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The items in this catalog are real examples from projects currently supported through different churchwide ministries. The projects have been planned by our partners — meaning that each community receives exactly the kind of support it needs and none of what it doesn't.

Your donation will be used where needed most within the wider category of each gift you've selected. (For example, a gift of vaccinations may be used to support other health care initiatives.) This allows our church to stay adaptive, flexible and effective in the work that it does. Because we seek to honor your generosity and keep administrative costs low, we do not track individual financial gifts to specific families or locations in the United States or abroad.



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Abundant community

This gift of a goat, chickens, trees,
training and tools can help a whole
community get a fresh start and
equip its people to build a future filled
with hope.

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Popular gift!

Safe water access

Give as many as 500 families
access to clean water and
remove a barrier to their
overcoming poverty.

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Safe water access

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Paul Jeffrey/Life on Earth



Sean Hawkey/Life on Earth

Help the farm grow!

Add a rooster.

\$15



Chicks

Ten little chicks can make a big difference. When chicks grow up to become chickens, their eggs not only provide an ongoing supply of protein-rich meals — they can also help start a small business and generate a steady source of income.

\$10 Chicks

“

My family is happy now as we have a modern house and can get basic needs such as food and good shelter. I plan to scale up my chicken-keeping business so as to finish building my house and buy furniture.

—Leticia, Tanzania

”

Family farm

Popular gift!

Help a family break the cycle of hunger and poverty — for good. A cow, a couple goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds and agricultural training can create a world of opportunity for a family living in poverty. With eggs, milk and meat to eat and sell, and tools and training to increase the harvest, this gift can make a big difference.

\$715 Family farm



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Paul Jeffrey/Life on Earth

Goat

Limited space to graze? Dry land? Goats don't mind! **Goats can go where other animals can't**, surviving in some of the world's most challenging terrain and unreliable climates. Fresh milk from a goat provides daily nutrition for children and their families. Plus, goats are incredibly quick to reproduce, which provides an opportunity for families to pass the gift on to others in their community.

\$50 Goat

\$300 Herd of goats



L. Gillabert/LWF

“

I am really proud that I'm doing this job. Thank you to the donors who support us women to buy goats. We started with 40 goats, and we now have 154 goats.

—Fidès, Burundi

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Add some friends!

Goat and flock of chicks

\$60



Make it a pair!

A couple of goats

\$100



Go all out!

A herd of goats

\$300



800-638-3522 Gifts on these pages support the sustainable-development projects of ELCA World Hunger.



Lindsey Queener

Popular gift!

Piglet

This little piggy couldn't be a bigger lifesaver. This gift is a source of natural fertilizer, helping a family's crops grow tall and strong. If needed, a pig can be sold at market for funds to pay children's school fees or cover an emergency trip to the clinic. That's like money in the bank.

\$30 Piglet

Fish farm

Give your neighbors a fish, and they'll eat for a day. Give your neighbors a community fish farm, and they'll eat for a lifetime. A fish farm starts with a pond, training and a few fast-growing fish such as tilapia. Soon the pond can provide the community with a longtime supply of fish, rich in vitamins, minerals and protein.

\$250 Community fish farm

\$50 Share of a fish farm



Paul Jeffrey/ACT Alliance

Cow

One dairy cow can produce a few gallons of milk each day. Milk provides a calcium-packed source of nutrition for growing children, and a family can generate income by selling extra milk, cheese, yogurt, butter and more. With food, funds and fertilizer, the gift of a cow has got it all.

\$500 Cow

\$50 Share of a cow



Honeybees

These busy bees didn't get their reputation as hard workers for nothing! **Support families and healthy honeybee colonies with this buzzworthy gift.** Honeybees provide honey to eat and beeswax to transform into handcrafted soaps and candles, allowing a family to start a small business selling their products. As an added bonus, these little bees boost crop growth on the farm by pollinating plants everywhere they go.

\$20 Honeybees

Grow a garden!

Honeybees + community vegetable garden

\$220 Find out more about the community vegetable garden on page 16.





Sean Hawkey/Life on Earth

God's Global Barnyard

Can't decide? A gift to God's Global Barnyard will be used where needed most to support livestock, agriculture and other sustainable-development projects, which help farmers and families with the resources they need to thrive.

\$any amount God's Global Barnyard



Abundant community

New!

