

# BLESSED TO BE A Blessing



GENEROSITY APPEAL 2027

## Responding to Physical Hunger

### A PLACE AT THE TABLE

Bethlehem means “house of bread.” Each week, our congregation lives into that name by feeding people from our church and community.

Wednesday suppers began nearly 30 years ago as a meal for busy Bethlehem families between Wednesday School and worship. Hungry neighbors from the community were also welcomed to the table.

That ministry has grown. To-go meals introduced during the pandemic now feed hundreds of people each week. Bethlehem also prepares meals for Midwest Street Medicine, serving people who face food insecurity and other hardships.

A meal can do more than satisfy hunger. It can lighten the strain on a family’s grocery budget. It can offer a moment of comfort during a hard week. It can tell a neighbor, “You are welcome here.”

Food costs are rising for households and for Bethlehem’s meal ministry. **An additional \$673 per week** will provide **\$35,000 annually** to purchase food and continue serving meals – including our partnership with Midwest Street Medicine – with warmth and dignity.

Jesus meets us in the breaking of bread and calls us to care for our neighbors. Through our generosity, Bethlehem can continue offering nourishing food, a caring welcome, and a place at the table.

“I will bless you... so that you will be a blessing.”

- GENESIS 12:2

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

## RANGE OF GIFTS GIVEN



Our offerings come together to support worship, learning, care, meals, and service through Bethlehem.

Find your current giving level on the chart and take time to reflect:

- How does my offering express gratitude for what God has given me?
- How does my giving compare with other ways I use my money?
- What next step could help Bethlehem feed people and embody Christ's love?

NUMBER OF CURRENT GIVERS 1423



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