



## What is Home in the Midst of Crisis?

Home is...shelter! Home is...security! Home is...stability! Home is... \_\_\_\_\_! How would you finish the sentence? Where we live impacts every aspect of our lives. Where we call home affects the groceries we buy, where we send our kids to school, and how we thrive in our community. At every stage of life, where we live is the foundation for our health, education, safety, and economic wellbeing. But in communities across the state, there isn't enough affordable housing. This leaves few options for Minnesotans struggling to make ends meet.

**Join fellow Lutherans and other people of faith at Christ Lutheran to explore what "loving and serving our neighbor" means in the midst of a housing crisis...And join housing advocates from across the state for a rousing rally in the capitol rotunda. Bring a friend – or a team – or both!!**



**WHEN:** Monday, May 6, Noon – 3:00 p.m. (Plus any extra time at the capitol, before or after the events)

**WHERE:** Christ Lutheran on Capitol Hill & Capitol Rotunda, 105 University Ave. W., St. Paul, MN (\*Arrive a little early to find parking) – Parking is available in the Bethesda lot kitty-corner from the Church lot and there is also a surface lot on the corner of Rice Street and Sherburne.

**WHY:** As members of the ELCA, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. God uses our hands, through our direct service work and our voices, through our advocacy efforts, to restore and reconcile our world. Through faithful advocacy, the ELCA lives out our Lutheran belief that governments can help advance the common good.

**COST:** Free-will offering baskets will be at the registration and snack tables. Feel free to give a little, a lot, or nothing but your presence & advocacy.

### **SCHEDULE:**

**\*Eat lunch or brunch before coming.** We'll have some snacks available, along with coffee, tea, & water, but not enough for a meal.

**\*\* Set up your own meetings with your representative & senator** to take place after the rally, or set a meeting for later if you can't stay beyond 3 p.m. ([Who represents me & what is their contact info.?](#))

**Noon – 12:30 p.m.**

- Gathering/Registration/Displays

**12:30 p.m. – 12:55 p.m.**

- Opening reflection/prayer
- Learning from the ELCA Social Statements, Social Messages, & Social Resolutions regarding hunger, poverty, housing, & homelessness

**12:55 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.**

- Roots of the Affordable Housing Crisis in Minnesota and Across the Country

**1:25 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.**

- Citizen Advocacy
- Brief Overview of Homes for All's Agenda with Talking Points for calls & meetings with legislators

**1:50 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

- Head to the Capitol Rotunda

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

- Homes for All Rally with several speakers – more information to follow this announcement

**3:00 p.m.**

- Drop-by visits to legislator offices OR Pull legislators off the floor of House & Senate to share concerns about housing
- Depart

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