



Daily Bread

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**Contact us for ideas and help.
We also offer to consult, teach,
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Feed the Hungry! Fight Poverty!

In case you did not hear the news at the synod assembly, the Rocky Mountain Synod gave a total of \$546,758 to the World Hunger Appeal in 2009. When bequests are eliminated from the total giving, we ranked **SECOND** among all the ELCA synods in per-baptized-member giving.

Together, we gave an average of \$6.83 per baptized member. In places of chronic poverty and food shortages, natural disasters, empty pantries...ELCA World Hunger is present—YOU are present—bringing life and hope.

As the months of summer grind on, congregations are still feeling the effects of the economic recession. A continuing decline in mission support will result in another round of budget cuts for the ELCA churchwide organization, and our own synod continues to make adjustments to original spending plans.

It is important for all who care about the hungry to remember that ELCA World Hunger is funded entirely by your gifts specifically designated for this ministry. These gifts *cannot* be redirected to cover non-World Hunger costs.

The cost-efficient structure of the ELCA World Hunger program also enables 100% of gifts to Disaster Response and other specific projects (such as the Lutheran Malaria Initiative) to go to those projects!

At this point, the hunger staff is confident that giving to World Hunger will continue to rise to the level needed to meet our commitments to poor and hungry families around the world and close to home.

As always **YOUR LEADERSHIP** in congregations throughout this synod is crucial. It will take every one of us, in our personal giving and in our efforts to encourage others, to raise funds and awareness.

May you find rest and renewal in the days of summer...and get ready for a **GREAT** hunger appeal push this fall! There are many secular and church holidays that are perfect for an emphasis on giving to the World Hunger Appeal.

Watch for These Resources Coming Your Way Soon!

- The **ELCA World Hunger Resource Packet** will be mailed to all synods and congregations (and congregational contacts) in August. This material is especially designed for use from August through January (including Advent and Christmas).
- An **ELCA Good Gifts Fair Planning Guide** will be sent out in September. Now is the time to think about how you might use this guide to hold special events. The guide helps groups rethink the tradition of gift-giving at Christmas and offers an alternative to honor loved ones with donations to ELCA World Hunger.
- The new **ELCA World Hunger e-News** was launched in June. Subsequent issues will be sent monthly. It contains ideas about how to engage your congregation in World Hunger-related efforts, stories about our work in the world, announcements about new resources, and "shout-outs" to congregations and groups who are doing exciting things to end hunger. If you want to sign up, go to <https://community.elca.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=549>.
- An **ELCA World Hunger video series** is currently in production and will be available on DVD and for download from the elca.org/hunger website in October. Several videos, five minutes in length, will tell the stories of individuals and families whose lives have been changed by the ministry of ELCA World Hunger.

Hunger Education Toolkits Are Only a Click Away

As you think about educational programs this fall, remember that ELCA World Hunger Toolkits provide resources you can adapt to your particular need and the interests of your congregation. You will feel well-prepared to lead a learning experience on hunger or hunger-related topics. The resource is practical, easy to use, and intergenerational.



Go to www.elca.org/hunger/toolkits and start designing your educational plan. Each theme includes activities and conversations as well as devotional materials and opportunities to consider personal responses to what has been learned. Currently, there are four topics:

- ✓ **ELCA World Hunger Basics.** Good for an introduction to the mission and ministry of ELCA World Hunger.
- ✓ **Hunger and Climate Change Connections.** Explore the intersections between climate change and hunger.
- ✓ **Disease and Hunger Connections.** Explore the connections between disease and hunger.
- ✓ **Food and Hunger Connections.** Explore the complex relationships between food and hunger.

All the units have options for low, medium, or high level of content and can be tailored to fit specific time frames.

Community Gardens Are Sprouting in Many Congregations!



Perhaps you noticed the article in the summer issue of *LifeLines*—the one that told the story of All People's Church in urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This ministry, supported by a grant from ELCA World Hunger, has many facets...but one is a large community garden. The produce from this enterprise helps people with low incomes gain access to fresh produce and participate in local food systems that are transforming their community.

The community garden movement is gaining support among many congregations—urban, suburban, and rural. In these times of over-stressed food pantries, the produce is a welcome addition to food baskets. Most food pantries accept fresh produce, so you might start the idea in your area by encouraging the gardeners in your congregation to donate their extra produce to a local food bank or pantry!

Ending Hunger Summit: Getting Down to Basics

The **FIFTH Ending Hunger Summit** will be held this year on **Saturday, October 2**, at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lakewood. There will not be any satellite transmission to other parts of the synod, but we hope to tape portions of the summit and take training workshops “on the road” to areas of the synod in which groups of congregations would like to gather for training and inspiration!

The summit will feature a thorough overview of the work of the World Hunger Appeal and the theological imperative to feed our neighbor—plus workshop options on awareness, fundraising, accessing web resources, working with youth, etc.

LOGA-Colorado will provide a presentation about the issues on Colorado's ballot this fall AND will offer Poverty 101, a simulation exercise designed to help participants understand the realities of living in poverty.

The Hunger Network has grant funds from ELCA World Hunger to help defray the registration and travel costs of congregational contacts who attend the summit AND plan and carry out an awareness/fundraising activity. Watch for registration information coming soon...and contact Carol McDivitt (mcdivittc@mindspring.com or 970.669.4090) to suggest workshop topics that would be most helpful to your work.

IS YOUR CALENDAR MARKED FOR OCTOBER 2ND?????

Free Shipping is BACK!!

Pastors and hunger contacts can once again order free resources and materials online or by phone with free shipping. World Hunger has moved to a new e-store that provides free shipping and other useful features. Go to www.elca.org/hunger/resources to set up your account. You may also order over the phone by calling 800.638.3522, extension 2580.

A few ELCA World Hunger resources (*Taking Root* curriculum, *The Race, Hunger and Hope Dramas*, *Sustaining Simplicity*) remain exclusively available through Augsburg Fortress. These are the materials for which there is a charge and shipping will still be billed by Augsburg.



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