



Changes in the Weather

As the weather begins to change, we have a significant increase in the number of people who are in need of cold weather gear. Have you ever thought what it's like to "live" outside or to live without a shelter during the cold, wet fall & the snowy winter months? Unfortunately, this is a terrifying reality for many residents in our community. Their only option is to hunker down as best as they can during the coming seasons.

The Lewis County Gospel Mission provides a safe place for our homeless friends to sit in a warm building, break bread with a hot meal and coffee, get a shower, and perhaps receive some items like a **coat, pair of warm winter gloves, a sleeping bag, maybe a tent, a blanket, and some hand warmers.** We know it's these little things that mean so much to those struggling out in the cold. With the Mission's limited resources, we humbly are asking if you can please help. **Will you help us provide more of these needed items to our guests in need?**

Pantry Shortage

The Mission is a place that not only serves hot meals, but also has a small food pantry. Our guests can get the equivalent of a single meal to take with them since the Mission is not open for serving the dinner meal. Right now, our pantry is pretty bare. If you can help fill our pantry and fulfill some of the needs we are facing, it would be so much appreciated. We are in desperate need of protein items like cans of **tuna, chicken, beef, vienna sausage, spam, and peanut butter.** Other needed items include cans of **soup (best with pop-tops), cups of soup, single serve fruit cups, individual packets of oatmeal, protein drinks, soft breakfast bars, pop-tarts, pudding and cases of water.**

We are also in need of large cans of **coffee** (we go through about 1 or more per day), **dry creamer** and other cold weather drinks such as **hot chocolate, teas, and hot cider packets.** Muffins or other breakfast pastries are also a huge blessing.



Matthew 25:34-36 *'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'*

BLESSING SHOUT OUT!!!

Thank you, **Lewis County**, for donating the leftovers from your Employee Appreciation Picnic to the Mission!

We greatly appreciate the extra food.

Become a Gospel Mission Sponsor

If God has been pulling at you, while you are in your quiet time, to do more for those less fortunate than yourselves, or He's blessed you abundantly and you want to be a good steward, please consider using your earthly treasure to help the Mission help our friends in need.

On average, it takes **over \$650** per day to keep the Mission operating and being the hands and feet of Jesus. Sponsor a day, a week, or generously sponsor a month. Whatever God is asking of you in the depths of your heart, we remain faithful in knowing that He will see us through.

Join the LCGM Team: Accepting New Volunteers!



Do you have a heart for Jesus and for serving those who are in need? If so, we'd love to have you join our team! The

Mission is open every day of the year, and there are MANY different ways for you to serve. Come stop by our office and fill out a volunteer application and see how you can help change lives within our community. There is a homeless and hurting friend at the Mission that is in need of YOUR love and time!!!

Want Some Good News?

Did you know that God is making a difference here? In this bleak world of everything that is going wrong, here's a few short stories of encouragement.

We have "Jane" & "Betty" who are finally getting into a home that they will be sharing. This is wonderful stability for them both.

We have "Ralph" who after a life time of alcohol abuse, has given his life to the Lord, gotten clean and moved in with a family member.

We have "Missy" who also has gotten into a place of her own.

We have others who are taking little steps to get their lives in a better situation. Sometimes it's two steps forward and one step back. But we ask for God's patience, grace and mercy. As He's given us grace, mercy and has forgiven us, so we must also do for others.

Please continue to pray for all our guests. We pray that we continue to be Christ's light to all we meet and that our guests will want a relationship with Him and will want to make a change in their lives.



Would you prayerfully consider donating to LCGM? Donations may be made the following ways:

Regular mail at: **PO Box 631, Chehalis, WA 98532** * Online at: **lewiscountygospelmission.org**

In-person at: **72 SW Chehalis Ave., Chehalis, Washington 98532**