ICA Congregational Meeting



Agenda

- Opening prayer
- Introductions
- Current trends
- Bagging for Tips
- March Food Share
- Why your church matters



ICA Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the day. Help us grow in love and be open to Your grace as we seek to serve the needs of our neighbors. Amen.



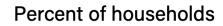
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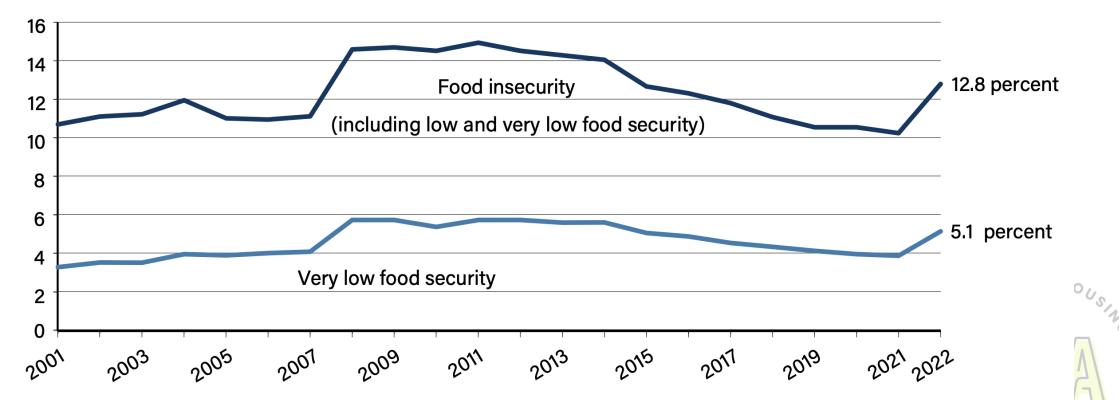




Food Insecurity US

Prevalence of food insecurity in 2022 increased from 2021





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Source: USDA, Economic Reserach Service using data from U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey Food Security Supplement.

Food Insecurity US



In 2023, all food prices are predicted to have increased by 5.8 percent

In 2024, all food prices are predicted to increase 2.2 percent

Source: USDA Food Price Outlook Summary

Food Insecurity MN







1 IN 6 NEIGHBORS

In Minnesota experienced food insecurity in 2021. That's 483,000 people.

1 IN 11 KIDS

Didn't have regular access to the nutrition needed to thrive.

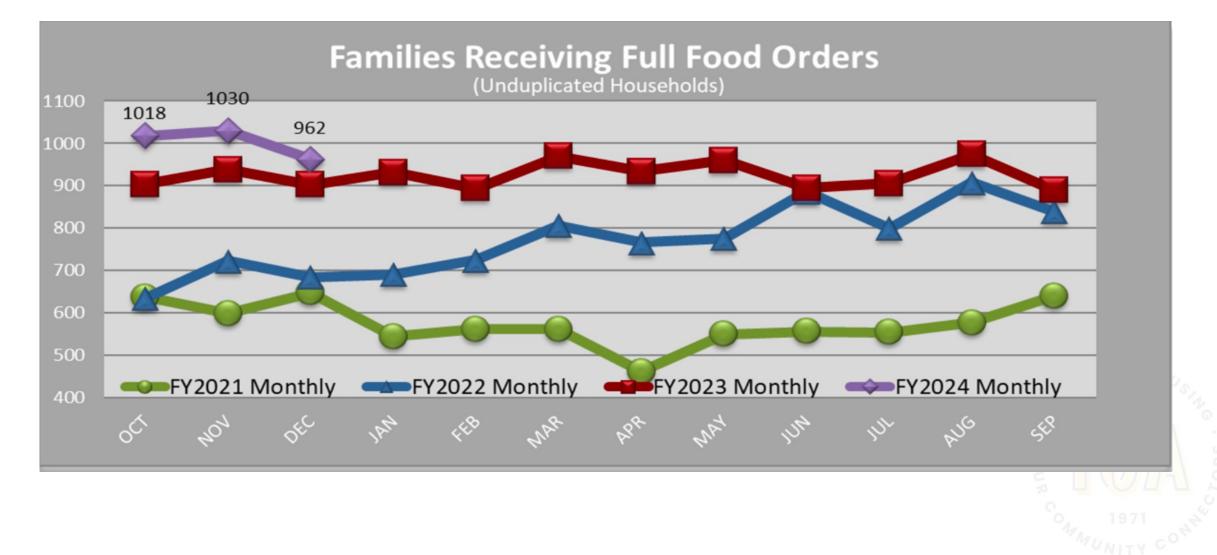
25% OF BLACK HOUSEHOLDS

In Minnesota experienced food insecurity compared to 4% of White households in 2020.



Source: Second Harvest Heartland Hunger Facts

Current trends



Ways You Can Help Bagging for Tips!





Ways You Can Help March Food Share Month



Our 2024 Goals 200,000 pounds of food \$300,000 in donated funds



Ways You Can Help March Food Share Month



Request a tote! Sell a meal for a family \$30 Matching Gift Bulletin Insert Newsletter Article



Why your church matters Inspiring Generosity

62 percent of households in which members regularly attend worship give to charities of all kinds.

That compares with 46 percent of households with no religious affiliation.



Source: Giving USA - Special Report on Giving to Religion

Why your church matters Invisible Safety Net

Pastoral Care / Counseling / Marriage Support Members caring for each other - Food, Money, Emotional Support Networking for jobs / employment Inspiring and organizing volunteers Instilling empathy, kindness, generosity, forgiveness Elder care and end of life care

Source: Philanthropy Today - What philanthropy and nonprofits lose as religion fades



Other news from the pews?

Thank you!



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Next Meeting April 17, 2024

