



Our Mission

The mission of Ebenezer Stone Ministries is being sent to share the love and hope of Christ through an environment of ongoing support.

We provide life-skill training such as job readiness, financial responsibility, and food and household items when needed.

Message from our Executive Director

Thank you to our many supporters of Ebenezer Stone Ministries! A special thanks to all who sponsored a WEEK OF MEALS! We have 25 weeks covered for 2023 and are looking for 27 more sponsors. Can you or someone you know help us?

As we prepare to meet the physical and spiritual needs of many people in our community in 2023, we encourage you to support our upcoming annual "Pasta for A Purpose" Fundraiser in February! Please join us on February 18 as we will have a special guest, former Packer James Jones, who will share his special story of poverty and hardship. We pray that you will join us at the very important event!

Check out the article in this newsletter about the termination of Food Share benefits in Wisconsin! Help us by donating to assist the many people in our community impacted by this!

Thank you for your support in doing God's work in serving and witnessing the message of Christ to those in need!

Michael Haas

Are You Interested in Volunteering?

Ebenezer Stone Ministries can use your help in serving those in our community.

We are especially looking for someone to lead our Fundraising efforts!

If you are interested, please visit the Volunteers page on our website:

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Please Join Us!

PASTA FOR A PURPOSE

In support of Ebenezer Stone Ministries

February 18th, 2023 at
Hales Corners Lutheran School
5:30pm
Buy Your Tickets Today!



Featured speaker: James Jones
Former Packers Wide Receiver



Event Date: February 18, 2023
at Hales Corners Lutheran School @ 5:30 PM
12300 W Janesville Rd | Hales Corners, WI 53130

Dear Friends of Ebenezer:

Please join Ebenezer as we host our third annual, "Pasta For A Purpose", a fundraiser on Saturday, February 18th at 5:30 pm at Hales Corners Lutheran Church. This special event has become our top fundraising event of the year.

You belong here.

I am so excited to tell you that our special guest/speaker will be Superbowl Champion James Jones.

James Jones is a Super Bowl-winning wide receiver and a Green Bay Packers legend. James is currently an NFL analyst for both the Oakland Raiders and Green Bay Packers and appears on a variety of NFL programming. Prior to his role as an analyst, Jones finished his career having played nine seasons, only missing eight games. In those nine seasons, he totaled a career 5,861 receiving yards, 433 receptions and 51 touchdowns. Jones was drafted in the third round by the Green Bay Packers in the 2007 NFL Draft. He played in Super Bowl XLV in 2011 with the Packers, helping them win over the Pittsburgh Steelers. Jones finished his career in Green Bay, becoming 10th in Packer's history in career catches, 12th in receiving yards and 9th in touchdowns.

James has a life story you will want to come and hear and that is relevant to work we do at Ebenezer Stone Ministries!

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Ebenezer Stone Ministries has been serving underprivileged clients at our 35th & Scott St. location on Milwaukee's southside since 2009. Today we serve more than 3,000 individuals and families through the food pantry, medical screening, Saturday breakfasts, and Wednesday lunches. In addition, we offer a book nook and arts and crafts for younger children, while older kids can learn teamwork and healthy exercise habits during the open gym. In an area that faces many socioeconomic challenges, we are making a positive impact.

Our 2nd location Ebenezer East, is a 13,000 sq ft facility that provides food to 22 pantries throughout SE Wisconsin. Since the start of 2022, we have been able to deliver 230,000 pounds of food to those partner pantries. Inflation is making life more difficult for many families. We are providing food, so families don't have to go without while they are trying to manage other areas of their lives impacted by the higher prices.

We are depending on you, to help assure the success of this event. Please join us!

Michael Haas

Executive Director, Ebenezer Stone Ministries

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**THE NEED IS URGENT!
PLEASE HELP BY DONATING!**

Over 700,000 Wisconsin families expect to be impacted by termination of additional FoodShare benefits



Jelissa Burns

Appleton Post-Crescent

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APPLETON - Starting in 2020, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, an emergency federal program entitled anyone enrolled in FoodShare to additional benefits, determined by household size.

