

St. Matthew 25 Care & Share Soup Kitchen



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



ITS THAT TIME OF YEAR, AGAIN!



It is that time again when children are back in school-learning, football games are being played on the weekends. Just as these things happen each year, we realize that just around the corner, it's going to turn colder. We know when the cold comes, the ice and snow, it will be swirling around throughout the air. Winter also makes life difficult for the people who come to the soup kitchen window.

Let's face it, most of us go inside to a warm grocery store and wait in line while we are being served. Not so, with the soup kitchen line, people wait outside in the cold weather, rain, sleet or snow. Eating is a necessity, just as waiting in line at the soup kitchen means waiting outside in the elements to take food home to their families. As cold as it is for our clients it is also very cold for those volunteers who open the window for three hours stretch. When our volunteers go home many times their noses are red and their hands feel frozen. Gloves help but it doesn't take away the constant cold that they experience at the window.

I must mention a reminder that we no longer have the annual holiday meals but we still try to hand out extra commodities, along with the soup and bread to help people during the holiday season.

Our expenses rise during the winter and the holidays. For this very reason we are asking you to help offset our expenses by donating items to the soup kitchen. Our donors have a history of being generous in the past and we are asking once again for you to open your hearts & billfolds to give what you can. Whether it is food items or monetary donations, both help us to continue our services to the needy. On page 3, I will list items that would be very helpful to have to hand out. Again, anything you give is greatly appreciated.

Monthly serving counts:

	Family	Individuals
June 2016 <i>(serving 22 days)</i>	3,327	13,308
July 2016 <i>(serving 20 days)</i>	3,148	12,592
August 2016 <i>(serving 23 days)</i>	3,856	15,424
Sept. 2016 <i>serving 21 days....</i>	3,536	14,144

TOTALS COUNTS: **13,867** family ct.
55,468 individual ct.



Fact:

Each sack feeds a family of 4.

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