

ELCA World Hunger Appeal

What: ELCA World Hunger is a comprehensive and sustainable program that uses multiple strategies—relief, development, education, and advocacy—to address the root causes of hunger and poverty. ELCA World Hunger responds to neighbors around the corner and around the world. The international work of ELCA World Hunger is carried out with trusted partners, notably [Lutheran World Relief](#) (LWR) and the [Lutheran World Federation](#) (LWF). Because of these long-held connections to partners around the world, ELCA World Hunger efforts are efficient and effective.

When: In 2008, Ascension’s collection for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal occurred in October and November. In 2009, the collection will also occur in October and November.

Who: Kathy Kemp, Pastor Nancy, and Marcia Gustafson organized the appeal in 2008. The entire congregation contributed. The Sunday School children chose the animals to purchase. Thrivent helped multiply the contribution by giving a one-third match to the money collected. In 2009, all members have the opportunity to participate in this mission.

How: In 2008, coin boxes were distributed to families in the congregation after a children’s sermon about world hunger. Families were encouraged to fill their boxes with “spare change” over a two-month period. With Thrivent match, \$670 was raised. Under God’s Global Barnyard, one of the programs of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, the Sunday School children decided to use the money collected to purchase 1 cow, 1 goat, 1 pig, 2 turkeys, and 4 sets of 10 chicks.

In March 2009, young persons at Ascension who collected \$80 by conducting a “parents’ night out” decided to use the money to support the World Hunger Appeal through God’s Global Barnyard and purchased a goat and a pig.

The Youth and Family Ministry Team has chosen God’s Global Barnyard as one of the Sunday School children’s service ministries in 2009. In addition, the 2009 World Hunger Appeal will be part of the ONE Lutheran Campaign. Coin boxes will be distributed in the early fall and collected just before Thanksgiving on ONE Sunday. The children will choose the animals to be purchased with the offerings.

Website: www.elca.org/hunger