

## Promote Your Refugee Sunday Activities

Adapt these sample announcements for bulletins, newsletters, and social media. For questions or additional support, email [outreach@lirs.org](mailto:outreach@lirs.org).

### Sample Announcement 1

June 22, 2014 is Refugee Sunday! Lutherans across the country are celebrating 75 years of ministry with migrants and refugees. Together we have walked alongside more than 500,000 courageous migrants and refugees as they rebuild their lives from survival to success. Here at [church name] we will commemorate the anniversary with [insert activity details]. For more information about Lutheran ministries with uprooted people, visit the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service website at [LIRS.org](http://LIRS.org).

### Sample Announcement 2

Did you know there are more than 30 million displaced people in the world? People in Syria, Afghanistan, Sudan, Bhutan and many other countries have been forced from their homes due to conflict. Some will be able to return home. Many will take refuge in another country. And many will eventually build a new life in the United States.

Lutherans—through local congregations, Lutheran social ministries, and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service—will help them rebuild their lives. Together we've helped more than 500,000 uprooted people since 1939. Let's celebrate this ministry of welcome on Refugee Sunday, June 22, 2014.

[Insert activity details]

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### Sample Announcement 3

Did you know Lutherans have helped more than 500,000 migrants and refugees rebuild their lives since 1939? We started helping fellow Lutherans displaced by WWII. Today the ministry helps uprooted people from any part of the world. None of this would be possible without local congregations, Lutheran social ministries, and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. Together we are commemorating June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 as Refugee Sunday. It's a day to pray for uprooted people and support ministries of welcome at home and across the country.

[Insert activity details]

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### **Additional Suggestions**

- Celebrate the congregation's involvement with newcomer ministries through an article sharing the history of involvement and stories or quotes from volunteers and people served.
- Celebrate the migration stories of members- share how many countries are represented, how many languages spoken, how cuisines shared at potlucks, or other details that highlight the beautiful diversity and gifts of being a family of faith where people are welcomed.
- Let people know where they could get involved locally. Visit [www.lirs.org/service](http://www.lirs.org/service) to see a list of partners who may be looking for volunteers.