



FOOD SHELF CHALLENGE

from the Saint Paul Area Synod

WHY?

“When it comes to loving our neighbor, starting with what is the most necessary of human needs makes sense. No one should be without adequate food.... Our food shelf is the only ‘in-person’ ministry that has operated without ceasing during the pandemic. It has created awareness that the suburbs are not immune from people who are food insecure and a commitment to providing food to those who need it.” - Pastor Rick Summy, Shepherd of the Valley, Apple Valley



WHY NOW?

The hunger crisis is already underway in Minnesota. Before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, 1 in 11 Minnesotans struggled to afford food. Now, 1 in 8 Minnesotans face hunger. (*Second Harvest Heartland*)

THE CHALLENGE:

Can the 110 congregations and new starts of the Saint Paul Area Synod send an additional \$50,000 to food shelves or food banks in the next few weeks?

Raise the money in any way you like – a cash offering at an outdoor service, checks forwarded from your congregation, designated funds for community efforts, or even thousands of quarters and dimes. Your congregation received a link to a Google form to record its donations!

**Read the Bishop's blog for more details:
www.spas-elca.org/a-food-shelf-challenge**

