

Trinity Lutheran Church 2023

Thankful Gifts Catalog



**Looking for gifts that make an impact?
That help make a difference in others' lives?**

This catalog is just what you need!

**God's love in Jesus is a gift.
Giving gifts like these is just one way
to share that love with others.**

COMFORT AT HOME (Uganda)



\$25 Blanket (#1AGI)

In Uganda, many families are extremely impoverished and face severe hardship. Work has been impossible during the nation-wide shutdown due to the coronavirus pandemic, increasing their need of assistance. Some families have been forced to live in tent-like structures on undeveloped land or have no shelter at all. They lack the most basic supplies, such

as blankets and beds. Love Without Boundaries' goal is to provide shelter and comfort for families through the provision of home builds (or rebuilds), beds, and blankets.

SEWING BETTER FUTURES (India)



\$31 Tailor training for 1 woman (#2AGI)

Tailor training offers a valuable skill for young Dalit women in rural villages and urban slums. These women are serious about their desire to learn a skill since their social class severely limits their vocational options. After they complete the program through India Partners and begin working, they will earn about 400 rupees a day—twice what they would earn as field hands

or doing other menial jobs. Having a home-based sewing business enables a mother to care for her kids while at home, earn a modest but decent wage, and even save a little money to send her children to school.

WOMEN FARMERS UNITE (worldwide)



\$6 Seeds for 1 woman farmer (#3AGI)

\$17 Equipment and tools (#4AGI)

Climate breakdown and exploitative development are global threats, and Indigenous women farmers are devastated by the impact. MADRE is empowering women farmers to become leaders of their economic futures by creating farming collectives that build their autonomy and independence. They also

promote the preservation of Indigenous traditions like cultivating native crops, ensuring food security and nutrition as well as supporting energy-efficient greenhouses that lessen pollution and deforestation and creating water systems to guard against drought.

SUPPORT HER BUSINESS (Egypt)



\$55 Share of livestock (#5AGI)

In Upper Egypt, extreme poverty is affecting an estimated 66% of the population. Women are disproportionately impacted by COVID-related economic difficulties, such as unemployment, discrimination, and gender-based violence. The Hands Along the Nile microloan program helps female led households in some of the most marginalized areas in urban Cairo and rural Upper Egypt. When a woman loses a

husband, the entire family comes under existential threat. For such women, owning livestock, selling their produce at the market, or starting a home-based business can make all the difference. By receiving loans, livestock, and training, women have a chance to secure a dignified life as proud leaders.

HOMELESS AND HUNGRY (United States)



\$25 A night of shelter and basic necessities (#6AGI)

Over half a million people experienced homelessness in America last year. That's about 18 per 10,000 people in the US. Approximately 17,337 people were living on the street, in a car, or in another place not meant for human habitation on any given night in 2021. AGI addresses these challenges by supporting

local homeless shelters and food banks. Food, shelter, hygiene supplies and clothing, are all gifts that will supply basic human needs for vulnerable American families.

FOOD AND HEALING FOR REFUGEES (Ukraine)



\$14 Food or therapy sessions for 1 child (#7AGI)

The UN information website, Reliefweb, estimates roughly one third of Ukrainians have been displaced because of the Russian invasion and following war. Nearly all are women and children since most men are in the army. They were forced to leave everything behind. There is a growing need to supplement

food and shelter with emotional support for traumatized children and their receiving communities. Your gift will provide age-appropriate therapy, as well as other basic needs for Ukrainian refugee children and mothers.

WATER WELLS FOR LIFE (South Sudan)



\$60 water pump (#8AGI)

More than 5.1 million people in South Sudan live without clean water. South Sudan, the world's youngest country, lacks a stable government and basic infrastructure. Village residents live in unstable communities that are absent of economic growth. Water for South Sudan works to solve these problems by providing access to safe water in rural villages. Local gov-

ernments are involved at every step, securing buy-in from the community. Villagers work alongside the WFSS team, participating in hygiene education and well maintenance training, ensuring long-term sustainability. They also help construct water storage and distribution systems, drill and repair wells, and build latrines (toilet facilities) — bridging the gap between tribes and reducing conflict.

