

Dear Friends of Daily Bread,

2022 has been a year of transition for Daily Bread. At the beginning of September, we moved to our new location at the Trinity Lutheran Church, which is just a few blocks from our old location. The facility is wonderful, and the response from our men and women and our volunteers has been overwhelmingly positive. In addition, we are reaching more folks from the homeless camps on the West End of town and folks from two low income housing high rises.

However, there is a deeper sense of transition that is on my heart today--that is the significant changes in the lives of our men and women. The Northside is becoming more gentrified, and those coping with homelessness are being pushed to the river's edge. The opioid epidemic is rampant, and we have lost too many to drug overdose. And tragically, violence on our streets is at a new height, and we have even lost some in drive by shootings. Personally, this fall, there is heaviness in my heart as I have had to give back to the Lord many that I have loved deeply.

All of this leads me to write passionately that the ministry of Daily Bread is needed more than ever. In this time of unrest and uncertainty, I have sensed that Daily Bread is becoming for many a shelter from the storm and a place of security from the crises of our time. Daily Bread is the only sense of family many know. Today, I am thinking of Samuel. Samuel lived a hard life. He was my age, and he died a few weeks back from brain cancer. After his death, we learned that he had no family, and he is buried in the Potter's field.

For many years, Samuel came to Daily Bread drunk. He was a happy drunk. He would come to Daily Bread and he would always ask me if I was praying for him. I always assured him that I do pray for him, and on many occasions, I invited him to pray with me. He always declined. That all changed with the diagnosis of cancer. Samuel's spirit was now open, and it was such a privilege to walk with him and provide spiritual and emotional support during his greatest time of need. He died right with the Lord, and he reconciled the regrets of his life clothed in the grace of God.

And friends, this describes the beauty and mystery of Daily Bread. One of the realities of ministry that I learned a long time ago is that we can't transform a person's life, but that we are simply called to be faithful in our witness, and that it is the Holy Spirit who takes the offering of our lives to convince another of the love of God in Christ. We simply get to relish in the holy moment. At Daily Bread, I have seen this transformation happen quickly, and at other times, as in the case of Samuel, it takes years. But how wonderful that the ministry of Daily Bread was there for Samuel! There is great power in faithful obedience in a long direction.

All of this leads me to invite you to participate in the ministry of Daily Bread. We need you and we need your special offering. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities, and we still have some open dates for meal preparation next year. Please contact me at [bobmaravalli@gmail.com](mailto:bobmaravalli@gmail.com) if you are interested in becoming a part of the ministry. Financially, we are stretched with the expense of our new location. Would you consider a gift of the following amount?

\$ 800.00 would cover one month's rent  
\$ 250.00 would cover the cost of a meal for 125 people  
\$75.00 would cover our supply expense for one week

Any gift amount would be a wonderful blessing! Thank you all for your gracious support in the past and for prayerfully considering supporting the ministry in this season of transition and growth.

With deep gratitude,  
Pastor Bob Maravalli



# DAILY BREAD'S THANKSGIVING WISHLIST

## Personal Hygiene:

deodorant, razors, shaving cream, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, chap stick, body wipes, individually wrapped toilet paper, band aids

## Keeping Warm:

Blankets, sweat shirts, hats, scarves, gloves, hand warmers, new underwear, t-shirts, long underwear, socks, gently used winter coats (all sizes, men and women)

## Stocking the Shelves:

coffee, creamer, sugar packets, hot cups, #10 cans of vegetables, tomato sauce, rice, macaroni, pasta, water, snacks, cookies, individual snack cups, small cans and bags of non-perishable foods, milk, cream, fruit, hard boiled eggs, bakery items, cheese

Your financial gifts are also always appreciated. Your gifts help us pay for rent, food, emergencies, paper products, takeout containers, and our wonderful and faithful staff. All of which are necessary to keep this vital ministry happening on Pittsburgh's Northside.

For more information, or to schedule a time to serve a meal or drop off wishlist items, please contact Pastor Bob at 412-231-4900 ex.109 or 412-953-8852. You are welcome to deliver wishlist items during our open hours: Wednesdays and Thursdays 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Sundays 3:15 - 4:15 PM. Our new address is: Trinity Lutheran Church, 616 W. North Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15212.