



# It's almost here!

Faith Mission's 14th Annual Turkey Stampede is just days away!

Gather up your family and friends and 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.

See you there!

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

**Elkhart Health & Aquatics**  
**(200 E Jackson Blvd.)**

Sign up today: [theFaithMission.org](http://theFaithMission.org).



## Holiday Dinner for 18,000

**Turkeys**  
**Hams**  
**Stuffing**  
**Cans of mushroom soup**

**Dinner rolls**  
**Carrots, celery, onions and potatoes**  
**Cans of yams**  
**Gallons of milk**

**Directions: Combine with love and feed 18,000 hungry people this month.**

Help us fill the pantry with holiday meals for all our guests, including seniors and shut-ins. Please drop off donations at 801 N. Benham Ave., Elkhart. For more information, please call (574) 293-3406.

**No time to shop? Make a gift at [theFaithMission.org](http://theFaithMission.org)**

### Calling all Volunteers

Individuals, groups or families are all welcome this holiday season! For more information, call Vera Swihart at (574) 293-3406, ext. 103. Or go to [theFaithMission.org](http://theFaithMission.org) and click on "Get Involved" then "Volunteer".

**GIVE. VOLUNTEER. CONNECT.**

[theFaithMission.org](http://theFaithMission.org)  

### YES, I'll bless people in need with food, shelter and care this holiday 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        

Make this a monthly gift


Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CIV/SEC# \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

It's easy to give your gift online:  
[theFaithMission.org](http://theFaithMission.org).

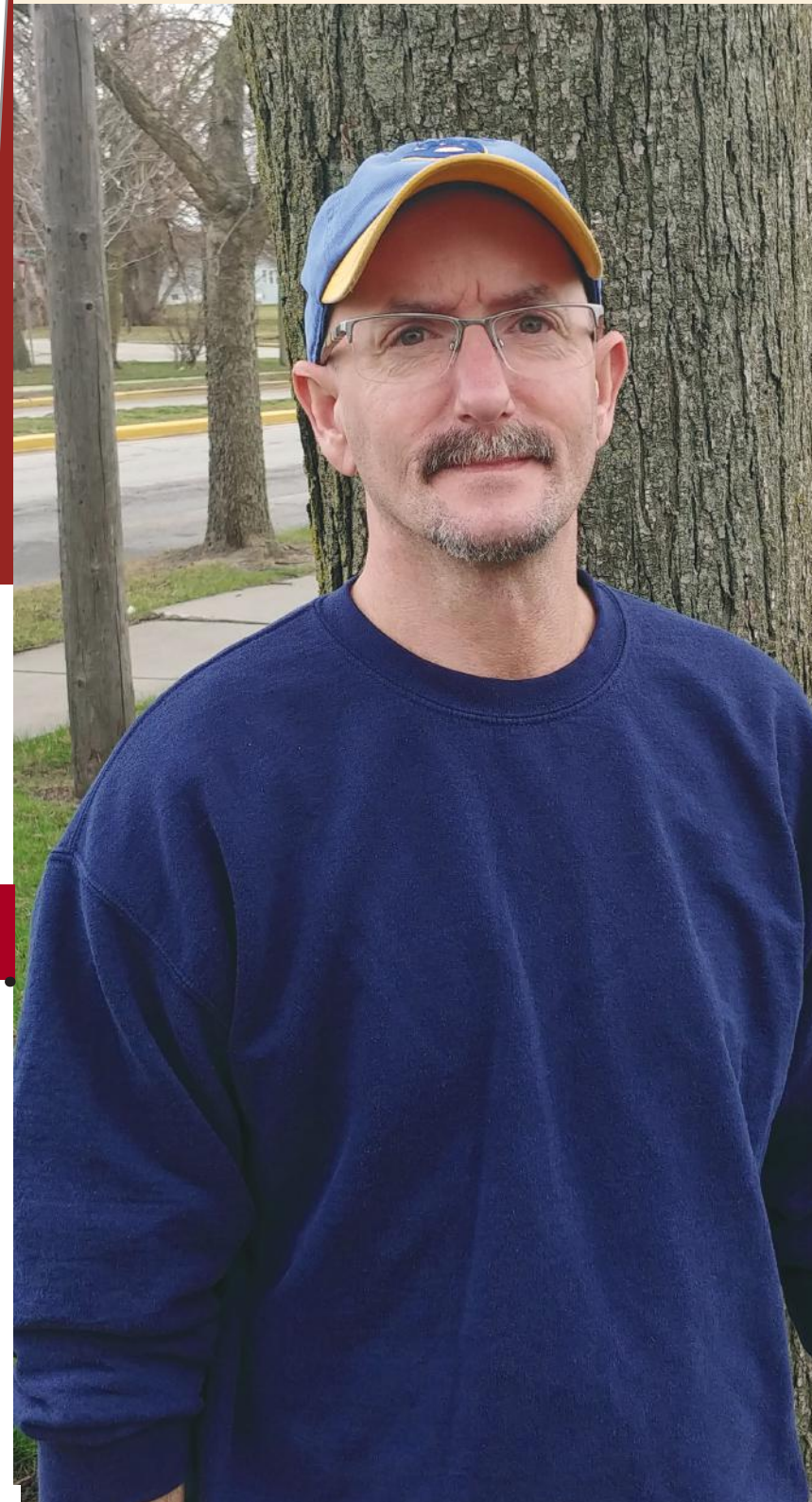
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# Faith IN Action

Holiday 2022



**“Thank God there’s a place like this!”**

**A**fter being laid off from his job due to cutbacks, Terry found himself homeless. Having come through the Mission’s program many years ago, he called upon the Mission once more to find a safe place to get back on his feet.

