

Social Ministry

Christ has risen! Hallelujah! While Easter has passed, we are still in the Easter season of the church year. Easter brings us a strong reminder that the gift of hope Jesus died to give us is the same hope we are called to pass on to all we meet. Sharing this hope can be done in many ways. Through Social Ministry activities that hope comes in the form of in kind gifts and monetary gifts from our benevolence budget. There are many recipients of United's ministry to reach out but let me mention a few.

OAKS INDIAN MISSION -- In March the item of need was shampoo. \$65 worth of shampoo (25 bottles) was delivered to the Mission and was received with much appreciation.

In April we have been collecting uncooked pasta. **THE ITEM OF NEED FOR OAKS IN MAY WILL BE CANNED VEGETABLES!**

The Mission always sends a warm thank you letter after items have been delivered with a hand written note from Dan, the director.

SALVATION ARMY MEAL -- As always our faithful food team continues to share a delicious meal to those at the Salvation Army. I know these people look forward to these meals. Kudos go to those who actually go and prepare the meal and all the other people who make goodies to go with them. These meals are supported by the Social Ministry Benevolent funds. Since these funds are a part of United's budget, that means that everyone from United is helping to provide these meals. Thank you!

BENEVOLENT FUNDS -- These funds are a part of United's budget. Twelve different organizations benefit from these funds -- some locally, some in the Synod and others from the ELCA nationally. People locally to people all around the world receive help and love from these gifts. Wanda disburses these gifts. She has a schedule that works with income to send these gifts to the recipients.

May you all have a blessed day and continue to find hope and peace in the message of the cross.

Blessings, Joyce