



# St. Matthew 25 Care & Share Soup Kitchen



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**FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD. I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK.** Matthew 25:35



## LOOKING TOWARDS THE HOLIDAYS

Last year, a decision was made that our holiday meals would be changed from the years past. It was a choice that has proven to be a good decision. By not having the elaborate holiday hand-out meals, we were able to give ample food all year long on a regular basis. On many days, we are able to have our clients pick one or two items from the extra food shelves to put in their brown bags, which pleases everyone.

There is change in the air. The economy has not done what our leaders have tried to persuade us to believe. Many people are now in worse shape than before. We have always had our regular people who come to the soup kitchen, but now there are many "First Time Users", so to speak. There are many young people with families who are approaching the service window. This has not been an everyday occurrence in the past. Yet, so far, we have been able to handle the increase, but not without some growing pains and causing a pinch in our supplies.

Quoting the Soup Kitchen Manager, Steve Schilling, "In the past, people used to bring us their used brown paper sacks. **THIS IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE!** After our much needed renovations we do NOT fall under the old grandfather clause; we have to comply with the rules. We now have to buy our brown paper bags plus the cups & lids that are being used. What I used to order once a month has now doubled, depending on the rise and fall of the numbers. We have started making more vegetable soups, and meat soups are made once a week to stretch the meat supplies we have. These are just a few examples of what I am talking about."

How does ones go about helping the soup kitchen? Schilling stated, "Quite simply donated (continued p. 7)

## Monthly serving counts:

	<u>Family</u>	<u>Individuals</u>
<b>June 2015</b> <i>(serving 22 days)</i>	<b>2,997</b>	<b>11,988</b>
<b>July 2015</b> <i>(serving 22 days)</i>	<b>3,363</b>	<b>13,452</b>
<b>Aug. 2015</b> <i>(serving 21 days)</i>	<b>3,294</b>	<b>13,176</b>
<b>Sept. 2015</b> <i>(serving 21 days)</i>	<b>3,188</b>	<b>12,752</b>

**TOTALS COUNTS: 12,842** family ct.

**51,368** individ. ct.

### IMPORTANT FACT:

Each sack feeds  
a family of 4



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