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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Right now in Bradenton, it's obvious that spring is turning to summer. As I write this, it is now closing in on mid-April. Precipitation is down, as usual. Temperatures are climbing. As a matter of fact, the weatherman is forecasting temperatures by the end of the week to be near 90 F, which according to one weather site, rarely happens in April. In addition, traffic is less congested as more and more snow birds are returning home.

All of this is another reminder regarding these aspects of the ministry and service Our Daily Bread provides to the homeless in the area as well as those who are in a period of transition in their lives and needing a little extra touch of love and support.

- 1 We are truly thankful for the many people who support Our Daily Bread with their gifts of time, finances and/or wisdom.
- 2 Even though many of you reading this newsletter may not be able to support the work of Our Daily Bread these next several months with your time, whether it be because of distance or other time commitments, your generous financial support helps.

- 3 For those reading this newsletter who live in the greater metro area of Bradenton/Palmetto/Sarasota, you are encouraged to continue your support, these next several months, especially the giving of your time and inviting others to come with you to experience the joy of helping and serving.

Although by many standards, the economy is doing well and unemployment is near an all-time low, there are still people, who for a variety of reasons, will benefit from the



In addition, the Loaves and Fishes store which Our Daily Bread operates, continues to be a blessing to those in need. It is a small grocery store again staffed by a small paid staff, but many volunteers. Shoppers are allowed to come once every 30 days to select 15 free items of dry goods, fresh produce and frozen meat packages. In 2018 there were just under 10,000 shoppers representing just over 27,000 families.

At Our Daily Bread, we believe the following is the focus for what we do:

HUMBLE STEWARDS OF OTHER PEOPLE'S GENEROSITY AND GRATEFUL COURIER OF A STRANGER'S KINDNESS.

ministry/service which Our Daily Bread provides.

Some statistics from 2018 support this. Last year, in 2018, Our Daily Bread served 80,000 meals operating with a small paid staff and a large volunteer force that gave nearly 14,000 hours of volunteer time.

Thank you for your on-going support.

PASTOR CRAIG MATTHEWS

Hope Lutheran Church – Bradenton
Member of the Board of Directors

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TURNING POINTS NOTES

While the seasons change, always bringing differing challenges, it is especially difficult after Easter as our friends from other locales "wing" their way back to summer homes. We are so grateful for the many who chose to donate their time when here during the fall and winter months, and look forward to seeing them again later this year. But their leaving creates new opportunities for our permanent resident friends, so if you have been thinking about volunteering, but wondered whether you could do something or where you might fit in, now is the time to check out your options! Both Our Daily Bread and Turning Points rely on volunteers to help carry out the missions of our organizations, and it is absolutely true that we could not accomplish all we do without our volunteers! Cheryl Hedger, our Volunteer Coordinator arranged a fabulous, fun recognition event last month, with over 100 people attending a lunch and award celebration. Come and be part of it for next year!



A is a highly-contagious liver infection which is currently being seen in large numbers across the state of Florida. The virus is easily spread by consuming contaminated food or drink, or through close personal contact, such as caring for someone who is ill. Early stages of the virus may have no symptoms. If symptoms develop, they may appear two to six weeks after exposure, and can last for up to six months. Through the past year, multiple counties in Florida have reported an increasing number of Hepatitis A (HAV) infections. Since January 2018, 985 cases of HAV infection have been reported statewide. The counties most impacted are Pinellas (our next door county with more than 500 cases this year already) Orange, Pasco, Hillsborough, and Seminole. While there have been only eight confirmed diagnosed cases of Hepatitis A in Manatee County, there is a continued need for proactive vaccination of at-risk adults to prevent the spread of this preventable illness. Vaccinations are the safest and most effective way to prevent the spread of Hepatitis A." Let's all take precautions and have a wonderful, safe and healthy summer!

