

### Introducing Hair Cuts!

Our friends at Centralia Beauty College have graciously provided to us one of their students so that our guests may receive regular haircuts. Starting March 19<sup>th</sup>, our stylist will be available every other Friday, between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for haircuts and style.

We are overjoyed for this new service, as we know how transformational a clean appearance is to our under-resourced and/or homeless friends. This service will not only help our guests attain employment, but will lift their spirits. Many of us can relate to the confidence boost a great haircut has, especially for those who usually perform uneven self-cuts (or receive no grooming care). If you have ever cut your own bangs, you probably relate to this experience!!



Special occasions, such as birthdays, can be painful to some of our guests. Our guests can sometimes dread their birthday, (or not care at all) because they may have lost contact with their families, feel alone, and/or feel they are unworthy of any celebration.

That is why it is extra important to us that LCGM guests receive a special birthday celebration. Our festivities include singing and allowing guests to choose their own special dessert. For March we have enjoyed traditional birthday cake, a cherry cheesecake, and a peach cobbler prepared by our

own Kitchen Manager, Jenny. We think this new LCGM family tradition is pretty "sweet!"



#### New Bible Study Schedule at LCGM

We are delighted to announce that we have expanded our Bible Studies to three days a week. Each study includes worship, prayer, and study of scripture. Come join us for one of our great studies!

> Tuesdays: 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Wednesdays: 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Fridays: 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

> > Did you know....?

LCGM serves approximately 2,200

hot meals per month in Lewis County!

## Our Answered Prayer for Hot Water!

Our Mission is one of the few places in which our homeless community members are able to enjoy a shower. Unfortunately, our 55-gallon water heater failed to keep with our daily demand and folks reported their showers were ice cold.

If you would like to support LCGM, you may make your donation:

PO Box 631, Chehalis, WA 98532 or online at: lewiscountygospelmission.org

After praying to the Lord for our guests to have hot water, the County blessed us with a new larger water heater. A local plumber and electrician also offered to donate their labor to install our new unit. We are grateful for the generous support LCGM receives from Lewis County residents and for another answered prayer. Praise the Lord for coming to our rescue!

# **A Young Girl Wanting to Give Back to Her Community**

Isabella Viggue (age 8) wanted to give to her community, so she decided to sell lemonade and donate all the money to a nearby food bank. After 2 busy days at her stand, she was able to raise \$50. The success of her stand made Isabella ponder how she could go even bigger to help her community. After passing by our bright red building, she decided that she wanted to make blessing bags for LCGM-and lots of them!

With the help of her mother (Michelle), Isabella created an Amazon wish list of her chosen items, including first-aid supplies, socks, and grooming items. Word of her list quickly spread and Amazon boxes began to arrive at their home on a daily basis. So far, Isabella plans to build and distribute 100 of her hand-packed bags at our Mission.

Additionally, Isabella received cash donations from her supporters. She is using those funds to purchase 100 fast food gift cards to be given with her blessing bags. These bags will be handed out to all of our Mission guests on Saturday, March 20th, during our brunch service.

Isabella, we want to thank you for all of your hard work and your loving heart! We hope your story inspires many others, both young and old, to spread kindness and hope to those in need. It surely inspired us here! And most importantly,100 people will be blessed because one child decided that they mattered and shouldn't be without.



Isabella Diligently Building Her Blessing Bags

#### **Our Current Donation Needs**

Backpacks (regular & hiking style)
Men's Briefs & Boxers (new)
Women's Underwear (new)
Sleeping Bags
Rain Ponchos
Protein Drinks
Men's Walking Shoes (Size 10.5–13)
Individual Snacks (bars, chips, crackers, etc.)
Cup of Noodles
Canned Tuna or Chicken
P38 Military Can Openers
Medium Ground Coffee
Sugar & Coffee Creamers