

Thank you for your 'hot dish' of Mission Support

Earlier this summer I experienced a health crisis. After some procedures, surgeries and medication — and lots of patience from my wife — I am all better. Of course, I am grateful for the excellent medical care I received and for all the advancements in medical science, but I am equally thankful for all the prayers, notes, and gifts of food and visits from my workmates, friends, neighbors and fellow church members.

I am gratefully the recipient of the stewardship of these my brothers and sisters in Christ. They have taken their God-given gifts and combined them with their God-given time and skills to visit their sick friend and bring a dish of comfort food. This is our Midwest

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Lutheran stewardship at its best — "God's work. Our hot dish!"

The offering plate, and especially that part of the offering designated as "Mission Support," is our hot dish to those we cannot hand deliver "just a little something" to. It is by our offering for Mission Support that we deliver spiritual care to the clients of Lutheran Services in Iowa, food to the starving in Iowa and around the world, housing to homeless refugees, and hope to the helpless. Yes, it would

be more gratifying to show up at the tent of a refugee family with a nice tater-tot casserole, but a quick study of www.elca.org/hunger or www.elca.org/disaster



will show how your offering is saving lives and changing communities.

Thank you for the prayers, visits, food and all the acts of mercy shown for me, and for those in real need around the globe.

— *Pastor Mark Anderson*
Assistant to the Bishop

Middle School Lock-In to feature Global Farm Challenge

Oct. 12-13, 2018
UNI Wellness Center, Cedar Falls

Junior high and middle school students are invited to the 2018 Middle School Lock-In set for Oct. 12-13 at the University of Northern Iowa Wellness Center in Cedar Falls. The event is sponsored in partnership with the Lutheran Student Center at the University of Northern Iowa. UNI students will help staff the event.

This year's theme will focus on ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge. The challenge is a year-long, youth-driven fund-raising challenge to support the agriculture-related programs of ELCA World Hunger, this church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. The Lock-in will

offer an interactive course about the ELCA Global Farm Challenge led by a representative from the ELCA.

Other planned activities include an opening prayer, worship, and large group activity. Students can join in a variety of fun and games at the wellness center, including swimming, volleyball, basketball, racket ball, climbing wall, ping pong, and inflatables. Snacks and beverages will be provided, as well as pizza and breakfast.

Cost for the event is \$40 per student



if registered by Friday, Sept. 28, 2018. An additional \$10 fee is added for late registration. Registration materials, a poster and schedule can be downloaded at <http://lutheranstudentcenter.org/events/jr-high-lock-in>.

To learn more, contact Jon Fry at the Lutheran Student Center at 319-266-1653 or lscuni@uni.edu.