

BENEVOLENCE BUDGET FY 2015

Bethel commits to giving away 7.5% of the offering that our church receives as benevolence to outside ministries and non-profit organizations. On top of these 7.5%, the Bethel community generously contributes to recipients of monthly special designated offerings and provides relief for unforeseen catastrophic needs (especially through Lutheran Disaster Relief). Together, these annual benevolence offerings exceed 10% of our budget.

Bethel's Mission Outreach Committee annually develops a schedule of recipients which reflect areas of ministries that are important to our congregation (hunger, homelessness, poverty, women, children; locally and abroad, especially in Mexico and Tanzania).

Any amounts that are left over after these outside groups are funded is given to the Sierra Pacific Synod in support of regional and churchwide ELCA ministry efforts.

The FY 2015 benevolence budget is based on \$625,000 in projected offerings. Slightly over half of the budgeted benevolence will be given to outside ministries and non-profit organizations, whereas slightly under half will be given in support of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Sierra Pacific Synod and ELCA churchwide).

MONTHLY BENEVOLENCE SCHEDULE

September	Mission to Mexico
October	New Life Band (scholarship fund) Faith in Action Rotating Shelter Homeless Meals
November	Mission to Mexico Habitat for Humanity East Bay/ Silicon Valley
December	Operation Bootstrap Africa (MaaSae Girls Lutheran School) Dorothy Meyer Award Gift, Homeless Meals
January	New Life Band (general fund) Centre for Living with Dying (Bill Wilson Center)
February	Mission to Mexico Homeless Meals
March	Tanzania AIDS Orphans
April	Mt. Cross Ministries Homeless Meals
May	Mission to Mexico West Valley Community Services
June	Faith in Action Silicon Valley Rotating Shelter Help One Child Mt. Cross Ministries Homeless Meals
July	Mt. Cross Ministries
August	Homeless Meals

Designated Offerings FY2015

September - Lutheran World Relief

October - Bethel Quilters (material and shipping)

November - The Lord's Pantry at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
(groceries)

December - Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley

January - Correctional Institute Chaplaincy (CIC)

February - San Jose Family Shelter

March - Pueblo de Dios Lutheran Church, San Jose

April - Esperanza International

May - Bethel Lutheran School

June - Second Harvest (Share Your Lunch program)

July - West Valley Community Services (Back-to-School shopping)

August - ELCA Disaster Relief