Almost three years later, some FoodShare holders still have been receiving these additional funds thanks to the federal program, but on Wednesday it was announced that the extra funds will end in February, affecting more than 700,000 Wisconsin families. Maureen Fitzgerald, vice president of government relations for Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin, said the cut will result in an average loss of \$221 per month for those families. The loss of the emergency funds will result in a \$78 million monthly loss to the entire state.

"The idea was that (the emergency allotments) were going to last while the public health emergency was in place, and the federal public health emergency is still in place but Congress, in December, decided to end these benefits in February," Fitzgerald said. Two groups of FoodShare receivers that will be impacted by these cuts the most will be seniors and people with disabilities, Fitzgerald said.

"Prior to the pandemic, they often were receiving the minimum benefits a month," Fitzgerald said. "What will happen now is with these cuts, many families will go back to the minimum benefits, and that's \$23 a month."

With these cuts happening soon, food pantries will start to see an increase in people coming in for emergency food. Fitzgerald said pantries have already started to see an increase before the additional benefits have ended.

"People in need are really struggling right now and this is just going to exacerbate that issue," Fitzgerald said.

While there's currently no word on if emergency funds will be reinstated, Fitzgerald urges FoodShare holders to make sure their

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information is updated and to ensure they are getting the correct amount of benefits for their households.

"Because emergency allotments were in place and everyone was receiving the individual maximum, there wasn't a need to provide your medical expenses or to make sure that you're showing that you've got shelter and utility costs," Fitzgerald said. Those enrolled should ensure that this information is correct and update their address, phone number and email with the Department of Health Services as it's anticipated that these cuts also will impact other programs.

You can apply for FoodShare and manage all of your information through the ACCESS Wisconsin website.

WEEK OF MEALS

A \$350 sponsorship of a WEEK OF MEALS covers 65% of the costs to provide 300 Hot Lunches on Wednesday, 200 Hot Breakfasts on Saturday and 200 Bag Lunches on Wednesday and Saturday served each week!



We currently have sponsors for 25 weeks in 2023 and are looking for additional donors for the remaining 27 weeks of the year.

If you are able to sponsor a full or partial a **WEEK OF MEALS**, please visit our website at:

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Thanksgiving Giving

Thank you to all the donors who supported our Thanksgiving Fundraiser to provide for those in need!

We received over \$7,500 in donations which made it possible to provide turkeys, hams and other food items to families who would not have otherwise been able to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness!



*Thanksgiving hand outs
Turkeys, Hams and sides*

Ebenezer North Pop-Up Pantry

Ebenezer Stone Ministries has been called by God to try to reach out and support the many needs of God's people on the northside of Milwaukee. These needs are significant – food, clothing, shelter, and God's love and word.

Our first Pop-Up Food Pantry for Ebenezer North was held on Oct 8 at 20th St and W Center St in Milwaukee. We are continuing this every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 1-3pm.



Northside Pop-Up Food Pantry

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We currently provide on average 6,000 lbs. of food to the north side every other week.

Please pray for us and reach out to us if you can help out financially or by volunteering. God calls us to love our neighbors! It is an important time for us to answer this call!

For more information contact Michael Haas at 414-388-0652.

Did you Know?

Ebenezer Stone Ministries distributed more than 427,000 lbs. of food out of our ESM East location Feb - Dec 2022!

Three Kings Event with Milwaukee Police Department



Three Kings is an event where Ebenezer Stone Ministries has partnered with the Milwaukee Police Dept and the National Latino Law Enforcement Organization for the last three years. Our most recent event was held on January 7 at St Augustine Preparatory Academy. Thirty-five families that have been impacted by crime or financial difficulties were selected and we provided boxes full of food along with gifts. We also had a resource table to further assist with their needs.

Thank you MPD for this important partnership!

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Hope Tree Christmas

Thanks to all who donated their time and resources for our Hope Tree Christmas event at Ebenezer East!

Sponsors took Hope Tree tags and purchased gifts to match the wishes of children in need who get few or no gifts at Christmas!

Over 2,000 kids were served at this event!



A special thanks to the Mars Family Foundation for their significant support!

Thank You Grace Lutheran Youth Volunteers



Grace Lutheran Menomonee Falls Youth helping out at the Bruce St warehouse