



God's Work. Our Hands. September 8, 2024

On Sunday, September 8, churches across the Virginia Synod will engage in creative activities to give thanks for the work of ELCA World Hunger and help this and other hunger-related organizations advance their missions. Here are some ideas for you to consider:

- Host a “free will offering” community picnic to benefit ELCA World Hunger. Raffle pre-packed picnic baskets with lunch for two!
- Build a mini food pantry near the road to your church stocked with free canned foods.
- Bake fresh bread to share with community leaders packaged with a note about hunger in Virginia and the importance of federal food assistance programs like WIC and SNAP.
- Invite a representative from a local food pantry or anti-poverty organization to give a short table talk during Sunday worship and collect food or other essential items for donation.
- Explore starting a community garden on your church grounds to grow shareable food for neighbors.
- Invite the youth to learn about hunger and poverty in our state and share their discoveries as part of Sunday worship or Fellowship hour.

Order free resources from the ELCA to share with your congregation here: [ELCA World Hunger Resources.](#)



We aspire to have 100% congregational participation, no matter how large or small the offering! [Send designated hunger offerings through the VA Synod office](#) or use the QR code here for individual gifts.

Please share your stories and pictures by sending an email to Pastor John Wertz of the Bishop's office at wertz@vasynod.org.