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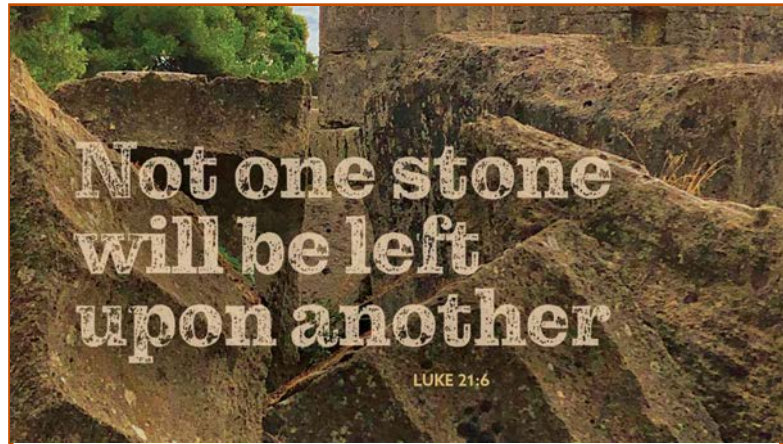
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Sunday November 16th
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Live stream at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gov5nCxr4>



First
Annual
Scandinavian-
style

Lutefisk Dinner

with meatballs, potatoes, peas, lefse, rye bread,
beet pickles and Rustic Inn pie

Saturday, November 15th

5:00–6:30pm

Tickets: \$20/person

Fundraiser for Bethlehem's children,
youth and family ministry program



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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SILENT QUILT AUCTION AT THE LUTEFISK DINNER



MINIMUM BID \$50— BRING YOUR CHECKBOOKS!

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO SUPPORT OUR
CYF MINISTRY PROGRAM



Above: **Fantastic** Set Up team! Below: **Awesome** Lefse team and perfectly baked Rye Bread. Thank you everyone!



This Week at Bethlehem:

Sat Nov 15 5:00 PM Lutefisk Dinner

Sun Nov 16 8:40AM Choir practice
10:00AM Worship Service
& Sunday School
2:30 PM Borealis Orchestra
4:00 PM Chorale Practice
7:00 PM Book Study

Mon Nov 17 6:30 PM Church Council

Tues Nov 18 8:30 AM Adult Ed class
9:30 AM Staff meeting

Wed Nov 19 12:30PM Text Study
5:30 PM Meal
6:00 PM Worship
6:30 PM Confirmation
6:30 PM Adult Ed Class

Thur Nov 20 8:00 AM Bible Study
9:00AM Quilting

Fri Nov 21 - - - - - Clarity Hearing

Sat Nov 22 7:00 PM Chamber Music
Free Concert

Sun Nov 23 8:40AM Choir practice
10:00AM Worship Service
& Sunday School
2:30 PM Borealis Orchestra
4:00 PM Chorale Practice
7:00 PM Book Study

Sunday November 16, 2025

Readings

Malachi 4:1-2a

*A day of blistering heat for the
arrogant; a day of healing sun for
the righteous*

Psalms 98

*In righteousness will the LORD
judge the world.*

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

*Do not be idle, but do what is
right for the sake of Christ*

Luke 21:5-19

*Jesus speaks of wars, endurance,
betrayal, and suffering for his sake*

Livestream link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=1gov5nCx0r4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gov5nCx0r4)



Don't
miss
out on
all the
good
food
Sat.
night!



PRAYER list...