Equip a whole community with the resources needed to build a stronger future. **This bundle includes a goat, rooster, cow, three chicks, seeds and gardening tools, honeybees, three fruit-tree seedlings, farmers' field school and a community garden** — gifts that will enable neighbors to nourish themselves and their families and generate income. The seeds of hope you help your neighbors plant today will continue to grow for generations to come.

\$1,020 Abundant community bundle

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."
John 10:10



Water filter

When safe drinking water just isn't available — especially in times following emergencies or natural disasters — **a simple, ceramic water filter is a lifesaver.** Capable of purifying water without electricity or chemicals, a water filter is a powerful, reliable way to provide safe water when it's needed most.

\$30 Water filter



Irrigation system

Many farmers around the world rely on rainwater to nourish their crops. **When the rain doesn't fall, an entire community can be vulnerable to drought and hunger.** Irrigation systems, coupled with training and maintenance, can make some of our most vulnerable farmers and their families more resilient to the impacts of climate change and give them the tools to protect their water supply.

\$100 Portion of an irrigation project

Alpha Kapola/Act Alliance



Albin Hillert/LWF

Popular gift!

Safe water access

One of the biggest challenges to overcoming poverty is lack of access to clean water. **With a simple well, spring box or other water point, as many as 500 families gain access to clean, safe water.** Communities are healthier. People spend less money on medical expenses and more on food and education. And instead of spending hours each day gathering water for the family, women and children have time for work and school. Talk about a future filled with hope!

\$2,500 Safe water access

\$250 Share of a safe water project



At an average cost of \$2,500, a spring box is one of many types of water projects supported by your gifts. Water wells can range from \$2,500 to \$10,000 or more, depending on the location and cost of materials.

Latrine

When you gotta go, you gotta go. But a startling 2 billion people around the world lack access to basic sanitation, including toilets. Without facilities, contamination of the local water supply and food chain make far too many people sick from preventable diseases. **A new latrine, along with training to help with maintenance and hygiene, leads to a much healthier community, not to mention a safer way to take care of business.**

\$150 Latrine



“ Thanks to the project's hands-on training and instruction, I knew the latrine would be simple to build. My family now has a sanitary latrine to use.

—Du, Vietnam

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Paul Jeffrey/Life on Earth

New!

Safe birth

Give a child a healthy start from day one. This gift connects a mother with health care workers who provide early screenings, education in disease prevention, and pre- and postnatal care, ensuring the safe delivery of a healthy baby.

\$750 Safe birth



“ Not only has my wife's health improved during her pregnancy, but there is peace in our family. In the past I spent a lot of time and money on transport and medication, but now we can save our money and focus on loving each other.

—Usufu, Malawi

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Lindsey Queener

Start a small business with a microloan

A woman may have the necessary leadership skills to realize her dream of owning a small business, but without savings or access to credit, getting started can be a challenge. **A microloan can be just what a woman needs to start her business — weaving, baking or running a storefront, for example — to create a steady source of income and help her family overcome poverty.** As she repays the loan, the funds are reinvested in a cooperative so that the cycle of giving will continue and its impact will grow.

\$125 Microloan for a woman



Paul Jeffrey/Life on Earth

Send a woman to farmers' field school

Women are the force behind half the world's food production, but they don't always enjoy the same access to land, supplies or education as their male counterparts. **According to one estimate, if female farmers around the world had equal access to these resources, the resulting food production would put a significant dent in the number of people living in hunger.** With an opportunity to attend farmers' field school, women can learn the latest advances in agriculture, marketing and leadership, and help nourish their families and communities.

\$75 Farmers' field school for a woman



Y. Franklin Ishida

“
I used to live in poverty.
Now I am more resilient.
—Frieda, Papua New Guinea
”

Send a girl to school

Worldwide, girls are far less likely than boys to be enrolled in school. Many factors play into this, yet helping families with school fees and uniforms can eliminate the difficult choice parents make about which child goes to school and which stays home. **When you educate a girl, you open a world of opportunity for her future and the future of her family and community.**

\$40 School fees and uniform for a girl

Popular gift!



Albin Hillert/LWF

School supplies

Imagine being denied the chance to attend school just because your family can't afford school supplies. This is the case for far too many children around the world. Your gift of notebooks, paper and pencils provide the building blocks for a brighter future.

School supplies

\$10 For a child

\$300 For a classroom



Paul Jeffrey/Life on Earth

Computers and internet access

Computers and internet access can open up a world of learning for children. As remote learning continues to be important, your gift of a computer or internet access can help kids study on their own.

