



***Cast out your bread upon the waters,
for after many days you will get it back.
Divide your means seven ways, or even eight,
for you do not know what disaster may happen on earth.
-Ecclesiastes 11:1-2***

Far from exhorting us to soggy bread, the teacher encourages us in Ecclesiastes to be so generous with our food and resources that it multiplies beyond the bounds of sense. When we cast our bread upon the waters, we are sharing food with one another without count of cost, and with a mindset of boundless grace. The way the bread returns to us, is by the peace of God, and the mutual love, support and up-building of God's kingdom. Why are we called to share food this way? Because, the teacher says, it will fortify our communities and strengthen them to face whatever disasters may come on earth. Sharing food gives us strength and endurance!

We invite you to generously cast your bread: collect donations for our congregational offering to combat world hunger to be gathered at our Synod Assembly May 15-17, 2025. Each congregation thinks creatively to raise funds for the collection using the theme, and then brings your donations to Synod Assembly Worship.

**Need some
ideas to get you
started?**

- Host a bread bake sale.
- Take Donations in a breadbox
- Make a world hunger display using bread and baptismal imagery.
- Take donations during your Lenten soup suppers for world hunger.
- However you cast your bread upon the waters we look forward to seeing you at Synod Assembly