

Community Dinner/Monday Community Lunches/Sunday Fellowship lunch

Matthew 25:37- 40 (English Standard Version)

Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

The people we serve, quickly become our friends as we get to know them each week. We feel heartbroken when they're sad, we rejoice in their victories, and we encourage them as much as possible. (developing relationships)

Feeding the people aims to make a difference in more ways than just one: while fulfilling physical needs in our communities we also take the time to "talk story" and build relationships, hoping to show each recipient they are loved and valued. We believe that everyone deserves to be noticed and treated with dignity and joy. Each week in Thorold, families, seniors, homeless, working-poor, immigrants, mentally challenged, mental illness, drugs, loneliness, cutbacks and increased unemployment are just a few reasons for the growing numbers. People are seeking the church in practical ways.

We are receiving regular donations of food from the community. We are establishing relationships with others because of how we are serving here in Thorold. The meals on Sundays are helping to establish relationships with those that come on Sundays. Investing in their lives. Sharing Jesus' love with them. The drop-in has been put on hold until the renovations are complete. We have established a source for an ongoing supply of food studs which will help with the meal preparation program.

Thanks to all who help and come to visit with our community friends by spreading the love of Jesus in this community of Thorold.