\$800 Computer for a community center

\$100 One month of internet connectivity for students

Environmentally friendly cookstove

Traditional cooking stoves can burn a lot of wood and fill small homes with dangerous smoke that leads to a host of health problems for families. **More efficient stoves can burn a variety of fuels**, produce less smoke and maintain heat better, which means families burn less wood and face fewer health risks.

\$105 Environmentally friendly cookstove

Popular gift!



With her new environmentally friendly cookstove, Miriam, a mother of four in Malawi, can cook for her family, using less than half the fuel she was using before.

Lindsey Queener

Food for orphans and vulnerable children

A nutritious diet is important to a child's health. **Foods high in protein and vitamins keep tummies full and immune systems strong.** Your support reminds children who have lost one or both parents that someone cares.

Nutrition for a child

\$25 For one month **\$300** For one year



Paul Jeffrey/Life on Earth

Stock a backpack with food

More than 30 million children in the United States depend on school meal programs to stay well-nourished and ready to learn. But on weekends many children struggle to maintain the same nutrition level at home. Backpack programs across the country help students at risk of hunger by discreetly stocking their backpacks with a weekend's supply of food each Friday afternoon and sometimes over holidays. That way, children — and their families — have a couple days of healthy meals and snacks to get them through the weekend and back in the classroom ready to learn!

\$10 Stock a backpack with food



Marilyn Nieyes

Climate resilience kit

In many areas around the world, a single hurricane, flood, drought or other disaster can destroy the livelihoods of entire communities. A climate resilience kit can prepare our most vulnerable neighbors — especially farmers — to adapt to changing weather. With a **fruit-tree farm, seeds and tools, farmers' field school, community garden, honeybees, three environmentally friendly cookstoves and an irrigation project**, this gift includes the tools they need to grow heartier crops and to use resources more efficiently. Help create a more resilient and sustainable world for all!

\$910 Climate resilience kit

New!



Paul Jeffrey/Life on Earth

After being given training on climate-resilient farming skills, based on improved seeds, drought-resistant crops and general farm management, my family got good harvests. I can meet my basic needs and eat three meals per day. I would like my fellow community members to engage in climate-resilient agriculture like irrigation farming, which could save us from hunger, improving our food security and ultimately the well-being of our whole community.

—Leonard, Tanzania

Fruit-tree seedling

Certain fruits — such as mango, orange and guava — thrive in the driest of conditions, even drought. Low-maintenance fruit trees represent a community investment that can span generations, protecting the soil from erosion and providing vitamin-packed fruit to children and adults alike.

\$10 Fruit-tree seedling

\$150 Fruit-tree farm



Mahedere Yemoanfilm/ACT Alliance

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, *for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*"

Hebrews 13:16



Paul Jeffrey/ACT Alliance

Seeds and gardening tools

Help a new gardener grow! New tools and equipment — along with seeds and comprehensive agricultural training — can help a family start their own small garden, improve their daily nutrition and increase their earning power.

\$50 Seeds and gardening tools



Sean Hawkey/Life on Earth

Community vegetable garden

Start with a shared plot of land and soil, add drought-resistant seeds and top them off with tools and training. The result? **Plenty of tomatoes, potatoes, cabbage, beans, cassava and other vegetables to go around.** Extra produce can be sold for income, with the garden's members using their shared profits to reinvest in and expand the garden.

\$200 Community garden

Warm meals at a feeding ministry

Whether people are looking for refuge from the streets or a little extra help to get by, a warm meal and a seat at the table can go a long way. Your gifts help support feeding ministries across the country, many of which are organized by ELCA congregations, as they serve up meals to people in need. More importantly, they connect guests to resources, addressing long-term needs and helping to overcome hunger, poverty and homelessness.

\$20 Serve 10 people at a feeding ministry

\$100 Serve 50 people at a feeding ministry



Albin Hillert/LWF

Health care for a child

When a child feels sick or needs a checkup, **no parent should have to choose between a visit to the clinic and food for the family.** Spare a parent this difficult decision and offer them peace of mind by covering the cost of a visit.

\$10 Clinic visit for a child



Atta Jaber/LWF

Stock a health clinic

Just one week of supplies can help treat hundreds of people. Diagnostic tests, antibiotics and treatments — for everything from common colds to malaria, tuberculosis, HIV and AIDS — are among the basic supplies every clinic needs to treat patients and save lives.

