

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Appleton, Wisconsin participated in the pilot program stage of the ELCA's Malaria Campaign beginning in the Fall of 2011. A goal of \$6,500 was set for this congregation, matching the suggested \$4/per member. \$3,900 was raised before year-end with the leadership of very passionate upper elementary students and parents. How? Baskets, spaghetti, knowledge, donations, and lots & lots of photo film canisters filled with coins – 257 canisters were turned in. Most of them filled with approximately \$6.50 in quarters.

On World Malaria Day 2012 the Worship included a chime being run every 45 seconds through



the entire service to remind us how often a child died of malaria. It was very powerful. Early in 2012, OSLC embarked on collecting recipes, typing, typing, (did I say, typing,) and publishing a cookbook! To date, more than 280 cookbooks have been sold with proceeds benefiting the malaria campaign. A spring campaign with the quarter canisters brought in another 109 photo film canisters filled with coins. In addition, the Sunday School children held a bake sale, buttons & silicone bracelets were sold, and direct donations were made. OSLC had now raised 96% of their goal. Unbelievable!

In recognition of World Malaria Day 2013, a



malaria net was displayed again in the welcome area. Children colored and cut-out mosquitos to be hung around the outside of the net. Success stories of the world-wide campaign against malaria were displayed along with stories of work that still needs to be done. (Pictures attached.)

During Worship an insert was put in each bulletin telling the reader that they are a child with malaria, how many times this year they've come down with the disease, and whether they survived. It was powerful for the Congregation to envision losing some of their closest friends to a disease contracted from a mosquito bite. Direct donations were contributed, photo film canisters were once again passed out, and cookbooks were purchased. Due to this one weekend with the opportunity to have our funds matched, the Congregation at Our Saviour's raised \$800! A donation was promptly made to have the opportunity to have our dollars "matched". We are so grateful to see that the goal of \$250,000 was made on World Malaria Day 2013!

