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(n) Speaking out for the needs of one's neighbor



## Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-Colorado

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Advocacy is baked into the DNA of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Back in 1984, the congregations of the Rocky Mountain Synod stepped forward in faith to create two state public policy offices in Colorado and New Mexico. Today, these offices help equip Lutherans all over our synod to be faithful, effective advocates on issues that affect our most vulnerable neighbors.

Over the past year, Lutheran advocates have participated in a variety of important justice movements, including efforts to protect Medicaid, preserve the social safety net, and provide assistance to families struggling to face our state's high cost of living.

Every year, Lutheran Advocacy is active during the legislative session of

the Colorado General Assembly. With the support of our policy committee, we are able to advocate on bills that reflect the social teachings of the ELCA and bring a unique, faithful voice to anti-hunger and anti-poverty advocacy.

The office hosts an annual advocacy day at the legislature in February to raise up awareness and action around a particular issue. In 2018, we focused on supporting school meal subsidies for middle-school age youth from low-income families. Over 60 advocates came to the Capitol to meet with their legislators in person about this important issue.

Join our network and see how your faith can enliven your commitment to God's heart for justice in our world!