



October 7, 2016

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry...? Isaiah 58: 6-7a

Since 2011 South Wisconsin District congregations have partnered with Brookfield Lutheran to fund Thanksgiving baskets. New records were set in 2015 when 1058 baskets were delivered to 20 recipient groups. In addition to the seven Lutheran food pantries in the Milwaukee central city, several other Lutheran schools and organizations received these Thanksgiving dinners to pass along to families in need. Thanks again to all the congregations in the SW District who contributed to this Thanksgiving outreach.

In the past each basket included a portion of Scripture that shared a Christian witness that gave thanks to God for his provision. This year we are including a Lutheran Hour booklet titled "Do You Know Who Jesus Is?"

The meal consisted of green beans, corn, potatoes, rice, yams, apple juice, stuffing, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, pie topping, dinner rolls and a turkey. Again this year we will partner with Brookfield Lutheran who has purchased, assembled and delivered Thanksgiving baskets to families in the central city every year since 1993.

For the past five years, many individuals and congregations in the South Wisconsin District provided funds for this project. The goal remains the same as last year - 1058 baskets. The actual cost of each basket last year was \$29.72. You can help by praying for the mission, the individuals who are preparing, assembling and delivering, and for those who receive them. We also ask for your financial help. A financial donation of any size is appreciated. Your generosity not only provides nourishment, it also shows the love you have for your neighbor.

Come and share your joy and love to others this Thanksgiving!

Rev. John C. Wille
South Wisconsin District, President

Thanksgiving Baskets will be distributed on Saturday, November 19

I can help by giving: \$30 (one meal) \$60 (two meals) Other \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone #: _____ Email: _____

_____ Please charge my VISA MC or Discover Card # _____ Exp.: _____ Sec. _____

Signature: _____



Make check or money order payable to: South Wisconsin District-LCMS

Mail to: ATTN: Thanksgiving Donation, 8100 W. Capitol Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53222

Or you can make your Thanksgiving Donation online: Visit swd.lcms.org and click the "Donate" button. Choose "Other" and specify Thanksgiving Donation. Donations appreciated by Thanksgiving.

Please contact the district office at (414) 464-8100 if you have any questions or would like additional information. THANK YOU!