

MISSIONAL LIVING PROJECTS

September 10, 2026

KEY:
PHASE 1 - IDEATION – What’s the opportunity?
PHASE 2 - ACTIVATION – How do we get going?
PHASE 3 - IMPLEMENTATION – How do we finish strong?
REMOVE FROM LIST – Released To Others
Updated at the latest planning team meeting

PROJECT	PHASE OF PROJECT / REMOVAL	NOTES
Lutherans for Life	2	Life events continue to be sponsored within COS. Josh to help coordinate a group to meet to discuss any new areas. Individuals interested include Carrie Young, Bill Musick, Derek Bonner, Ellen Hoyer and Jill Ritzler. Upcoming events: AAA Pregnancy Resource Center fundraiser – October 23rd Luke Clinic fundraiser at COS – November 14th Contact: Josh Kittleman
Political Divide Conversation	2	Pastor Joel would like to start a group that meets on a weeknight focused on the political divide topic. Suggestion made to also develop a summer series for the adult Sunday AM Bible class timeslot that would address the broader topic of how to engage with people of different views to discuss politics, faith and other spiritual topics. “How Christians Talk Politics” event held on Sat. May 30th at COS with Braver Angels personnel. “Families & Politics” event may be a possibility for this fall (also from Braver Angels org.). Contact: Pastor Joel

Sporting Events as Outreach	2	Lots of opportunities in many areas: • Sat. AM Pickleball – this activity is going strong and will continue into the fall/winter. • Thurs. evening Basketball – Steve Moore is looking for another leader. • Summer softball team – group is going well headed up by Nick Sondag. Need to publish their game schedule. • Bowling league? • Cru (www.cru.org) – World Cup soccer related Christian activities; Josh ordered kits providing info on hosting neighborhood groups to watch the World Cup with a Gospel focus (unfortunately the kits arrived late). Pastor D. would like to keep all groups sponsored by COS focused on Christ and at least begin the activity with a group prayer time. Contact: Josh Kittleman
Community Shared Space	2	Opportunities exist, specifically with the property facing Ford Field. Possibility for outdoor wall murals to place on the north side of the gym wall (could be banners). In addition, more intentional outreach for specific community events will be considered (e.g. cross-country track meets, SPREE). Ideas suggested for SPREE: • Hand out free water • Hand out wrist bands (Christian theme) • 5K runners – how to assist them? • Group prayer sessions • Comfort Dog opportunity • Opportunities for kid's activities – "SPREE Party" Josh K. coordinated a "free hotdog" event at this summer's SPREE ... was well received. Need a leader for extra SPREE activities. Contact: Linda Hollman

Campus Ministry – Schoolcraft College	1	Pastor Joel has talked to other area Pastors (including non-Lutheran) about opportunities for shared ministry at Schoolcraft. St. Paul Lutheran in Northville is nearby and may be a good partner to work with; Pastor Fairbairne’s son Jake is a good resource. Lots of possible service projects could be undertaken at Schoolcraft campus, for example: • Change oil for student vehicles (commuter campus) • Comfort dog visits • Scholarship involving service project COS will be hosting the Schoolcraft Choir for a Christmas concert on Sun. Dec. 13th. The college has identified needs for a food pantry for their students, and transportation for their students to/from the campus. Contact: Pastor Joel
Health Care Ministries / Health Advocating	1	An initial meeting of a COS health care group was held in March, organized by Sue Arnold; several people attended. The group is considering putting out a health care survey for COS members to determine needs to focus on; possibly include ECP families in the survey. Item combined with “Health Advocating” from the deferred items list, which includes Stephen Ministers activity and providing support during crisis medical consultation. Phil Krause may be getting involved with Stephen Ministers. Contact: Sue Arnold
Wellspring – New Directions	1	A new relationship is developing with the newly constituted Wellspring facility (now called “New Directions”) that is located just north of the COS campus. The New Directions facility is focused on assisting troubled youth; they currently have 18 young people in residence. COS is an evacuation site for their facility. Pastor D. has been in discussion with the President, Dave Gehm, about having him make a Sunday AM presentation at COS and having COS staff personnel tour the Wellspring facility. Dave Gehm (Director) made a presentation at COS on Sunday Aug. 23rd during the bible study hour; the presentation was very well received.

		Lindsay M. is working on a framework document for the evacuation site concept. Comfort dog visits have been made to Wellspring facility. Contact: Pastor Davenport / Pastor Joel
Transportation to/from COS	1	Item moved to active list from the deferred item list in May. Need a lead for this activity.
Teaching Reading	1	Use EBLI (Evidence Based Literacy Instruction) program at COS. Livonia has estimated 10-15% low literacy rate. Who to lead? What is the need?
"Mercy Meals" program	1	This program is setup through Orphan Grain Train, a Registered Service Organization (RSO) of LCMS. COS can serve as a meals packing site. Will be testing this program out at the Nov. 15th Family Night. Contact: Josh Kittleman
Community Presence	1	There are plenty of events in the Livonia area where COS could have a presence. Possible events: Faith-in-Blue – October 10th Candy-Go-Round – October 24th Possible assist from ECP personnel, men's group. Possible Comfort Dog opportunity. Merry & Bright Holiday Parade – December 6th 4pm.