

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES



Find construction and Thrift Store drop-off updates on the CLM/New Day Facebook page or website.

Summer road work continues at 35 E and Little Canada Road. The New Day Thrift Store and Center will be open during construction.

LOOKING FOR A MEANINGFUL WAY TO SERVE PEOPLE AND GOD?

The CLM Board of Directors needs you! Call the CLM office 651-649-3538 for details on what is required.

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Do you enjoy working with small children? Volunteers needed

Raices y Ramas is looking for volunteers to help for three hours on Thursday mornings this fall and again next spring. Volunteers would help set up and clean up after activities and watch children during parent devotion time. Spanish is not required. Location is St. John's Lutheran Church, 765 Margaret Street, Saint Paul. Time commitment is three hours and volunteers can choose which Thursdays they can help. For more information or to sign up, please contact Penny Frenz at penny.frenz@clmonline.org or 651-649-3538.

WAYS TO HELP CLM/NEW DAY

- Pray for our mission
- Designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars
- Share your Kwik Trip rewards
- Donate your investment dividends
- Use a Thrivent Action Kit to gather diapers, wipes, toiletries, food, and more for clients at the New Day Center
- Volunteer in the Thrift Store
- Join the CLM Board



Pray.

Volunteer.

Donate.



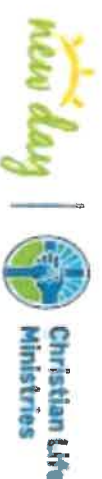
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To whom shall we turn?

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble Psalm 46:1.

Have you or someone you know been faced with a difficult pregnancy when the doctor suspects, and testing confirms, that the fetus is not developing properly? The baby's heart is weak, an arm is not fully developed, genetic testing shows missing chromosomes, or other complications? Where do we turn for comfort and support, and what do we say to the parents?

Last spring, Koto and Rob (names have been changed for confidentiality), who had become regular clients at New Day Center, were expecting their second child. As the pregnancy approached the fourth month, ultrasounds showed some concerning findings. Older parents, Koto and Rob were well aware of the complications that could arise in their pregnancy. They decided to go ahead with an amniocentesis to learn more about their baby's health. Five days before the test, Rob came to New Day to talk about it. He was visibly upset and apprehensive about the possibility of the testing causing a miscarriage or preterm labor.

Center Director Penny Frenz sat to talk with him about the testing and what it might show. When she asked what he and Koto would do if the results confirmed that the child had some disabilities, his response was direct. "We would not keep the baby!"

"Why would that be your decision," she asked. He replied, "We would not be able to care for a child with those kinds of issues." This was the first time Penny had faced such a situation, and his reply hurt her heart. Looking back, she is not sure she said the right thing, but she replied, "We will be praying for you and the test results." Sadly, since he doesn't believe in God, this response didn't have a big impact.

So what is the best way to approach such a situation? Penny went to CLM Spiritual Pastor David Endorf for guidance. He reminded Penny, and us, that because our crucified and risen Savior rules at the right hand of the Father, we can respond in the peace that comes from his care for us, the child, and the parents. Our job is to respond with God's word. The pressure is all on God and not on us. When we share law and gospel, we have peace, because we know we've been faithful in the job God wants us to do.

If you know someone going through pregnancy challenges, please contact the CLM office. We have resources to share with you.



Pastor Endorf advises that when we talk to couples facing a difficult diagnosis, we try to build them up, not condemn them.

- Give positive examples of families who have been told their baby has cognitive or physical issues, but ends up being happy and healthy. (Penny did this with Rob as well!) Sometimes it's not as bad as the prognosis makes it seem. Even when it is, that doesn't mean the family will be miserable.
- Remember that there are many organizations out there that can help, as well as family members and friends. They are not alone, even more so when they are a part of the body of Christ.
- Use a statement like this to help: "You won't want to miss all the joys of this child, just because this situation seems overwhelming!" God is not going to let a disability stand in the way of his blessing.
- Finally, witness that above all else, our God who died and rose, has all lives and situations in his hands and under his control.