

GIFTS THAT **GROW THE CHURCH, FIGHT HUNGER AND TRANSFORM LIVES.**

# ELCA GOOD GIFTS

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God's work. Our hands.

# HOW IT WORKS

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God's love in Jesus is a gift. ELCA Good Gifts is just one way you can share that love with others.

## 1 CHOOSE YOUR GIFT

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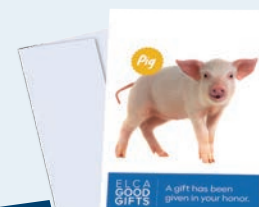
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## 2 GET A CARD

If your gift is in honor of a friend or loved one, telling them about it is easy.

**Give through the catalog** and you can request a FREE printed card for each of your gifts. Please allow 3-4 weeks for delivery to your home.

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## 3 MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Every project in every community starts with listening. We believe that our congregations, companion churches and partners know their communities best. That's why *they* identify the needs and priorities in their communities, as well as the solutions they believe will make the biggest impact.

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 we do. 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 U.S. or abroad.



More than  
**85%**  
of your gifts  
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For frequently asked questions  
and more information on the  
churchwide ministries featured  
in this catalog, please  
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*New!*



## Goat and a flock of chicks

With this gift — a combination of two of our most popular gifts — a family gains access to an ongoing supply of eggs from their chickens and protein-packed milk from their goat. Even better, extra eggs and dairy products can be sold at the market for a steady income.

Goat and a flock of chicks **\$60**

*Popular gift!*

## Transform lives with clean, safe water

A simple water well or other water point can help as many as 500 families gain access to clean, safe water.

Simple water well  
starting at  
**\$2,500\***

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Paul Jeffrey/ACT Alliance

# Chicks

Help a family spread their wings. 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.

Chicks \$10



*Help the farm grow!*

Add a rooster.

**\$15**



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# Family farm

Help a family break the cycle of hunger and poverty — for good. A cow, a couple of 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 all the difference.

Family farm **\$715**



"When I sell the offspring [from my goats], I am able to use the proceeds to send my children to school." — **MAFIYASI**, Malawi

# Goat

Limited space to graze? Dry land? This is the goat's time to shine. **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. What's more, goats are incredibly quick to reproduce, and they provide an opportunity for families to pass the gift on to others.

**Goat \$50**

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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**





# 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, taking a pig to the marketplace is like cashing out a savings account. The funds can be used to pay school fees for children or cover an emergency trip to the clinic.

Piglet **\$30**

*Extra messy!*

Double the fertilizer.  
Piglet + manure

**\$50**



Paul Jeffrey/ACT Alliance

# Cow

One dairy cow can produce a few gallons of milk each day. We know that milk "does a body good," providing a calcium-packed source of nutrition for growing children. A family can start a small business selling extra milk, cheese, yogurt, butter and more. With food, funds and fertilizer, the gift of a cow has got it all.



Cow **\$500**

Share of a cow **\$50**

# 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 begins with a pond, training and a few fast-growing fish, such as tilapia. The entire community benefits from a longtime supply of fish, rich in vitamins, minerals and protein.

Community fish farm **\$250**

Share of a fish farm **\$50**



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"FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD, I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO DRINK, I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME" (MATTHEW 25:35).

# Honeybees

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

Honeybees **\$20**



## Grow a garden!

Honeybees + community vegetable garden

**\$220**

*Find out more about the community vegetable garden on page 15.*



# God's Global Barnyard

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

God's Global Barnyard  
**\$any amount**



*\*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.*

## Provide safe water

Lack of access to safe water is one of the biggest challenges to overcoming poverty. It's also one of the most powerful opportunities to create change. **With a simple water 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!

Simple water well **\$2,500\***

Share of a safe water project **\$250**





## Water filter

When safe drinking water just isn't available — especially in times following natural disasters or emergencies — **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.

**Water filter \$30**

"Now it is not hard to find clean water, and we don't need to go to the river anymore. It is here! Before, someone in the family would be sick every month or even every week, but now we don't get sick hardly at all." —HEZISOKHI, Indonesia



## 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 relieve the stress of unpredictable weather patterns and climate change for some of the most vulnerable farmers and their families.

