

# The Soup Scoop

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## Daily Bread Soup Kitchen Mission Statement

The mission of Daily Bread Soup Kitchen is to feed the hungry of our community regardless of race, religion or ethnicity. We welcome all volunteers to this service who share an unconditional positive regard for every human being. We provide a safe, respectful, and inviting environment in an atmosphere of hope and dignity.

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**(Recap for First time Newsletter Recipients:** Daily Bread Soup Kitchen was formed in August when St. Jude's Catholic Worker House Steering Committee made the controversial decision to close the long time soup kitchen. Many Catholic Worker House volunteers remained strongly committed to the mission of feeding the hungry of the Champaign community and banded together to create Daily Bread.

Currently Daily Bread is providing sack lunches out of the facilities of **New Covenant Fellowship at 124 W. White**, at the corner of Randolph and White Street in Champaign. Lunches are served **Monday through Friday from 11:00 to 12:30**. We are in the process of working with New Covenant on plans to use their facilities to provide a hot lunch during the cold winter months. Meanwhile, we dream of having our own permanent facility.)

## Facts You May Not Know About Daily Bread

1. Everyone at Daily Bread is a volunteer. We have NO paid staff. All donations go directly to client services. And donations are always welcome!
2. The average age of our volunteers is 60+. (However, some of us were much younger when we started volunteering at the original Catholic Worker House Soup Kitchen 18 years ago.)
3. Volunteers are always welcome, especially young ones.
4. If you are old and want to volunteer, please lie about your age.
5. We are a very diverse group of volunteers--men, women, Catholic, protestant, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, other, liberal, conservative, apolitical, cheerful, grumpy.
6. It takes longer than one might think to make 200 sandwiches.
7. There is significant disagreement among volunteers as to whether 'heels' should be used in making sandwiches.
8. Our guests' favorite sandwich is bologna salami.
9. Our most common requests are for deodorant, gloves, hats, and bus tokens.
10. It cost us on average \$100 a day to feed our guests. We are feeding about 100 people per day.
11. There is a significant amount of hot food available to us for free if we had a Public Health approved kitchen and adequate storage.
12. We never turn anyone away, even if they arrive late, because, as Ellen McDowell reminds us, 'the last person in line could be Jesus.'



Ellen Harms, Newsletter Editor

**Thanksgiving Dinner:** Ruth Branaman and her cohort Audrey Johnson organized a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner in the Holy Cross cafeteria. **Special thanks** go to Schnucks and Jerry's IGA for turkeys and fixings, Great Impasta for lasagna, First Presbyterian Church for pies, desserts, and a host of friendly volunteers, Curtis Apple Orchard for apple cider, and the students of Holy Cross who made lovely place mats for our guests. The food was delicious, and, just like at home, there were plenty of leftovers that were taken to Restoration Ministry--and provided a tasty evening meal to guests there. We were blessed with many generous volunteers who helped make Daily Bread's first hot meal very special.



**Bread Sale:** Our generous and multitalented volunteers baked, decorated, and sold over 200 loaves of bread at Holy Cross Church on November 22. No fishes, but the loaves certainly multiplied! Leftover bread was given to our Thanksgiving guests.



**Christmas Backpacks:** It's not too late to fill a backpack! Backpacks can be dropped off at Stevie Bennett's 1302 S. Elm, Champaign, 352-5065.

**Special Thanks to our newest donors:** David & Susan Bane, Patricia & John Bingaman, Marina Buttita, Aradhana & Dilip Chhaged, Joan Conorty, Edward & Dale Dye, Skip Eissfeldt, George & Bettina Francis, James & Ann Gallivan, Clare Good, Mr. & Mrs. James Knoke, Georgia King, Peter Kogan, Dorothy Lawrence, Marilyn Lindholm, John Mooman, John Oldham, Laura Perrero, Jessica LaRosa & Stephen Shaw, David & Christine Main, Scott & Karen Pickard, Mr. & Mrs. Todd Weber, Vineyard Church. **Special Thanks** to Nancy Hatch for all the oranges and Tony Peresini for all the bananas, to everyone who has filled or is filling a Christmas backpack, and to all the generous donors who keep dropping off items from the Wish List. God Bless you, Every One!!

**From the Newsletter Team:** We have chosen, out of respect for the privacy of our guests, to print only pictures of volunteers in this newsletter. We are trying very hard to compile an accurate data base for the newsletter, but we need your help. Please let us know if you are receiving more than one newsletter, if you would like to be taken off the mailing list, or if you notice any misspellings or omissions. Also please let us know of any interested individuals who might like to be added to the mailing list. We are also trying to create a broader e-mail list. E-mail us if you would like to be added to the Daily Bread e-mail list. Any and all suggestions are welcome!

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# We Need Help Carrying the Load!

## Join our new “Bread of the Month Club.”



For many years St. Jude’s Catholic Worker House Soup Kitchen was sustained by its ‘ten dollar a month club.’ Month after month, year after year, many devoted donors (including many of you reading this newsletter) sent in the checks that kept the kitchen fires burning. Today, Daily Bread is asking that you make a similar commitment. But times has changed, prices have gone up. So we are asking you to make a commitment of whatever is comfortable for you, be it ten dollars or twenty dollars or fifty dollars a month.

Every day at Daily Bread we make over 200 sandwiches--and bologna and cheese aren’t cheap.

Every day at Daily Bread we brew 100 cups of coffee, we pour 100 glasses of juice. And coffee and juice aren’t cheap.

Every day the number of the hungry in our community that we feed increases.

To continue and to grow our mission, we need an income stream that is reliable and sustainable. There is an old Jewish proverb that says “While earning your daily bread, be sure you share a slice with those less fortunate.” Please consider sharing a slice with Daily Bread.

The **Bread of the Month Club** is an easy club to join. No meetings, no books to read, no bridge or poker to play. Just fill out the form at the bottom of the page and then send in your check each month when you sit down to pay your bills. (Stevie Bennett, our wonderful treasurer seen above carrying out trash--we volunteers are people of many talents--is working on ways to donate on-line!) You may send your contributions monthly, yearly, semiannually. Once you join, we’ll send you more information and a profuse thank you, but we won’t be sending monthly reminders or envelopes. 2 Corinthians says: “So let each give as he purposes in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Just as we try to greet our guests each day with a cheerful smile, we hope that you will join the Bread of the Month Club and give with a cheerful heart.

Any Questions about the Bread of the Month Club?? Call Ellen McDowell at 356-7101

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Yes! I want to be join the **Bread of the Month Club!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail To:

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**Daily Bread December Wish List**  
**(or what we'd like to find under the Christmas tree)**

**A LOT** to build a permanent home on or a **BUILDING** that could be converted to a Soup Kitchen (It never hurts to dream...)

**Clothing** (Clean and in good condition): Men's coats and Jackets, rain parkas, men's underwear, tee shirts, gloves, caps, scarves, and socks

**Bus Tokens**

**Food:** Packaged lunch meat and cheese, packaged chips, cookies, crackers, fresh fruit such as apples, oranges, and bananas

**Toiletries:** Razors, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, feminine products

**Backpacks and Sleeping bags**

**Volunteers** (We always need more volunteers!)

Items may be brought to Ellen McDowell's home,  
710 S. Elm Blvd., Champaign

Any Questions?? Call or e-mail Ellen **356-7101**  
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