

## St. Luke's Endowment Fund—*Your Donations at Work in the World*

### 1. *Your Donations at Work in the World*

Through St. Luke's Endowment Fund, grants are made to organizations near and far that support our brothers and sisters in Christ. Each week we highlight one of the grant recipients. RefugeeOne, an aid organization with a long history of shared ministry with St. Luke's, received a grant to support the emerging needs of Afghan humanitarian refugees. Of the 800 refugees that the organization will help in 2022, half are Afghans who fled the country after the Taliban seized control. Your support of the Endowment Fund helps provide housing, job training and counseling to these refuge seekers.

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### 4. *Your Donations at Work in the World*

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Through St. Luke's Endowment Fund, grants are made to organizations near and far that support our brothers and sisters in Christ. Each week we highlight one of the grant recipients. A grant from the Endowment Fund supplemented other congregation donations to deliver hundreds of fully-stocked backpacks for children in the care of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois.

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Church Sponsorship Program received funds to support the work of three missionaries – Pastor Mawien Arik and Pastor Wal Lout Reat in South Sudan, and Pastor Michael Busbey in Costa Rica.

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Through St. Luke's Endowment Fund, grants are made to organizations near and far that support our brothers and sisters in Christ. Each week we highlight one of the grant recipients. Moved by God's grace in Jesus Christ, Bread for the World advocates for a world without hunger. Through a grant from the Endowment Fund, this collective Christian voice urges lawmakers to end hunger at home and abroad.

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Through St. Luke's Endowment Fund, grants are made to organizations near and far that support our brothers and sisters in Christ. Each week we highlight one of the grant recipients. One grant funded a direct project in our congregation – the creation of Kindness Kits that congregation members assembled and then distribute to those in need throughout the year.

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