

5th annual South of the River CROP Hunger Walk steps off Oct. 8

It's not too late to form a team, decide to participate as an individual or sponsor a walker in the fifth annual South of the River CROP Hunger Walk. The walk is scheduled Sunday, Oct. 8, with registration beginning at 1 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 20165 Heath Ave., Lakeville. The walk steps off at 2 p.m.

CROP Hunger Walks are community education and fundraising events for Church World Service (CWS). The pledges and donations made by the walkers and sponsors benefit CWS's grassroots programs working to end hunger globally.

One quarter of the funds raised by each walk goes to local hunger-fighting agencies. The area beneficiaries of this walk will be 360 Communities, the Open Door Pantry and the CAP agency. Representatives of these agencies will be present to provide information about the work of their organizations.

Participants are asked to bring nonperishable food items for one of the local food shelves. Protein items are most needed.

The walk route will be approximately four miles, with a rest stop at Cross of Christ Baptist Church, 8748 210th St. W. A shorter walk of approximately one mile will also be available.

In addition to St. John's and Cross of Christ, the other churches currently involved in the walk include Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church in Apple Valley; Open Circle Church, Presbyterian Church of the Apostles and St. James Lutheran Church, all in Burnsville; Glendale United Methodist and New Spirit United Church of Christ in Savage; Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Bloomington; and Good Samaritan United Methodist Church in Edina.

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on Facebook at Twin Cities South of the River CROP Walk. Donations may be made online through the CROP Walk website.