

## **EMMANUEL'S FAITH IN ACTION 2023 ACTIVITIES**

In 2023, Emmanuel continued our long tradition of ministry of caring for our neighbors beyond our walls --

### **FEEDING AND CARING**

#### Emmanuel Food Center

Provided food for a record number of neighbors this year; utilized by Webster U students for first time – pantry was depleted mid-year (this has never happened before) and restocked with generous donations from inside and outside the parish

#### Rise Against Hunger

Led parish-wide effort to provide 14,000 grain meals distributed globally

#### Webster-Rock Hill Ministries

Provided neighborhood children pool passes to Webster Groves pool  
Participation in fund-raising Trivia Night

#### Camp Sun Splash

Provided storage facility for equipment for ten-week day camp in North St. Louis Fairgrounds Park for kids aged 4-18 sponsored by St. Louis Torchbearers 2

#### Sew Hope Community Sewing Room

Provided 10 sewing machines for teaching previously incarcerated women skills to make a living from sewing  
Provided funds for continuing education for executive director

#### Isaiah 58 Ministries

Provided school supplies for Back-to-School Fair  
Provided 300 dozen eggs for Thanksgiving meal baskets

#### LifeWise

Providing our Christmas offering for care for immigrant mothers (and mothers-to-be)

### **JUSTICE AND EQUITY**

#### Metropolitan Congregations United

Participation in getting signatures for ballot initiative to raise minimum wage and mandate paid sick leave  
Participation in fund-raising gala and on-going operations for advocacy

#### Churches Together for Justice

Sponsored rally addressing gun violence  
Hosting training for affordable housing canvassing

#### Immigration

Provided pre-school scholarship for 3-year-old from Afghanistan

### **EARTH LOVE**

On-going maintenance of apple orchard

Alliance with Webster University regarding pollination

### **DIOCESAN COLLABORATION**

#### Episcopal City Mission

Provided two birthday parties for kids in detention (city and county) and goody bags as special treat

#### St. John's Peace Meal

Prepared and served neighborhood meals on five Saturday afternoons

#### Faith Christian Church of India

Provided our Easter offering

#### "Just Food" Truck

Jubilee Ministry food truck will be in our parking lot when not in use providing prepared meals to city residents  
Provided start-up funds

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**EMMANUEL'S YOUTH MINISTRY  
2023 OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

**Giving Tree**

Led parish giving Christmas gifts to Episcopal City Mission (including hosting their wrapping party), Webster-Rock Hill Ministries, LifeWise, and Grace Hill

**Rise Against Hunger**

Led parish plant sale to raise funds to provide 14,000 grain meals distributed globally

**Second Chance Ranch**

As part of pet blessing at St. Francis celebration, made and sold pet treats, with all profits going to Second Chance Ranch

**Cold Weather Clothing Drive**

Led parish drive for warm clothing for Webster U students

**Vacation Bible School Service Circus**

Collected boxes of macaroni and cheese and, incorporating a STEM project, made a "domino" structure with them before donating to Food Center

Made cards for those needing a "pick me up" via Project Color a Smile

Decorated brown paper bags for Food Center clients

**Isaiah 58 Ministries**

Led parish scissors drive for Back-to-School Fair

**Camp Sun Splash**

Planned Vacation Bible School day with crafts, games, and activities for day camp in North St. Louis Fairgrounds Park for kids aged 4-18 sponsored by St. Louis Torchbearers 2

**LifeWise**

Assist on-site with Holiday Market

3-day on-site immersion experience with their ministry

Assembled laundry and self-care kits for clients