

HUNGER LEADERS DAY SUCCESSFUL

“WOW! I have learned so much and will go home with many wonderful ideas. Next is planning. . . . All in all – excellent.” These were comments made on evaluations received at the conclusion of the Southern Ohio Synod’s 1st Congregational Hunger Leaders Day held March 9, 2013. The final reviews let it be known that the presenters of the various workshops, the resources available, and the networking with others were informative and challenging, and offered attendees many ideas to take back to their congregations. Many felt that such a workshop should be held again and several made suggestions on what they would like to see added to a future agenda. Perhaps most inspiring were personal stories shared by individuals who related how and why they became involved in hunger and advocacy issues. All were in agreement that the day was well worth their time and the issue of hunger needed to be addressed in more congregations.

One of the sessions, arguably the most informative, was the session on sharing Best Practices. Practices from congregations both large and small, urban and rural, were presented. These suggestions gave others ideas which could be implemented in their own churches. Handouts of Best Practices were distributed and much appreciated. Resources from the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, were available and people were informed that additional resources could be ordered online from www.elca.org/worldhunger. Click on “Resources.”

A hunger leader is involved in fundraising, educating, advocating, and organizing on behalf of ELCA World Hunger. It can be a big job, but you’re not alone! On this website resources and ideas can be found to help carry out your ministry.

Three new posters are available for ordering and a new hunger video may be downloaded from the above website as well.



You are encouraged to order what you need and to share your own gifts with others.

Do you need short [hunger-related statistics](#) for your bulletins, newsletters, or presentations? Sign up for "Fast Facts," and you'll receive weekly e-mails with information about hunger-related issues in the U.S. and around the world.

Hunger is a world problem which can be solved. Working together we can be a major part of the solution.

CONGREGATIONS IN ACTION

Good Shepherd, Cincinnati

Pat Stratman, a member of Good Shepherd's Hunger Awareness Team, shared a brochure the group developed to raise money for their ministry - - "Make a CHANGE with your CHANGE" - - Jar Challenge Calendar. The front of the brochure explained the challenge. The reverse side contained scriptures and different small amounts of change to be put in the hunger jar for certain items eaten or contained in the kitchen on each day of the month. The brochure caught the imagination of many who wanted a copy of the brochure. The brochure may be found at the end of this newsletter.

APPLY FOR A HUNGER GRANT

Although deadlines for 2014 Hunger Grants have not yet been established, it is not too early to begin assembling the necessary documentation for the application. Previous guidelines for the grant process usually remain the same from year to year and are available online at the present time. ELCA Domestic Hunger Grant Program Funds are derived from the [ELCA World Hunger Program](#). The Community Development Services Program in the Program Unit for Congregational Synodical Mission provides administrative coordination for the grants process. In addition to Congregational Synodical Mission staff serving under the Domestic Hunger Grant Program, there are other units and departments in the ELCA Churchwide offices who participate in the grants screening and allocation process, including the Multicultural Ministries, Women of the ELCA, Youth Gathering. Over a dozen churchwide representatives from these units and one representative from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee services in Baltimore, Maryland, form the grants committee. More details on the ELCA website.

ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN MEETS ITS 2012 FUNDRAISING GOAL!

If your congregation has not yet raised funds for the Malaria Campaign, there is another opportunity to do so this year as well as the next 2 years. Involve your congregation in World Malaria Day.

World Malaria Day is April 25, 2013. Turn this day into a special week focusing on the work of the [ELCA Malaria Campaign](#) in Uganda. Join ELCA members across the U.S. and people around the world in celebrating World Malaria Day by taking a special offering for the ELCA Malaria Campaign on that **Sunday, April 28**. Find [ideas and resources](#) specific for observing World Malaria Day on online at www.ELCA.org/malaria.

The ultimate fundraising goal of the ELCA Malaria Campaign is \$15 million by 2015. (There is confidence that Lutheran generosity is up to that challenge!) Along the way, annual fundraising goals have been established - - to make sure that our Lutheran companions in Africa have the resources that they need to keep their malaria programs running every year between now and 2015. The 2012 goal, set for \$4 million has been achieved.



Hunger Task Force Members: Rev. Henry Zorn, chair; Nicholas Bates; Rev. Glen Bengson; David Drumm; Rev. John Eilert; Rev. Joene Herr; Linda Hall; Rev. Donald Moeser; Rev. Mary Molnar; Rev. Mike Poole; Rev. Monte Stevens; Rev. Jeff Wick, synod staff; Susan Truchses, newsletter editor

In conjunction with the “Rooted” Lenten Series, we’d like to ask you to respond to the needs of others by following this calendar on your daily spiritual walk as you read the scriptures. Keep it in a prominent place, like on your kitchen table, read your scriptures with your family and discuss them over dinner.

