



A FRESH APPROACH  
TO ENDING LOCAL HUNGER



## Pack the Pews March 24 - 26, 2017

Our congregation is joining other faith communities across Minnesota on March 24 & 26 to Pack the Pews. Please bring nonperishable foods to worship and consider making a monetary donation. Food and funds will be delivered to The Open Door.

### Did you know hunger is still a problem in Minnesota?

- 1 in 10 Minnesota families experiences food insecurity.
- In 2015 there were over 3.2 million food shelf visits in Minnesota, half of which were made by children and seniors.
- The Open Door serves nearly 5,000 individuals a month across Dakota County, 45% of whom are children. The Open Door offers fresh and healthy foods at each visit, whether at their Pantry in Eagan or on their Mobile Pantry.
- The Open Door can make each dollar donated stretch further through their access to low-cost products.
- Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign provides a financial gift to participating food shelves. The more funds we raise in March, the more funds The Open Door receives from Minnesota FoodShare! **So each donation—large or small—makes a BIG difference right here in your community!**

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."*

-Matthew 25:35