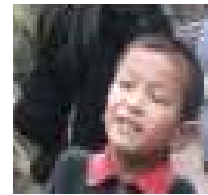




*“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all...Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. St. Matthew 5:14-16*

***Social Ministry:  
Serving Jesus—Serving our Neighbor!***

*Truly, as you have done it to one of the least of these,  
you have done it to me.” St. Matthew 25:40*



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## What is Social Ministry?

As committed Christians, the members of Saint Luke's follow Christ and heed the admonition that we love others "as Christ first loved us." (*I John 4:19*). Christ himself commanded, "Love your neighbor as yourself." (*Mark 12:31*). And as the Apostle James said, "Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." Social ministry is the means by which we share God's bounty and blessings. Indeed, we love and serve our Lord, Himself, when we love and serve others!

### What is Saint Luke's Mission for Social Ministry?

"Because our Triune God loves, nourishes and strengthens us with His Son, incarnate in Word and Sacrament .... We respond as faithful stewards and disciples, empowered and enabled to serve, love and share the Word with all.

*[Saint Luke's Mission Statement 2008]*

### How Can I Serve? What Can I Do?

## Saint Luke's Social Ministry Opportunities:

### ELCA World Hunger Appeal

Saint Luke's observes the first Sunday of every month as "Hunger Sunday," and members can designate special donations for the work of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, <http://archive.elca.org/hunger>



**Evergreen China/  
Nurse Missionary Support**

Each Sunday, members of the Saint Luke's family dedicate an offering for the work of a nurse missionary in China, through the organization Evergreen China. Letters and e-mails between Saint Luke's and the nurse missionary also provide insight, understanding and mutual love and support, [www.evergreenchina.org](http://www.evergreenchina.org)



**Habitat for Humanity**

As the need arises, members of Saint Luke's serve with Habitat for Humanity, through "Thrivent Builds," in various capacities. [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org)

**Lutheran Family Services of Colorado**

LFS is one of the primary social service agencies in the state. It provides adoption services, care for older adults, disaster response, foster care, pregnancy counseling, and refugee/asylum programs. The members of Saint Luke's provide time, talent, and financial support for many LFS initiatives. [www.lfsco.org](http://www.lfsco.org)

**Mosaic**

This organization, with roots in Lutheran-based ministries nearly 100 years old, serves the housing and other needs of the developmentally disabled. Saint Luke's members serve the organization at the local level primarily through support for clients at Mosaic homes in Colorado Springs. [www.mosaicinfo.org](http://www.mosaicinfo.org)



**Northern Churches Care/  
Saint Luke's Food Pantry**

Saint Luke's maintains its own food pantry for anyone in need and, as supplies permit, donates food to Northern Churches Care, a coalition of congregations from various denominations in Colorado Springs.



**Pastor's Discretionary Fund**

Pastor David Wendel maintains a fund for use to meet emergencies and needs as they arise in the congregation and community. Undesignated money collected on fifth Sundays is set aside for this fund. Members may also give specifically to the fund.

**Saint Luke's Children's Center**

Saint Luke's Children's Center provides Christ-centered, licensed educational childcare and preschool. Members of Saint Luke's support the Children's Center, in various ways – from rocking infants to serving on the Center's Steering Committee. Contact: Michelle Brice, Director, 719-598-7821.

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***How Can I Get Involved?***

As you seek to serve our Lord, through our neighbor, get involved in Saint Luke's social ministry programs! Call the church at 598-4397! You can also find service opportunities through the web site of the Rocky Mountain Synod of the ELCA at [www.rmselfca.org](http://www.rmselfca.org) or the ELCA web site at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org). Also visit Saint Luke's web site, [www.saintlukes-cs.org](http://www.saintlukes-cs.org).