\$75 Stock a health clinic for a week



Paul Jeffrey/Life on Earth

The hospital workers and social workers helped me through this journey and made me realize that I can achieve what I set my mind to achieve. Successfully completing grade 12 with their support was a turning point for me. It gave me strength and hope that I can accomplish anything.

—Iman, Jerusalem, reflecting on five years of dialysis treatment at an ELCA-supported hospital after her diagnosis at age 16.

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Paul Jeffrey/Life on Earth

Mosquito net

In many places around the world, **just one bite from an infected mosquito can transmit malaria and lead to serious illness or death.** A mosquito net treated with long-lasting insecticide and accompanied by education on its proper use can protect those most at risk — especially small children and older adults — from this life-threatening disease.

\$10 One mosquito net

\$20 Mosquito nets for a family

“God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:8



Paul Jeffrey/ACT Alliance

Vaccinations for a child

Every 20 seconds a child dies from a vaccine-preventable disease, such as measles, polio, tetanus and tuberculosis, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Immunizing a child is one of the best ways to make sure that they stay healthy — and that their family avoids the medical costs associated with treating these illnesses — for years to come.

\$30 Vaccinations for a child



P. Omagwa/LWF

Hygiene kit

We all know that hand-washing is an important way to stay healthy and control the spread of disease, including COVID-19. **But in many communities, critical supplies such as soap, bleach and even clean water are scarce.** A hygiene kit provides sanitation supplies and education for households, schools, clinics and other public spaces. It's a simple yet powerful way to protect our most vulnerable neighbors and save lives.

\$25 Hygiene kit

Accompany a migrant returning home

New!

Migrants embark on their journeys to a better life filled with hope, but the road is dangerous and often unsuccessful. When they are returned, migrants and refugees typically lack contacts and access to resources to rebuild their lives. Many feel they must leave again, on another dangerous journey. This gift can **support returned migrants and empower them to become productive members of their new communities** with legal aid, vocational training and more.

\$1,750 Accompany a migrant returning home



“My story is a powerful reminder of the transformative capacity that resides in each individual and the importance of maintaining hope and determination even in the most difficult times.”

—Yessi, Honduras



Paul Jeffrey/Life on Earth



Filip Blazewski/LWF

Support a refugee family

Lutherans are known for their work with refugees, from managing some of the world's largest refugee camps to leading resettlement efforts. These camps shelter people who have fled war and violence, and **food supplies help them stay healthy** after a long, dangerous journey to safety.

Feed a refugee family

\$50 For one week

\$200 For one month

HELP IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Counseling and care

After the immediate danger of a disaster has passed, emotional and spiritual care can help heal the trauma inflicted by a crisis. Peer-to-peer, group and individual counseling can provide survivors with hope and healing after a disaster.

Counseling for a disaster survivor

\$160 For a week **\$640** For a Month

Housing for vulnerable youth

Family rejection and other hardships can drive LGBTQIA+ youth into homelessness and increase their risk of suicide. A safe place to stay while getting connected to resources can help vulnerable young people set themselves on a path of healing and stability.

Shelter for a vulnerable LGBTQIA+ youth

\$50 For one night **\$350** For a week



Youth at Trinity Place Shelter in New York City

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I feel cared for here in a way I haven't felt anywhere else. I wouldn't have made progress if it hadn't been for your support.

—Malik, New York City, United States

”

“We, who are many, are one body in Christ, *and individually we are members one of another.*”

Romans 12:5

Personal and household necessities for disaster survivors



Albin Hillert/LWF

Food, clothes, housewares and toiletries can greatly help a family struggling in the aftermath of a disaster, especially when they have no place to call home. When emergency crews leave and media attention fades, our church stays. This gift reminds a family that they haven't been forgotten.

\$200 A month's supply of necessities

Warm blankets

Share love and warmth by giving a blanket to a survivor of an emergency or natural disaster. Blankets and other supplies are distributed to those who have lost their homes and belongings, **providing comfort, rest and a reminder that someone cares.**

\$10 Blanket

Youth at Trinity Place Shelter in New York City

LEADERS AND CHANGE-MAKERS

Help a woman leader make a difference

Our global companion churches have identified young women who excel in their studies and show great potential to lead their communities. They need only financial support to continue their schooling. **That's where you can play a role — by offering a scholarship and a spot in one of our ELCA colleges or universities** so a young woman can complete her education in business, women's rights, peace studies or some other subject. After their education these women return to their home countries, ready to assume important leadership roles. You can play a key role in a young leader's story, and one day we'll all benefit from what she shares with the world.