*Read more of Terry’s story inside...*

### Just for you...

- The Power of One
- “I just wanted to make sure I was on the right path.”
- 14th Annual Turkey Stampede

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## The Power of One

One meal. One prayer. One night of shelter.

One man. One woman. One child.

As the holidays near, we are giving thanks for the Power of One.

Especially for each One like you.

Over the last couple of years, you've truly demonstrated the Power of One through your sacrificial giving and prayers. Without you, we never could have ministered to the needs of this community during such a turbulent time.

This holiday season, many in our community are facing new difficulties. With the rising costs of groceries, rent, utilities and gas, many more people are coming to the Mission for help.

As we prepare to serve these individuals and families, we would be extremely grateful if you would consider demonstrating the Power of One again with a gift of any size to provide food, shelter, clothing, hygiene, recovery, education, and spiritual care. I also ask you to keep those we serve – as well as our staff and volunteers – in your prayers.

At the same time, we recognize that these same challenges may be affecting you, so please let us know how we at Faith Mission can be lifting you up in prayer.

Thanks again for all that you do to demonstrate the Power of One in the lives of the men, women and children we serve. May God richly bless you and yours!



## Christmas Gift Bags

Looking for a way for your family or small group to make this Christmas extra special for those who call Faith Mission home? Consider filling and donating Christmas bags to spread the joy of the season to those in need!

### Men's Gift Bags

- Stocking Hat
- Shaving Cream
- Pair of Gloves
- Body Lotion
- Pair of Socks
- Devotional Book
- Disposable Razor
- Deodorant
- Card of Encouragement

### Women's Gift Bags

- Stocking Hat
- Shaving Cream
- Pair of Gloves
- Deodorant
- Pair of Socks
- Body Lotion
- Disposable Razor
- Devotional Book
- Card of Encouragement

Please mark your bag(s) "man" or "woman" and drop them off at the Mission by Friday, December 23.

For more information, please call Mike Perez at (574) 293-3406, ext. 105.

## "I just wanted to make sure I was on the right path."

When he was laid off because of Covid cutbacks, Terry not only lost his job, but the apartment he was living in.

"I was living in South Bend, and I went to work one day, and they took me in the office and said, 'You're not going to like what we got to offer you, but we have to do this because of the Corona virus.' They laid us all off, over 550 people. I lost my apartment and everything and became homeless."

Fortunately, he knew he could get the help he needed to get back on his feet at Faith Mission!

"I called the Mission and they said, 'Yes, we've got a bed for you. Come on up. We'll help you out.'"

Terry had lost both parents to cancer when he was young. Perhaps that is what paved the way for the addiction to alcohol

that brought him to the Mission the first time more than ten years ago. He's been working hard since then.

Today, Terry is "scot-free from drugs and alcohol and all that." "I just wanted to make sure I was on the right path," he says. "The Mission has meetings and Celebrate Recovery and Bible teaching, all of which is good. It keeps your mind focused."

Thanks to faithful donors and volunteers, our doors are open 365 days a year to homeless men, women and children. Once each person's basic needs are met, we go to work restoring lives through our long-term residential and life skill programs.

Terry spent 14 days in our low-barrier shelter to make sure he did not have Covid. For the next five weeks, he worked around the Mission and attended programs. Then, he found work at a bakery that enabled him to



save up to get a place of his own!

"They're good people here. They will help you. I'm just glad they offered me to come in and have a place to lay my head down. This place will try to get you on your feet if you want it. Thank God there is a place like this."

Life-saving, life changing opportunities like this are possible through God moving in the hearts of friends like you.

**Thank you for making a difference in Terry's life through your generous partnership!**

## Pray, Give Thanks and Rejoice!

Please join us as we:

**Pray** for the individuals and families who will be coming to us for food, shelter and other services this holiday season.

**Pray** for those facing winter on the streets.

**Pray** for continued strength and guidance for the men and women in our long-term recovery programs who are receiving the tools and care

they need to get back on their feet.

**Give thanks** for the grace of God and the support of our donors, volunteers and staff who have enabled the Mission to minister to those in need in our community this holiday season.

**Rejoice** in the coming celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior.

### Your prayers and thanks:

Please include your prayer request or thanks on the back of your gift slip and return it to the Mission.