

# Service learning in Lutheran schools

## What are the benefits of service learning?

### Benefits students by:

- making learning more useful, relevant, and alive
- improving interpersonal skills and social awareness
- promoting active learning
- extending the boundaries of the classroom and into life beyond school
- providing students with real-life application of what they learn in the classroom
- promoting the value of diversity
- strengthening analytical and critical thinking skills
- strengthening interpersonal and communication skills
- promoting students' intellectual growth, leadership development, and personal and social growth
- fostering civic responsibility for social challenges
- helping prepare students for the world of work
- allowing students to serve as involved citizens in their communities

### Benefits the community by:

- • helping meet unmet community needs with substantial human resources
- • exposing and teaching communities about new generations of students
- • developing establish access and connections to other resources between the school and in the community
- • fostering a culture of service among current and future community leaders and members
- • breaking down and dispelling myths and stereotypes that the community has about students, and students about the community
- • adding energy, enthusiasm, and skill to projects, programs, and activities
- • preparing students for community participation Keith Wilson September 2010 (NSLA Newsletter October 2010)