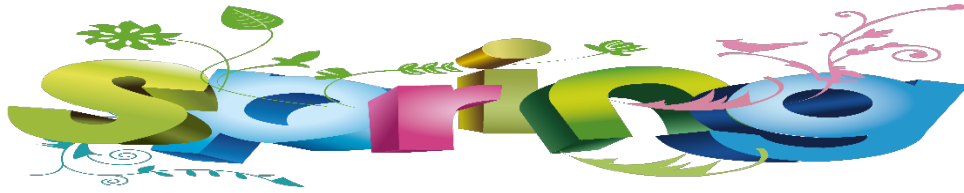


Community Hygiene Bank News for 2018



Our thanks to all in our Concordia congregation and our community for all the donations of time, hygiene items and cash that have been offered to make our Community Hygiene Bank a success. The March 10, 2018 distribution marks one year since Concordia began this outreach ministry to our community. Since that time we have served over 150 families over this first year; over 500 individuals of all ages from little ones to elders with basic, needed hygiene items.

As importantly, people have been treated to a kind and caring team of volunteers representing the love of Christ for others in our community. We ask community members who come to the distributions to complete an exit survey to help us understand how we're doing and what the most important hygiene needs are for their families. We consistently receive "5 out of 5" for our service. We also consistently receive additional comments about how kindly they are treated here and how much they appreciate this ministry. Community members are also able to bring us their prayer requests. Each distribution now has almost as many prayer requests as there are families. This work and ministry truly blesses all of us.

The next scheduled dates for our Community Hygiene Bank Distributions in 2018
are Saturdays from Noon-3:00pm

March 10, May 12, July 8, September 8, November 10

We were recently blessed to receive a grant we applied for in 2016 from LWML (Lutheran Womens Mission League). That grant was for \$1940 and will go far in supporting our work this year. We try to have enough items for 50 families to shop for their hygiene items (Personal Blessing Bags) at each distribution. To purchase these items at retail costs along with mailings and related expenses costs approximately \$5000 per year (\$800 per distribution). Grants, cash donations, gift cards and donations of hygiene items all help us meet these program and budget needs. We are currently exploring additional ways to purchase hygiene items at even greater savings as well as other sources to receive donations of hygiene items.

*Over this Easter season, please
hygiene donations from you and
our community.*



*consider an "Easter Basket" of
your family for families in need in*