



# Volunteer Corner

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## Holidays at Loaves & Fishes



### St. Stephens Catholic Church, South Minneapolis

Every Christmas for the past several years, the **Alliance of the Streets** has sponsored a Christmas dinner at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. The **Concerned Jewish Congregation**, a long time Loaves & Fishes volunteer team has served a meal to anyone in need of a place to celebrate. Unfortunately, since Christmas Day fell on their Sabbath this year, they were unable to participate. Thanks to the Concerned Jewish Congregation, a crew of ecumenical volunteers were found and rose to the challenge. Led by **Stewart Ackerberg**, the team purchased, prepared and served a dinner of chicken, salad, veggies, breads and desserts to approximately 175 guests. Over and over the words, "God Bless You" were directed towards this giving group of volunteers behind the serving line. After the meal was served, the volunteers stayed to help clean the dining hall and kitchen before heading home.



### Creekside Community Center, Bloomington

The holiday party at Creekside was one again a huge success. Thanks to the generosity of **Mr. Chris Anderson**, owner of the **Outback Steakhouse** in Bloomington, over 250 guests were able to eat a fabulous steak dinner. Volunteers and guests alike enjoyed to the melodic sounds of **Steve Ries** from **S.R. Productions** in New Prague. What holiday party would be complete without a Santa Clause? A big thank you to **Santa Joe Sikitch** from **RBC Wealth Management** for providing candy and gifts for all our guests along with the **Lutheran Church of the Ascension** in Burnsville who donated hundreds of apples, oranges, candy and gift cards. Many of the Creekside families were sponsored by groups of volunteers who made their Christmas wish lists come true. Our deep gratitude goes out to all the generous volunteers who made this holiday season truly special for their guests at Loaves & Fishes.

### St. Mark's Catholic Church, Shakopee

After much debate regarding opening on December 23rd, the **River of Joy volunteer team** served a wonderful turkey dinner to over 150 guests. The volunteers participated in the atmosphere and ambience of the night by sharing and visiting with their guests at Loaves & Fishes. In addition to the fabulous meal, the delightful **Healtherylynn** (singer and songwriter) provided the entertainment. Even Santa Clause made an entrance and spent time with the children. Each guest received a gift certificate for **Cub Foods** and some beautiful Christmas cookies on their way out. The evening could not have been better and was reminiscent of going home with the family for Christmas celebration. The night truly personified the heart of Loaves & Fishes.

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## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

# THE COMPASSION OF LOAVES & FISHES VOLUNTEERS

Loaves & Fishes is a safe place for children and adults alike to get out of the cold and have a warm meal. The volunteers are always willing to go the extra mile by providing not only food but warm items for the guests to take with them out into the cold. During the first week of 2011, seven neighborhood children aged 2 through 9 years walked to the River of Life dining site in North Minneapolis alone. Many were in spring jackets with no gloves or hats. The volunteers from **Calvin Presbyterian and Peace Lutheran Church** were heartbroken. They attended to the children making sure they had enough to eat and something to keep them warm. **Jeff Hammond**, the **River of Life site coordinator** did have some warm items on hand thanks to donations over the holiday season. The volunteers were so concerned about the children that they came back the next day with coats, scarves, hats, mittens and toys for the children. This story has been played out on many nights at all nine of our dining sites. Loaves & Fishes is blessed to have such compassionate volunteers.



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**DID YOU KNOW?** Loaves & Fishes is on Facebook.



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## VOLUNTEER OPENINGS:

Loaves & Fishes has the following on-going volunteer openings. If you are interested in putting together a serving team to purchase, prepare and serve an evening meal, please contact **Andréa Kish-Bailey** at **612-377-9810**.

### Hope Church—Richfield

2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays of ODD months  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of ALL months  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of ODD months  
5<sup>th</sup> Mondays of ALL months

### Faith Lutheran—St. Paul

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays of ODD months  
2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays of ODD months

### River of Life—North Minneapolis

5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of ALL months

### Holy Rosary—South Minneapolis

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of ODD months  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of (most)  
ODD months