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BENEVOLENCE 2019

April Mission: Backpack Nutrition Program



Have you ever had to choose between buying groceries to get you through the weekend or putting gas in your car? Have you put off a meal so you could make it an extra day to pay the rent? The toll of those decisions on your state of mind can be weighty, more bothersome than the passing hunger. Reducing or eliminating that struggle can make all the difference for a kid trying to make her or his way in the world.

We're fortunate to have a very effective program offered through the Mount Horeb Area School District that currently serves 36 families (78 kids) in this position. Heading into each weekend, this program provides a backpack with food, along with nutrition education and meal ideas. As funds are available, they also provide a voucher for fresh dairy, meat, and produce from Kwik Trip.

The service is especially valuable in summertime, when school meals aren't available. Please consider a gift this month in the offering plate, online, or the Give Plus app to support this cause!

May Benevolence Mission: New initiatives to feed area's hungry

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JANUARY (\$943): **Divine Savior** (Puerto Rico), our sister congregation in Cataño, receives financial assistance for operational needs and to support recovery efforts from Hurricane Maria.

FEBRUARY (\$849): **Compassion International** provides educational, health and spiritual guidance to “our” kids: Vanesa, 13, in Mexico, and Simon, 6, in Tanzania.

MARCH (\$839): **ELC summer youth programming.** Through Vacation Bible School, Mission Week and our YouthWorks mission trip to Indianapolis, we’ll touch the lives of dozens of kids over summer break.

APRIL: Mount Horeb’s **backpack lunch program** offers a steady source of nutritious food to kids from homes where food insecurity is a regular issue.

MAY: **Feeding our area’s hungry.** Every year, Americans waste 31% of food at the retail and consumer levels — representing roughly 133 billion pounds and \$161 billion. Fair Share Coalition repurposes local CSA food and Healthy Food for All repackages area supermarket and restaurant food.

JUNE: **Lutherans United Assisting After Disaster** is a grass-roots association of churches in the ELCA South Central Synod of Wisconsin that assists disaster survivors through the initial stages of recovery.

JULY: **Madison Area Jail Ministry** features 1-on-1 devotion to the spiritual needs of people who are incarcerated and the sheriffs deputies who work at the jail.

AUGUST: **Lutheran World Relief** tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. Our church creates and collects quilts, school kits and health kits, which volunteers load into railroad boxcars this fall, destined for Lutheran World Relief.

SEPTEMBER: Through **SABA, International**, we aid The Nest Children’s Home, New Dawn Orphanage, and Bethel Outreach Children’s Center in Kenya.

OCTOBER: **DAIS** provides trauma care, shelter, and social services for victims of domestic abuse.

NOVEMBER: **Accessible local health care** through Our Lady of Hope in Madison and Community Connections Free Clinic in Dodgeville supports people in our region who would otherwise have few or no options for assistance.

DECEMBER: **Lutheran Social Services** delivers a wide range of programs and services, including adoption, foster care, addiction treatment, senior housing, mental health, and family assistance.

BONUS: We’ll reinvest repaid microloans through **KIVA** to small businesses worldwide.

- Benevolence presentations will be made at services on the weekend of the second Sunday of each month. Offerings can be made throughout the month. The funds will be sent to the organization at the end of each month.
- 100% of all collected funds will go toward the Benevolence Program.
- 10% of each month’s collection will go to our sister church, Divine Savior in Cataño, Puerto Rico; the balance will go to the monthly organizations. The funds will be set aside monthly but paid to the sister church annually. If there are two organizations in one month, the remaining 90% of the funds will be split evenly.