



April 8, 2018
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

Food Pantry News

Holy Cross is a major contributor to the Falls Area Food Pantry. Through financial donations and hands-on service, our congregation makes a huge difference in our community. Here are some statistics from the Falls Area Food Pantry for 2017.



Client Statistics

Households - 644
 Senior Citizens - 224(60+)
 Other Adults - 671
 Children (under 18) - 470
 Total Individuals - 1,365
 Number of visits for the year - 5,195

Locations of Families Served

Colgate - 2
Menomonee Falls - 447
Brookfield - 12
Germantown - 96
Butler - 44
Lannon - 18
Other - 16
Hubertus - 6
Richfield - 3

Major Expenses for the Year

Food (including eggs and meat) - \$82,049 (almost \$1,600/week)
 WE Energies - \$6,451
 Cleaning and Repairs - \$7,800
 Water - \$350
 Telephone - \$1,590
 Insurance - \$1,613

Sources of Income

Donation boxes around town - \$5,952 (about \$500 more than last year)
 Monthly Hot Dog Sales - \$2,270
 Kettle Corn Sales - \$1,223
 Woodman's Gift Card - \$3,537 (from holiday sale of bags)

Eighth Grade Retreat

On the morning of March 3rd, as the blanket of winter snow was beginning to thin in Menomonee Falls, we headed north. Imago Dei Village in Clintonville was our destination, a place where we could spend time with one another and with God.

Once we arrived, we jumped right in to our purpose for the weekend: to learn and build community, focused on the practice of prayer. We started by focusing on Jesus' great prayer, the humble-yet-instructive Lord's Prayer.

We were surprised--not that our 8th grade students already knew the Lord's Prayer (since we say it together in worship every Sunday), but that they had already thought about what Jesus wants us to pray for, and how it might inspire the rest of our prayer life.

With ample breaks for meals, games, and even a few naps, we continued in this prayerful vein. We decorated our own candles and shared our prayer concerns multiple times during the weekend by lighting them. We shared our needs and worries in small groups by playing a variant of the game Jenga. We worshipped around an altar whose simple, cotton parament had been made beautiful by the prayer requests we had written or drawn on it.

When we left on Sunday, we noticed more peace, calm, and joy in the hearts of our students, who were more deeply connected to their needs, the needs of the world, and how God weaves it all together in prayer.

Amanda and Vicar Hans

New Members Class

If you have been visiting Holy Cross and are ready to grow in your commitment to our Lord and to this congregation, we invite you to attend our next New Members Class. It will be held on Sunday, April 22 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. If you would like more information, please contact Eleonore at eleonorek@holycrosslutheran.org or call 251-2740.

Mt. Meru Coffee for Sale this Sunday

Stop by our table in the Narthex this Sunday to sample our Hazelnut coffee and buy a pound of your favorite roast. Your purchases of Mt Meru premium coffee continues to improve the standard of living in the Meru Diocese in Tanzania where farm families have an average annual income of \$400 - \$500.

Hephatha Partnership...Snack Bags for Hephatha

Every Tuesday children and youth from Hephatha and the surrounding neighborhood gather at the church for Tuesday Praise. This is an afternoon of songs, games and bible stories with Pr. Mary Martha and leaders from the congregation. Holy Cross has volunteered to provide 45 snack bags for the students on the 4th Tuesday of every month. Snack bags are paper lunch bags filled with 3 or 4 snacks, like cookies, chips or crackers, juice boxes, fruit, string cheese or other snacks. Assembled snack bags can be dropped

off at Holy Cross by 10:00 am that Tuesday or you can drop them off at Hephatha (1720 W Locust St, Milwaukee) between 4:15-5:00 pm that evening.

This is a great service opportunity to do as a family, a Faith Development class, or ministry team. Please sign up on the Glocal bulletin board found next to the Welcome Desk. For more information, contact Amanda, our Minister of Partnership and Mission, at amandaj@holycrosslutheran.org or 251-2740.

Save the Date

Our next opportunity to worship with our partners at Hephatha and serve lunch is Sunday, April 29. The bus will depart at 8:00 am and return around 1:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to worship with and get to know our partners. All are welcome to join us.

