

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Door Offering for Lutheran Disaster Relief**

The door offerings given last week to help provide support for communities affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton totaled \$594. Thanks to everyone for giving so generously to those in need!

### **Assisting Minister Training Today**

There will be a training session for those interested in serving as Assisting Minister today after worship at 11:00 am in the library.

### **Defibrillator Training on Saturday, November 2**

Have you ever noticed the AED (automated external defibrillator) mounted on the wall in the narthex? It is a portable device that can help save someone's life during sudden cardiac arrest. There will be a free, 90-minute, AED training session at Oak Grove on Saturday, November 2, starting at 11 am. All are encouraged to attend, especially worship volunteers. Please sign up in the office for this potentially life-changing training.

### **Coffee Hour to Celebrate Lidia Grabow on Sunday, November 3**

All are invited to a coffee hour in honor of Lidia Grabow on Sunday, November 3, at 9 am. We are so grateful for her many years of service in the office at Oak Grove!

### **Core Values Statement, November 10**

On Sunday, November 10, 11:00 am, we will hold a Congregational Gathering in the Fellowship Hall to write a Core Values Statement for the Oak Grove congregation. We will seek to work as quickly as we can at this gathering and hopefully get you home to see the Vikings!

Your input is very important! Everyone please make every effort to be at the gathering. We had excellent discussions and sharing at the previous gatherings, and you are needed again to share in composing this document.

### **Care Club Quilts**

Oh, the warmth! The hearts and hands of the Care Club members have lovingly created quilts throughout the year which will be donated to Lutheran World Relief. On November 10<sup>th</sup>, the warm, wonderful products of their labor will be displayed in the church draped across the pew backs. Additionally, two quilts – yes, two this year – will be put up for raffle at \$5 per ticket. You could be the winner of one of these works of art. All proceeds from the raffle go to support the Care Club for purchasing supplies that are not donated. Watch for ticket sales to begin soon in the narthex each Sunday.

### **Communion Feedback**

Your feedback is needed on the way that we receive communion at Oak Grove. Do you prefer gathering at the altar (the “old way”) or continuous communion, which was started during the pandemic? Please give this some thought and offer your feedback to a council member.

### **Tapestry Fundraiser on Saturday, November 16**

Tapestry will once again be having their Silent Auction Fundraiser on Saturday, November 16, at St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church, 8400 France Ave S, in Bloomington. This was a fun event last year!

Hours will be 10:00 am to noon, with a breakfast brunch being served. They will also have a raffle again, along with the Silent Auction items. Come ready to support the Tapestry ministry and have an enjoyable morning! More information will be coming!

### **Make an Impact on Child Hunger in Minnesota, Wednesday, November 20**

You are invited to join Thrivent and Every Meal in "Giving the Gift of Food" at Every Meal's very first packing-event-competition at Mall of America on Wednesday, November 20, 10 am - noon! Folks from Woodlake Lutheran, House of Prayer, and Oak Grove are coming

together to form a team of 10 food packers.

Did you know in Minnesota...

- There are over 300,000 children living with food insecurity?
- 1 in 3 children miss a meal every other day?
- Every Meal provides Weekend Food Bags to nearly 12,000 students each week?
- There are over 150 schools waiting to receive Every Meal's Weekend Meal Program?

This devastating reality is what fuels this work and drives Every Meal to pack, deliver, and distribute, delicious, nutritious, and relevant food to Minnesota kiddos every week. Sign up in the office to be a part of this food packing event!