



**SAINT NICHOLAS LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION
SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY**

Saint Nicholas was committed to helping others in 2007. Through our offering and through our service projects, Saint Nicholas reached out to help those in need locally, regionally, and globally.

Below are the service projects conducted by Saint Nicholas.

Monthly meals for Project ECHO
Collection of food for the Calvert Churches Community Food Pantry
Children's Book Drive
Souper Bowl of Caring
Christmas in April
The Bee for Literacy
School Supplies Collection
Personal Hygiene Products Collection for Project Echo
Coats for Kids
Holiday Baskets through CCCFP
Gifts of Hope
Tree of Angels

Our youth were involved in many outreach projects. Cupid's Café raised funds for Camp Victor Distribution Center in Mississippi and Safe Harbor. The high school youth spent a week at workcamp in Marion, West Virginia. The VBS Mission project raised funds for Camp Victor Distribution Center. And the Sunday School collected goods for care packages donated to Operation Christmas Child.

For the fourth year in a row, Saint Nicholas was able to help sponsor missionary Kim Erno at the Lutheran Center in Mexico City. We were delighted to personally hear of his work there as he visited us in September.

Our congregation supported the agencies listed below through our outreach.

ELCA Benevolence	Community of St. Dysmas
American Cancer Society	Coyle Scholarship
Calvert County Literacy Council	ELCA Domestic Disaster Response
CCCFP (Calvert Churches Community Food Pantry)	ELCA World Hunger Appeal
Christmas in April	Fellowship Square Foundation
Camp Victor Distribution Center	Friends of Gettysburg Seminary
ELCA Global Mission	ELCA Funds for Leaders in Mission
Christus Victor Lutheran Church –Metro DC Synod	Lutheran Social Services
Thorne Memorial Golf Tournament	Project ECHO
Interfaith Action Council	ELCA Foundation – Special Needs
Alternatives for Youth	Retirement Fund
SMECO Fuel Fund	Safe Harbor

United Lutheran Appeal
Project Crossroads (Workcamp)
Barstow Acres Summer Camp
The Lutheran Center in Mexico City

Southeast Ministry
Meals on Wheels
LSS Camp Safe Haven

There are many to whom thanks is owed. To Carol Blatt and Gus Wolf, thank you for your continual support of the Social Concerns Ministry Team. To Sherie Cooper and Jean and Jennifer Smetana, thank you for your work coordinating meals at Project ECHO. To Keith Williams, thank you for leading our Christmas in April effort. Thank you to all who helped transport food to the pantry, or distribute school supplies, or contribute to Project ECHO meals, or . . . Mostly, thank you members of Saint Nicholas for continually reaching out to others through the various projects in which you participate.

As we look forward to 2008, we thank God for the opportunity to serve. The Social Concerns Ministry Team is always open to ideas and suggestions on how Saint Nicholas can help do God's work in this world. Let us recognize the blessings given to us so that we may be a blessing to others!

In His Service,

Kathy Dangin