

DAILY BREAD *for ALL who care about poverty and hunger!!*

The Rocky Mountain Synod Hunger Network

September 2016

Domestic Hunger Ministry Highlight

The **Campus Kitchens Project** is a national non-profit working with students passionate about ending hunger. It partners with high schools, colleges and universities to share on-campus kitchen space, recover food from cafeterias, and engage students as volunteers who prepare and deliver meals to the community.

The project is a partner of ELCA World Hunger; and this year, we are launching a new site at Augustana College (Rock Island, Ill.) with the support of ELCA World Hunger! In addition to this new site, the Campus Kitchen at Augsburg College (Minneapolis) received support this year from our Domestic Hunger Grant program.

You can learn more about this partnership on the ELCA World Hunger Blog (blogs.elca.org/hunger).

Go to the hunger page on the Rocky Mountain Synod website to learn about projects funded through Domestic Hunger Grants on the territory of this synod (rmselca.org/hunger).

Three Videos Newly Uploaded to YouTube!

Look on YouTube for these new video stories short enough to be easily used in worship!

Shobi's Table—An opportunity to serve and be served, a nutritious meal, and a time of prayer is offered weekly at Shobi's Table in St. Paul, MN. (ELCA World Hunger)

Saroj's Story—Through the Tripti Project, supported by ELCA World Hunger, Saroj is one of the first women in India to learn about smokeless cook stoves fueled by bio-pellets.

Help and Hope (Lutheran Disaster Response) – A recap of work we have been able to do together.

From February through June, congregations and individuals in the Rocky Mountain Synod gave \$231,599 to ELCA World Hunger.

We ranked seventh among the 65 ELCA synods!

Contributions can be made through your congregation (write "ELCA World Hunger" on the memo line of your check) or directly to ELCA World Hunger. Be sure to put your congregation's name on any donations!!

Mail checks to the synod office OR to

ELCA World Hunger

P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

On-line donations are also possible. Go to elca.org/hunger/donate to find a variety of ways to contribute...including Good Gifts and Monthly Partners.

Monthly Partners provides consistent, ongoing support to ELCA churchwide ministries like World Hunger. Set-up can be done online or by calling 800-638-3522.

As a Monthly Partner, your donations are processed automatically – helping reduce administrative and fundraising costs that allow us to make an even greater difference in the lives of others. Join today!



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New Resources...

A great resource packet for for fall and Advent arrived in early September. Look for a new poster displaying our work throughout the world, new reproducible stories ready for bulletins, an Advent study fit for Wednesday worship or adult Bible study, an Advent calendar and more!



ELCA World Hunger works in nearly 60 countries around the world to address the root causes of hunger and poverty. See where we're working in 2016 and learn more about the type of work that we're doing in the world together.

Celebrate the excitement, anticipation and wonder of the birth of Christ with this ELCA Good Gifts Advent calendar. Each day is a reminder of the reason for the season with hymns, prayers, Bible verses and stories of how ELCA Good Gifts animals make a difference in the world. Available in packages of 10 calendars.



Order all resources at elca.org/hunger/resource or 800-638-3522

Core Team

The RMS Hunger Network has a small team of people willing to help congregations raise awareness about the amazing hunger ministry of our church. Contact Carol McDivitt (mcdivittc@mindspring.com or 970.669.4090) if you have an idea or story or request to share!

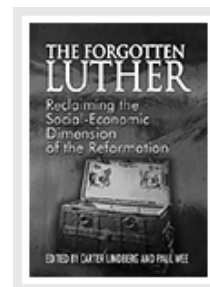
The Forgotten Luther

A new book and video series is here just in time for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Martin Luther's critique of the church is famous. What is less well-known is his sharp critique of an economy that left so many people in poverty.

In *The Forgotten Luther: Reclaiming the Social-Economic Dimension of the Reformation*, leading Lutheran experts trace the roots of charity and justice in Luther's writings – from his call for economic reforms to his support for job-training programs, fair economic policies, and service of the neighbor. The book costs \$15 (lutheranupress.org) and comes with discussion questions.

There are also videos from the fall 2015 Forgotten Luther conference, supported in part by ELCA World Hunger, -- including short video interviews with each of the authors. All the videos are free on vimeo.com. Five were posted on blogs.elca.org/hunger.



Did You Know?

Although the **World Hunger Appeal** (WHA) raises money for the work of ELCA World Hunger, the decisions about what projects get funded here and around the world *are not* made by the staff of the hunger office!

Determining what domestic poverty programs are funded is primarily the responsibility of staff who work on these issues within the **Congregations and Synods Unit** of the ELCA. Input on Domestic Hunger Grants is gathered from synod review teams.

Our work addressing systemic poverty and advocating for justice is carried out by the **public policy offices** at the state and national level and at the United Nations. The Rocky Mountain Synod has two of these state offices: one in Colorado and one in New Mexico.

Decisions about relief and development work around the world are made in the **Global Church Unit**. Funds are released to partners like Lutheran World Relief, the Lutheran World Federation, and our companion churches. Action by Churches Together (ACT) coordinates the delivery of services through the churches best equipped to work in particular areas.

That comprehensive and coordinated approach is what makes work funded through the World Hunger Appeal so successful. Your contributions fund a wide variety of ministries that make a life-saving difference.