What makes you who you are?

Is it the music you listen to?

The clothes you wear?
How you style your hair?

The things you own?

True – our identity partly comes from individual tastes and habits...
but also from the connections we have to others ... like our family.

Family is about your roots

Family is about relationships
Family is about being there to celebrate accomplishments

Family is about caring for one another

At baptism, you became a member of another family ...
God’s family

Do you like receiving gifts?

Guess what! As a member of God’s family, you’ve already received the greatest gift of all.
That’s amazing love

That’s the kind of love God has for you
And the kind of love God wants you to show others.

So how can we respond to God’s love?

Two ways:
1. Love God with all your heart, soul and mind

2. Love your neighbour just like you love yourself

You do the first part by:
Worshipping God

Through prayer, devotion and reflection.

And, with God’s help, living your life in ways that please God.
You can do the second by:

Caring for the environment

Listening to a friend who’s sad
Or just by helping people however you can.

Here’s how Jesus explained it.
You learned all about neighbours from Martin Luther’s comments on the Ten Commandments in the Small Catechism.

We should fear and love God that we may not hurt nor harm our neighbour in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

It’s realistic to help neighbours nearby but God’s family is spread all over the globe!
How can we be neighbours to those in need who are so far away?
Since God loves us so much, through CLWR, we can share that love with people around the world in many different ways.

ELCIC members like yourself can’t personally help neighbours who are so far away …
but they can do it by giving money and other helpful items to Canadian Lutheran World Relief.

And governments in Canada often support CLWR by providing additional funds that increase the work CLWR can do.

Canadians donated more than $1.5 million to CLWR to help people in Haiti recover from an earthquake.
And through CLWR, Lutherans in Canada helped people in Japan after the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

In Africa, Lutherans have helped people in areas suffering from drought.
And helped farmers grow more food.

Much of the work carried out by CLWR is made possible by partnerships with other organizations.
The Lutheran World Federation is an organization of 145 Lutheran Churches, including the ELCIC, in 79 countries.

CLWR supports LWF projects in several countries and regions including East Jerusalem and Palestine.

At Augusta Victoria Hospital, young children get the care they need for diseases such as diabetes.
Young Palestinian women and men learn trades at the LWF Vocational Training Centre.

So what does this have to do with me?
At your baptism, a candle was lit.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Shine your light.
Be a neighbour.
Fill a We Care Kit

Give a Gift from the Heart

Pray for the work of CLWR and its staff
Encourage your congregation to promote and support CLWR

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