

ACTS-Aurora Church Together Strategy

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Area Congregations:

All Saints Lutheran Church

Bethel Lutheran Church

Huria HBKP Montclair

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Lord of the Hills Lutheran

Our Mission:

Together we proclaim and embody God's unconditional love for the sake of the World by:

1. Claiming our gifts
2. Equipping our Leaders
3. Connecting in Ministry and Witness
4. Accompanying one another into God's future

Gods Work Our Hands

September 9

Where: 1544 Elmira Street, Aurora

Time: 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Hygiene bags will be assembled to distribute to the homeless citizens of Aurora. Aurora Warms the Night will provide the items for the bags. Churches are being asked to collect new socks and underwear (men, women and children) for the hygiene bags. Twenty to thirty volunteers are needed to assemble the bags. Contact your coordinator to volunteer

September 10

Where: 1600 Havana Street, Aurora – The Village Exchange Center

Time: 2 – 4 pm

Volunteers from All Saints, Lord of the Hills, St. Matthew's, Bethel and St. Mark's, will serve the community of Aurora. Over 1,000 hot dogs have been donated and will be served. There will be a clothing bank where clothing and new underwear and socks, and hats and gloves will be distributed. The hygiene kits will also be distributed.

Time: 4:30 pm

A joint worship service will be held with Bishop James Gonia presiding. The Litany of the Nations will be used. This will be a service of praise, healing and peace. We will be joined by several ethnic ministries

Congregation Contacts for ACTS

All Saints:

Patti Mather

Rosie Jacobs

Rebecca Weiner

St. Mark's:

Laura Cote

Claudette Gilbert

Bethel:

Pastor Barb Lemke

Tiffany Brooks

Patti Schoenfeld

St. Matthew:

Pastor Marcel Narucki

Erwin Gebers

Betty Tavidian

Lord of the Hills:

Sherry Peterson

HKBP Montclair:

Purnama Simangunsung

Hendrick Samosir

Rocky Mountain Synod:

Rev. Judith VanOsdol (DEM)

from the Congo, Nepal, Indonesia and Myanmar, as well as a Jewish Rabbi, Muslim leader and several of our ELCA Congregations from the Metro area.

Deacon Cindy's Notes

Three Congregations had successful block parties in this past month. St. Mark's joined by the Salvation Army, All Saints joined by Lord of the Hills Lutheran Church and Bethel Lutheran had their first ever block party. We have all learned from these block parties and encounters with our local non-profits and neighbors. We hope to take a look at this model to see how we are building relationships and think of ways we can use these experiences as lessons for the future of our ministries together. Many of us are entering into a season of listening in our congregations; Listening to God, listening to one another and listening to the community around us. What a wonderful time to think about being the church in this time and in this place. The spirit is moving and we are beginning to respond to Gods call to us together.

