

St. Leo Social Justice Page

Food Justice Ministry: The Work is Beginning – JOIN US!

We will be meeting with Clair Lane, Director of the Anti-Hunger & Nutrition Coalition on Sunday, January 12th from 11:30am to 1:00pm in Bix Hall/Classroom. We will discuss the current situation regarding food justice. This event begins our education on the issues of *Childhood Hunger* and *Food Security*. We are entering a critical legislative year. We face a large fiscal deficit in our State Budget that threatens food nutrition programs. Also, the looming challenge in crafting the national Farm Bill. A Farm Bill that needs to support the nutrition needs of vulnerable citizens and is forward thinking in supporting family farms and protecting the environment. **This is not the time to disengage!**

During the months of January, February & March we will offer monthly service-learning events and scheduled Zoom meetings with anti-hunger advocates as we prepare for Hunger Action Day – 2025. Our work will not end at Hunger Action Day but is intended to continue throughout the year as we build good working relationship with our State Representatives and keep abreast of developing legislation and the ever-changing needs of our community.

More information on this work is forthcoming with some of our educational events on the issues will being via zoom/remote for the convenience of all.

There is a lot to learn on the issues. Visit: Anti-Hunger and Nutrition website for more information & alerts: <https://wa-ahnc.constantcontactsites.com/>

Great national advocacy information for the “food fighters”.

Addressing food insecurity in the United States involves numerous nonprofit organizations dedicated to advocacy, policy change, and direct support. Here are five notable organizations leading these efforts:

1. **Feeding America:** As the largest hunger-relief organization in the U.S., Feeding America partners with food banks, pantries, and local programs to provide meals to millions. They also advocate for policies to address the root causes of hunger.
<https://www.feedingamerica.org/>
2. **No Kid Hungry:** Focused on ending child hunger, No Kid Hungry works to ensure all children have access to healthy meals. They engage in advocacy to expand meal programs and provide grants to community organizations.
<https://www.nokidhungry.org/>
3. **Bread for the World Institute:** This organization emphasizes policy advocacy to end hunger domestically and globally. They conduct research and educate policymakers on effective strategies to combat food insecurity.
<https://www.bread.org/institute/>

4. **Hunger Free America:** A national nonprofit building the movement to enact the policies and programs necessary to end domestic hunger and ensure that all Americans have sufficient access to nutritious food.

<https://www.hungerfreeamerica.org/en-us/>

5. **The Farmlink Project:** A student-founded initiative that connects surplus produce from farms to food banks, reducing food waste and providing fresh food to those in need.

<https://www.farmlinkproject.org/>

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” (James 2:14-17)

The Work of Social Justice and Care for Creation is what our faith is all about



Merry Christmas & Happy Winter Solstice to All!

