

November 6, 2009

Dear Parkview Family,

It is hard to believe, but the holiday season is almost upon us! As a church, each Thanksgiving we express gratitude to God by helping others in need. For those of you participating in this year's Community Thanksgiving Dinner, your generosity and service will not go unnoticed. God is always aware of and pleased by such acts of mercy.

Our Community Thanksgiving Dinner is the start of a season of generosity at Parkview. We are calling it the ***Advent Conspiracy***. Our goal is to conspire as a church during the advent season to buy LESS, so we can give MORE! Here are several ways to join. Consider being involved in more than one.

Giving Opportunities: During the four weeks of advent, give of your financial resources to assist with one of the following projects. Additional information is coming in the weeks ahead.

* **Clean Water:** We are partnering with an organization called Living Water International to help provide clean drinking water to people in developing countries around the world.

* **Gift Cards:** We will continue our long time tradition of collecting gift cards for those in our church who find themselves in a place of need. These cards are distributed by our Deacons.

Serving Opportunities: Give of your time and serve in the following ways. Sign ups will be available soon.

* **Christmas Store:** For the third year in a row, we are partnering with Outreach Community Center in Carol Stream to help set-up before, serve shoppers during and tear down after their annual Christmas Store event which helps struggling families provide gifts for their loved ones.

* **Feed My Starving Children:** On January 2, 2010 we will once again be joining the FMSC team to assemble ready-to-eat packaged meals which will be sent all over the world to help those in extreme poverty.

As we express our thanksgiving to God and celebrate the advent of Jesus, I hope you'll join the *Conspiracy*. Through our sacrifice and generosity, together we can continue to change the world's view of Jesus by changing its view of us, the Church.

Conspiring with you,



Ray Kollbocker
Senior Pastor

He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.

Proverbs 14:31