



## Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative



## St. Barnabas Lutheran Church



### We believe in home.

Our many faiths call us to act to create more equitable communities where all people have a home.



Beacon is a collaborative of nearly 100 congregations of all faiths in Minnesota. As volunteers, we help advocate for new low-income housing and funding for buildings, services and rent support. Over 500,000 people in Minnesota are unable to afford their rent.



### August 2022 – August 2023

This past year, as a church we have helped Beacon support low-income families in the following ways:

Cranberry Ridge – new 45-unit apartment building in Plymouth - celebrated at the grand opening and helped build a playground

SD42 Candidate forum on housing issues for new SD42 Senate and House candidates

Had conversations with elected leaders at the City Council, Hennepin County, State Senate and House levels to encourage support for housing.

Joined the Rally at the State Capitol with 10 members of our church!

Success: In 2023, our legislature approved a large housing package that provided \$50 million additional for rent subsidies for low-income families.

Fed 4 homeless families for one week.

Worked to influence the Met Council by sending keys and attending meetings – to encourage more new housing.

There are many ways to Volunteer with Beacon:

### **EASY! – The Rent is Due**

Once per month Beacon hosts a zoom call to talk about housing issues and often take a small action.

Time commitment – max 30 minutes per month –easy to fit your schedule

Sign up on the Beacon Website  
<https://www.beaconinterfaith.org/events/>

### **INSPIRING!**

Watch for requests from the Beacon Leadership team to further help. There may be emergency requests to place a phone call or send an email.

### **FIELD TRIP FUN!**

Get further involved next time there is a Rally at the Capitol. These are exciting ways to make a difference with our presence. Rallies are FUN!

### **REWARDING!**

Get more involved by joining the Beacon Leadership Team at our church.

### **GENEROUS!**

Make a tax-deductible gift directly to Beacon to support their efforts

<https://www.beaconinterfaith.org/donate/>

For questions, please reach out to your team or contact the church office (brenda@stbarnabaslutheran.org):

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