if you are interested in this opportunity.



Lands' End recently hosted a clothing drive to benefit Luke's Closet. We are grateful for their employees who contributed to this clothing drive and we appreciate the company's support.

---

## CURRENT CLOTHING NEEDS

got clothes?

We need everything! Our recent Shop & Eat events combined with increased requests have our inventory very low. New or nearly new clothing in all sizes from infant through teenage-styled adult size XXXL/3X. New socks and underwear are always greatly appreciated. Thank you!

[Shop our Target Wishlist](#)

[Clothing Guidelines](#)

---

**May is National Foster Care Month**

In recognition of National Foster Care Month, Luke's Closet wants to acknowledge those involved in caring for children in foster care including foster parents, relatives, family friends, mentors, child welfare professionals, health care providers, educators and all those who support children in foster care. Nearly 7,000 children are in foster care in Wisconsin and nearly 400,000 nationally.

---



***Mission Statement:*** *To serve and support foster, kinship and adoptive families residing in Dane county by providing free, high-quality clothing. Clothing is made available quickly and is easily accessible.*

7337 Hubbard Ave., Middleton, WI 53562  
608-234-0146 | [lukesclosetdaneco@gmail.com](mailto:lukesclosetdaneco@gmail.com)

<https://www.stlukes-elca.org/lukes-closet>  
<https://www.facebook.com/LukesClosetDaneCo>  
<https://www.instagram.com/lukesclosetdaneco/>

Our thanks to [St. Luke's Lutheran Church](#) for housing and supporting Luke's Closet.

