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Dear Fellow Followers of Christ:

You are receiving this newsletter in the midst of Holy Week – that very dramatic week during which we are reminded of the greatness of Christ and celebrate everything his resurrection means for each of us individually as well as corporately.

We have spent this Lent focused on Hunger: Physical, Mental, and Spiritual as we met on Tuesday nights for Bible Study, on Sunday morning with our guest preachers, Jill Oettinger, from the Good Samaritan Center and Bishop Reed. Over 20 people from our congregation visited the Witte's photography exhibit around hunger and hear the stories of 50 individuals who have experienced hunger in their lives. We also had a special opportunity to hear Ambassador Etharin Cousin, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, at the Global FoodBanking Network's Annual Leadership Institute. Her talk is now available on line! This has been a very special Lent, indeed!

As we approach Easter, we will continue to focus on Hunger: Physical, Spirit, and Mental, as we begin to talk about how we, as a congregation, can respond to hunger in our community and our world. Ashley Jackson, who graciously opened her home for the Tuesday night Bible Study throughout Lent, has written a wonderful article describing a "Call to Action" that comes from her own personal experience. Please join the whole congregation as we begin to hear the cry of God's people, hungry for food.

Faithfully,
Jason

On a personal note, thank you all for the kindness, generosity, and love you have shown to Susannah and me throughout the pregnancy. You have all offered so many encouraging words, thoughtful gifts, and offers of support. We are both eternally grateful! As I write this letter, the birth of our little girl is in sight and we are excited to be able to share this important event in our life with each of you!