EMERGENCY DISASTER AID (worldwide)



\$65 One share of emergency aid (#9AGI)

Every year, countless lives globally are impacted because of natural disasters. War and internal conflict contributes to hardships furthermore. Alternative Gifts International partners with trusted, vetted, nonprofit organizations to actively assist in emergency disaster response. This funding aids in mobilizing skilled labor, sending medical supplies, providing

food, and more. Your gift to this program alleviates suffering caused by unexpected disasters that disrupt lives around the world.

DONKEY MOBILE LIBRARIES (Ethiopia)**\$20 30 books (#10AGI)**

In Ethiopia, children struggle to achieve genuine literacy. Although school enrollment rates have increased substantially, an estimated 45% of people ages 15 and older still can't read. Even if a child is learning to read, the number of books available in Ethiopian languages beyond textbooks, are limited.

School and public libraries are scarce and poorly equipped. Ethiopia Reads' programs make reading accessible for children and families through donkey powered libraries and other activities. Primary-aged children are more passionate about reading when the power of reading is promoted by their families at home.

SEND HER TO SCHOOL (Thailand)**\$38 Tuition and school lunch for 1 month (#11AGI)**

In remote areas of northern Thailand, impoverished girls are in danger of human trafficking. The Girls Advocacy Through Education Program at Angel Covers keeps vulnerable girls in school and away from traffickers. Girls in this region often

leave school because their severely impoverished families cannot afford school fees and expenses. Success Story: Khim (pictured) grew up in extreme poverty and was at risk of leaving school. GATE intervened and allowed Khim to remain in school and pursue her passion of studying traditional Thai dance and music while completing her high school education. She plans to attend college and one day become a music teacher.

PLANT A COMMUNITY GARDEN (United States)**\$75 Plants and garden supplies (#12AGI)**

Young people in the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe are facing the extinction of their language, their traditional ways, and their cultural values. A new charter school on the Reservation, Kwiayagat Community Academy (KCA), with support from Trees, Water & People, is turning that around. Curriculum at

KCA is delivered through the lens of Ute culture. The goal is to facilitate the transfer of knowledge from the local elders and to teach the cultural value of plants to K-5 youth. With the continued development of a Ute ethnobotany garden and traditional vegetable garden, outdoor learning curriculum that includes community celebrations that engage Tribal elders and the youth, students at KCA learn their language and the traditional values of stewardship

**You are changing the world
one gift at a time!**

NECESSITIES FOR SCHOOL (Kenya)



\$17 BACKPACK (#13AGI)

Expanding Opportunities has been assisting children in Kenya for over two decades. One of the biggest needs for children is assistance with the cost of their education. On March 5, 2023, Citizen TV reported that there are 2.4 million learners who have been unable to attend school due to family poverty

level, multiple siblings and/or insecurity. Expanding Opportunities identifies students who are most in need, and assists them with their school fees, uniforms and/or supplies. They also follow up with the children to learn about their performance.

TREE NURSERIES (Haiti)



\$28 25 trees (#14AGI)

\$55 50 trees (#15AGI)

According to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, nearly 12 species of birds, 28 species of plants, 46 species of amphibians, 15 species of fish, and some 10 species of reptiles and mammals are in danger of extinction in Haiti. The

main reason is deforestation. To turn this around, Quixote Center supports tree nurseries that also generate household income for rural Haitians. In the last quarter of 2022, 412 families planted 11,500 trees in their home gardens and fields. Coconut, avocado, key lime, orange, coffee, and plantain trees are all produced by these nurseries and can yield income to support each participating household.

ECO STOVES AND KITCHEN GARDENS (Panama)



\$33 Start a kitchen garden (#16AGI)

María Balbina Rodríguez and her family relocated to the community of Aguas Claras in Panama to be closer to medical care and education and, she was also looking for a healthier way to cook. She partnered with Sustainable Harvest International to gain knowledge of sustainable and eco-friendly cooking practices. They adopted the use of organic fertilizers and implemented soil conservation techniques. María and her family are growing an abundance of healthy food organically, and cooking with eco-stoves which use less wood.

