# MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY NUSFORADAY OF UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY MONDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>

We honor Martin Luther King, Jr., a Baptist minister who advocated the use of nonviolent means to end racial segregation. He came to national prominence during a 1955 bus boycott by African Americans in Montgomery, Alabama. He founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957 and led the 1963 March on Washington. MLK Jr. stands as one of the most influential African American civil rights leaders during the 1960s. He was instrumental in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which outlawed discrimination in public accommodations, facilities, and employment, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. King was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1964; he was tragically assassinated on April 4, 1968.

## CALLING ALL NEIGHBORS! JOIN US AT THESE MLK EVENTS:

(For more detailed event information, scan the QR code located at the bottom left of this poster!)



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event details **SCAN HERE!** 

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#### JANUARY 2ND-12TH

UNITY THROUGH SERVICE food drive

Marginalized communities deal with poverty and food insecurity at a high rate. Let's bridge that gap on MLK Day. Help provide our neighbors a healthy meal during their time of hardship.

#### PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS:

CREEKSIDE PLACE | 102 Maple Street ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | 312 S. Third Street EVANSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL (OFFICE) | 640 S 5th St EVANSVILLE FORD | 428 N. Union Street

- 1) Select a MLK Act of Service Card on display at locations beginning Jan 2nd.
- 2) Return listed items to same location: Non-perishable items - Jan 2<sup>m</sup>-12<sup>m</sup>, perishable - Jan 8<sup>m</sup>-12<sup>m</sup>

#### **JANUARY 8TH**

## UNITY THROUGH WRITING

What dream do you have for equality, justice, and change toward a better future for our country? All ages welcome to submit an essay entry.

#### \$25 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GIFT CERTIFICATE PRIZE.

Essay contest winner or their chosen representative will be asked to read their speech at the MLK event on Jan.15 at 2 pm.

Eager Free Public Library | 39 W Main St

#### JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup> | 10-11:30<sup>am</sup>

### UNITY THROUGH SERVICE meal, & SIGN-MAKING

Join us at Creekside Place with family and friends - all ages welcome. We will be prepping and preparing food for our neighbors in need. We will also have a creative sign-making project for those that want to express their hope for Unity through artistic expression. Everyone will find a way to contribute and be part of this community kindness in action. Refreshments and light snacks will be available & all supplies will be provided.

Creekside Place | 102 Maple St

### JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup> | 12-12:30<sup>pm</sup>

### UNITY THROUGH REFLECTION labyrinth walk

Join us at Evansville Peace Garden at noon for a reflection on Martin Luther King, Jr..

**Pastor Matthew Poock** (from St. John's Lutheran Church) will be your guide on a thoughtful Labyrinth walk. This serene event will focus on key concepts of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy & Unity in the Community.

**Evansville Peace Garden** Seminary Park | 26 S Fourth Street

#### JANUARY 15™

#### UNITY THROUGH WRITING

## essay entry WINNER

Join us at the Eager Free

Public Library to listen to an excerpt from MLK's "I Have a Dream" speech, originally delivered on Aug. 28, 1963, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

Excerpt will be read by student Max Mangold, followed by a reading from our essay contest winner.

Light refreshments served.

Eager Free Public Library 39 W Main St

### JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> | 6-7:30<sup>PM</sup>

UNITY THROUGH COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION

## speaker EVENT

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

OFFICER O'MALLEY LOMAX, FORMER EVANSVILLE PD AZA MUZOWERA, YOUTH LEADER

Join us for a moderated conversation about systemic racism and its impact on opportunity and achievement. This evening is designed to elevate individual & community racial literacy through shared storytelling, empathy building & community connection.

Evansville High School | 640 S 5th St