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Food Insecurity in Eden Prairie Reflection by Cari Larsen

On a recent Friday morning I was at Prairie View Elementary distributing food from Sheridan's Story for some students. Sheridan's Story provides food to families at many schools in Minnesota who experience food insecurity. Immanuel provides funding to pay for the food for the Prairie View students through our Social Ministries benevolence budget. We also provide the volunteers to distribute the food.

I don't know who the students are - only their teachers and the Prairie View social worker Julie Weeden knows. The school is pretty quiet at 8 am on Fridays. Some students are in the multipurpose room for before school activities; the teachers are usually in grade level meetings, and the hallways are pretty empty. It's a peaceful time to pray.



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- Cari Larsen

As I organize the food to be distributed, I pray for each family who will receive food. As I walk through the halls, I pray prayers of thanksgiving for the Prairie View teachers. As I leave the school I pray for Julie and the Prairie View office staff and the Immanuel volunteers who take turns distributing the food. I am grateful for the opportunity to respond to God's call to care for our neighbors.