Healing prayers are requested for:

Linda Zenk, Clayton Koss, Patty Nelson, Luke Gulstrand, Butch Schulte, Christy Buetow, Sarah Coe, Lynn & Craig Schulte, Annalisa Winje, Lois Johnson, Joan Bieber, Gene & Barbara Erickson, Bruce & Stacey Johnson, Paulina Backstrom, Shae Lindholm, Rhonda Schulte, Char Anderson, Betty Jones, Stacey Schulte, Hank Ferland, Ramiro Acero, Margaret Dahl, Katrina Crouse, Tom Christiansen,

This week we lift up these members:

Will, Nan, Eddie & Arthur Onkka; Craig & Dianne Peterson; Brad, Brooke, J, Ryan & Katie Shannon; Peter & Dena Schliep; and Clayton & Nancy Koss. *May God walk with these Faithful Friends as they live their gospel-filled lives.*

“For what shall we pray?”

is a weekly post inviting individuals, groups, and congregations to lift up our world in prayer. This resource is prepared by a variety of leaders in the ELCA.



Prayer prompts:

For an end to war and conflict, and for places of political unrest or contention, especially Gaza, South Sudan, Myanmar, Ukraine, and Pakistan/Afghanistan...
For all in the path of Typhoon Fung-wong...
For UN climate talks and for safety amidst protests...
For national tragedies around the world including a Turkish military plane crash, a bridge collapse in south-west China, a bus crash in Peru, and a car explosion attack in India...
For feeding ministries and all hunger relief organizations...
For all federal employees...
For care and safety for immigrants...
For all loving marriages and partnerships...
For the beauty of God's creation, especially sightings of the Northern Lights this week...

Events and observances:

November Observances: Military Family Month, Native American Heritage Month, Lung Cancer Awareness Month, Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231 (Nov 17)

A prayer for the human family (ELW)

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and, through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth; so that, in your good time, every people and nation may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

A prayer for those who suffer abuse and violence (ACS)

Mighty Jesus, living Word, soothe the bodies, souls, and minds of the victims of sexual violence, domestic violence, or other forms of abuse. Bring them peace, hope, comfort, and strength. Bring abusers to justice and prevent them from causing further harm. Stir up the heart of your church gathered here and around the world, that we value justice and healing over silence and shame. Show us the way to your righteousness, led by the voices of those who suffer. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Need
PRAYER?

Contact Pastor Calvin
763-226-5425

or Laura Popkes, Prayer Chain
Leader 218-370-0721



Mission of the Month

ELCA Good Gifts

Our Mission of the Month for November will once again be the **ELCA Good Gifts program**. This program reaches out to people all over the world who are living in poverty. It provides resources for families to create and sustain income to provide a better way of life for themselves. **Last year our contributions were able to have the ELCA provide two "family farms",** each of which included a cow, two goats, two piglets, and a flock of chickens. The animals not only provide milk, meat, and eggs for a family but also will get them started producing enough excess to sell to afford necessities and even school tuition. We hope Bethlehem will be able to do at least as much this year for our neighbors around the world.

For our neighbors close to home we will be promoting contributions to the local food pantry. We know that as food prices rise and nutrition programs lose funding the need keeps increasing. ***Let us respond with generosity and care.***

November Member Challenge

Food insecurity is on the rise, especially with federal employees currently not receiving paychecks and health insurance costs spiraling. Businesses in Cook County are stepping up to help and you can help by stocking up the food shelf. We encourage you to bring a bag of non-perishable food and supplies to church and drop it off in the shopping cart located in the narthex during the month of November and throughout the coming year.

Some general suggestions for food donations:

- ♦ Check expiration dates. Don't bring expired food.
- ♦ Boxed milk
- ♦ Canned goods
- ♦ Cooking oil
- ♦ Spices, salt, and pepper
- ♦ Tea and coffee
- ♦ Tuna and crackers
- ♦ PB & J
- ♦ Dish soap, laundry soap
- ♦ Feminine hygiene
- ♦ Paper products such as toilet paper, facial tissue and paper towels

Right now, the local Food Shelf is in need of financial support. Donations are always welcomed and will assist the immediate needs crucial to our community.

God's Global Barnyard

An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.

