

Serving - Hunger

First Lutheran church participates in many kinds of ministries in the fight against hunger here and around the world. Listed below are many of these efforts and how you can get involved.

Greensboro Urban Ministry

www.greensborourbanministry.org

Mission: To express the love of God to people in need through practical action in the greater Greensboro area.

About Greensboro Urban Ministry:

Founded in 1967, Greensboro Urban Ministry is an ecumenical outreach agency supported by more than 200 congregations representing Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faith traditions.

Not only does Greensboro Urban Ministry provide crisis intervention and emergency services through the basics of food, and shelter, but we also help many individuals and families break the cycles of poverty, hunger, addiction, and homelessness.

We support Greensboro Urban Ministry in the following ways:

- + Friday morning breakfast team
- + 4th Thursday of the month provide a meal for the Night Shelter ([click here](#) for Chicken Tetrizzini recipe)
- + Grocery Store Food Drive – annually in the Spring and Fall
- + Feast of Caring - The Feast of Caring is a fall fund-raiser around a simple meal of soup and bread. It is usually held at First Baptist church.
- + Honor Cards – For a small donation, cards are purchased that support local ministries and given as gifts to honor a person. Seasonal.
- + Community Care team – provides dental care to residents from the shelter
- + Serving Greensboro Together - Not an official FLC activity, but members are urged to eat at certain restaurants that donate profits on that day to hunger efforts.
- + Winter Emergency Shelter

Food Assistance Program

<http://foodassistancenc.com/>

A non-profit company that offers food, friendship, and hope to improve health and wellness for low income senior citizens in Guilford County. FLC packs bags of groceries on the 3rd Friday of the month and delivers groceries to participants in the program on either the 3rd Friday or Saturday of the month.

Mobile Meals

<http://senior-resources-guilford.org/mobilemeals.cfm>

The Mobile Meals Program delivers a nutritious noontime meal to homebound senior adults age 60 and over. Volunteers from the faith community, local businesses and schools work in pairs to deliver the meals, which are prepared by a local caterer. The volunteers also check on the well-being of each senior they visit.

Operation Backpack (aka Out of the Garden)

www.outofthegardenproject.org

Our mission is to help children and families in need in the Greater Greensboro Area. First Lutheran Church sponsors 30 children a month at Hunter Elementary school through the Out of the Garden Project.

A Simple Gesture

<http://asimplegesturegso.org/>

Pick up a green bag and start helping feed the hungry through this innovative new program. Click the link above for more information!

“Souper” Bowl

<http://www.souperbowl.org/>

Collect food for Greensboro Urban Ministry and monetary donations for ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Charlie’s Garden/Share the Harvest:

<http://sharetheharvestguilfordcounty.org>

Share the Harvest is a program that is an offshoot of FLC's Charlie's Garden ministry. First Lutheran is a collection site for fresh produce from community gardens or home gardens during the "growing season". The food is distributed to 17 different agencies.

Bread for the World

www.bread.org

First Lutheran is a covenant church with Bread for the World which is a non-partisan advocacy organization with a mission to end world hunger by 2030. It advocates for just and humane food programs in the US and abroad and has been part of the success in cutting extreme hunger world-wide.

Through Congressional visits and a network of volunteers conducting campaigns, BFW seeks to stop people from dying of hunger and works to improve nutrition. Once a year we learn about Bread for the World and write letters to our Congresspeople urging them to support programs that feed children, the working poor, the elderly, the sick and military families.

Here are some ways you can advocate for Bread for the World. Here is a letter to send to your Congressperson in support of Bread for the

ELCA World Hunger

www.elca.org

Working with and through our [congregations](#), in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, **ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From [health](#) clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. Many times a year, FLC conducts fund-raisers to support the work of ELCA World Hunger

Spartan Open Pantry

www.wesleyluther.org/sop

Many college students are hungry. FLC helps provide funding for a food pantry for this joint Lutheran-Episcopal effort. Wesley-Luther is proud to have founded the Spartan Open Pantry, UNC Greensboro's food pantry for students and staff in need of assistance. From students who need a little help at the end of the month, to homeless students and families who depend on the pantry for complete support, the SOP assists our neighbors who need a hand. The SOP is located in the fellowship hall of College Place UMC at 509 Tate St., on the corner of Tate and Spring Garden Streets. Distributions are made each Tuesday evening from 5 – 9 pm and Wednesday evening from 5 – 9 pm or by appointment in an emergency. Free parking is available on site.