

Share your story

Buck-a-Chick

In Trumbull County, Ohio, five churches came together to welcome spring and fight hunger at the same time. They joined forces to create the “Buck-a-Chick” program. For one dollar, members could purchase and decorate a paper chick with their name on it. The colorful chicks were then hung on ribbons in the narthex. The funds were given to support God’s Global Barnyard—the animal-related projects of ELCA World Hunger.

✉ Do you have a story to share? E-mail Krystal at Krystal.McClinton@elca.org



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John 21:1–19 *Jesus Appears in Galilee*

This resurrection story shares many lessons with the text from Luke 5:1–11 on page eight. Like the passage from Luke, it is a clear call from Jesus for his disciples to seek and serve those who are most vulnerable—to “feed my lambs.” The miraculous catch of fish is a reminder that God will equip God’s people to fulfill this high calling. This is God’s work, but it takes our hands. How will we respond?

World Malaria Day is April 25

Malaria is a leading cause of death in the developing world—claiming a life every 30 seconds. But it doesn’t have to be that way. Malaria is both preventable and treatable, yet many lives are claimed because the resources needed to contain the disease aren’t getting to where they’re needed most.

Your congregation may wish to take action by recognizing World Malaria Day. Consider observing a moment of silence during worship, holding an adult forum, or collecting a special offering. Gifts designated for malaria may be sent to the ELCA (P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694). Please note “Lutheran Malaria Initiative” on the memo line.

To learn more about the Lutheran Malaria Initiative to mobilize Lutherans in the fight against malaria, visit www.elca.org/malaria.

PLANNING AHEAD

- Consider using the new ELCA World Hunger curriculum, *Taking Root: Hunger Causes, Hunger Hopes*, for Sunday school, confirmation, weekend retreats, or vacation Bible school. Visit www.elca.org/takingroot for more information.
- Plan a trip to volunteer with Lutheran Disaster Response, and bring help and hope to disaster survivors in the United States. Visit www.ldr.org for more information.
- Participate in the annual Bread for the World Offering of Letters (www.offeringofletters.org) and communicate with members of Congress on issues around hunger and poverty. Learn other ways to engage in advocacy at www.elca.org/advocacy.

