

Our Taste of Mission at St. Luke's--Summer Sandwiches 2021

The program ran every Thursday this summer from June 17 to August 26. There was no covid restrictions so we were able to serve at the old Clark Park shelter. Next year we'd like to try serving at the new shelter -right across from our church front doors. We will need more picnic tables there first.

We have made some new friends and were reunited with some old friends from last year too. Here are a few personal stories:

- One family from last year had 3 generations coming together on Thursdays to have lunch with us.
- Another family from last year was our Spanish speaking family. The grandma spoke no English but the kids were bilingual. This family ended up attending our soccer camp (vbs). The grandma and mom attended the whole camp, listening to the devotions and we even invited them for lunch.
- One Thursday we even had a few farmers who's farms were hit by the traumatic storms in our area this summer. They had no power and were very thankful to get a free meal. We sent them home with lunch and dinner.
- On another Thursday we had a group of campers from the Sheboygan area. They were looking for water for their campsite. Thinking they could get water from the park but the water is still shut off. So we offered them lunch instead and gave them a few places they could get fresh water. Along with a wonderful welcome to Watertown.
- Last we served an older man who had just lost his job and was looking for work. He was living out of his truck. We only served him once. But we have been praying for him since.

We served 467 lunches this summer. On average we served 43 people a week at the cost of \$89.53 a week which is \$2.25 per lunch.

We collected \$990 in donations and spent \$984.84. Unspent funds for next year are \$128.87. We had a one time cost of \$100 for the 5 yard signs we plan to use every year.

In the bags we put flyers every week. A few included were flyers for TSL school, soccer camp and pioneers.

Besides serving lunches we gave away free used books and new school supplies too.

Our volunteers ranged in age from 8-75. We had approximately 12 regular volunteers that rotated and show up to help every week.

Many donations were given by people in our church, both in Thrivent cards, food donations and cash.

Our bread was again donated by Brownsberry (thru the Loersch family). Johnsonville donated enough brats to serve them 3 Thursdays. The Watertown food pantry also donated some meat for one Thursday. Thank you again for the opportunity to show God's love by serving others in our community.

Respectfully yours, Kirsten Young.