



God's work. Our hands.

Christ the King Lutheran Church participated in the Virginia Synod's Week of Service September 4-11, 2016. Each day that week members had a variety of ways they could participate in helping the community.



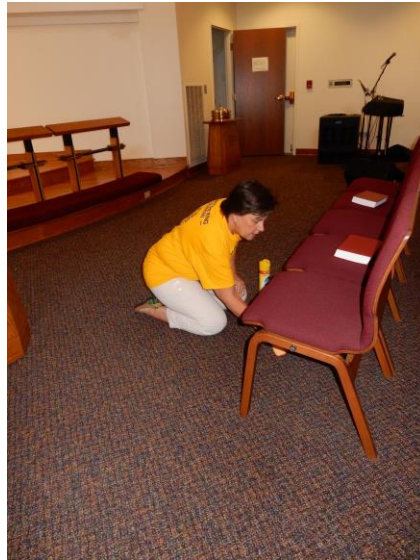
Sunday September 4th- Our Hands Bring

Food Pantry Food Fight. To kick off the week we had a friendly competition to see which of the two worship services donated the most food for our local food bank. Members generously responded.



Monday September 5th- Our Hands Clean

Members gathered at the Church to “labor” on Labor Day. We met from 10am-12pm to wash windows, dust, vacuum, and plant flowers.



Tuesday September 6- Our Hands Provide

All the food that was collected on Sunday was delivered to St. Matthias Episcopal Food Bank. It took one pick-up truck and four SUV's to transport all the food that was collected. While we were there, we learned about their feeding program and volunteer opportunities. Several in our group signed up to volunteer there regularly in the future.



Wednesday September 7th- Our Hands Reach Out

We travelled to the Peter Paul Development Center located on the East side of Richmond. The Peter Paul Development Center serves the children, families, and senior citizens of the East end. Their Youth Program helps students attain success in school and prepares them for a life after graduation. We toured the facility, helped unload a food truck, and helped seniors select and bag their groceries.



Thursday September 8th- Our Hands Bake

We met at the Church at 1pm to bake and package cookies. People could also bake cookies at home and bring them to the Church. Participation was very good for this activity and 36 boxes of cookies were filled. See Saturday's activity for the continuation of this activity.





Friday September 8th- Our Hands Tie

We met in the home of one of our members to tie and bind quilts for Lutheran Disaster Relief. Sessions were offered during the day and evening to accommodate everyone's schedule. 12 quilts were completed.





Saturday September 10th- Our Hands Deliver

To help us honor the first responders in our community and in recognition of the 15th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks, we delivered the cookies, baked and packaged on Thursday, to ten local fire stations, three local police stations and to three local Emergency Rooms.





Sunday September 11th- Our Hands Pack

Our culminating activity took place on “God’s Work Our Hands” Sunday between our two services. We filled backpacks with school supplies which had been donated over the summer. The backpacks will be going to support Lutheran World Relief Project Promise. Over 400 backpacks were filled.



The participation on the two Sundays, the entire congregation of 220 per Sunday was involved. During the week participation ranged from 9-23 people per day for a total of 85.

This was the first time Christ the King participated in the Week of Service. I think the congregation found it very rewarding and we anticipate this to become an ongoing event.

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