
How does Faith show Christ's love in serving others?

Our *Service in the World Committee* assists the members of our church to practice Christ's teaching of showing love and compassion in very practical ways.

Continual Ministries

North Scott Food Pantry

In partnership with the *North Scott Clergy Group* we assist those in need by giving food and other household and personal supplies. The food pantry is housed here at Faith and is open every Tuesday evening and Friday morning. They also give out special holiday baskets at Christmas and Easter. Volunteers are needed in a variety of ways: Help at the times the pantry is open, restocking shelves as well as help on the days of the holiday baskets.

North Scott Clergy Human Needs Fund

For the last several years Faith has pledged \$1,400 to the North Scott Clergy Group. This fund is used in two ways:

- 1) Care Link: This program is in cooperation with Human Services and assists local residents with rental, utilities or other needs on a temporary basis.
- 2) Gas vouchers: Each of the churches have vouchers for \$15 in gas to give to either those traveling through our area or local residents in need of emergency assistance.

Salvation Army Mealsite

On average Faith serves six meals to the homeless at the Salvation Army mealsite in Davenport. A group of three families prepare a meal either at their home or at the church then delivers and serves the meal on site.

Tanzania Sponsorship

At the present time our congregation sponsors a young man by the name of Baraka. Church members sign up to donate \$32 per month for this sponsor-ship.

God's Global Barnyard

This is one of the ELCA's many ministries to eliminate world hunger. It provides families with food, and funds and a source for sustainable income to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty across the world. During the season of Advent (December) church members can "purchase" animals that will be used across the world for this project.

Hearts To Harvest

In partnership with St. Ann's Catholic Church in Long Grove volunteers rent farm land in order to plant and harvest a crop. This crop is sold and the money raised is given to *Food Resource Bank* to provide food throughout the world. We help to sponsor this project by a special donation. Volunteers are also needed to serve on the planning committee.

Noisy Offering For World Hunger On the last weekend of each month empty fruit cans are passed during our worship services along with our normal offering plates. Loose change is placed in the cans making a "joyful noise" and the offering is given to the ELCA hunger program. You can help by saving your coins throughout the month and bring them to worship on Noisy Offering weekend.

Special Holiday Offerings

Throughout the year Faith has three special holiday offerings: Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. In the past our offerings have gone towards such ministries as "Santa for Seniors," Habitat for Humanity, ELCA Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund, Lutheran Lakeside Camp, and many more.

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Habitat For Humanity

Volunteers are needed to help build homes or to serve lunch for the workers.

Mission Trips

Adults have helped following the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina as well as sending workers to Lutheran Lakeside Camp to work on the buildings and grounds.

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

This project is usually done during the season of Lent. We collect personal care kit supplies which consist of bath towels, soap, toothbrushes, combs and nail clippers.

School Supplies

During July and August we collect scissors, spiral notebooks, lined paper, folders, pencils, crayons and other supplies which are given to North Scott Food Pantry for distribution to needy students.

How can you help?

- Serve on the Service in the World Committee to help plan the implementation of these ministries and to help create new ones.
- Donate items to the various ministries we will be sponsoring.
- Go on a mission trip.
- Donate loose change on Noisy Offering weekend and give generously to our special holiday offerings.
- Help in the construction of a house or serve a meal for a Habitat House.
- Watch the bulletin and newsletter for other opportunities.

How can I sign up?

- Fill out the information sheet found as an insert and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. A member of the Service in the World Committee or church staff will be in contact with you.
- Call the church office (285-4501).
- Email the church office
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Jesus said:

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

***Grace-Gifted
Faith-Lifted
Called to
Share,
Seek,
And Serve
Christ***

**Service In The World
Committee**

**We are a church that
seeks to serve others in
the love of Christ by living
out the words:
“God’s Work,
Our Hands.
Serving others in the
love of Christ”.**

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