St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Seward hosted a supper for customers of Norris Public Power District who remained without power four days after a blizzard. District customers were hard hit by the March 19 storm. At first, 17,000 were without power, and it took a week for the lights to come back on for all.

St. Andrew's member Pat Coldiron had the idea of hosting a supper. We weren't sure if anyone would come, but it turned out that 55 people were glad to eat a hot meal. One couple came with a puppy in a baby carriage. A man whose wife recently died remarked that it had been getting a little old having Runzas for supper every night. Three children who came with their mother relished the food and had great fun playing with another dog host, Bentley.

Several volunteers pitched in to prepare food. Pat donated 13 pounds of hamburger to make Sloppy Joes, someone made potato salad, another person made a Jello salad. Others brought corn pudding, a relish tray, potato chips, brownies, four dozen cookies, a pie, and on and on. One foodie contributed two bricks of bottled water "using Martha Stewart's own recipe." People were encouraged to take leftovers home.

We have resolved to act more quickly to help people in the community when the next disaster hits.

—- Kathleen Rutledge





