Give us this day our daily bread, O God in heaven, and grant that we, who are filled with good things from your open hand, may never close our hearts to the hungry, the homeless, and the poor; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Bread for the World website

Matthew 5:6: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Hunger Quiz

1. Food insecurity exists in what percentage of counties in the United States?
   a) 100 percent  
   b) 92 percent  
   c) 86 percent  
   d) 67 percent

2. Before what age do children face irreversible damage to physical growth and brain development if they do not receive adequate nutrition?
   a) 2 years  
   b) 4 years  
   c) 6 years  
   d) 8 years

3. Each U.S. farmer is now producing enough food to feed how many people?
   a) 300 people  
   b) 220 people  
   c) 155 people  
   d) 19 people

Debra and Harold’s Story

Struggling with homelessness, Debra and Harold found food, shelter and so much more at Grace Feast, a program of Gift of Grace Lutheran Church. Harold and Debra help to build up this ministry by recognizing and offering their unique God-given gifts as they reach out in service with the community of Grace Feast.

View Debra and Harold’s Story at www.ELCA.org/hunger/video.

Diko Marie’s Story

Diko Marie’s Story follows a 14-year-old girl in the village of Niem, where PASE, a program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic, worked with the community to build a spring box to help provide access to clean drinking water.

View Diko Marie’s Story at www.ELCA.org/hunger/video.

How to give
• Mail your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764.
• Donate online at www.ELCA.org/hunger/donate.
Digging in: A Guide to Service Learning

**PREPARATION**

**Listen Deeply • Build Community • Plan Ahead**

- **Listen and Learn**
  - Identify priorities, needs, concerns and opportunities by listening to the community where service will take place.
  - Meet with community partners.
  - Choose a service activity.
  - We will listen to and learn from our community by: ____________________________

- **Build Community**
  - Identify gifts and talents within the group.
  - Share expectations.
  - Create learning goals.
  - What we hope to learn or accomplish is: ____________________________
  - The skills we hope to develop are: ____________________________

- **Plan Ahead**
  - Make necessary preparations for transportation, supplies, scheduling, etc.

**ACTION**

**Engage in Service • With and Among • In Jesus’ Name**

- **Engage in Service**
  - Purposeful prayer.
  - Become involved and empowered.
  - Remain flexible.
  - If things don’t go according to plan / If expectations are not met we will: ____________________________
  - We will stay grounded in our learning goals and purpose by: ____________________________
  - We will make sure everyone finds a meaningful role and is included by: ____________________________
  - We will involve the congregation by: ____________________________
  - How will we seek God’s presence during the experience? How will we identify how God is working? ____________________________

**REFLECTION**

**Discover Meaning • Go Deeper • Beyond Volunteering**

- **Discover Meaning**
  - Make time for personal and group reflection.
  - Consider how and when we reflect: ____________________________
  - Incorporate Scripture.
  - Consider how and when we will debrief: ____________________________

- **Go Deeper**
  - Discuss how goals and expectations were met or changed by the experience: ____________________________
  - How this experience might shape our future attitudes or behaviors: ____________________________

- **Beyond Volunteering**
  - Purposeful prayer.
  - Remain flexible.

**CELEBRATION**

**Worship and Celebrate • Tell the Story • Now What?**

- **Worship and Celebrate**
  - Incorporate Scripture, prayer and spiritual practices.
  - We will celebrate by: ____________________________
  - Now what?

- **Tell the Story**
  - Share the experience with others.
  - Thank congregation, supporters and service partners.
  - We will share our experience by: ____________________________

- **Now what?**
  - ____________________________

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**RESOURCES AND LINKS**

ELCA World Hunger: Resources include Digging in: A Leader’s Guide to Service Learning, Hunger Education Toolkits, video series, Taking Root multi-age curriculum, resource packets, and more. Available from [www.ELCA.org/hunger/resources](http://www.ELCA.org/hunger/resources), or 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2580.

ELCA Good Gifts Catalog. Find over 50 gifts that grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives. View online at [www.ELCA.org/goodgifts](http://www.ELCA.org/goodgifts).

Service And Learning Leadership Team Project. Training materials, resources, videos and links to support the service learning process. Visit [www.SALLT.org](http://www.SALLT.org)

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