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## **Loaves and Fishes to Add New Dining Site in Farmington**

Minneapolis, MN (December 10, 2019): Loaves and Fishes, a Minneapolis-based nonprofit serving free, nutritious meals at dining sites throughout the Twin Cities Metro Area and Greater Minnesota will partner with Faith United Methodist Church in Farmington to offer fresh and healthy meals on a weekly basis starting January 1. The dining site will give food insecure Minnesotans in and around Farmington access to food in the wake of the closing of the only grocery store in town on December 20.

"Loaves & Fishes will go to where the hunger is," said Cathy Maes, Loaves & Fishes Executive Director. "There are people in Farmington that are in need of good meals and we are excited to partner with Faith Church in providing nutritious food to those in need."

Faith United Methodist offered a weekly meal using food from the local grocery store. Faith used freewill offerings to pay for the food. With the store closing, the dining site will now be supplied by Loaves & Fishes freeing the congregation from paying a weekly food bill.

The meals will take place Wednesdays, 5:30- 6:30 PM at Faith United Methodist 710 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Farmington.

**About Loaves and Fishes MN:**

Loaves and Fishes serves free, nutritious meals to those in need at locations where the need is greatest. Its meal program began 35 years ago, in 1982, with one dining site each in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Since that time, it has grown to serving about 3,500 meals daily in Minnesota. While the name "Loaves and Fishes" was initially taken from scripture, it is not a religious organization. It is guided by a vision that all people, regardless of socioeconomic, cultural or ethnic background, deserve to meet their basic needs for food, dignity and respect.

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