

# FaithBIT



## 9,000 Meals and More

by Brian Vik (Brian is pictured second from the left)

I have had the privilege to represent Immanuel with our Cornerstone ministry. The relationship between Immanuel and Cornerstone is approaching nearly 15 years and the time spent has been very rewarding for me and for many members of our Immanuel family.

The Lord has indeed blessed us by providing us the chance to serve meals to the many families at Cornerstone through our monthly Taco Tuesday event. To date, we have served approximately 9000 meals to the Cornerstone community. Additionally, Immanuel has also been active around the holidays with gift donations, decorating the facility for the annual holiday event, as well as serving as elves to help children wrap gifts and on occasion even getting to play Santa for a few hours.

I personally have been fortunate to be involved with all these activities. All I did was read a blurb in the church bulletin over a decade ago and before you knew it I was mixing up tacos, rice, beans and quesadillas. It has been a labor of love ever since and would not replace it for anything. Besides, it never gets old doing God's work and I like to think that our efforts make a difference in the lives of the folks we serve. The smiles and the thank yous we receive tell us everything we need to know.

The pandemic has changed things. Over the past year we have not had the same opportunities to interact, but our meal program has continued. Kim Rathjen has arranged for meals to be brought in for the families -- and I still find myself making my way to Cornerstone monthly to drop them off. No one can be sure when we can return to normal -- or even what that will look like, but I truly hope to be back serving tacos one day in person.

Interested in learning more about the work of Cornerstone? Watch the video of Cornerstone's Sr. Director of Advancement, Courtney Poja, who spoke to a group of Immanuel members on Wed., April 14. ([video is at www.immanuel.us/serve/cornerstone](http://www.immanuel.us/serve/cornerstone))

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