

February E-News from LSSN



LSSN is in the process of preparing for its annual Easter Basket program, and we need your help! By partnering with many area congregations and generous individuals last year, we were able to provide 400 Easter Baskets to area children, as well as distribute 100 baskets of food to area families. This year, we hope to top each of these goals and help those in need to have a blessed holiday celebration.

Going off-site to deliver holiday cheer, we will be again partnering with the Housing Authority to distribute these baskets on Thursday, April 1st, as well as conducting an Easter Egg Hunt out in the community.

Preparations will be held at LSSN on Tuesday, March 30th and Wednesday, March 31st. Volunteers are especially needed on the 31st to help with the assembly.

Donations are crucial for the success of this program. Our primary need is donated food for Easter dinners. We also hope to expand our program by offering baskets for our local seniors. Comfort items for the holidays, such as mugs and tea, would be helpful for them.

Financial contributions are also very much appreciated.

For more information, please contact Patrick Montejano at patrick@lssnv.org or 702-639-1730.

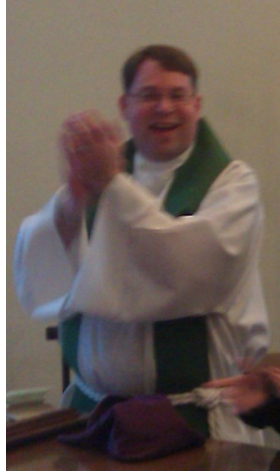


Congregations and organizations throughout the area partnered with LSSN and banded together to make a difference in the community on February 7th with their celebrations of Souper Bowl Sunday. The Souper Bowl is a national drive to equip and mobilize congregations, schools, and businesses to positively impact their communities by collecting money or food on or near Super Bowl weekend.

Our special thanks go out to:

- Mountain View Lutheran School, who conducted a Souper Bowl food drive the week before the 7th. Students were permitted to “dress like a fan” and wear football jerseys in place of their standard uniforms in return for bringing in canned goods. As a result, 391 pounds worth of food was collected for LSSN’s emergency food pantry.
- Lamb of God Lutheran Church collected 592 pounds worth of food to go with their generous financial contributions.
- The Lakes Lutheran Church welcomed Pastor Tom Maatta, LSSN Development Director, to attend on Sunday, hosted the raffle drawing, and designated LSSN as their featured social ministry for February. Pastor Tom was the guest preacher for the weekend, presented on LSSN’s work in the community, and helped teach Sunday School. Taking literally the admonition to “Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord”, they also conducted a “noisy offering”, where everyone in the congregation was encouraged to collect their loose change for the year and to pour it into a soup kettle during the offering.
- As a part of their regular commitment to our ministries, New Song Lutheran Church donated all congregational offerings for the 7th to LSSN, totaling over \$850.
- St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church held a competition between the boys and girls in their youth groups to see who could collect the most donations for LSSN from members of the congregation.
- Christ the Servant Lutheran Church and Holy Spirit Lutheran Church were also kind enough to conduct specific drives, raising \$547.33 and \$398.71 respectively.

All of us at LSSN are deeply touched by the generosity of our friends and the willingness of so many to join in fighting hunger in our area. Final reports are still coming in. If your congregation was a part of the Souper Bowl for LSSN and isn’t noted, please contact Tom Maatta at Thomas@lssnv.org so that you can be properly thanked!



Curious about LSSN's ministries? Tom Maatta, LSSN's Development and Marketing Director and an ELCA ordained minister, is happy to join area congregations, groups, companies, and organizations in order to present on all the exciting ministries at LSSN and answer any questions. These presentations can take many forms, ranging from quick 5 minute presentations through Sunday School classes, lunch groups, Q&A meeting presentations, and guest preaching. If you would like to contact him to schedule a visit, or if you would like to tour LSSN for yourself, please contact him at 702-807-5707 or thomas@lssnv.org to make arrangements.

Would you like to join us in expressing the love of Christ by serving and caring for those in need? Online secure donations can be made at https://www.lssnv.org/secure_donate.php.

Looking forward to St. Patrick's Day, our theme for March will be "The I(s) of March", focusing on Italian and Irish dishes. Suggested food items will include potatoes (fresh, boxed, or canned), corned beef, canned hash, mixed veggies, canned carrots, and any non-perishable Italian food items (such as pasta, sauce, Italian green beans, and cannellini beans).

Our theme for April will be "Spring Fling with Food" as we enter into the holiday season. Suggested items come from a traditional Easter dinner: Canned Hams, Meats, Fish, and Vegetables, Jell-O, Instant Potatoes and Stuffing, Canned Yams, and Canned Pineapple. Remembering also the Passover Season, any non-perishable foods from the Kosher specialty food section would be appreciated.

Updated information on all the above, along with volunteer needs, the opportunity to make secure online donations, and much more, can be found at www.lssnv.org.

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