As a community service, I would like to share this information from the Manatee County Health Department, since we all could be potentially exposed. "Hepatitis

ADELL EROZER
Executive Director

VOLUNTEER NOTES

In the January 2019 Trumpeter, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, was an article about Giving Thanks. One of our Volunteers Dennis Granstad Noted...

"Serving at ODB, whether serving the daily hot meal or, in this case, handing out Christmas gifts, is one of the most rewarding community out-reach activities I participated in. In addition to our guest's words of gratitude, you can clearly see on their faces the positive impact you are making on their lives."

Thank you Dennis for your support and being a valued volunteer in our great community.

about winning debate points and more about listening, learning and looking for common ground.

Sometimes that means biting the tongue to avoid diving in the deep water of division. Other times it means finding a creative way to ask a question or make a statement, so that the other has an invitation (not a demand) to consider another perspective.

This is where careful word choice and tone of voice makes huge difference.



When Jesus was tested by a lawyer, who wanted to know whom he must love as neighbor, Jesus did not debate the point but told a story in which the "dangerous" person is the hero and the "safe" religious people are not dependable. Jesus often used stories or parables to teach challenging lessons. (Luke 10).

I wonder if you might seek out some experiences and perspectives that are

PENNY'S PANTRY

I would like to thank all our northern volunteers for helping this winter. I hope you have a safe trip home. I would like to give a special Thanks to the Rotary Club of Bradenton for the pallet of feeding the hungry meals and 350 pounds of rice. Picking up at the new stores has been a blessing, just in the last month alone we have picked up over 9500 pounds of Bread, Produce, Snacks, Water, and Meats of which 75% is used at Loaves and Fishes. Thank you Congregation Ner Tamid for serving our Easter Meal of Ham, Green Beans and Mashed Potatoes to over 190 patrons.

Thank you,
PENNY

THIS WEEK FOR LUNCH

MONDAY	Potato Soup with Ham, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
TUESDAY	Beef and Noodles, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
WEDNESDAY	Chicken and Rice, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
THURSDAY	Peppers and Rice, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
FRIDAY	Hot Dogs and Baked Beans, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
SATURDAY	Chef's Choice, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
SUNDAY	Chicken and Potatoes, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry

different from your own – whether by watching a different channel on cable news or talking to a person on your street or in your family, whose perspective is different from yours.

Speak the truth in love, show compassion to those in need, and listen with respect to differences.

This is the only way we humans can live together in harmony.

REV. ELIZABETH DEIBERT

COACH'S NOTES

The beginning of the year is always busy here, our monthly counts and meals served are up 10% over last year. Loves and Fishes are seeing the larger crowds each week. Since the changes we made last summer picking up directly from the grocery stores we have much more produce and frozen meats available for both the kitchen and market. Were using more meat in our daily meals making the meals better which has increased the numbers we are serving.

AT LOAVES AND FISHES EACH SHOPPER NOW GETS 15 CANNED FOOD ITEMS, BAG OF FRESH PRODUCE AND A BAG OF FROZEN MEATS.

The change has given us more food to distribute but has also increased our cost of

labor and van usage.

The year end is also the time of year for grant applications and annual report filings. Part of our 990 form for the IRS, we have to list contributors over \$5000.00, this year we had 15 names on that list, the total contributed by the 15 was half of our total receipts in 2018, we had 95 gifts between \$500.00-\$5000.00 and 600 gifts of less than \$500.00. The most time consuming grant application is for Manatee County which was due March 1st 2019. The grant is for food purchases at Loaves and Fishes.

Some good news ... recently Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church gave us one case of large print paperback Bibles, they were gone within a week. They have now sent us two addition cases. The Gideon's gave us

Bibles when we were on 14Th. Street, we made them available but only a few were used. Thank you Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church for seeing a need we missed.

We normally don't spend monies on advertising but last fall we came up with what we thought was a Great idea for raising funds around Christmas. With two of our Directors funding placing a sticker on the front of the Sunday Bradenton Herald hoping it would have a big response. The actual gifts received weren't enough to cover the cost. We are back to Prayers for Support.

