

Greater Milwaukee Synod
HUNGER TEAM
Report

Did you know...

- ...in March, 2020, Hunger Justice stakeholders from across the Greater Milwaukee Synod gathered over lunch to learn about new granting opportunities and to network with each other, sharing best practices about the various ministries.
- ...the Hunger Team also held conversations with hunger stakeholders during the early stages of the Pandemic to build relationships and strengthen the network.
 - The Team also took a leadership role in early 2022 statewide listening conversations and networking amongst the 6 synods of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.
- ...since the 2019 inception of the new format of ELCA World Hunger Domestic Hunger Grants (DHG), five ministries in the Greater Milwaukee Synod have received DHG grants. These three-year grants of up to \$10,000 annually are distributed through a competitive process which identifies transformative, holistic, and integrated ministries that provide bread for today and hope for tomorrow.
 - The Table, Cross (Milwaukee), Racine Vocational Ministries, Reformation (Milwaukee) and Hephatha Lutheran Church all received these grants!
 - The Table also received a Big Dream Grant of \$25,000 for their ministries!
- ...ELCA World Hunger's domestic priorities focus on accompaniment of communities toward a just world where all are fed, breaking down barriers between neighbors, ensuring just laws and policies for all and addressing the root causes of hunger.
- ...ELCA World Hunger's Daily Bread Matching Grants were rolled out as part of the ELCA's COVID-19 response. These \$500 matching grants included the use of a social media platform to invite giving from a broader base of support to feeding ministries in local congregations.
 - The Greater Milwaukee Synod was able to increase the number of these matching grants due to generous contributions from Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Mukwonago and St. Luke Lutheran Church in Slinger.

In Fiscal Year 2021, total giving to ELCA World Hunger from congregations and individuals in our Greater Milwaukee Synod was \$333,860!

This is an incredible response, and a strong partnership that our entire synod shares with ELCA World Hunger! **This is not just a number on a page; behind this number are thousands of lives who have been changed by your generosity!** We praise God for the ways we are knit together for the sake of the world.

Respectfully submitted,
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