

June 2022

Offering of Letters – Bread for the World

Our outreach effort for June is an **Offering of Letters** to our elected representatives in Washington DC on behalf of the hungry. This is an at-home activity.

We take our guidance for these letters from an ecumenical Christian organization called Bread for the World. (www.Bread.org)

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation’s decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. By changing policies, programs, and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, we provide help and opportunity far beyond the communities in which we live.

Each year, the folks at Bread analyze and advise on key public policy changes that can have the greatest impact on reducing hunger. They are well respected and recognized leaders in advocating for the hungry, and they get results.

This year’s Offering of Letters builds on last year’s work as Bread members continue to urge Congress to expand anti-hunger programs in response to the pandemic and increase funding for nutrition programs. This year focuses on the bipartisan **Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act** which will authorize USAID to advance targeted programs to prevent and treat malnutrition around the world; ensure an elevated focus on nutrition programs across global health, food systems, and other sectors; and require robust monitoring of these interventions to ensure the effective use of taxpayer dollars. **Urge our Senators to cosponsor S. 2956.** (It’s already passed in the house of Representatives)

Resource packets are available in the Narthex including a sample letter, envelopes, and more information about Bread for the World, as well as details regarding this year’s specific asks. There are links to the same information on the church website under “St. Johns Documents and Videos”.

We will even stamp and mail your letters, if you bring them back to church, and place them in the collection box in the Narthex.

New this year, you can direct email your elected representatives using a QR codes. Use your smart phone camera to take you to draft email letters which will automatically route to your elected representatives based on your address.



St. Johns has encouraged an Offering of Letters every year since 2006, with the exception of 2020 due to COVID 19 lockdown. Thank-you to all who have participated over these last 16 years. Please consider once again helping the hungry with an offering of letters.