 Cow A cow's milk, meat, fertilizer and calves can quickly strengthen a family's financial security. \$500	 Chicks Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, protein-rich meals for families who are hungry. \$10
 Goat Fresh milk from a goat is very nutritious and can be used to make products like yogurt and cheese to sell at the market. \$50	 Honeybees Bees pollinate plants and boost crop growth — helping the wider community. Soaps and candles can be made from their wax and sold at the local market. \$20
 Pig Within months after birth, piglets grow to weigh over 200 pounds — bringing a big payoff at the market. \$30	 Fish Farm A fish farm and training in good business economics can provide a lifetime of meals for a community. \$250



Family Farm \$715

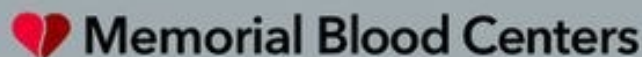
**Boreal
Community
Media is
proud to host**

November 18, 2025

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. | Blood Drive
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Blood Stem Cell
Donor Registry

The Hub in Grand Marais

**Give Life to
the Max:
Blood Drive &
Blood Stem
Cell Donor
Registry
Event**



Celebrate Give to the Max Day with Boreal Community Media at The Hub

This year, we're hosting "**Give Life to the Max**" to address the critical blood shortage and support life-saving medical needs in Minnesota.

Join us on November 18th for three ways to give back:

Give Life (Blood Donation): Donate blood to address the critical shortage. The Memorial Blood Center bus will be at The Hub from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments are required.

Give Life (Blood Stem Cell Donor Registry): Join the national blood stem cell donor registry with a simple cheek swab at The Hub from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Your match could help a patient with blood cancer or a life-threatening disorder.

Give Your Support: Make a financial gift to Boreal Community Media to support local news, free resources, and community events like this one.

Click to learn more and schedule your donation:

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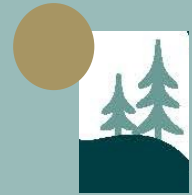


CHAMBER MUSIC UP NORTH

NOTES FROM THE ROAD



THIRD COAST CHAMBER COLLECTIVE
EVGENY ZVONNIKOV AND MAGDALENA SAS
violin & cello (Russia/Poland/USA)



**Free
Admission**

**November 22
7:00 PM**

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church





Julefest



LUNCHEON, BAKE SALE & RAFFLE



Saturday, December 6th
11am to 1pm

Luncheon will be served at 11:30 am
Followed by the raffle... All are welcome!

Adults \$10 Children \$5

Luncheon Includes:

Chicken Salad Croissants,
fresh fruit, chips,
Coffee & Dessert!



Bethlehem Lutheran
Church Women

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Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

First Congregational Church to host holiday event

The First Congregational Church of Grand Marais is excited to invite the community to its annual Thanksgiving Dinner, on **Thursday November 27**. The meal will be **served family-style at 1 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The doors open at 12 noon. All are welcome.

The meal is free, but donations will be accepted.

This year's menu will include roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green bean casserole, peachy sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.

Volunteers Needed

Please help if you can. Volunteers are needed to help prep the food and set up tables on Wednesday, November 26, and to cook, serve and clean up on Thanksgiving Day.

To learn how you can contribute to the success of this year's dinner, please call Bruce Tyler at 651-315-1573 or Jenny Delfs at 218-370-0652.

Take-Out and Limited Delivery Available

If you are unable to join us in person, take-out and delivered meals are available. These must be reserved in advance. To reserve a take-out dinner, please call Francie Beaster at 218-475-2747. The deadline for reservations is Friday, November 21.



West-End Community Thanksgiving Meal

We'll gather at Lutsen Lutheran Church at 1:00 PM on Thanksgiving Day for conversation, laughter, and a potluck meal hosted by folks from our neighborhood.