\$100 Scholarship support for an international woman leader



IWL scholars Nina (Zimbabwe), Naomi (Tanzania) and Julia (Poland) at California Lutheran University

Support a Young Adult in Global Mission

New!

Empower a young-adult leader called into a year of service as part of the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program. **With this gift you can invest in a leader by covering their expenses for a month**, including training, housing, health insurance and a small living allowance.

\$1,500 Support a YAGM for one month



Kerry (left), YAGM volunteer in Argentina

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As a lifelong learner, this time in Oberá nurtured my curiosity and general wonderment for the world through watching, listening, being heard and asking questions. Accompaniment is no passive thing; it takes action and willingness, and I am excited to continue living in accompaniment through my profession, friendships, families and communities.”

—Hannah, YAGM volunteer in Argentina

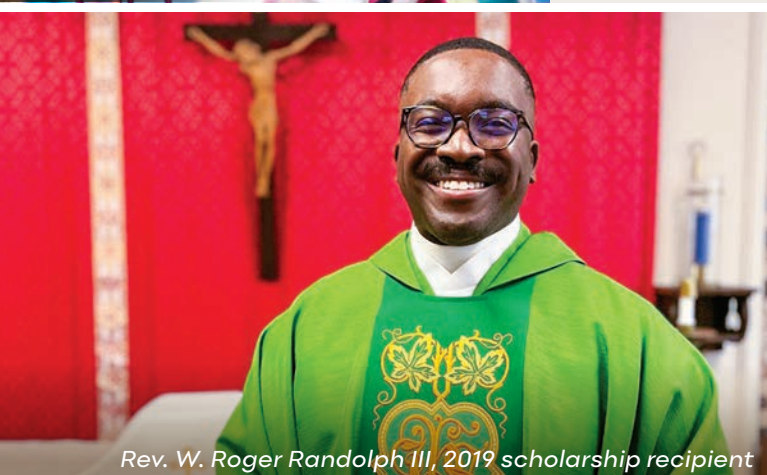
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Equip an emerging professional with job training

Vocational training centers in the United States and around the globe prepare people for new job opportunities, teaching such in-demand trades as mechanics, welding and carpentry. **New skills and access to materials equip individuals with the resources and confidence they need to begin new careers and launch their own businesses**, earning more income and accumulating wealth for their family and future generations.

\$75 Vocational training



Rev. W. Roger Randolph III, 2019 scholarship recipient

Send a future leader to seminary

The future of this church rests on the next generation of leaders. By providing scholarship support to outstanding candidates for seminary, you can help future pastors and deacons graduate with less student debt, serving wherever the church needs and the Holy Spirit leads.

Support one course for an ELCA seminarian

\$150 For a week

\$2,500 For a semester



Share Christ's love around the globe

Be part of an ELCA missionary's story as they serve in Jesus' name around the world. Missionaries accompany neighbors as teachers, pastors, doctors and more. God calls us into the world — together. Your gift makes possible this life-changing ministry of sharing God's love.

Support an ELCA missionary

\$any amount



Popular gift!

Bibles for the growing church

Share the message of Christ's love. Support fast-growing Lutheran churches with Bibles — sometimes in brand-new translations — and support God's people as they study and share the word.

\$12 Bible



Motorbike for a pastor

How beautiful are the feet (and the wheels) that bring good news! With a reliable source of transportation, pastors in rural areas can greatly increase the size of the community they serve. Motorbikes help church leaders share the message of God's love in Jesus Christ with people in the most remote villages and communities.

\$375 Motorbike for a pastor



Sunday school start-up kit

Care for God's little ones by nurturing their faith. With lessons, supplies and teaching aids **you can equip fast-growing communities of faith with Christian educational materials that make the gospel accessible to children of all ages.**

\$65 Sunday school start-up kit

"[Jesus] said to [his disciples], 'Go into all the world and *proclaim the good news to the whole creation.*'"

Mark 16:15

Give where needed most

Looking for a meaningful way to give where the need is greatest? This gift is for you! Your unrestricted support will allow the ELCA to respond where and when its help is needed most, starting new ministries, sending missionaries, training leaders, engaging youth and young adults, sharing the gospel and serving our neighbors. **With one gift you can make a sweeping impact, reaching far and wide to share God's love.**

\$any amount



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