**Portion of an  
irrigation project  
\$100**





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## Latrine

When you gotta go, you gotta go. But a startling 2.3 billion people 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.**

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Latrine **\$150**

# Send a woman to farmers' field school

Women are the force behind half of the world's food production. But they don't always have the same access to the land, supplies and education that their male counterparts do. **It's been estimated that 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 with hunger.** With an opportunity to attend farmers' field school, they'll learn the latest advancements in agriculture, marketing and leadership, and help nourish their families and communities.



Farmers' field school for a woman **\$75**



# Start a small business with a microloan

A woman may have the dream — and the leadership skills — to start her own small business. But with little 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, even better, help her family overcome poverty.** And as she repays the loan, the funds are reinvested in a cooperative so that the cycle of giving will continue to grow.

Microloan for a woman **\$125**

# Send a girl to school

Worldwide, girls are far less likely than boys to be enrolled in school. While many factors are at play, helping families with school fees and uniforms can eliminate the difficult choice that parents must make about which children go to school and which ones stay home. When you educate a girl, you help open a world of opportunity for her future and the future of her family and community.

School fees and uniform for a girl **\$40**

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"I can go to school! One day I want to get a job, maybe as a teacher. Like I was taught, I want to teach others."

—ROSE, Kakuma refugee camp, Kenya



## School supplies

Imagine being denied the chance to go to school just because your family couldn't afford school supplies. This is the case for far too many children around the world, where basic supplies are required for a child to be enrolled. By providing notebooks, paper and pencils, you provide the building blocks for a brighter future.

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School supplies for a child **\$10**

School supplies for a classroom **\$300**

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## Solar-powered lantern

In sub-Saharan Africa, only 25% of rural households have access to electricity. Without lighting, it's difficult for children and families to read, study or complete other household tasks without burning costly fuel and breathing in dangerous fumes. A portable, solar-charged lantern is a perfect solution. Let that little light shine!

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Solar-powered lantern **\$30**



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# Fruit-tree seedling

Special varieties of fruit trees — such as mango, orange and guava — are known to thrive in the driest of conditions, even drought. **These low-maintenance trees are an investment in the community that can span generations, protecting the soil from erosion and providing nutritious fruit to children and adults alike.**

**Fruit-tree seedling \$10**

**Fruit-tree farm \$150**



*New!*



# Manure

Nothing says “I care” more than a big, heaping pile of this stuff, which works wonders on struggling fields. **Manure increases soil quality, reduces the risk of erosion and improves nutrients available to crops — helping a farmer increase her yields in a stinking big way!**

**Pile of manure \$20**



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# Community vegetable garden

Start with a shared plot of land and soil, add drought-resistant seeds, and top it 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 profits shared by the members of the cooperative to reinvest in and expand the garden.

**Community garden \$200**

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# Seeds and gardening tools

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

**Seeds and gardening tools \$50**



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## Mosquito net

To many of us in the United States, mosquitoes are nothing more than pests. But 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 with education on its proper use, can protect those most at risk — especially small children and older adults — from this life-threatening disease.

One mosquito net **\$10**

Mosquito nets for a small village **\$250**

## 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, and HIV and AIDS — are among the basic supplies every clinic needs to treat patients and save lives.

Stock a health clinic for a week **\$75**



## Health care for a child

Getting a child to the clinic when she or he feels sick or needs a checkup is critical. **But when a parent must choose between a visit to the clinic and food for the family, it's especially hard to make it work.** Make sure families don't have to face this difficult decision by covering the cost of a visit and offering peace of mind.

Clinic visit for a child **\$10**



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# Food for orphans and vulnerable children

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

Nutrition for a child for one month **\$25** Nutrition for a child for one year **\$300**



**"LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU"** (JOHN 15:12).



## Vaccinations for a child

More than 4,000 children die each day from diseases such as measles, polio, tetanus and tuberculosis — all of which can be prevented with vaccines. Immunizing a child is one of the best ways to make sure that he or she stays healthy — and the family avoids the medical costs associated with treating these illnesses — for years to come.

