

God in Our Neighborhood

As Episcopalians, we are called to “Missio Dei” or the “sending of God” to help those in need, work for peace and justice, and share God’s love in the world.

Within a 3 mile radius of Calvary Episcopal Church, 10.7% of our neighborhood is below the poverty level. (For a family of 3, the poverty level is \$20,090.) Below are some statistics for household income levels in our neighborhood:

Median Household Incomes

Asian Households	\$71,120
American Indian, Pacific Islander, or Other Households	\$66,952
White Households	\$63,980
Hispanic or Latino Households	\$50,216
Black/African American Households	\$22,024

Where does Calvary Episcopal Church fit in?

To support our neighborhood and those who live in it, we are choosing to follow **two** paths, starting in September, 2018.

First, you may volunteer to join fellow parishioners in our established hunger ministries with Community Food Response, the Dorothy Day House, pie patrol, and cookie baking. At the end of this handout, you will find a list of community agencies, program partners, and contacts for people and places that do important work to support our neighbors. As the Holy Spirit calls you/your family, contact one of those agencies or partners and begin your work as soon as you wish.

Second, Calvary will continue to work deliberately and purposefully to discern our long term connection to serving God’s people in our neighborhood. We will explore our gifts, talents, resources, and assets and how we can best utilize them to serve our neighborhood. As we do, we will be talking with those who already engage in this work and those who we will serve to identify what needs exist and how we can work to meet those needs. It is our hope to develop a mission, goal and action plan for a sustainable signature project that will be the capstone of Calvary’s outreach and mission.

Do You Feel Called to be a Bigger Part of this Work?

Calvary needs you! We are looking for leadership and members for our **Outreach Core**. The work of this Core will focus on the **first** path described above. Please contact Rev. Beth or Senior Warden, Penny Duffy, to express your interest in accepting this call.

We are also looking for leadership on our Mission Discernment Committee. This group will continue to focus on the **second** path described above. Please contact Ellen Sassenberg to express your interest in accepting this call.

Agency/Partner	What they do	Contact Info
<p>Community Food Response</p>	<p>Adults and families with children in need, many of whom do not qualify for other forms of food assistance. Clients can receive food after registering with CFR and obtaining a CISS identification card issued by CFR and other county agencies. Clients must sign up for this card at their first visit and bring this card each time they visit. No one is turned away, and clients don't have to provide financial or employment information to qualify for this program or receive food.</p> <p>http://www.communityfoodresponse.org/</p>	<p>507-281-5061. (Plan for a delay in your call being returned--they have one part time staff coordinator.)</p> <p>communityfoodresponse@gmail.com</p> <p>Calvary contact: Cindy Heins heins.cynthia@gmail.com</p>
<p>Project Legacy</p>	<p>To provide hope, connections and support to youth of color ages 17-24 who are refugees, homeless, formerly gang-involved or recently incarcerated allowing them to transform their lives and become contributing members of our community.</p> <p>https://www.projectlegacymn.org</p> <p>Operation Nourish - Offers nutritious food to Project Legacy youth. Every other week volunteers self-organize to purchase groceries, write caring notes, and drop them off for sorting and delivery.</p> <p>Operation Comfort Food - Helps create a</p>	<p>Karen Edmonds (507) 322-0010</p> <p>karedmonds.mn@gmail.com</p>

	<p>nurturing environment for the Project Legacy healing circles. Volunteers prepare and deliver food, and are encouraged to share in the meal portion of the meeting. Simple connection through food creates a sense of community.</p> <p>Operation Encourage - Provides support to Project Legacy students. Each volunteer is matched with a student and sends monthly care packages during the school year. From September through May, simple notes and small gifts let them know someone is thinking of them.</p> <p>Operation Connect - Offers a point of contact and hope for incarcerated Project Legacy youth. Volunteers correspond by writing letters of support and encouragement.</p>	
<p>Dorothy Day Hospitality House</p>	<p>The Dorothy Day Hospitality House in Rochester, MN began in 1984. This year, we celebrate 32 years of being blessed to have helped thousands of Guests who had found themselves in crisis and in need of the basic essentials of food, clothing, and shelter.</p>	<p>Volunteer Coordinator at ddhouse@gmail.com</p>
<p>Women’s Shelter and Support Center</p>	<p>The Women’s Shelter provides shelter and support services to more than 3,600 women and families throughout SE MN by saving lives, restoring hope, and changing futures.</p> <p>http://www.womens-shelter.org</p>	<p>Terri Allred, Director of Community Engagement (507)285-1010, ext 105</p> <p>Monetary donations to: PO Box 457 Rochester, MN 55903</p>
<p>Mission 21</p>	<p>Mission 21 is an anti-trafficking service provider committed to the complete restoration of child victims of sex trafficking. Since 2010, Mission 21 has been working tirelessly to provide services to children being bought and sold in the commercial sex trade in Rochester, MN and statewide.</p>	<p>Email: info@mission21mn.org phone: 507-208-4600</p> <p>Address: PO Box 6393 Rochester, MN 55903</p>

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<p>Justice and Opportunity for Youth (JOY)</p>	<p>JOY connects with young women and girls in middle school and high school, encouraging healthy relationships and good decision-making skills. JOY strives to build them into leaders in their schools and communities.</p> <p>JOY meets AT CALVARY on Monday nights!</p> <p>The group is in need of groceries (culturally specific) for meals, hygiene products, Target gift cards for school supplies (including TI 84 calculators), and professional clothes. Other needs include mentors for resume writing, scholarship applications, tax returns, and transportation to and from the JOY meetings.</p> <p>All the girls in JOY attend middle and high school in the Rochester Public Schools.</p> <p>http://www.joymn.org</p>	<p>Email: JOYORGMN@gmail.com</p> <p>Please mail your monetary donation to:</p> <p>JOY P.O. Box 9054 Rochester, MN 55903</p>