

# St. Luke's Mission of Mercy

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Dear Friend,

These are very challenging times for St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. We are seeing an increase in every area of our ministry: we are now consistently feeding 200 people for lunch 6 days a week and 300 people for dinner 6 days a week (this is not counting the meals we provide for the residents of the various houses of St. Luke's). We have seen a steady increase in the number of people coming forward in need to use other services we provide, such as the food pantry and our shuttle service. We are also housing more people than ever at the Mission and in the more than 20 homes St. Luke's owns and maintains.

Along with this growth, we have also been suffering from dramatic increases in our operating costs. It is more expensive than ever to heat our houses and we are still struggling to catch up with the toll this past winter took on our fuel funds. Gasoline is at an all time high and we are struggling to keep our shuttle and van services operating. We need more food than ever before to feed the hungry that come to our door. And even though we do receive very generous donations of food items, we still need to supplement that by purchasing food, and as fuel costs increase, so does the cost of food.

We rejoice in all this because we know that out of great challenges God brings great blessings. The more people we serve means the more people that get to hear about and experience the great love and mercy of God.

So in this time of challenge, we turn to a great source of blessing to us from God: YOU! We thank you for all the ways you have helped us and continue to help us, both in contributions and in prayer, and we ask you to sincerely consider helping us again. We are asking you to prayerfully consider whatever you can to help us at this critical time. Any amount is needed and appreciated.

May God bless you and your family in great abundance for your continued support of spreading the news of His great love and mercy for all people.

Norm and Amy  
St. Luke's Mission of Mercy