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This Sunday Feb 8: Annual Mtg & Brunch

This Sunday, Feb. 8, we will gather at 10am in the sanctuary as usual for a shorter worship service followed by a **potluck brunch** and our Annual Congregational Meeting. At this meeting, we look back at how God has been working through us in 2025, vote on our pastors' terms of call, hear reports from the Teams of the congregation, and see our budget for 2026. Hope to see you there. We will have copies of the Annual Report available on Sunday, and there should be a digital copy of the Report attached to this email..

Gift Card Generosity

In worship last Sunday, we asked for funds to buy grocery gift cards for families in need at Highland Park Senior High. By the end of the day, we had raised over \$2000! See the February Mission article below for other ways to give and respond during this current crisis in our state.

On Monday afternoon, I visited two Aldi stores to buy gift cards and both were completely sold out! I took this as a sign that many people in our community were buying gift cards for neighbors in need. I was more proud of us than I was frustrated. Cub did have cards, so I bought 40 cards there; and then today I found 40 cards at the Aldi on W 7th (see photo above).. Yay, \$2000 worth of cards delivered to the high school—thank you EPC!

The next article from the Mission Team outlines many different ways that you can give or participate or reach out. What does God ask of us? Only that we seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. (Micah 6:8). In these turbulent times, we ask the Spirit to bring peace to every heart and generosity to all of our actions.

With gratitude, Pastor Phil

February Mission

February's mission is the broad area of support for our immigrant neighbors. We are asking folks to use your resources, skills, time, knowledge and money, to support our neighbors in



any way that best suits you. We understand that many of you are already doing this. Below are some websites with lists of ways you can help. There are a few ways you can do this:

1) Please select the charity/ies or agencies that align with your values/concerns or those that you are called to, and provide whatever assistance you feel comfortable providing, by giving directly to the chosen agency. (You will get a tax statement from that agency)

2) You can choose to give funds to a particular agency through EPC. Just make note of the name of the agency on your giving card or on-line platform, and Krysta will send the funds to said agency. (It would be helpful if you add an address). You'll get a tax statement from EPC.

3) If you'd rather, you can simply give to "February mission" via EPC donation plate or on-line, and EPC will donate the funds to Highland Park High School in the form of gift cards for Aldi or Cub foods.

4) Another way to help: I have recently been contacted by Ann Hill, the executive director of Twin Cities Food Justice. EPC supported that group a few months ago. She is asking church groups to do a food drive. Her volunteers will then pick up the food from EPC, organize it into boxes for families, then it will be delivered directly to their homes, or to local food shelves. They are working with some schools and teachers to get the food delivered to students. All we need to do is bring food - non perishables are best. She wasn't sure if they were already working with HPHS but since we are already giving them gift cards, the food could go to a different school. ***So, if you can, please bring food to church this coming Sunday the 8th (potluck too!!) and Sunday the 15th.*** I will coordinate to have it picked up by TC Food Justice.

>>OTHER RESOURCES<<

Dios Habla Hoy (DHH) Church food distribution operation:

<https://www.dhhamn.com/operations>

See this website for information about when food or household donations can be dropped off and when trainings for new volunteers will be.

Scroll down to donate to the Food Drive Fund or Rent Relief Fund.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

<https://nhn-tc.org/><https://nhn-tc.org/>

Click "Become a Carer" and fill out the application with what you'd like to help with (shopping, food delivery, giving rides, or other options).

Stand with Minnesota:

<https://www.standwithminnesota.com/>

Tons of different places to donate or volunteer. Because it's so overwhelming,



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here are some suggestions:

- Mutual Aid & Materials Purchasing:

 - >Under "Food Support," there are links to volunteer or donate.

- Crowdfunding Campaigns:

 - >Under "Funds for Faith Communities Doing Direct Aid," you'll see churches who have operations you can volunteer with or donate to.

Additionally, at the very top of the website, "Actions to Take" lists places to contact to request they stop supporting ICE.

Thank you for all you are doing!! Lisa Holden, for the Mission Team