

Mark your calendar now for the Turkey Stampede!

Gather up your family and friends and join your neighbors for Faith Mission's 14th Annual Turkey Stampede!



Take part in the 10K run, a 5K walk/run or a 1 mile walk through the streets of Elkhart. Or become an event sponsor!

All proceeds benefit the men, women and children served by Faith Mission, making it a great opportunity to get some exercise, spend time with family and friends, and help people in need all at the same time. We hope to see you there!



Thursday, November 24, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Elkhart Health & Aquatics (200 E Jackson Blvd.)

Sign up today: theFaithMission.org

Pray & Give Thanks!

Pray for our neighbors who are struggling with financial hardships, housing instability and other challenges.

Pray for the men and women in our recovery programs who are rebuilding their lives, growing in their walk with Christ and reforging ties with family members.

Pray for God's blessing on the many neighbors who will be coming to Faith Mission for help during the coming weeks.

Give thanks for the exciting growth that is happening at the Mission, including the new Tiny Shelters and more.

Give thanks to the Lord for His never-ending love for us, His grace, forgiveness, and healing.



Faith IN Action



"I didn't want to lose my kids..."

Stacey was just 15 when her Dad gave her meth... a horribly addictive drug.

It ruled her life for the next ten years.

Finding a home and new hope at Faith Mission has given Stacey and her children a chance at a better life.

Read her amazing story inside...

Just for you...

- Giving thanks... for you!
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YES, I'll bless people in need with food, shelter and care this Thanksgiving season.

- \$23.52 for 12 meals and care
- \$49.00 for 25 meals and care
- \$74.48 for 38 meals and care
- \$_____ to help as many people as possible

Bill my credit card VISA MasterCard AMERICAN EXPRESS DISCOVER

Make this a monthly gift

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ CIV/SEC# _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

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It's easy to give your gift online: theFaithMission.org.

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NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ROSS SWIHART

Giving thanks... for you!

With Thanksgiving approaching, now more than ever we want to let you know how grateful we are for you.

Your sacrificial giving has sustained Faith Mission through some very turbulent times. Without your prayers and support, we never could have cared for the men, women and children who came to us these past two years for food, shelter, recovery and spiritual care.

Sadly, as our nation faces new challenges, many people in our community are still struggling. With increasing food cost and skyrocketing gas prices, rent and utility bills, the number of men, women and children coming to us for help is increasing.

Our facilities are nearly at capacity. More people to feed each day means more meals.

As we prepare for a busy Thanksgiving, we would be extremely grateful if you would consider helping again with a gift of any size to help feed and care for people in need. I also ask you to please pray for those we serve, as well as our staff and volunteers.

Moreover, we recognize that these challenging times may be directly affecting you and your family. Let us know how we at Faith Mission can pray for you.

Thank you again for all that you do to help us reach hearts and change lives! God bless you!



With two children and nowhere else to go, Stacey found a new life at Faith Mission.

Stacey's father was an addict who introduced his daughter to meth when she was just 15. Stacey paid for that mistake for the next 10 years! "My mom begged me to get clean," Stacey says. "But she died while I was in jail."

Wanting to prove to her Mom that she could get clean and sober, Stacey went to work, and she and her daughter moved in with an aunt. But because the aunt was using drugs, Stacey ended up paying their rent. When the money finally ran out, she and her daughter and a six-month-old son found a home and support at Faith Mission.

"I was emotional when I got here. I was crying, and Cassandra [our client services director] just grabbed ahold of me. And she was like, 'You're going to be fine.' And I was like, 'I don't have anybody.' And she said, 'You have Faith Mission, that's who you have.'"

Help came in many forms: parenting classes, substance abuse counseling and outings for Stacy and her children. "They've helped me get closer to God, and helped me find a new me – the sober me – someone I had lost 10 years ago. They helped me keep my kids and they have turned my life around completely."

Your support also made it possible for the Mission to help the family reunite with Stacey's daughter's dad and get the couple into marriage counseling. And when the time came when they were ready to live on their own, thanks to you there was help finding an apartment and furniture.

Now clean for five years, Stacey has two goals: go back to school and become a registered nurse, and give back to the Mission that has done so much for her.

"I'm trying to help them because they've helped me, and all I can do is pay it back. I might not have too much money because I've got to be able to save for the apartment, but I'm still working for them trying to provide help."

"I've seen a whole different life since I've been here and that's what I want for my kids."

Thank you for making a difference in Stacey's life through your partnership!



"They treat me like family!"

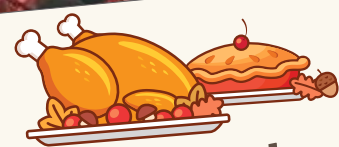
Complete Thanksgiving Dinner – Just \$1.96!

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. With the rising cost of groceries, gas and other needs, more struggling people are coming to Faith Mission for help. That's why we're already gearing up to serve thousands of dinners, including those delivered to seniors and shut-ins.

The menu is set: turkey, potatoes, rolls, desserts – all the trimmings of a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Your generous support today will help ensure that we have enough food to feed every hungry man, woman or child who walks through our doors.

At just \$1.96 per meal, imagine how many dinners you can provide and how many lives you can touch. Please send a generous gift today or donate online at theFaithMission.org.

Thank you!



Today's Recipe

Turkey Dinner for 16,000

Turkeys
Hams
Boxes of stuffing
Cans of mushroom soup

Dozens of dinner rolls
Pounds of carrots, celery, onions and potatoes

Directions: Combine with love and feed 16,000 hungry people.

Help fill the pantry for Thanksgiving Dinner. Please drop off donations at 801 N. Benham Avenue, Elkhart. For more information, please call (574) 293-3406.

No time to shop? Make a gift at theFaithMission.org

Lend a Hand This Thanksgiving Season

Looking for ways to get more involved with helping people in need? We have plenty of volunteer opportunities for individuals, groups and families!

For more information, call Vera Swihart at (574) 293-3406, ext. 103, or go to theFaithMission.org and click on "Get Involved."

