

# Daily Bread

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## ELCA Hunger Web Resources



All of the world hunger content has now been moved to the new ELCA website! Go to [www.elca.org/hunger](http://www.elca.org/hunger). If you click on the "Resources" option in the left hand navigation, you'll get several options to explore by clicking on the tabs that interest you.

If you remember how much fun the Hunger Jeopardy game was, you'll be delighted to learn that it has been revamped and is all ready for you to download! There is much information on the hunger website that will be useful in your work of promoting the hunger appeal and encouraging financial gifts. You can also sign up for **Hunger Rumbings**, the ELCA World Hunger blog, and the **Fast Facts and/or Hunger Sermon Starters** which come to your inbox on a regular basis!

The most exciting new offering is the **Hunger Education Tool Kits**. At [www.elca.org/hunger/toolkits](http://www.elca.org/hunger/toolkits) you can find what you need to lead a learning experience on hunger or hunger-related topics. You can either use a ready-to-go design or choose from different components to create your own.

The toolkit options make them adaptable to your audience, including participant activity level and your time frame. Two topics are ready right now: *ELCA World Hunger Basics* and *Hunger and Climate Change Connections*.

### 1-2-3 CONTACT!

Congregational hunger leaders should make sure they (and others who work with them) are receiving the two annual ELCA World Hunger Resource Packets and the quarterly issues of the *LifeLines* newsletter. Go to [www.elca.org/hunger/contact](http://www.elca.org/hunger/contact) or call 800/638-3522, ext. 2764, to sign up.

### What is the job of a congregational hunger contact?

- Learn about issues of hunger and poverty and the story of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal
- Communicate with the pastor, congregational council, and appropriate committees to offer help and encouragement to address the reality of poverty and to promote the ELCA hunger program
- Organize (with helpers!) hunger awareness and fundraising activities in the congregation
- Learn about advocacy and organize advocacy opportunities for church members
- Order and distribute materials to the appropriate congregational leadership (worship, youth, education, stewardship, social concerns, etc.)
- Find outside speakers or people in the congregation to help inform members about hunger issues
- Provide world hunger vignettes and bulletin inserts for newsletters and bulletins
- Provide opportunities for giving (such as Lent, Easter, Summer Sundays, Autumn Holidays, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas)
- Make sure the church treasurer knows where to send hunger monies
- Pray that, by the compassion of Christ for poor and suffering people, each congregation may be inspired to give in response to His love

# Try These Ideas for Children and Youth!

## Computer Games

[www.food-force.com](http://www.food-force.com) Food Force is a game developed by the UN World Food Program to teach about the process of providing food aid to a fictional nation in crisis.

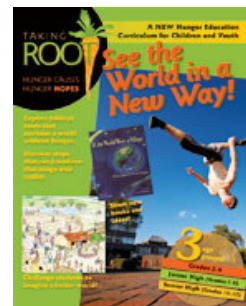
[www.3rdworldfarmer.com](http://www.3rdworldfarmer.com) In 3<sup>rd</sup> world farmer, players manage a farm in Africa. They are confronted with decisions similar to those facing real farmers in developing countries, exposing the root causes of hunger.

<http://ayiti.newzcrew.org/globalkids> This game focuses on poverty in Haiti, but could apply to many countries. Players make decisions about a particular family and how they allocate their resources and respond to events like illnesses and storms.

[www.freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com) This site does not teach anything about hunger, but gives players an opportunity to answer questions and donate grains of rice to the United Nations World Food Program.

## Taking Root Hunger Curriculum

"Taking Root" is a brand new and complete hunger curriculum spanning three age groups: grades 3-6, 7-9 (junior high), and 10-12 (high school). Order your copies TODAY from Augsburg Fortress ([www.augsburgfortress.org/elcahunger](http://www.augsburgfortress.org/elcahunger) or 800.328.4648).



## Take Advantage of Synod Youth Gatherings!

The Rocky Mountain Synod offers a Middle School Gathering in January and a High School Gathering in November. There is often a hunger awareness component in these events! Participants at the Middle School Gathering made packets of beans, rice, oats, and pasta to donate to MetroCareRing and other area food banks.



## News and Notes...

- \* The Hunger Network still has about 20 copies of the book, *Our Day to End Poverty: 24 Ways You Can Make a Difference*, which was distributed at the Theological Conference. Contact Sandy Olson ([sandyolson1852@aol.com](mailto:sandyolson1852@aol.com) or 970.333.9032) to request a copy.
- \* Voting members and visitors should plan to visit the Hunger Network's display at the **Synod Assembly** in El Paso. Karen Hart will be there to greet you, answer questions, and solicit updated contact information!
- \* The **2009 Ending Hunger Summit** is scheduled for Saturday, October 17 at Bethany Lutheran Church (with satellite locations to be announced). The topic will be the Global Recession. Mark your calendars TODAY so you won't miss this thought-provoking event.
- \* Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp's **Grace Race** will take place on Saturday, October 10, with the route once again being a run or walk around Sloan's Lake in Denver. All proceeds go to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal!

## Seeking Alternative Transportation to the Synod Assembly?

Pastor Michael Mortvedt, Co-Director of Alternatives for Simple Living, is biking to El Paso for the Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly as a fundraiser for the World Hunger Appeal!



He will leave April 19 and ride for 7-10 days. If you are interested in pledging per mile (approximately 800 miles) or making a donation, write a check payable to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and send it to: Alternatives for Simple Living, P.O. Box 3804, Dillon CO 80435.

If you are interested in riding along, contact [Michaelmortvedt@simpleliving.org](mailto:Michaelmortvedt@simpleliving.org). For more information, call 970.468-2375.

**How do you raise awareness and MONEY for the World Hunger Appeal in your congregation?**

**How do you encourage advocacy and simple living?**

**Send your stories and ideas to Carol McDivitt ([mcdivittc@mindspring.com](mailto:mcdivittc@mindspring.com))**

**for the next issue of the *Daily Bread*.**

**The deadline is May 1—don't miss your chance to be in print.**