LIFE-SAVING BACKPACK MEDICS (Burma)



\$7 Anti-malaria treatment (#17AGI)

\$33 Penicillin for 1 team (#18AGI)

In 2023, the Burma army unleashed daily attacks against their ethnic minorities—causing thousands to flee to the jungle for safety. Without access to healthcare, lives can be lost. One example is infant mortality, with 1 in 10 children not surviving

the birth process without medical care. Additionally, more than 1 in 10 suffer from malaria. Burma Humanitarian Mission is making a difference. They train backpack medic teams and give medicines to treat common, yet lethal conditions such as: malaria, dysentery, infections, landmine injuries, and post-partum complications. The medics travel to isolated villages and camps, providing medical and maternal care. As a result, infant mortality has dropped 100 times since 2002.

BIKES CHANGE COMMUNITIES (Africa)



\$35 Ship 1 bike (#19AGI)

In rural villages of Africa, there is no alternative to reach distant services other than walking. A 6.21 mile walk to the clinic to get critical life-saving medication takes two hours each way, but only 15 minutes on a bike. Children walk hours to and from school, only to return home exhausted and hungry. However, a bike once again is a game changer. Bicycles for Humanity seeks to change the world two wheels at a time, delivering 1,600-2,000 bikes annually to their community-operated bike shops. Each bike is sold at an affordable price, and the proceeds from each purchase returns to support the local communities.

THE GIFT OF SIGHT (India)



\$17 Eye exam and glasses for 1 child (#20AGI)

For many children, eyesight is like their "superpower." Poor eyesight robs a child of their ability to learn, destroying hope for their future. The solution is often as simple as a pair of eyeglasses. However, millions of poor children in developing countries who need glasses cannot afford them. In 2019, the World Health Organization reported approximately 2.2 billion people are living with vision impairment worldwide. Trees for Life has partnered with top eye hospitals in India to address this problem. School children will get regular eye exams, and eyeglasses will be provided for those who need them or other treatments. Your gift can help a student pursue their dreams.

WALK TO SCHOOL: NO MORE CRAWLING (DR Congo)



\$61 Leg straps and 1 month of school fees (#21AGI)

Parents of children with disabilities in the DR Congo can rarely afford the special equipment needed to enable their children to walk to school, or the school fees required. STANDPROUD helps children attain maximum mobility and dignity through the crafting of simple orthopedic leg braces, and by teaching the children how to use them. They also assist with funding their education.

To purchase gifts from this catalog:

1. remove order form
2. select gifts, indicating quantity and total price
3. on front of order form under your name, fill out totals from each organization if purchasing from more than one, calculate overall total
4. pay with check (to: Trinity Lutheran, memo line: Thankful Gifts) or cash
5. know that you are making an impact on someone's life

Thank You!

PIGLET



\$30 One piglet (#1GG)

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.

CHICKS



\$10 10 chicks (#2GG)

Ten little chicks make a *big* difference. Eggs are not only an ongoing supply of protein-rich meals, they also help bring in steady income when sold at the market. With this gift, things are looking up – sunny side up, that is.

FISH FARM



\$50 Share of a community fish farm (#3GG)

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. Soon, the pond can provide the community with a longtime supply of fish, rich in vitamins, minerals and protein.

GOAT

\$50 Goat (#4GG)



If there's a superhero of the barnyard, it just might be the goat. Why? Because 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, providing an opportunity for families to pass the gift on to others in their community. .

WATER FILTER

\$30 Water filter (#5GG)



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.

SEND A GIRL TO SCHOOL



\$40 School fees and uniform for a girl (#6GG)

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.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



\$10 School supplies for a child (#7GG)

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. By providing school books, paper and pencils, you open a world of opportunity for boys and girls around the world.

HOUSING FOR A VULNERABLE LGBTQIA+ YOUTH



\$50 1 night of shelter for a vulnerable LGBTQIA+ youth (#8GG)

Rejection by family 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.

SUPPORT A REFUGEE FAMILY



\$50 Feed a refugee family for one week (#9GG)

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.

*"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

STOCK A HEALTH CLINIC



\$75 Stock a health clinic for a week (#10GG)

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

IRRIGATION SYSTEM



\$100 Portion of an irrigation project (#11GG)

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 help vulnerable farmers and their families become more resilient to the impacts of climate change and give them the tools to protect their water supply.

VACCINATIONS



\$30 Vaccinations for a child (#12GG)

More than 4,000 children die each day from vaccine-preventable diseases, 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.