Everyone is Welcome: Young, Old, Families, Singles, Locals, & Tourists

There's only one rule ... No Talking Politics or Religion

Lutsen Lutheran Church is located on Hwy 61 next to the Clearview Store





November 12, 2025

When I was installed as your presiding bishop, the preacher proclaimed that in times of division, disruption and fear, God calls us, through love, to lift up one another just as Christ lifts us up. I have taken that to heart and been alert to all the ways in which we, made into God's own beloved through word and sacrament, testify to that love in daily service and ministry. Across the ELCA, I have seen and am deeply grateful for:

- ✦ Ministries mobilizing to serve meals and distribute food amid the harm, chaos and confusion of a government shutdown and the ongoing blocking of food assistance for 42 million people in our nation.
- ✦ Congregations offering accompaniment and hope as they come alongside neighbors made vulnerable by aggressive and indiscriminate immigration enforcement.
- ✦ Leaders from Lutheran Disaster Response urging members of Congress to commit to programs that lift up those made vulnerable in disasters.
- ✦ Congregations reaching out to federal workers by supplying meals, meeting daily needs, providing gift cards and helping them find work.
- ✦ Preachers faithfully proclaiming the theology of the cross that illuminates the brokenness of sin but also the mystery of a grace that claims us, frees us and sends us to be messengers of hope in a hurting world.

As a church, we do not hold back in lifting up those whom God calls us to serve, even and especially when government abdicates its responsibilities for the common good. My installation as your presiding bishop coincided with the start of the longest government shutdown in our nation's history. In this moment, I draw strength from the writings of Martin Luther, who used the example of Mary and the words of the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) to urge the rulers of his time to exercise power in ways that serve all people.

Jesus gave us an image of a vine and its branches (John 15:1) to illustrate our connectedness to him and, through him, to one another. Our rootedness in Christ sustains us with his love. His love connects us to one another. We must stay connected to face the challenges of this moment.

An end to the government shutdown will not immediately resolve food insecurity, so we will keep feeding and supporting our neighbors. The racial profiling and harm to our immigrant neighbors show no signs of diminishing, so we will heed God's call to show up alongside these neighbors in solidarity. Our broken politics and partisan divisions will not heal by themselves, so we will show up through participation, bridge-building and advocacy.

No matter what happens next, we must continue to care for all neighbors, especially those who are marginalized. Our 1994 social message "Community Violence" tells us that "we have the responsibility to join with others to hold government accountable for protecting society and ensuring justice for all, and to seek changes in policies and practices toward these ends" (p. 4). As we do, I am confident that Christ's grace will be sufficient, freeing us to lift up others and seek justice for everyone.

I invite you to pray for and participate in ELCA ministries that support the well-being of all including [taking advocacy action](#), applying for [ELCA World Hunger Daily Bread Matching Grants](#) to support your hunger ministry, and watching the recent ELCA Advocacy webinar ["Faith Communities and the Realities of Food Assistance."](#)

Gracious God, we pray for our public servants, that they do their work in a spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice. Inspire them to use their authority to serve faithfully and to promote our common life. Guide our leaders to govern in such a way that all people enjoy a peaceful and just society. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. —*All Creation Sings*, p. 50

In Christ,

The Rev. Yehiel Curry
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Empty Bowls fundraiser to help fight hunger in Cook County on with annual event on November 19th



The annual Empty Bowls soup fundraiser event will be held on Wednesday, November 19th, 2025, at Up Yonder in Grand Marais, as part of a community-focused effort to address local food needs.

Community members will have the opportunity to attend a lunch session from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and/or a dinner session from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Soup donated from a variety of local restaurants, bread, and Java Moose coffee will be served. To-go containers will also be available for purchase for those who want to support the event but can't stay and eat.

Two favorite components will once again take place: the handmade bowl sale, with bowls and mugs made by community members and the Grand Marais Art Colony, and the bake sale, with numerous treat offerings donated by community members and local restaurants.

(Volunteers are needed to help make treats for the bake sale and to assist with a variety of tasks during the event. To learn more or to sign up to donate a baked good, [click here](#). To sign up to volunteer during the event, [click here](#).)

Donations collected during the Empty Bowls event will be granted to a variety of local non-profits that provide direct food assistance across Cook County.