PRAYER CONNECTION

Join the Prayer Chain or submit a request by emailing prayerchain@holycrosslutheran.org

MEMORIALS

- Were received from Arlene Watson and Beth Dorsey in memory of John Eilertson.
- Was received in memory of Lois Bruni.
- Was received from Pat Hansen and Phyllis Butros in memory of Virginia Redeker-Coats.
- Was received from Joan Reinke in memory of Warren Musaus.
- Were received from Betty Lissack, Joan Tourdout, Donna James Romano, Catherine Gustafson, Joanne Krause, Jeannine & Herb Hopp, Anthony Consiglio, Beth Dorsey, Chris & Lori Schultz, and Dale & Chris Boyce in memory of Eunice Koehler.
- Were received from the Fox family, Arlene Watson, Jo Ann Hegarty, Mason & Charlotte Draeger, Brian & Julia Hatzung, Daniel Hart, Marvin & Marilyn Jacobson, Bruce & Marlene Lammi, Mary Horn, the Hatzung family, James & Julie Borgwardt, Tom & Tracy Bau, and James & Nancy Grasby in memory of Ken Borgwardt.

HONORARIUM

- Was received from Nan & George Hegerty in honor of their grandson Benjamin.

MEMORIAL CHART

- Menomonee Falls Community Meal support is given by Jo Ann Hegarty.
- Global Partner support is given by Jack & Eleonore Kamoske in honor of Joel's 30th birthday.

NOISY OFFERING

- El Salvador

SERVING on April 15

Ushers:

5:00 pm Pat Hansen Blank Team

7:45 am Randy Kressin team

9:00 am Bill Marohl team

10:30 am Oliver Olsen team

Lector:

5:00 pm Sue Haberman

7:45 am Cathy Brill

9:00 am Keri Duce

10:30 am Miranda Montijo

Worship Asst.

Mark Christiaansen

Altar Guild:

Donita Bruder, Dianne Donnell, Candice Ekstrom, Jodie Winkler

Greeters:

5:00 pm Barb Berg, Mary Ann Holt

7:30 am Don & Sandy Earnest, Marilyn Heyde, Sandy & Bob Schlag

9:00 am Bob & Coleen Reshel, Betty Redding

10:30 am George & Donita Bruder, Darlene Kullmann, Nick & Vicki Montijo

Welcome Center:

4:40 pm Evangelism

8:30 am Sandy Earnest

10:00 am Angie Nelson

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Worship Schedule: Saturday-5:00 pm, Sunday-7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am



TODAY

Reading: John 20:19-31

Worship Asst./Lectors: Scott Steinke, Robyn Zinda, Jill Konicek, Brian Espinosa and Michael Burnham

TODAY-Sunday 8

Scrip Sale, Blood Pressure Screening, Mt Meru & Divine Chocolate Sale

Worship 7:45, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

Celebration Band & Choir 9:00 am

Faith Development 9:00 & 10:30 am

Monday 9

Preschool 9:00 am

Stephen Ministry 6:00 pm

Tuesday 10

Preschool 9:00 am

Staff Meeting 10:00 am

God Squad 6:00 pm

King's Kids 6:00 pm

MEB 6:00 pm

Celebration Band 7:00 pm

Glocal 7:00 pm

Finance 7:15 pm

Wednesday 11

Preschool 9:00 am

Martha Circle 1:00 pm

Heavenly Sounds Handbell Choir 6:00 pm

Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

Student Ministry Night 7:00 pm

Thursday 12

Preschool 9:00 am

To Do Crew 9:00 am

Pr. David Bible Study 11:00 am

New Beginnings Handbell Choir 4:30 pm

Internship Committee 5:30 pm

Preschool Board 6:00 pm

Worship Team 6:00 pm

Council 7:00 pm

Friday 13

Church Office Closes At Noon

Food Pantry 8:00 am

Preschool 9:00 am



Saturday 14

Blood Pressure Screening

Worship 5:00 pm

DAF 6:00 pm

Sunday 15

Scrip Sale, Mt Meru & Divine Chocolate Sale

Worship 7:45, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

Celebration Band & Choir 9:00 am

Faith Development 9:00 & 10:30 am

Mary Circle 6:30 pm

JOIN US FOR

Children

●Second through fifth grade students, along with a parent or grandparent recently attended two sessions to prepare them for participation in their first holy communion. Each session helped children understand this sacrament more deeply. We emphasized that Jesus gave us a special meal. We eat it in different places...towns, cities and churches all over the world; however, we eat the same meal. We call that meal holy communion. Kids traveled to the altar to learn how the table is set for communion. They practiced receiving the elements and even had a "taste test" of the wafer and the wine. We discussed a few Bible stories; Jesus feeding the 5000 with five loaves of bread and two fish, The Last Supper where Jesus shared the bread and wine with his disciples, and the story where Jesus appeared to his followers on the Road to Emmaus. Kids were able to make their own communion bread and a first communion banner. Celebration of their first communion took place during the worship services on Maundy Thursday.

PRACTICE 7 GIVE



The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.

Proverbs 11:25