MOSQUITO NET



\$10 One mosquito net (#13GG)

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.

**For more information about these organizations,
visit their websites.**

Alternative Gifts International: www.alternativegifts.org

ELCA Good Gifts: www.elca.org/goodgifts

Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry: www.lutheranpartners.org

EMPOWER WOMEN & GIRLS



\$25 Literacy training (#1LPGM)

As women and girls are taught to read and write, they will have a better chance at rising out of poverty and will teach their children, future children, and communities. Invest in a woman's education, and everyone around her will also benefit. Working alongside the social work arm of the Evangelical Lutheran

Church in the Central African Republic, LPGM will provide the funds to establish literacy and post-literacy program.

ENGLISH+



\$15 Financial assistance to those enrolled in vocational training (#2LPGM)

Your donation will support the efforts of the Arcot Lutheran Church to teach and improve Tamil literacy (their first language) as well as bring the English language (the unifying language in India) to life in village schools.

EDUCATION IN GUATEMALA



\$8 Help Girls Stay in School & Learn Agroecology Skills (#3LPGM)

When you give to LPGM, you help Q'Eqchi' Maya girls and young women attend WALC (Women in Agroecology Leadership for Conservation) on the campus of CCFC (Community Cloud Forest Conservation.) In turn, you are empowering them to transform the agricultural practices of their villages and to fulfill their dreams of an education.

EXTENDED STUDY SCHOLARSHIPS



\$25 Portion of an extended study scholarship (#4LPGM)

More and more of LPGM sponsored students are pursuing higher education following graduation. Some go on to vocational or technical training. Increasing numbers attend college to become nurses, doctors, pastors and

teachers. Most of them do this with no financial support from their families, and will in fact support their families after entering the workforce.

TANZANIA SAFE HOUSE



\$25 Helping young women choose their own path (#5LPGM)

Your donation will help to protect young Maasai women in Tanzania through our partner's Safe House Initiative. Keeping these young women from becoming child brides and instead letting them choose their own path and forge it safely will change their world!

TRINITY'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY



Any amount (#1LOCAL)

Monetary gifts enable Trinity's Care Team to purchase items to stock our Little Free Pantry that is available to anyone to use 24/7. Our Little Free Pantry is used by many and is a great resource for people in Spring Grove who are facing food insecurity.

HOUSTON COUNTY FOOD SHELF



Any amount (#2LOCAL)

Monetary gifts enable the food shelf to purchase items to keep the food shelf fully stocked. As an organization, they are able to purchase in bulk at great savings, making the monetary donations stretch even farther. The food shelf is a great resource for those who are facing food insecurity.

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND AT TRINITY (OVERALL FUND)

Any amount (#3LOCAL)

Trinity's Good Samaritan Fund is available at the pastors' discretion for anonymous use as members of the community request help. Gifts have been given to help with utilities, rent, personal items such as shoes or coats, and gas to get to appointments. We are blessed to be able to help our neighbors in times of need.

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND AT TRINITY (SPECIFIC)

\$25 Red's Hometown Market (#4LOCAL)



We receive requests for food (including fresh vegetables and fruit, dairy, meat), hygiene items, and baby care items — all of which are available at Red's Hometown Market. These cards will be marked for use for "food only, no alcohol."

\$25 Kwik Trip Gas (#5LOCAL)



Requests are often made for gas — there are specific **gas-only** cards at Kwik Trip. Having gift cards available to give when the need arises is a blessing to all.

**Thank you for thinking of others
this Christmas season!**

Inspire change with the gifts you give.

Inside our Thankful Gifts Catalog you'll find many gift opportunities that will help make life better for someone globally and domestically.

We encourage you to read through the catalog and prayerfully select items that are meaningful and priced right for you and your family and for your designated gift recipient. These gifts come in just the right size, are always needed, and make a big impact on someone's life.



How to order gifts: Fill out the order form and return it to the office with payment (all checks made to Trinity Lutheran with Thankful Gifts on the memo line). Complimentary greeting cards and inserts describing the gifts are available for giving to the recipient.

**Please have gifts purchased by
Tuesday, December 19.**

Thank you!



Examples of greeting cards.

Begin to make a difference in someone's life today.