Thank you Volunteers who were with us for the Season and thank you Volunteers who are here year around. We couldn't serve over 70,000 meals without you.

BOB EIKILL

LOAVES & FISHES NOTES



First and foremost I would like to thank each and everyone of our volunteers for all their help and dedication. We have had a great start to what is turning out to be a busy year. With summer approaching our food demands are on the rise along with he need for infant supplies, diapers, wipes, baby food etc. Each parent is offered a 12 pack of diapers per child with sizes ranging from Newborn to 6 Toddlers. We also supply them with wipes and baby formula when available. Any donations are appreciated and bring needed smiles to our shoppers.

In closing, I'd like to share some sad news. Ruth Hilgers has retired. She and her late husband Art were among the first volunteers when we were incorporated in 1992. They were also at Meals on Wheels and part of the group that founded, Living

Lord Lutheran Church. Ruth was a staple in our pantry, packing food bags on 14th Street and more recently at Loaves and Fishes, every Monday and Friday she served, logging the Most Volunteer Hours annually. Thank you for everything you do and have given. We Love you and will miss you dearly.

Our seasonal volunteers are heading back North and we are again in need of volunteers to fill in. Please call Penny at 941.745.2992 between the hours of 7am-11:30am. Monday through Friday or email Penny at penny@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org if you wish to help or know of anyone who wants to help. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
BRITNEY

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Summertime brings kids home from school and the Shelves at Loves and Fishes begin to look very bare. Just like Christmas we are asking you as well as your Neighbor, Church, Community Group to fill a box with the most needed items for Loaves and Fishes. Thanking you in advance...

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| DAY 1
Jar of Peanut Butter | DAY 7
Box of Mac'N Cheese |
| DAY 2
Jar of Jelly | DAY 8
Box of Cereal |
| DAY 3
Box of Pasta | DAY 9
2lb. Bag of Rice |
| DAY 4
Jar of Spaghetti Sauce | DAY 10
Canned Soup |
| DAY 5
Canned Corn | DAY 11
Canned Meats |
| DAY 6
Canned Green Beans | DAY 12
Roll of Toilet Paper, Bars of Soap |

FAITH AND VALUES

In Saturday's Bradenton Herald there is a Faith Matters section under Faith and Values. We wanted to share part of the penning by Rev. Elizabeth Deibert whom is a pastor at Peace Presbyterian Church in Lakewood Ranch, Florida. Titled,

"IT'S IMPORTANT TO SPEAK AND LISTEN, NOT JUST TAKE A STAND" ENJOY!!

I read on a friend's Facebook page that we should prepare to take a firm stand on the divisive issues in our country, and that we do not speak up, we are cowards. I think that how we speak and listen is much more significant than simply boldly taking a stand.

The first thing we need to remember is the humanity of the person in front of us.

As a follower of Jesus, I believe that I must speak the truth, but always in love. (Ephesians 4:15) Having said that, Jesus

did offer some challenging words for those who take advantage of people in weak positions – the poor, the marginalized, the foreigner.

So as a follower of Christ I hear a call to defend the needs of those who are in difficult circumstances. There could be tension between my defense of the weak and my respectful conversation with the person who does not agree with me about this mandate of compassion.

To have a fruitful conversation is less

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HOUSE NOTES

WE NEVER CALL ASKING FOR DONATIONS

WE DO NOT USE PROFESSIONAL FUND RAISERS

WE ONLY USE YOUR ADDRESS FOR MAILING THANK YOU'S AND OUR NEWSLETTER

We would like to establish an email data base for volunteers information and setting up schedules. If you are interested in our News Letter and Happening and would like to be included please email us at.. [blessings@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org](mailto: blessings@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org)

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We are grateful for each dollar of financial support we receive. We try to be stewards of your generosity. In this newsletter we only have limited space to acknowledge the gifts we receive and do send thank you notes to each donor. Our base support is from churches, individuals, community groups, businesses, estates, trusts, schools, and county government.

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