**Bearing Fruit – June 13, 2021**

**Loving Neighbor**

Southminster is a community of faith committed to the Christian ideal of loving neighbor. We recently added World Relief to our official mission list. This mission brings the world to us. Through them the whole world becomes our neighborhood. Our love is evident in our many mission efforts. Just recently we sponsored a month of “Gifts Grow” which supported our official missions with matching gifts up to a total of $5,000. We raised $4,600. Look for the final details in our July *Dialog*. Thank you everyone for your support!

Next Saturday, June 19, our youth mission team is leaving for Mission, South Dakota. You are invited to seeing them off about 9:00 a.m. in our parking lot. Please keep the team in prayer as they journey west. Not only that they may be safe but also that they may be a blessing to those they go to serve and that they will grow in their own faith, as well. Through your generosity and our local community we were able to raise $2,925 from the Youth Rummage Sale/Car Wash last weekend. Thank you for your support!

For the past 63 weeks Southminster and Lincoln Hill subdivision have donated food and other needed items by dropping off them at the Freys’ home. That’s 63 weeks of support for the People’s Resource Center and the clients they serve. Thank you for loving our neighbors through your generous support.

Since 1992 Southminster has provided a monthly Protestant worship service at the DuPage Care Center. Understandably for the past 19 months we have been unable to bring worship to the Center. There is no timeline for when the worship service is to resume, but we would like to be ready to bless our neighbors at the DuPage Care Center. If you are interested in preaching, serving as liturgist, being a wheelchair escort, or playing piano or another instrument, please contact Steve Henkels.

Jesus’ story of the Good Samaritan is in answer to the question, “Who is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:25-37). It is clear from the story that your neighbor is anyone who crosses your path. Our love of neighbor is evident, but we can take one more step toward loving neighbor. Our many missions are practical and hands-on expressions of love, but sometimes love is intangible. We can pray for our neighbors. Here are some ideas of how you can pray for our neighbors:

- Learn their names, and pray for them using their names.

- Pray for their well being.

- Pray for your neighborhood.

- Pray that they might walk closer to God.

- Pray for those who are not good and pleasant neighbors that you might forgive them.

**- Pray for schools**.

**- Pray for local churches.**

**- Pray for safety and peace.**

**- Pray for relationships between neighbors.**

**- Pray for those who feel isolated.**

**- Pray for those who feel overwhelmed.**

**The list could go on, but simply lift their names to God and trust that God will be at work in you and them. This is an important way that we can bear the fruit of God’s love.**