

Daily Bread

World Hunger Appeal Giving Needs Boost!



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According to the World Hunger Appeal office in Chicago, the Rocky Mountain Synod has contributed \$99,672 from February 1 through June 30 of this year. That compares with \$136,605 during the same period last year.

To be \$37,000 behind last year's giving only five months into the current fiscal year means we have some work to do! Many charitable organizations are suffering in this current recession (including congregations!), so lagging contributions are understandable.

However, the WHA has been repeatedly affirmed as a core conviction of our faith and this church. Anything you can do to boost giving will save life-giving programs that are even more critical in today's economy. Make sure hunger appeal contributions get sent to the synod office as quickly as possible. THANKS!



Need a Curriculum Idea?

The new ELCA World Hunger curriculum for children in grades 3-6, youth in grades 7-9, and teens in grades 10-12 was developed by the Rev. Stacy K. Johnson to help young Lutherans (of all ages) understand they are called to work for an end to hunger. If you've looked at the curriculum, you know it was written by someone who understands how children (and adults) learn!

Taking Root: Hunger Causes, Hunger Hopes uses Bible study, literature, art, and activities to foster critical thinking about world hunger. It is flexible, has many possible uses, and can be ordered NOW from Augsburg Fortress.

Pages 8 & 9 of the Pentecost 2009 issue of *Congregation Connections* (which came in the summer World Hunger Resource Packet) contain a sample activity from the curriculum. Check it out...and contact Andrea Love (andrea@s-church.net or 720.341.8175) if you would like a consultation!

"Hunger will not stop simply because people are told that it must end. Hunger will end when the human family changes the way it understands hunger and defines it as unacceptable and solvable."

—Rev. Stacy K. Johnson

Farewell to Faithful Hunger Servants

The Hunger Network received news recently of the death of **Pastor Ove Nielsen**. Retiring after years as the Assistant Executive Director of Lutheran World Relief, Ove moved to Colorado Springs in 1980 and continued to be VERY active in matters concerning people who have too little food. The RMS once pictured him as the patron saint of the poor! Ill health forced him to move to Arkansas, but he continued to "check" on the work of hunger network in our synod. Memorial contributions may be made to Lutheran World Relief (www.lwr.org).

A longtime leader of the Core Team of the Hunger Network, **Karen Hart** has decided to step back from active synodical work to focus on her own congregation. The good news is that she will still be a hunger speaker, but her talents and passion will be greatly missed by the network.



FOURTH Summit on October 17!!!

Have you marked your calendar for this exciting Rocky Mountain Synod annual event co-sponsored by the Hunger Network, Global Mission, and Advocacy??? The primary site will be Bethany Lutheran Church in Cherry Hills Village (with satellite locations in at least El Paso and Albuquerque!). Join us for a full day of presentations, panel discussions, and lively conversation about the global recession and its impact internationally as well as domestically. There will be theological reflection, international and domestic case studies, closing worship AND three awesome speakers:

- ▶ **Nancy Arnison**, Director of the ELCA World Hunger Program
- ▶ **David Creech**, Director of Hunger Education
- ▶ **Ellen Teller**, Director of Governmental Affairs for the Food Research and Action Center (Washington, D.C.)

Watch for registration materials coming SOON!!

Tour-de-Revs Coming to Denver!



The Tour de Revs is coming to Denver on **Friday, July 31!** Three pastors are riding one bamboo bike for 100 days and 13,000 miles—all on A Mission to Fight World Hunger!

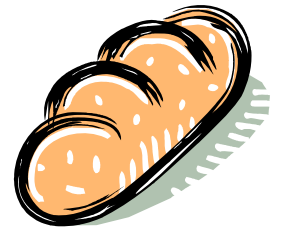
They will roll into Denver on the evening of July 30 and get ready for a FULL DAY of activities on Friday, July 31.

The **Revs will bike through downtown Denver**, visiting sites and programs. A barbecue lunch is being planned for somewhere along the route. If you want join the ride or need more information, contact Pastor Michael Mortvedt (970.468.2375).

The day will close with a **6:00 pm potluck and 7:00 pm program at Atonement Lutheran Church in Lakewood**. Contact Laurie Lavine (lklavine@gmail.com) for more information.

Follow this tour online (www.tourderevs.org) and make a contribution to the World Hunger Appeal in their honor!

Teaching Faithful and Frequent Giving!



Lynda Minnick and other members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Park Ridge, Illinois, wondered how they could teach members of their congregation the importance of faithful and frequent giving to ELCA World Hunger. Posters went unnoticed and bulletin announcements didn't necessarily stir members to action.

Lynda and other congregational leaders decided they needed to create a compelling visual image. They thought about the loaves and fish story and other themes like "bread for the world." The baker in their midst spoke up: "How about putting a loaf of bread in a big basket every time our hunger offerings reach \$1,000? I could pick up French loaves at work and shellac them."

Excitement grew as they made plans to collect \$24,000 for ELCA World Hunger within the year. The basket traveled from the altar on the first Sunday of the month to Sunday school classes, choir rehearsals, and even men's breakfast gatherings. While it wasn't traveling, the basket resided in a prominent place where it spoke for itself.

Within the year, the bread basket and the offerings grew until the basket overflowed and their goal was surpassed. Bread for the world, indeed!

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ELCA Hunger Web Resources and Social Networking

Remember that all of the world hunger content has now been moved to the new ELCA website! Go to www.elca.org/hunger and click on the tab that interests you! There is much information on the hunger website that will be useful in your work of promoting the hunger appeal and encouraging financial gifts.

Check out the **Hunger Rumbings Blog** by going to blogs.elca.org/hungerrumbings. This is a welcome place for your voice to be part of the conversation. A recent posting gives a very interesting insight regarding child sponsorship!

On the Hot Topics button on the hunger webpage, you will also find links to Twitter and Facebook! If you Twitter, follow regular tweets from ELCA World Hunger by searching for "hungerbites." If you are on Facebook, go to Causes on Facebook and click on ELCA World Hunger.

Don't forget to sign up for **Fast Facts and/or Hunger Sermon Starters** which come to your inbox on a regular basis!



The hunger page on the ELCA website connects you with all kinds of updated information and keeps you CONNECTED!