Vaccinations for a child **\$30**



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## Support a refugee family

From managing some of the world's largest refugee camps to leading resettlement efforts, Lutherans are known for their active role in the lives of refugees. While refugee camps shelter people who have fled their homes due to war and violence, **food supplies are among the most critical means to help families stay healthy after a long, dangerous journey to safety.**

Feed a refugee family for one week **\$50**

Feed a refugee family for one month **\$200**

**"WE, WHO ARE MANY, ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST, AND INDIVIDUALLY WE ARE MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER"** (ROMANS 12:5).

## Warm blankets

Share love and warmth with a survivor in the aftermath of a disaster or emergency with the gift of a blanket. Blankets and other supplies are distributed to those who have lost their homes and belongings — **providing comfort, rest and a reminder that someone cares.**

Blanket **\$10**



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Popular gift!

# Bibles for the growing church

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

Bible \$12



New!

# Sunday school start-up kit

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

Sunday school start-up kit \$65

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# Motorbike for a pastor

How beautiful are the feet (and the wheels) of those who 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.

New!

Motorbike for a pastor \$375



**New!**

# Help a woman leader make a difference

Our global companion churches have identified young, driven women who excel in their studies and have great potential to lead their communities. They are ready to continue their schooling, and that's where you can play a role. With scholarship support and a spot in one of our ELCA colleges or universities, you can help a woman complete her education in business, women's rights, peace studies or other areas. After their education, these women return to their home countries ready to assume important leadership roles. **You can be an early part of a young leader's story, and one day we'll all benefit from what she shares with the world.**

**Scholarship support for an international woman leader**

**\$100**



**"If I were to use one word to describe this program, it would be 'hope.' The hope to gain better education, the hope to be a pillar in my church and my society ... the hope to see my dream come true."**

— DORA POMDOOH HOUMA,

International Women Leaders scholarship recipient, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon



# Send a future leader to seminary

The future of this church relies on the next generation of leaders. Help future pastors and deacons throughout the ELCA say "yes" to God's call to ministry by supporting and encouraging outstanding candidates for seminary. With scholarship support and less of a burden from student debt, more future leaders of this church can serve wherever the church needs and the Holy Spirit leads.



**One week of tuition for one seminary course**  
**\$150**

**One semester of tuition for one seminary course**  
**\$2,250**



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## Equip an entrepreneur with vocational training

**New!**

Some of the best jobs require technical training. Vocational training centers teach trades that are in high demand — mechanics, welding and carpentry, to name a few. With new skills and access to materials, individuals are equipped with the resources and confidence they need to begin a new career and launch their own businesses, bringing more income and opportunities for their family and future generations.

**Vocational training \$75**

# Stock a backpack with food

More than 30 million children in the United States depend on federal school-meal programs to stay well-nourished and ready to learn. But on weekends, many children struggle to receive the same level of nutrition 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 go!

**Stock a backpack with food \$10**



**"BLESSED ARE YOU WHO ARE HUNGRY NOW, FOR YOU WILL BE FILLED"** (LUKE 6:21).

# Personal and household necessities for disaster survivors

**Food, new clothes, bedding and toiletries** can be a big help to a family struggling in the aftermath of a natural or other devastating disaster, especially when they have no place to call home. When emergency crews leave and media attention fades, our church is known to stay. This gift helps remind a family that they haven't been forgotten.

**A month's supply of necessities \$200**





# Warm meals at a soup kitchen

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 soup kitchens across the country, many of which are organized by ELCA congregations, as they serve up meals to people in need. More importantly, they help connect guests to the resources they need, addressing long-term needs and overcoming hunger, poverty and homelessness.

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**Feed 10 people at  
a soup kitchen**  
**\$20**

**Feed 50 people at  
a soup kitchen**  
**\$100**

# Give where needed most



Looking for a meaningful way to give where needed most? This gift is for you! Your unrestricted support will allow the ELCA to respond where and when 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 have an opportunity to make a sweeping impact, reaching far and wide to share God's love.

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**\$any amount**



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# Gifts that make a difference

## Goat

Fresh goat milk provides daily nutrition for children and their families.

Goat **\$50**  
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## Chicks

Eggs from chickens are not only an ongoing supply of protein-rich meals for a family, they can also be the start of a small business and a steady source of income.

Chicks **\$10**  
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## Send a girl to school

Educate a girl and help open a world of opportunity for her future.

School fees and uniform for a girl **\$40**  
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