

EVANGELISM and OUTREACH

Michael Sholer, Committee Member



Salem's Evangelism Committee is launching a monthly focus on the numerous local and global ministries which our congregation supports--either through the annual budget, special fundraising drives, periodic events or on-going Service Opportunities.

We trust that these snapshots will provide a better insight into these ministries and that you will come to appreciate the vital roles they play in our community and the world. Take a moment then as we put flesh on the ministries we too often see only as a "line-item."

And we hope that you will take the time to join in one of the many events where your heart, your hands or (this month) your feet can help show the face of Christ to a hurting world. Please note the Service Opportunities below where "You Can Help!"

LOCAL

Lutheran Social Services

- LSS of Southern California has served our areas needy for more than 61 years.
- More than 100 LSS/SC ministries throughout the area are assisted by 2,000 volunteers, aiding hundreds of thousands each year.
- Emergency food and clothing provided Tue.-Fri. in the Van Nuys office.
- Salem Church/School conducts a Food Drive in November and during Lent.
- Our San Fernando Valley Food Program helped 606 households and 1506 people this past November.
- ***You Can Help by bringing non-perishable foods on Wed. or Sun. from now through March 16 (Palm Sunday)--collection boxes located in the narthex.***

Church World Service/CROP Walk

- CROP=Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.
- Walkers help more than 3,200 local food pantries and meal sites in U.S.
- Funds have helped rebuild homes damaged/destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.
- 75% of income funds programs in 80 countries--AIDS orphans in Rwanda and Kenya, refugees from Darfur, Sudan, improved water in Central America.
- 25% of income supports local Glendale/Foothills programs--Food for Body & Soul, Meals on Wheels, Loaves & Fishes.
- ***You Can Help by walking or sponsoring a walker in our 13th Annual CROP Walk for Hunger Sun., March 2. Sign up with Karen Smallfoot (323/257-2288).***

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GLOBAL

Lutheran World Relief/Kenya Crisis

Post-election violence in Kenya has left hundreds dead and displaced 250,000 people.

- Churches, homes and shops have been looted and burned including a Lutheran church outside Nairobi.
 - LWR, working with partner churches in Kenya, providing emergency food, blankets and tents to 4,000 displaced families in Mombassa and Nyanza Province.
 - Salem has long history of aid to Kenya with mission support of Barbara and Malcolm Collins.
 - Salem Evangelism Committee has pledged initial \$200 to LWR to aid Kenyans.
 - ***You Can Help with a gift to increase this amount. Make checks payable to "Salem Lutheran Church" (Memo line: Kenya Crisis) and drop in offering plate or at the church office.***
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