Empty Bowls is a worldwide grassroots movement started in 1990 in Michigan to raise money for local food-related charities. The Cook County chapter focuses on raising awareness and providing funds to local non-profit organizations that assist residents facing food insecurity. To learn more or donate, [click here](#).

Food insecurity is on the rise, especially with federal employees currently not receiving paychecks and health insurance costs spiraling. Businesses in Cook County are stepping up to help and you can help by stocking up the food shelf. Cook County is home to a variety of nonprofit food access resources and residents have access to county initiatives. Here is a list of local resources:

AEOA Mobile Food Pantry: 4th Wednesday of each month, household size and income information collected (no proof required) Grand Portage Community Center (73 Upper Rd, Grand Portage): 11:30 a.m. –Noon
Cook County Community Center (317 W 5th St, Grand Marais, MN): 1:30–2 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church: Free meals on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm. The schedule follows the ISD166 school calendar. We also have grocery cards available to those experiencing food insecurity; and offer gift cards to anyone in the community who needs to travel out of town for medical appointments. People can contact Pastor Calvin Konop or the office at Bethlehem.

Cook County Courthouse self-service food bank: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the courthouse lobby. County residents are welcome to both drop off and pick-up shelf-stable goods during regular courthouse hours. Copies of additional food access resource lists also available

Cook County Food Shelf: Mondays 3–5 p.m. and first Wednesday of each month, 5–7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church (300 W 2nd St, Grand Marais). Income information collected during registration. Fresh and shelf-stable food available for pickup, vouchers for use at local grocery stores. Call for more information (218) 387-2113

Clearview General Store – 25% discount on food items for SNAP/EBT card holders, 20% discount on food items for furloughed federal workers or those working without a paycheck (proof of furlough or lost paycheck required). 5323 W Highway 61, Lutsen

Snacks and Packs Backpack Program: in-school support organized by Second Harvest Northland and facilitated by [Cook County Extension](#). Food is delivered to qualifying students in their backpacks on Thursdays or Fridays, along with grocery gift cards. Extension office phone: (218)387-3015

Fisherman's Daughter at Dockside: Grocery store gift cards, warm food, deli items available for those whose benefits are disrupted. Contact Katie or Parker Slanga, katie@tfdgm.com, or through social media. Restaurant located at 418 W Hwy 61, Grand Marais

Grand Portage Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP): Monday-Friday 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Grand Portage Community Center (73 Upper Road, Grand Portage). Reservation required by 9 a.m. on the day. Contact (218) 475-2655 or enpdirector@grandportage.com Price based on age: 65+, \$2; ages 50–64, \$3; under 50, \$5. Food delivery available.

Grand Portage Food Distribution Program: Monthly distribution for participating households. Pick-up at 101 Store Rd, Grand Portage. Packs include canned, frozen, and traditional foods. Contact (218) 475-2480 or fdp@boreal.org

Grand Portage Food Shelf: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Grand Portage Human Services (2 Casino Dr, Grand Portage)
Call ahead for pick-up (218) 475-2453

Gunflint Tavern: Free soup and bread for pick-up on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Gunflint Tavern (111 W Wisconsin St, Grand Marais) until SNAP benefits are restored. Email Gunflinttavern@gmail.com to arrange pickup

Java Moose Coffee Shop: local grocery gift cards available. Contact Sarah Jorgenson-Hallberg at javamoosegrandmarais@gmail.com Shop located at 218 W Hwy 61, Grand Marais

Johnson's Foods: offering 10% discount on food items to SNAP, WIC, and EBT card holders, and federal employees going without pay. Food assistance card or proof of federal furlough required. Johnson's also holds weekly gift card drawings. Located at 317 E Hwy 61, Grand Marais

