

Direct from the Director

I heard a joke several years ago that is most appropriate during this distressful economy. Question: “What is the difference between a recession and a depression?” Answer: “A recession is when your neighbor is out of work; a depression is when you are out of work!”

Economists using sophisticated analyses can't seem to agree about what the real state of our economy is, or why and when it will end. Certainly I don't have the answer. What I can say is, based upon the avalanche of people calling on us, a great number of people think we are in a depression because they are out of work!

We will, no doubt, assist over 300 families this year—that's almost 1,000 individuals! They are

either unemployed or under-employed. People are knocking on our door that never had to knock before.

If your employment hasn't changed and if your lifestyle hasn't changed, you are among the fortunate. If you believe that comes with an obligation to help those less fortunate, then you can do so by supporting us in our mission. You will know that you are directly helping a struggling family because .96 of every dollar we receive goes to the people it was intended to help.

Our staff is overworked and overwhelmed, but their spirit is willing. Your donation will help them to continue the wonderful work that they do.

Joe Marmora, Executive Director

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22nd ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, October 3, 2010 at 2:00 PM

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement

308 First Avenue
Asbury Park, NJ 07712

Join us as we honor and recognize our dedicated volunteers as well as our Volunteer of the Year!

Annual Meeting (from front)

Board of Directors. In addition, several congregation members have been instrumental in the work of Interfaith Neighbors. The church supports our expanding programs through individual donations and the annual Atonement Lutheran Golf Classic. Don Brockel, a member of the Interfaith Neighbors advisory board, has organized this event which raises funds for our Rental Assistance program. This event serves as an important fundraiser for Interfaith Neighbors, and has been sponsored by Atonement Lutheran Church for the past 13 years! Nancy Flanigan, a congregation member of Atonement Lutheran, has been with Interfaith Neighbors for over 20 years, first as a volunteer and ultimately advancing to our Rental Assistance Director.

The support we receive from our communities is always highly valued. Throughout the years, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement has become a close member of the Interfaith Neighbors family through their constant support of our work. They have shown that they truly share our vision of making life a little better for a neighbor in need.



22nd Annual Meeting

Interfaith Neighbors
Honoring The Evangelical
Lutheran Church of the Atonement



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement has been selected by Interfaith Neighbors' Board of Directors to be honored as this year's Outstanding Congregation at our 22nd Annual Meeting.

In 1988, a group of congregations assembled from throughout Monmouth County to address the issue of homelessness. From that first meeting, Interfaith Neighbors was born. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement was among that group of founding congregations, and has been an avid supporter of Interfaith Neighbors ever since. Since our inception, they have been represented and have been active members of our

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March for Meals...in April!!!



On April 21st, Interfaith Neighbors hosted their annual "March for Meals" event. This important campaign was originally designed by the Meals on Wheels Association of America to help increase awareness of senior hunger. The national campaign features community-based events throughout the month of March, during which numerous civic, community and business leaders are invited to help deliver meals to seniors.

Volunteers and staff gathered at Interfaith Neighbors' Asbury Park headquarters at 10 a.m. Each volunteer accompanied one of our drivers, helping them deliver meals to homebound seniors through five different routes. Volunteers in attendance included Freeholder Amy Mallet; Tom Pivinsky, Monmouth County Office on Aging; Mayor Gerard Scharfenberger, Twp. Of Middletown; Kathy Abatemarco, Asbury Park Press and Gannett Foundation; Mayor Julie Shreck, Belmar; Timothy Hearne, Executive Director, United Way of Monmouth County; and Joe Marmora, Executive Director of Interfaith Neighbors.

Nearly 4,000 seniors throughout Monmouth County receive meals through our Meals on Wheels nutrition program, funded through the Monmouth County Office on Aging. Interfaith Neighbors has been the sole operator of the Monmouth County nutrition program since 1991. This year, approximately 400,000 meals were prepared, served and

delivered to seniors and disabled persons living in Monmouth County. Interfaith Neighbors is supported by a volunteer unit consisting of 600 dedicated individuals working throughout Monmouth County, recording over 75,000 hours annually in volunteer service.

Interfaith Neighbors' Meals on Wheels Program not only fulfills the nutritional needs of seniors, but their social needs as well. Participation in the congregate meal program can ease the void created when a person lives alone, and for the homebound senior, the Meals on Wheels program provides a vital link to the world. The senior can remain comfortably at home with the dignity of independence and the security of having someone visit once a day with a nutritious meal. By participating in Interfaith Neighbors "March for Meals" program, community leaders not only demonstrated their support for preventing senior hunger, but also had a first-hand look at what the Meals on Wheels program means to the thousands of seniors who receive meals each day.

JOIN US!!! 28th Annual Run Thru Deal 5K

presented by Deal Fire Company #2 and
Point Pleasant Distributors to benefit
Interfaith Neighbors

Sunday, October 10, 2009

A 5-k (3.1 mile) Road Race—Walkers welcome
Followed by Post-Race Party for all ages!

Registration and Check-In begin at 8:30 A.M.

1 Mile Fun Run begins at 10:00 A.M.

5-k Run begins at 11:00 A.M.

*Five Mile Run Awards in several categories!
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**Register online: www.jerseyrunner.com
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New and Upcoming Housing Projects

Interfaith Neighbors has finalized construction on two new homes at 42 DeWitt Avenue and 33 Atkins Avenue. These homes represent our 24th & 25th affordable housing projects!

Interfaith Neighbors has already begun work on our next single family house at 15 Avenue A in Asbury Park. This September, we will be ready to begin development on a site on Borden Avenue that will yield 4 additional single family homes.

Other projects that are currently 'on the radar screen' are three lots at the corner of Ridge Avenue



and Stratford Avenue. We also have funding approval in place for a single family home located at 1028 Bangs Avenue. Groundbreaking on this property is expected sometime next Spring.

Finally, we have two additional properties on DeWitt Avenue to be funded in part through our Neighborhood Stabilization Program. These two properties will be single family homes and construction is expected to commence sometime this year.

Donate your Vehicle and Help Interfaith Neighbors!

You can turn your unwanted vehicle, running or not, into a tax-deductible contribution to Interfaith Neighbors through our Car Donation Program. Just follow these simple steps to donate your vehicle:

1. Have your vehicle title handy.
2. Call 1-877-CARS-4-US
3. Request extension #2479
4. Provide your name, address, phone # and vehicle information from the title.
5. You will be contacted by a tow company

within two business days to arrange pickup.

6. Interfaith Neighbors will mail a donation acknowledgement letter for your tax deduction in 6-8 weeks.

You can also donate online at www.donationline.com.

There is no charge for towing your vehicle. Towing is available nationwide. In addition to cars and trucks, we accept boats, RVs, motorcycles, jet skis, snowmobiles and even airplanes!