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**Our mission is to Rise Up! Build Bridges. Bear Burdens. Break Chains. Bring Hope!**

**Rise Up! Go Forth!**

**We are the Southeast Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). As one of 65 regional bodies of the ELCA, the SE MI Synod empowers, supports, and serves its 119 area congregations and its members.**

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The ELCA Southeast Michigan Synod's Young Adult Steering Initiative (YASI) is seeking grant applications from churches and community organizations that support families with small children. This program will provide 16 cases of diapers (equal to 64 packages of diapers) to 5 organizations per grant period. The steering committee is made up of young adult members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

## **Applicant Requirements**

Applicants must be able to prove that they have had active involvement in diaper distribution within the past 12 months, display community involvement and demonstrate need. Churches and community organizations must be located in Wayne and Macomb Counties, or be affiliated with congregations of the Southeast Michigan Synod.

## **Why Do We Do This?**

This effort is the result of the generosity of participants of the [2015 ELCA Youth Gathering](#) and the local ELCA Youth Gathering Service Learning team. The first wave of diapers were distributed to the community in the summer of 2015. This next cycle will, prayerfully, impact many more communities of need throughout southeast Michigan. The cost of diapers to a family in need can be devastating. This is just a small, but practical way to assist organizations that address other community needs. The YASI is one way to help develop young leaders and make a difference to families in this area.

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See the application for detail. It can be submitted by email to: [diaperssemisynod@gmail.com](mailto:diaperssemisynod@gmail.com)

or mail to Southeast MI Synod, 8115 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214, Attn: Diaper Fund

Direct questions regarding this initiative to (586) 991-1299



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