Plan to “COME TO THE FAIR . . .” and learn about the realities of hunger both locally and globally.

The Hunger Isn’t Fair Fair

Sunday, March 25

Fellowship Hall

9:00 ~ 12:30

We have preconceived ideas about hunger and poverty. God challenges us, through the scriptures, to respond out of our faith in Jesus.

We will have educational tables set up for you to . . .

“PLANT a PLANT” ~ Learn about community and personal gardening opportunities

“PIG-out on a PIG” ~ Participate in God’s global barriyard/ELCA good gifts project

Get “ROOTed in ROOTS” ~ Enjoy some winter root vegetable soup

Find out “Who’s KIDDing the KIDS” ~ Get info about Kids Against Hunger

Learn why “NOBODY can fool your BODY” ~ Help yourself to make healthy and nutritional choices

Decide if “WELfare can make you WELL” ~ See how much food stamps will buy

Join in with “Helping HANDs to lend a HAND” ~ A silent auction of hand-crafted items

Make a “CHANGE”

with your

“CHANGE”

Jar Challenge

Calendar

Prepared by the
Hunger Awareness Team

The calendar starts on Sunday, February 26 and ends on Sunday, March 25. At that time bring your “Change Challenge” jar to The Hunger Isn’t Fair Fair and add it to our wheelbarrow. All ‘change’ collected will be donated to Kids Against Hunger.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>February 26 If you are going to participate in the 'Rooted' Lenten Series, empty the 'change' from your pockets/wallet to start making a 'change'.</p>	<p>February 27 Read John 20:21</p>	<p>February 28 Read Hebrews 4:12-13</p>	<p>February 29 Read Mark 16:1</p>	<p>March 1 Read Mark 16:14</p>	<p>March 2 Read Mark 9:31</p>	<p>March 3 Read Psalm 119:9</p>
<p>March 4 Read Matthew 6:1-4</p> <p>Thank you for completing the first week ~ add loose change if you wish.</p>	<p>March 5 Read Luke 13: 6-9</p> <p>For every box of raisins, figs, plums, prunes in your kitchen add .25 to your Lenten Jar .</p>	<p>March 6 Read Luke 14:12-14</p> <p>Place \$.10 into the jar for every time you thought of those less fortunate this week.</p>	<p>March 7 Read Luke 14: 15-17</p> <p>Give \$.10 for every person you have invited to dinner this month /.25 for each you "planned" to invite.</p>	<p>March 8 Read John 20:30</p> <p>Count every story you read or shared this week with friends/family and give \$.10 for each.</p>	<p>March 9 Read John 21:4-8</p> <p>Place one coin(you decide) for every type of seafood you have in your pantry or refrigerator.</p>	<p>March 10 Read Luke 14:15-24</p> <p>Invite someone to dinner! Donate the "tip" to your Lenten Jar!</p>
<p>March 11 Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-38</p> <p>\$.10 for every fruit you can think of that has a seed in it.</p>	<p>March 12 Read Matthew 6:16-18</p> <p>\$.25 for every snack you ate between meals today.</p>	<p>March 13 Read John 1:1-5</p> <p>\$.10 for every light bulb in your house.</p>	<p>March 14 Read John 6:58</p> <p>\$.10 for every slice of bread left in your loaf.</p>	<p>March 15 Read John 1:8</p> <p>\$.25 for every light on in your house right now.</p>	<p>March 16 Read Matthew 25:35</p> <p>\$.10 for every glass of water you drank today ~ \$.25 for every cup of coffee, juice or soda.</p>	<p>March 17 Read Luke 6:21</p> <p>If you did NOT feel hungry today, put in \$1 in change in the jar.</p>
<p>March 18 Read John 15:1-8</p> <p>\$.10 for every fruit or vegetable you can think of that grows on a vine.</p>	<p>March 19 Read 1 Corinthians 15:5 & 6</p> <p>Give \$.25 for every box of cereal in your pantry.</p>	<p>March 20 Read John 3:16</p> <p>Donate a \$1.00 if you made a change in someone's life today. Consider . . . how much does God love the world?</p>	<p>March 21 Read John 1:9-10</p> <p>Give \$.10 for every vegetable you ate today . . . even the lettuce on your hamburger!</p>	<p>March 22 Read John 16:14-15</p> <p>\$.05 for every glass of milk you or your family drank today</p>	<p>March 23 Read Romans 14:20</p> <p>If you went to your local grocery store this week make a donation to your "Change Challenge" Jar.</p>	<p>March 24 Read Isaiah 58:10</p> <p>Thank you for helping to make a 'change'. Add any 'change' you wish.</p>