

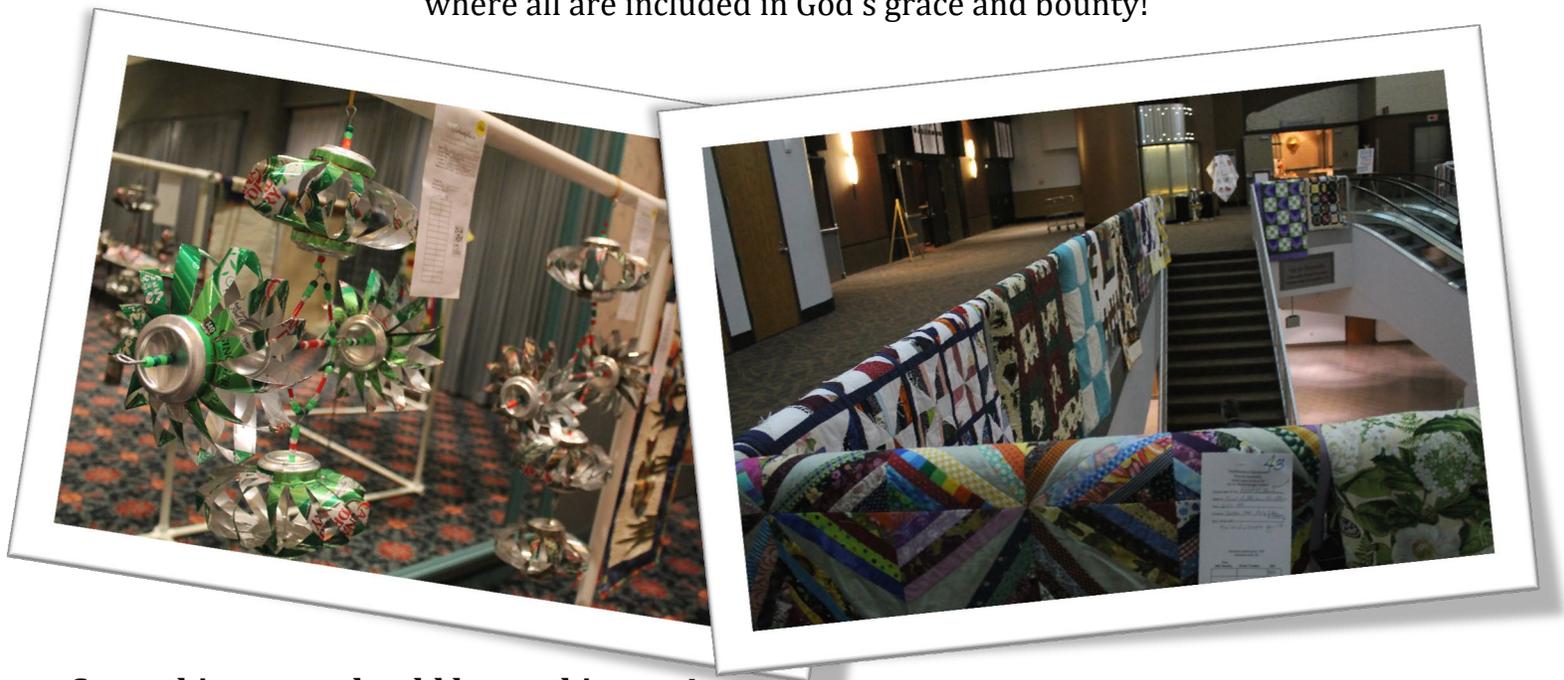
LIFTING UP THE ELCA HUNGER APPEAL

QUILTERS, ARTISANS, HOLY COW AWARD: YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

A little history: 21 years ago we were given the opportunity to lift up and celebrate our commitment to ending poverty and hunger both here at home and throughout the world by raising awareness and money for the ELCA Hunger Appeal at our annual synod assembly.

We asked and you made it happen! With quarters and quilts, the Holy Cow Award and later, the marketplace, as partners in this ministry, you have made a difference in thousands and thousands of people's lives.

As we look forward to the 2020 synod assembly and the election of a new Bishop, we are grateful for each of you and the fact that our synod continues to lift-up and speak a new vision where all are included in God's grace and bounty!



Some things you should know this year!

- We will receive quilts and marketplace items on the skywalk level of the DECC. We are located right by the elevator. Make sure your drop-off person does NOT leave until we have secured all your information. Last year we had a mystery quilt that no one could identify. Yikes!
- THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO to improve the bids on your quilts and handcrafted items is to display them in your church or community for bids in the weeks leading up to the assembly. Items coming in with pre-bids do much better.
- We have raised the opening bid price on all sizes of quilts
- There is an "antique/junk in the trunk" event at the arena that coincides with the assembly- we hope and plan to draw many of those people in to bid on our quilts and handcrafted items.
- Two years ago the quilt auction team initiated a "peoples Choice" award that is given out the last morning of the assembly.
- The marketplace and quilt auction are free and open to the public. Come and bid or just enjoy, bring a friend or two, and vote on your favorite quilt.

Never donated before? It's easy!

- Review the first two bullet points above. Bid cards are included in the packet.
- Enlist others. There are many talented/interesting people in our pews. Don't overlook the skills and creativity of men and young people.
- Queen size quilts seem more sought after than full size. Christmas quilts, and other holiday themes are popular as are baby quilts.
- Share a life experience for the Marketplace. Lead a bird watching walk, host a dinner for 6, guide a hike and a picnic in your neck of the woods, give a golf lesson, etc.
- Other Marketplace ideas include: Liturgical items; Baptismal gowns, clergy crosses, clergy stoles. Wooden items: bowls/shelves/growing sticks. Quilt racks/quilt display systems. Garden items: jam, jelly, honey and maple syrup. Artwork, pottery, handmade cards.

P.S. Please share this information with other members of your congregation.

If you have any questions about the quilt or marketplace auction, please call or text Amy Loken, at 218-391-4260. Thank you!



In-gathering of Congregational Hunger Offerings

As part of our hunger emphasis at Synod Assembly congregations are encouraged to bring hunger offering they have gathered to the assembly. For over 20 years many congregations in our synod have taken special offerings for hunger and brought those offering to the synod assembly. Some congregations take "Noisy Offerings," some collect quarters, some designate an offering for hunger during Lent, and some congregation gather offerings at other times and aren't able to bring them to synod assembly. This in-gathering of hunger offerings at our synod assembly is an encouragement for congregations to gather a special hunger offering and make a difference for people who are hungry in our world.