Lunch at The Hub / Grand Marais Senior Center: Monday-Friday at noon at The Hub (10 N Broadway Ave, Grand Marais) Requires a phone call by 9:30 a.m. on the day to reserve lunch. Call: 218-387-2660
\$4.50 for those who qualify based on age, disability, or income; \$8.00 for others
*veterans eat free in November

Meals on Wheels – The Hub / Grand Marais Senior Center: provides home meal delivery for those 60+ or who are homebound and located within 5 miles of Grand Marais. Register for Meals on Wheels through AEOA by calling 1-800-662-5711 ext. 7323. Call the Hub at (218) 387-2660 by 9:30 a.m. day of service to request a meal. Service for the week can be requested on Mondays. Frozen and pick-up meals can be requested for weekends.

Minnesota Food Helpline: phone line open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to connect people with food access resources 1-888-711-1151

Nutrition for Seniors: Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank provides monthly food packages for pickup at the Cook County Food Shelf in Grand Marais. Contact by phone (218) 336-2307, (888) 727-5653, ext. 112 or info@secondharvestnorthland.org

Small Requests Project: Direct community assistance for food support via grocery store gift cards. Funded by Donna and Orvis Lunke with support from Empty Bowls and community donations. Contact Donna [through facebook](#) to request assistance or to contribute to the project.

Ruby's Pantry – Cook County: monthly pickup of pre-packed bundles on the second Tuesday of each month from 5-6:30 p.m. at Great Expectations School (550 5th St, Grand Marais). Location subject to change throughout the year. Primarily shelf-stable and frozen items with some fresh produce. \$25 suggested donation, but gift certificates are available and no one is turned away until all packages are collected. Contact (218) 387-1314

Sawtooth Mountain Clinic – Giving Tree Program: support for SMC patients in need. Local grocery gift cards and support for gas and lodging for those needing to travel for medical services provided. Contact the clinic at (218) 387-2330

Senior Lunch at Birch Grove Community Center: every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Birch Grove Community Center (9 Good Neighbor Hill Rd). \$5 suggested donation

YMCA – Snacks in the Entryway: free snacks in the main entrance to the Cook County YMCA (105 W 5th St, Grand Marais) during YMCA open hours (Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Zoar Lutheran Church – Soup Suppers: free community dinner every Wednesday through May 7 from 5:15-6 p.m. at Zoar Lutheran Church (7241 MN-61, Tofte)

*And God is able to make all grace come in abundance to you,
so that you may always have complete sufficiency in everything,
and have an abundance for every good work and act of charity.*

◇ 2 Corinthians 9:8

*“May the God of hope fill you with
all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

– Romans 15:13



ELCA World Hunger

You've seen the news about SNAP:

The 42 million Americans who depend on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to feed their families are set to see interruptions in their November benefits due to the government shutdown. This comes as the global hunger crisis persists, stoked by rising costs, conflict and intensifying climate change.

What can we do about it?

The situation is unsettling, but the church continues to be present, and we know that God is at work in the world. [When you support ELCA World Hunger](#), you join in the work our church does around the globe to address hunger from all angles:



NUTRITION: Feeding ministries provide immediate support to those in need. With community gardens and agricultural programs, communities grow food to nourish themselves and build stronger futures.



LIVELIHOOD: You support programs, including education and vocational training, that help people facing hunger, homelessness and other challenges to access jobs, increase their earning potential and break the cycle of poverty for good.



HEALTH CARE: ELCA World Hunger supports health programs around the world where your gifts fund clinical care, maternal and child health, education of health professionals, and community health care workers as they provide early screenings and education in disease prevention.



EDUCATION: When children can attend school, they can secure better opportunities for their futures. Your gifts support teachers and educational programs around the world, ensuring that kids can do their best learning and reach their full potential.



Your gifts in support of ELCA World Hunger help our church respond to hunger and poverty through hundreds of projects in more than 60 countries around the world, including the United States.

Together with partners around the world, you can help make God's promise of a just world where all are fed a reality.

<https://give.elca.org/page/69754/donate/1?ea.url.id=4162838>