



John 6:10

¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It did not happen in one sitting and spaghetti was served instead of fish, but the same Jesus empowered us to serve over 5000 meals that performed the miraculous feeding recorded in John 6. Yes, you read that correctly. Our hospitality ministry has served over 5000 meals since April. We also just completed one continuous year of Wednesday Night Dinners for the first time in the history of our church with a one year meal total approaching 7000. Glory Be to God!! What an awesome blessing that God has used us to be a part of this movement of service, compassion, and love to our community.

As we celebrate the success of this ministry, we want to invite you to consider a special gift to assure that this ministry stays strong moving forward into the unknown. What is normally a budget item of around several thousand dollars has grown to an investment of over \$10,000 with the expansion of the Free Wednesday Spaghetti Dinners. Thankfully, we have already seen generous gifts from both within our fellowship and the outside community. We just want to be sure we finish the year strong in a position to meet whatever needs we face.

You can give a gift online through the link on our website www.reformed1000.org and there is now a dropdown menu option in the giving process to select "Spaghetti Dinners" as a designation which we are making available for the next month. You can also mail a check with a similar designation to RCTI PO Box 156 Alexandria Bay, NY 135606. If God leads you to support Spaghetti Dinners please see it as a special gift. Redirecting existing giving away from the general fund to the Spaghetti Dinners will not help in the long run as we need to finish the year strong on all fronts. So we are praying for God to raise up special gifts for this ministry that God is clearly using right now in special ways.

This week I invite you to be sure to not miss the TI Sun article that is celebrating our 5000th meal served. What a blessing that we can make our God famous and celebrate God's faithfulness. There is so much impact being had through this ministry and on behalf of the incredible volunteers led by our hospitality coordinator Ken Catlin, I want to say thank you for all the support and gifts. Glory Be to God!!

In God's Grip,

Pastor Jeff McIlrath